

## NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG0869.AM: Curtis, Charles, 1836-1917

Patent letters: 1868, 1887  
Minden, Kearney County, Neb.: Blacksmith  
Size: 2 items

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Sweden on May 10, 1836, Charles Curtis emigrated to the United States in 1863. He took up residence at Galesburg, Illinois, and soon married Mary Caroline Johnson. The family moved to Nebraska in 1880, settling on a farm near Minden. Curtis worked as a blacksmith most of his life. His wife died in 1884. Charles Curtis died on May 6, 1917, and was buried at the Bethany Cemetery at Axtell, Nebraska.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of two original patent letters for Charles Curtis, who lived in Galesburg, Illinois, and Minden, Nebraska. An 1868 patent (#82,387) was for improvement on a combined seed sower and harrow; the other, 1887 (#361,210), was for a sulky plow. Both patents give designs/plans for the farm machinery. Joseph W. Gilman also received the sulky plow patent.

### DESCRIPTION

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### Subject headings:

Agricultural machinery -- Designs and plans  
Curtis, Charles, 1836-1917  
Farm equipment -- Designs and plans  
Gilman, Joseph W., 1843-1912  
Harrows  
Patents  
Plows