



## Charles William Burnham collection

**NUMBER:** 58.162.1

**TITLE:** Charles William Burnham collection

**CREATOR:** Charles Burnham and K.L. Carlton

**DATES:** 1897-1906

**MEDIA:** Papers

**LOCATION:** Collection Facility, Upstairs, Rack 1, Sec. D, Shelf 2

### BIOGRAPHY:

Charles William Burnham was born on June 25, 1845 in Occoquan, Prince William County, Virginia. His family moved to Long Island, NY shortly before the Civil War. Charles Burnham served in the First New Jersey Calvary and was shot in the breast in 1864. After his recovery he returned to duty and participated in General Sheridan's campaigns until the end of the war. Charles was discharged in 1885. Charles Burnham moved to Michigan, where he received a degree in law from the University of Michigan. He traveled throughout the West, especially in Colorado. For a time he lived in Dumont, prospecting for gold and silver, but those prospects proved unsuccessful and Burnham relocated to Steamboat Springs in 1897. He served as Routt County Judge in Hahns Peak, and probably left Hahns Peak in 1905 for California. Illness caused his death in Dan Diego on March 22, 1906. Charles Burnham was the uncle of William Burnham, who was the grandfather of Tom Burnham, who lived in Steamboat Springs from 1967-1985.

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF COLLECTION:

The collection includes personal letters written by Charles Burnham to his brother, Theodore H., Burnham and other family members in Connecticut. The letters describe Burnham's prospecting, homesteading, and farm work, as well as details relating to land and property transactions, mortgages, and business transactions. Later letters refer to Burnham's tenure as county judge. One letter was written by K. (Kate?) Carlton announcing the death of Charles Burnham.

### ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION:

The Charles Burnham collection is organized by chronology and place.

Box	Folder	File Title	Dates
1	1	Letters (3) from Dumont	July 1897
	2	Letters (2) from Fish Creek camp and Steamboat Springs	Aug-Nov 1897
	3	Letter (1) from Steamboat Springs	Aug 31, 1898
	4	Letter (1) from Steamboat Springs	April 1899
	5	Letters (3) from Steamboat Springs	Apr-Dec 1900
	6	Letter (1) on county letterhead, Hahns Peak	June 8, 1902
	7	Letter (1) from Hahns Peak	Nov 16, 1904

- 8 Letter (1) from Hahns Peak
- 9 Letter (1) from K. Carlton, San Diego

July 7, 1905  
Mar 22, 1906