

Isaac Blair Evans papers, 1911-1913

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Evans, Isaac Blair, 1885-1941
Title	Isaac Blair Evans papers
Dates	1911-1913 (inclusive) 1911 1913
Quantity	0.5 linear feet
Collection Number	Accn2900
Summary	The Isaac Blair Evans papers (1911-1913) consist of a manuscript, research notes, and assorted materials.
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Languages	English

Historical Note

Isaac Blair Evans was born on 22 May, 1885 in Ogden Utah. Evans was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Subsequent to graduating from Ogden High School, Isaac was accepted as a student at Harvard University where he earned a B. A. degree in 1908. His scholarly achievements were recognized with his admission to Phi Beta Kappa. A year later he married Grace Grant, whose father was Heber J. Grant, a L.D.S. apostle and future church president. After teaching history at the Utah Agricultural College (1908-1909), Evans enrolled in Harvard's Law School finishing his L.L.B. degree in 1913. While a law student, Isaac spent his summer of 1910 reading numerous books and articles relating to the history of the Mormon faith. A 1911 manuscript entitled " A Brief Critical Analysis of the Book of Mormon" represented a by-product of his research investigations. Following graduation, he returned to Utah, passed the state bar exam, and formed a Salt Lake City law firm with L. R. Martineau Jr. In 1917 Evans became the Assistant District Attorney for the third judicial district of Utah. Within a year Isaac was promoted to the position of Assistant U.S. Attorney for Utah. President Wilson appointed him to the office of U.S. Attorney in 1920, a job which he held for less than a year due to Warren Harding's 1920 presidential election victory. Evans decided to move to Pasadena, California where he joined a firm which was known as Cruickshank, Brooke, and Evans. A 33 degree Mason, Isaac authored a 1922 book entitled "The Thomson Masonic Fraud: A Study in Clandestine Masonry". He died on 7 May, 1941 at the age of 55.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	Isaac Blair Evans: "A Brief Critical Analysis of The Book of Mormon"	1911
1	2	Letter: Isaac Blair Evans to His Father	1913
1	3	Notes: The Book of Mormon	
1	4	Notes: Joseph Smith's Autobiography	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1 5	Notes: Lucy Smith's "Biographical Sketches of Joseph Smith"	
1 6	Notes: "American Anthropologist" and "A Brief Critical analysis of the Book of Mormon"	
1 7	Notes: John Bennett's "The History of the Saints: or, An Expose of Joe Smith and Mormonism"	
1 8	Notes: Biblical Studies	
1 9	Notes: Eber Howe's "Mormonism Unveiled"	
1 10	Notes: John Hyde's "Mormonism: Its Leaders and Designs"	
1 11	Notes: James Kennedy's "Early Days of Mormonism, Palmyra, Kirtland, and Nauvoo"	
1 12	Notes: George Reynold's "The Myth of the Manuscript Found"	
1 13	Notes: Thomas Stenhouse's "Rocky Mountain Saints"	
1 14	Notes: Pomeroy Tucker's "Origin, Rise, and Progress of Mormonism" and Alexander Campbell's "Delusions: An Analysis of the Book of Mormon"	
1 15	Assorted Notes	
1 16	Chronology and Westminster Confession	
1 17	Bibliography	
1 18	Junius F. Wells: "Oliver Cowdery"	1911
1 19	Newspaper Clippings	
1 20	Genealogical Material	

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Mormon Church--History--19th century

Mormon Church--History--20th century

Mormon Church--Sacred books--Criticism, interpretation, etc.

Personal Names :

Evans, Isaac Blair, 1885-1941--Archives

Form or Genre Terms :

Articles

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