

Guide to the Jesse A. Gove Papers, 1841-1861

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Jesse A. Gove Papers, 1841-1861

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Creator:

Gove, Jesse A. (Jesse Augustus), 1824-1862

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box; 0.42 linear feet

Abstract:

The papers of this collection, dating from 1841 to 1861, are those of Jesse Gove who was born in Weare, NH, in 1824 and died in 1862 at Gaines' Mill while serving in the Civil War. The papers consist of letters to Gove's wife written during Gove's time in Utah during the Utah Expiation from June 22, 1857 to August 26, 1858, which were published in 1928. Other papers in the collection include unpublished letters from this period.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

No accession information was found at time of processing. New Hampshire Historical Society collection.

Processing Information:

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Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Born in Weare, NH, on December 5, 1824 to Squier and Dolly Gove, Jesse Gove attended the Norwich Military Academy in Vermont. In March 1847 he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the 9th Infantry, and made 1st Lieutenant the following December, serving in the Mexican-American War. He studied law with Pierce & Minot in Concord, NH, and was admitted to practice in 1851. Gove married Maria L. Sherburne (1830-1906) in 1852 and they had two children: Jessie (1856-1929) and Charles A. (1854-1933). He served as Deputy Secretary of State for New Hampshire from 1850 to 1855, when he joined the regular army as Captain of Co. I, 10th U.S. Infantry. He at once went to Utah where he remained on active duty until the Civil War. Gove was made Colonel of the 22nd Massachusetts Regiment. He was killed at the Battle of Gaines' Mill on June 27, 1862.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Jesse A. Gove Papers consists of letters of Capt. Jesse A. Gove to his wife. These were written in diary form and mailed when possible. They gave an excellent account of the Utah Expedition from June 22, 1857 to August 26, 1858 and have been published in The Utah Expedition, Otis G. Hammond, ed., 1928, N.H.H.S. Collections, Vol. 12.

Besides the published letters, there are commissions, a diploma from Norwich University, and a certificate as a Master Mason. There are also half a dozen unpublished letters.

Arrangement:

The papers in this collection are organized chronologically with unpublished letters grouped separately.

Contents List**Box 1**

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1857 June-August
- Folder 2 Correspondence, 1857 September-December
- Folder 3 Correspondence, 1858 January-April
- Folder 4 Correspondence, 1858 May-1861 September
- Folder 5 Unpublished correspondence, 1852-1861, undated
 - Sam Houston to Jesse A. Gove, Washington, DC, 1852 August 18
re: Concord Granite Club
 - Jesse A. Gove to L. D. [Stevens], Kansas Territory, 1857 July 27
re: money, State Capital Bank
 - Jesse A. Gove to Cashier, State Capital Bank, NH, Kansas Territory, 1857 July 28
re: payment
 - Jesse A. Gove to "My Dear Rolfe," Fort Crittenden, 1861 May 1
re: President Buchanan, Fort Bridger, attack and capture of Fort S-, arrival at Ft. Bridger in 1857, pardon of enemies, Civil War, slavery, Republican Party, Col. Smith
 - Jesse A. Gove to R. H. Sherburne, Fort Bridger, 1861 June 1
re: leaving Fort Bridger to better serve the country, U.S. Government, Civil War
 - Jesse A. Gove, partial letter, undated
re: election of Mr. Lincoln, secession, Mormon Church, law, being out of the "channel of communication"

Separated Materials:

The following materials were moved to the Broadside Collection:

Appointments

Appointment as notary public, 1841 December 13, signed by Governor Samuel Dinsmoor

Diplomas

Diploma, Norwich University, B.A., 1848 August 20

Military, 1841-1860

Commission, 2nd Lieutenant, 9th Regiment Infantry, 1847 May 26, signed by President James K. Polk

Commission, 1st Lieutenant, 9th Regiment Infantry, 1848 February 10, signed by President James K. Polk

Commission, Captain, 10th Regiment Infantry, 1856 April 13

Appointment as Division Inspector, 3rd Division, Militia, rank of Colonel, 1849 September 4, signed by Governor Samuel Dinsmoor

Appointment as Drill Master, 4th Brigade, Militia, rank of Major, 1849 July 28, signed by Governor Samuel Dinsmoor

Societies and Clubs

Certificate, Registered Master Mason, Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11, Concord, NH

Subject Terms

People:

Gove, Jesse A. (Jesse Augustus), 1824-1862

Gove, Maria L., 1830-1906

Organizations:

Freemasons. Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11 (Concord, N.H.)

New Hampshire. Militia

Norwich University

United States. Army. Infantry, 9th

United States. Army. Infantry Regiment, 10th

Subjects:

Correspondence

Military appointments

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Utah Expedition (1857-1858)

Locations:

Kansas

Utah

Occupations:

Soldiers

Related Materials

Archives

Edmund Burke Papers, 1963.024

Jesse A. Gove carte de visite, S 1994.501.002

Jesse A. Gove carte de visite, S 1994.512.3

Library

Eames, Jane Anthony. *Colonel Jesse A. Gove, U.S.A. fell at Gaines' Mill, June 27, 1862*. Call number: 920 G7214

Museum

Urn presented to Captain Jesse Gove, 1853-1854, 1995.513.17