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**MS 257**  
**FISH, JOSEPH (1840 – 1926)**  
**Papers, 1840 - 1926**

## **DESCRIPTION**

This collection contains two manuscripts written by Joseph Fish. The first consists of the typed historical material of "History of Arizona." The second bound volume "Autobiography of Joseph Fish, 1840 – 1926" consists of notes and descriptions of the life and activities composed from his journals and edited by his son, Silas L. Fish. His writings provide insightful records on events of Mormon history and life in Arizona. The Autobiography was later edited and published by John H. Krendel. His son Silas L. Fish also provides "Notes on the Life and Writings of Joseph Fish" a typescript.

2 boxes, .75 linear feet

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Joseph Fish was born in 1840 and maintained a journal from age sixteen or seventeen through much of his life. Mr. Fish was a devoted and active member of the Mormon Church and served in various political offices including serving a term as a member of the Arizona Territorial Legislature. He performed in various trades and occupations including farmer, surveyor, schoolteacher, actor, lawyer, saw mill operator, carpenter and ditch digger (to name only a few). Fish died in 1926.

## **ACQUISITION**

The collection was acquired through Silas L. Fish in 1945.

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## **PROCESSING**

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