Overview of the Collection

Creator
Young, Brigham, 1801-1877

Title
Brigham Young papers

Dates
1837-1893 (inclusive)
1837 1893

Quantity
2 linear feet

Collection Number
Ms0566

Summary
The Brigham Young papers (1837-1893) consist of documents relating to the religious and civic activities of Brigham Young. Included are correspondence, diaries (1837-1857), proclamations, three holograph pages from his will, and microfilm of letter books and official papers from his time as governor of Utah Territory (1849-1857). Brigham Young was the second leader of the LDS Church and was responsible for the movement of the Mormons to the Salt Lake Valley.

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Languages
English

Historical Note

Brigham Young (1801-1877) was born in the state of Vermont. He later moved to New York where he first encountered the Mormon movement. In 1835 he was one of the first twelve men to be called apostles in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). Due to the death and apostacy of the two apostles that had seniority over him, Brigham Young quickly became a major force in the LDS Church and articulate defender of Joseph Smith, the Mormon leader. When Smith was killed in 1844, Brigham Young stepped forward to lead the LDS Church. Due to unfavorable political conditions against the Mormon population, Young led several thousand Latter-day Saints across the Great Plains and into what is now Utah. Having established Salt Lake City in 1847, he quickly moved to settle the Intermountain West. He was so successful that by the time the Transcontinental Railroad pulled into Utah in 1869, Mormons were the dominant political influence in the region. He wore the hats of a religious leader and a political leader, becoming the second Mormon prophet and the first governor of the Utah Territory. Many of his stances and statements were loved and hated yet he proved himself as a shrewd political and religious leader. He died in Salt Lake City in 1877.
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Administrative Information

Location of Originals

Original letter books and governor’s papers in LDS Church Historical Department, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Acquisition Information

Purchased from James Cannon in 1990.
Transferred from Salt Lake City Public Library in 2010.

Processing Note

Processed by Lisa DeMille in 2000.
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Detailed Description of the Collection

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**Brigham Young's Estate**

**Letterbooks, 1857-1859**
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**Incoming Correspondence, 1862-1872**
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**Governor's Papers, 1850-1859**
Box2, Reel4-8

**Names and Subjects**

- **Subject Terms:**
  - Mormon Church--History--Sources
  - Mormons--Diaries
- **Personal Names:**
  - Young, Brigham, 1801-1877--Archives
- **Corporate Names:**
  - Utah. Governor (1849-1857 : Young)
- **Form or Genre Terms:**
  - Correspondence
  - Diaries
  - Letter books