Collection Summary
Title: Justin S. Morrill Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1825-1923
Bulk Dates: 1854-1898
ID No.: MSS33555
Creator: Morrill, Justin S. (Justin Smith), 1810-1898
Extent: 10,600 items
Extent: 77 containers
Extent: 30.8 linear feet
Extent: 52 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79033555
Summary: United States senator and representative from Vermont and merchant. Correspondence, government documents, speeches and writings, printed matter, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous material relating principally to Morrill's career as a congressman and senator.
Online Content: An item in the Justin S. Morrill Papers, "A petition of Colored Citizens of South Carolina, praying that equal rights before the law, and the elective franchise may be granted to them, [1865]" is available on the Library of Congress Web site at https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000122.

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
Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893--Correspondence.
Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873--Correspondence.
Chittenden, L. E. (Lucius Eugene), 1824-1900--Correspondence.
Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885--Correspondence.
Dewey, Charles, 1798-1880--Correspondence.
Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893--Correspondence.
Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872--Correspondence.
Harris, Jedediah H.--Correspondence.
Marsh, Charles, 1765-1849--Correspondence.
Morrill, Justin S. (Justin Smith), 1810-1898.
Nichols, George Ward, 1831-1885--Correspondence.
Page, Carroll Smalley, 1843-1925--Correspondence.
Randall, Henry S. (Henry Stephens), 1811-1876--Correspondence.
Swain, A. N.--Correspondence.
Thomas, Stephen, 1809-1903--Correspondence.
Underwood, Adin B. (Adin Ballou)--Correspondence.
Wharton, Joseph, 1826-1909--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Congress. Senate.

Subjects
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)
School lands--United States.
State universities and colleges--United States.
Tariff--Law and legislation--United States.
Places
United States--Economic policy--19th century.
United States--Politics and government--19th century.
Vermont--Politics and government--19th century.

Occupations
Merchants.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Vermont.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Vermont.

Acquisition Information
The papers of Justin S. Morrill, U.S. senator and representative from Vermont and merchant, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Morrill's heirs, Charles L. Swan, Charles Downer, and Elmer E. Morrill, in 1920. Parts of the collection were temporarily withdrawn in 1922 to complete a biography of Morrill, before being returned in 1924. Additions received in 1938 and 1939 and the original deposit were converted to a gift in 1942. Elizabeth Sullivan gave additional items in 1963.

Processing History
The papers of Justin S. Morrill were processed by Allen H. Kitchens and Bert C. Shaposka in 1963 and prepared for microfilming in 1978. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

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Biographical Note

Date | Event
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1810, Apr. 14 | Born, Strafford, Vt.
1825-1828 | Merchant clerk, Strafford, Vt.
1828-1831 | Portland, Maine
1831-1848 | Merchant clerk, Strafford, Vt.
1841 | Married Ruth Barrell Swan
1848-1855 | Farmer and horticulturist,
1855-1867 | Member, United States House of Representatives; author of Morrill Tariff Act, 1861, and Land Grant College Act, 1862
1865-1898 | Trustee, University of Vermont
1867-1898 | Member, United States Senate
1883-1898 | Regent, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
1898, Dec. 28 | Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Justin Smith Morrill (1810-1898) cover the period 1825-1923, with the bulk from 1854 to 1898, while he was United States representative and senator from Vermont. A Republican, Morrill served in the House as chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and as senator, he was prominent as chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Committee on Finance. The collection is organized in three series: General Correspondence and Related Papers, Speeches and Writings, and Miscellany.

Included with the large volume of correspondence in the collection are Senate and House reports and documents, speeches, remarks, and writings, invitations, financial and legal documents, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, scrapbooks, and record books containing demographic and other data relating to Vermont.

Much of the correspondence relates to Morrill's efforts as a congressional representative in behalf of the protective tariff act that bears his name and to his sponsorship of the Morrill Land Grant College Act. Other papers and documents reflect his positions on post-Civil War economic issues and Reconstruction.


Organization of the Papers

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Buckham, M. H.  
Bullard, G. B.

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Chapman, C. H.  
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Chittenden, L. E.  
Clark, Albert

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Denison, D. C.  
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