

Barnett Allen Howard Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Barnett Allen Howard Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1885-1949

Bulk Dates: 1885-circa 1900

ID No.: MSS77165

Creator: Howard, Barnett Allen, b. 1827

Extent: 13 items

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: 0.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm95077165>

Summary: Farmer, preacher, and trader. Memoirs documenting Howard's life as well as genealogical material, legal documents, and printed matter.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Howard family.

Howard, Barnett Allen, 1827-1905.

Organizations

Prohibition Party (U.S.)

Subjects

African Americans.

Agriculture.

Commerce.

Enslaved persons.

Freedmen.

Prohibition.

Religion.

Theology, Doctrinal.

Places

California--Gold discoveries.

California--Social life and customs.

Cuba--Description and travel.

Du Quoin (Ill.)--Social life and customs.

Fresno (Calif.)--Social life and customs.

Illinois--Social life and customs.

Kentucky--Social life and customs.

Louisiana--Description and travel.

Mayfield (Ky.)--Social life and customs.

Mississippi River--Description and travel.

New Orleans (La.)--Description and travel.

Panama--Description and travel.

Paris (Tenn.)--Social life and customs.

Tennessee--Social life and customs.

Texas--Social life and customs.

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

Weatherford (Tex.)--Social life and customs.

Occupations

Clergy.

Farmers.

Traders.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Barnett Allen Howard, farmer, preacher, and trader, were given to the Library of Congress by Paul Howard in 1988.

Processing History

The papers of Barnett Allen Howard were arranged and described by Margit Kerwin in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2009. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Rachel Telford as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Barnett Allen Howard is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Barnett Allen Howard are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Barnett Allen Howard Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Barnett Allen Howard (born 1827) span the years 1885-1949 and consist of his memoirs written circa 1900, genealogical material, legal documents, and printed matter. The memoirs document Howard's boyhood on a farm near Paris, Tennessee; his unsuccessful attempts to become wealthy in the California gold rush; his return from California by way of Panama, Cuba, New Orleans, and the Mississippi River; his sympathy with the Union cause during the Civil War, resulting in a move with his wife and family to Du Quoin, Illinois; and his farming, trading, and preaching in Illinois, Mayfield, Kentucky, Fresno, California, and Weatherford, Texas. Topics include Howard's membership in the Prohibition Party; his numerous public debates on religious dogma; and his accounts of enslaved African Americans and freedmen.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Genealogical material, undated
BOX 1	Legal documents, 1885-1889, undated
BOX 1	Memoirs, circa 1900
BOX 1	Original (6 folders)
BOX 2	(3 folders)
BOX 2	Photocopies
BOX 2	Transcripts (2 folders)
BOX 2	Printed matter, 1913-1949, undated