

## NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG4371.AM: Show, Arley B., 1856-1938

Papers: 1889-1919  
Crete, Saline County, Neb.: Educator  
Size: 1.5 cu.ft.; 3 boxes

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Wenona, Illinois in 1856, Arley Barthlow Show was a graduate of and later Professor of History at Doane College at Crete, Nebraska. He later became a member of the faculty at Stanford University. He would marry Buchephilia Wolph and have five children. Arley B. Show died in Palo Alto, California in October of 1938.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of three boxes of material arranged in series: 1) Correspondence, 1889-1919; 2) Research material; and 3) Miscellany.

The material in the Show collection relates to the history of the settlement of Fontanelle by the Nebraska Colonization Company, and to the founding of Nebraska University in Washington County, as well as to histories of colleges and education generally in Nebraska. Professor Show assembled the original records of the Nebraska Colonization Company and of the Nebraska University, from which these transcripts were made. These records are filed separately and are in such a deteriorated state as to be mostly illegible now. (The originals of the Nebraska Colonization Company are in MS527).

Correspondence includes letters from: Jay Amos Barrett, 1899; John T. Bell, 1889, 1895 and 1896; George R. Biggs, 1889; C.S. Bisbee, 1889; H.W. Caldwell, 1889; Thomas Douglas, 1889; (Mrs.) Reuben Gaylord, 1889; C.S. Hamson, 1889; Henry A. Hazen, 1889; Z. Jackson, 1897; D.J. Jones, 1889; Mrs. E.R. Kline (formerly Mrs. J.W. Richardson), 1889; S.G. Lamb, 1889; J. Sterling Morton, 1898; D.B. Perry, 1889; G.G. Rice, 1889; William T. Scott, 1889; Henry Sprick, 1889, 1894 and 1915; Thomas Waller, 1898; William Henry Woods, 1889 and 1898.

### DESCRIPTION

Series 1 - Correspondence, 1889-1919

Box 1  
Folder

1. 1889
2. 1894-1895
3. 1896-1898
4. 1899-1900

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5. 1915
6. 1918-1919

Series 2 - Research material

Box 1, Group 1 - Nebraska Colonization Company  
Folder

1. Minutes, 1854, June 24 - 1855, June 15
2. Minutes, 1855, June 26 - 1856, July 7
3. Minutes, 1856, July 14 - 1858, Mar. 15
4. History of the Fontanelle Colony, Introduction
5. History of the Fontanelle Colony, Organization
6. History of the Fontanelle Colony, Exploration
7. History of the Fontanelle Colony, Settlement
8. History of the Fontanelle Colony, Land Question
9. History of the Fontanelle Colony, Pre-Emption Problems
10. History of the Fontanelle Colony, Later History
11. Congregational Institutions, 26 pages typewritten, relating the work of the Congregational Church in the development of Nebraska educational institutions
12. Miscellany, includes: extracts from Home Missionary, relating to Fontanelle and particularly to the college; a biographical sketch of Henry Sprick; notes; a draft of a history of the colony with comments by the wife of Reuben Gaylord; transcripts of other company records, which appear not to have been used in the final draft

Box 2, Group 2 - Nebraska educational institutions  
Folder

1. Nebraska University, minutes and executive committee, 1858, Jan. 25 - 1873, Aug. 15
2. Nebraska University, minutes of the board of trustees, 1855, Feb. 28 - 1874, May 15
3. Nebraska University, material relating to the re-organization in 1858
4. Nebraska University, notes on church relations
5. Chadron Academy, historical notes
6. Crete Academy, historical notes
7. Doane College, historical notes
8. Doane College, historical notes
9. Doane College, printed matter (clippings, pamphlets, bulletins)
10. Doane College, statistics

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11. Doane College, manuscript history
12. Ellis Colony, notes and printed matter
13. Franklin Academy, statistics and a manuscript history
14. Gates College, statistics and a manuscript history

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15. German Seminary (at Crete), statistics and a manuscript history
16. Weeping Water Academy, statistics and a manuscript history
17. York Academy, statistics and a manuscript history

Series 3 - Miscellaneous

Box 3

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1. Circular letters
2. Printed matter, includes: "Manual of the First Congregational Church of Quincy, Illinois," 1865; lists of Territorial Newspapers, 1854-1867
3. Interviews with: Samuel A. Francis, and with John Evans
4. Memos, newspaper extracts, receipts, history of the Gaylord Family

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Added Entries:

Barrett, Jay Amos, 1856-1936  
Bell, John T.  
Caldwell, Howard Walter, 1858-1927  
Gaylord Family  
Gaylord, Reuben, 1812-1880  
Morton, Julius Sterling, 1832-1902  
Perry, David Brainard, 1872-1912  
Sprick, Henry  
Woods, William Henry, 1839-1927

ACADEMIES--NEBRASKA  
CHADRON ACADEMY  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. NEBRASKA  
COLONIZATION  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
CRETE ACADEMY  
DOANE COLLEGE  
EDUCATION--NEBRASKA  
EDUCATORS. NEBRASKA  
ELLIS COLONY  
FONTANELLE, NEBRASKA  
FRANKLIN ACADEMY  
GATES COLLEGE  
GERMAN SEMINARY (CRETE)  
NEBRASKA COLONIZATION COMPANY  
NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
WEEPING WATER ACADEMY  
YORK ACADEMY