

JESSE A. GOVE (1824-1862)  
Papers, 1841-1861.  
Approx 100 items in 1 box.

Biographical:

Born in Weare, N.H. Dec. 5, 1824, attended Norwich, Vt. military academy. March 1847, appointed 2d Lieut. 9th Infantry, made 1st Lieut. the following December; served in Mexico. Studied law with Pierce & Minot in Concord, admitted to practice, 1851. He was deputy secretary of state 1850-1855, when he joined the regular army, Capt. of Co.I, Tenth infantry. He at once went to Utah where he remained on active duty until Civil War. He was made Colonel of the 22d Mass. Reg. He was killed at Gaines Mill, June 27, 1862. (Hist. Weare, p.488).

Content:

The collection consists of letters of Capt. Jesse A. Gove to his wife. These were written in diary form and mailed when possible. They give an excellent account of the Utah Expedition from June 22, 1857 to August 26, 1858. They have been published in The Utah Expedition, Otis G. Hammond, ed., 1928, N.H.H.S. Collections, Vol. 12.

Besides the published letters there are commissions, a diploma from Norwich University, and a certificate as a Master Mason. There are also half a dozen unpublished letters.

Commissions - Filed Mss. Oversize

1. Diploma, Norwich University, B.A. 20 Aug. 1848.
2. Commission, 2d Lieut., 9th Reg. Infantry, 26 May 1847.  
Signed by James K. Polk, Pres.
3. Commission, 1st Lieut., 9th Reg. Infantry, 10 Feb. 1848.  
Signed by James K. Polk, Pres.
4. Commission, Capt., 10th Reg. Infantry, 30 April 1856.
5. Certificate, Registered Master Mason, Blazing Star Lodge No.11, Concord, N.H.
6. Appointment as notary public, 13 De. 1841. Signed by Samuel Dinsmoor, Gov.
7. Appointment as Drill Master, 4th Brigade, Militia, rank of Major, 28 July 1849. Signed by Samuel Dinsmoor, Gov.
8. Appointment as Division Inspector, 3d Division, Militia, rank of Colonel, 4 Sept. 1849. Signed by Samuel Dinsmoor, Gov.



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UNPUBLISHED GOVE CORRESPONDENCE: Folder 1:5

1. Sam Houston to Jesse A. Gove  
Washington, DC 18 August 1852  
re: Concord Granite Club
2. Jesse A. Gove to L.D. Steins?  
Kansas Territory, 27 July 1857  
re: money, State Capital Bank
3. Jesse A. Gove to Cashier, State Capital Bank, NH  
Kansas Territory, 28 July 1857  
re: payment
- ✓ 4. Jesse A. Gove to "My Dear Rolfe"  
Fort Crittenden, 1 May 1861  
re: Pres. Buchanan, Fort Bridger, attack and  
capture of Fort S--, arrival at Ft. Bridger in 1857,  
pardon of enemies, Civil War, Slavery, Republican  
Party, Col. Smith
- ✓ 5. Jesse A. Gove to R.H. Sherburne  
Fort Bridger, 1 June 1861  
re: leaving Fort Bridger to better serve the  
country, U.S. Government, Civil War.
- ✓ 6. Jesse A. Gove to anon. (partial letter only-4p.)  
n.p., n.d.  
re: election of Mr. Lincoln, secession, " I almost  
wish they [some of the states] would try something  
to get us out of this country.", Mormon Church, law,  
being out of the "channel of communication".