

Amory Holbrook Papers, 1845-1861

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Holbrook, Amory
Title	Amory Holbrook Papers
Dates	1845-1861 (inclusive) 1845 1861
Quantity	.25 cubic feet (1 document case, 1 oversize folder)
Collection Number	Mss 1171
Summary	The collection consists of letters, speeches and documents from the public life of Amory Holbrook.
Repository	Oregon Historical Society, Davies Family Research Library Davies Family Research Library Oregon Historical Society 1200 SW Park Avenue Portland, OR 97205 Telephone: 503-306-5240 Fax: 503-219-2040 libreference@ohs.org
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Amory Holbrook came to Oregon from Massachusetts when he was appointed the United States Attorney for Oregon by President Zachary Taylor. He prosecuted and won the murder trial after the deaths of Marcus and Narcissa Whitman. From 1862 to 1864 he was the editor of *The Oregonian*. He died in 1866, at the age of 46.

Content Description

The collection consists of letters, speeches and documents from the public life of Amory Holbrook. Several (perhaps all) of the speeches were delivered at meetings in the Methodist Church. Most of the documents are certificates recording Holbrook's appointments as a land Commissioner or as U.S. Attorney; some date to the time when he was still living in New England.

Use of the Collection

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Processing Note

Oversize materials have been moved to a separate storage box; see Container List.

Acquisition Information

The origin of the collection is unknown.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Folder		
1	Letters to Holbrook R. Choate1849 October 19 Millard Fillmore1852 July 26 Millard Fillmore1852 November 1 Caleb Cushing1853 May 9 Abraham Lincoln1860 August 27	1849-1860
2	Addresses and speeches Independence Day [?][1857?] "...to young men in regard to their accountability to their Almighty Creator...," delivered in the Methodist Church at Oregon CitySaturday evening March 1860 Cultivation of Thought, delivered in Portland before the young ladies of the Academy in the Methodist Churchundated "The World is an arena of conflict...," undated. Galileo Galileiundated Temperanceundated Sons of Temperanceundated The Fine Artsundated Educationundated	1857-1860 and undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Oversize folder	<p>Oversize Materials--Certificates</p> <p>Justice of the Peace, Commonwealth of Massachusetts1845 August 26</p> <p>Commissioner, State of Maine1845 September 26</p> <p>Commissioner, State of Vermont1846 February 19</p> <p>Commissioner, State of Illinois1846 March 19</p> <p>Quarter-Master, Fourth Brigade, Second Division, Massachusetts Militia1846 October 5</p> <p>Commissioner, State of New York1847 May 6</p> <p>United States Attorney for Oregon1849 November 1</p> <p>Honorary Member, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions1850 January 14</p> <p>Commissioner, Commonwealth of Massachusetts1850 August 23</p> <p>United States Attorney for Oregon1850 September 24</p> <p>Commissioner of Deeds, State of California1853 September 21</p> <p>Corresponding Member, The Essex Institute1853 December 28</p> <p>Commissioner, Washington Territory1854 September 1</p> <p>Commissioner, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania1856 January 31</p> <p>Passport, United States, No. 2251861 November 27</p>	1845-1861

Names and Subjects

Personal Names :

Holbrook, Amory -- 1820-1866.

Form or Genre Terms :

Certificates

Letters (correspondence)

Speeches

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