

## NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG0955.AM: Cox, William Wallace, 1832-1907

Papers: 1884-1895

Seward, Seward County, Neb.: Homesteader, author

Size: 0.25 cu.ft.; 1 box

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Wallace Cox was born on November 12, 1832. He was the son of Mordeci and Catherine Cox of Cattaraugus County, New York. By the age of six years Cox had lost both of his parents and was to grow to manhood in the care of friends and relatives. On March 27, 1856, he married Rebecca Sampson of Preble County, Ohio. Cox took up residence in Page County, Iowa; until 1859 when he moved his family to Nebraska City, Nebraska. Cox had eight children, Kate J., Nettie M., Elmer E., Lincoln W., Omar L., Charles B., Nora A., and Carrie. In 1860 Cox was granted a teachers certificate in Otoe County. In 1861 he began work at the Salt Basin on Salt Creek and there established residence doing carpentry work and making salt. In 1864 he settled on a homestead in Seward and entered into the grain and implement business. Following the death of his wife in 1900, Cox took up residence with his son in Scottsbluff. He is the author of Lincoln and Seward County, Nebraska, histories. Cox died on February 25, 1907 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of four folders of information relating to the life of Cox and includes newspaper clippings from 1884 to 1895 of incidents and events surrounding Seward County, Nebraska. There is also a manuscript written by Cox in support of the temperance movement.

### DESCRIPTION

Box 1  
Folder

1. "Ye Shall Reap of What You Sow," manuscript in support of temperance, 1889
2. Newspaper clippings regarding events in Seward County and articles by W.W. Cox, 1884-1895
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Subject headings:

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Seward County (Neb.) -- History

Temperance -- Nebraska