

Congregational Library & Archives
New West Education Commission records, 1879-1893.
RG0130

Summary

Creator: New West Education Commission

Title: New West Education Commission records, 1879-1893.

Dates: 1879-1893

Extent: 6 record cartons, 1 document case, 1 clamshell, 21 negative microfilm reels (7.08 cubic feet)

Collection ID Number: RG0130

Language: English

Abstract: Organized in 1880, the New West Education Commission was established to promote the Congregationalist religious and social traditions in the western states. This collection contains correspondence from the Office of the General Secretary of the New West Education Commission. The collection also contains the personal notes of Charles Robinson Bliss regarding the history of the Commission.

Collection History and Status

Acquisition Information: Gift of the Congregational Education Society, circa 1940.

Repository:

Congregational Library & Archives

14 Beacon Street

Boston, MA 02108

617-523-0470

<http://www.congregationallibrary.org>

Existence and location of Copies: A positive set of microfilm is held at the Marriott Library at the University of Utah.

Processing Information: Processed by Jessica Goldweig, 1983. Re-described by Patrick Shea, April 2015 using DACS second edition.

Accessing and Using the Collection

Conditions Governing Access: Access to the physical items is restricted when microfilm surrogate exists. Surrogates are to be used instead. Exceptions may be granted in cases of extenuating circumstance, at the discretion of the Librarian or Archivist.

Physical Access: 1 item in Series III requires staff to instruct proper technique to handle and turn pages of item.

Technical Access: Microfilm reels require the use of a microfilm reader.

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Description

Historical Note: With the completion of the country's first continental railroad, the pace of westward expansion increased as many individuals and families began their lives anew. Many Congregationalists, as well as members of other faiths, established thriving communities with markets, churches, and schools. In 1880, the New West Education Commission (NVEC) was established to facilitate a new education program within the western states. Taking place within the school, this program would promote and uphold the social and religious wellbeing of Congregationalists. The NVEC established the office of the general secretary in Chicago, Illinois in 1881 with Reverend Charles Robinson Bliss in its charge. Rev. Bliss corresponded with teachers, principals, and clergy in the field through the Chicago office. As the work of the commission increased, a second office was added in Boston, Massachusetts in 1883 working closely with the Congregational Education Society. In 1893 the NVEC merged with the Congregational Education Society.

This historical note has been edited from its original. The original is available upon request.

Scope of Collection: The bulk of this collection contains correspondences between Reverend Charles Robinson Bliss, general secretary of the New West Education Commission, and teachers, principals, and clergy located in western states. Most of these correspondences are in New Mexico and Utah. A complete list of correspondents' names is available in the original finding aid. This scope has been edited from the 1984 original and is available upon request.

Further Searches

Subject Headings:

American Board of Commissions for Foreign Missions.
 American College and Education Society.
 American Education Society.
 American Home Missionary Society.
 American Society for Educating Pious Youth for Gospel Ministry.
 Blatchford, E.W.
 Bliss, Charles Robinson.
 Carter, Sybil.
 Christian Education.
 College Education Society.
 Congregational Education Society.
 Gilbert, Simeon.
 Gleaner (Boston, Mass.)
 Hammond, C.G.
 Hood, E. Lyman.
 Huse, Isaac Jr.
 Manning, Lucia A.
 Minutes.
 Noble, Frederic A.
 Principals.
 Savage, G.S.F.

Teachers.
 Towne, Margaret A.
 Winship, Alfred E.

Related Material:

Jaques Family Collection correspondence, circa early 20th century. MS1014
 Congregational Education Society records, 1816-1947. RG0755

Arrangement: The collection is arranged in three series. Documents in Series I are arranged alphabetically by the first letter of the person's surname with the entire correspondence group by year. Series II and III are arranged by date.

Contents

Series I: Correspondence Files of Charles Robinson Bliss

Date: 1880-1893

Extent: 19 reels, 5 record cartons.

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Scope of Series: Series contains general correspondences of Charles Robinson Bliss and several teachers and clergy in the western states. Also included in this series are correspondence regarding the relations with the American Home Missionary Society and travel manuscripts of Charles Robinson Bliss. Folders 26, 27, and 28 appear to have been added after initial processing with no additional description other than year.

	Date	Box 1/Folder	Reel 1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-F file	1880	B1/F1	R1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, G file	1880	B1/F2	R1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, K-PQ file	1880	B1/F3	R1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-W file	1880	B1/F4	R1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1882	B1/F5	R1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C file	1882	B1/F6	R1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1882	B1/F7	R1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, M-Q file	1882	B1/F8	R1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, T-W file	1882	B1/F9	R1
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson	1882	B1/F10	R1

Bliss, A file			
	Date	Box 1/Folder	Reel 2
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, D-G file	1882	B1/F11	R2
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, M-N file	1882	B1/F12	R2
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-F file	1882	B1/F13	R2
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, G file	1882	B1/F14	R2
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-W file	1882	B1/F15	R2
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1883	B1/F16	R2
	Date	Box 1/Folder	Reel 3
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, D-E file	1883	B1/F17	R3
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, I-L file	1883	B1/F18	R3
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, P-R file	1883	B1/F19	R3
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1883	B1/F20	R3
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, F-H file	1883	B1/F21	R3
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, N-R file	1883	B1/F22	R3
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, W file	1883	B1/F23	R3
	Date	Box 1/Folder	Reel 4
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1885	B1/F24	R4
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, J-L file	1885	B1/F25	R4
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1885	B1/F26	R4
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, W file	1885	B1/F27	R4
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1885	B1/F28	R4

RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, E-F file	1885	B1/F29	R4
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, J-K file	1885	B1/F30	R4
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-S file	1885	B1/F30	R4
	Date	Box 2/Folder	Reel 5
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1886	B2/F1	R5
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, G-H file	1886	B2/F2	R5
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, I-J file	1886	B2/F3	R5
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1886	B2/F4	R5
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1886	B2/F5	R5
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, G-H file	1886	B2/F6	R5
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, L-M file	1886	B2/F7	R5
	Date	Box 2/Folder	Reel 6
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1886	B2/F8	R6
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1886	B2/F9	R6
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, E-F file	1886	B2/F10	R6
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, L-M file	1886	B2/F11	R6
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1886	B2/F12	R6
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1887	B2/F13	R6
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-D file	1887	B2/F14	R6
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, G file	1887	B2/F15	R6
	Date	Box 2/Folder	Reel 7
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson	1887	B2/F16	R7

Bliss, J-K file			
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-S file	1887	B2/F17	R7
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1887	B2/F18	R7
	Date	Box 2/Folder	Reel 8
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-G file	1887	B2/F19	R8
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, I-L file	1887	B2/F20	R8
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1887	B2/F21	R8
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, E-G file	1887	B2/F22	R8
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, L file	1887	B2/F23	R8
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-L file	1887	B2/F24	R8
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1887-1888	B2/F25	R8
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, E-G file	1887-1888	B2/F26	R8
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, J-K file	1887-1888	B2/F27	R8
	Date	Box 2/Folder	Reel 9
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1888-1889	B2/F28	R9
	Date	Box 3/Folder	Reel 9
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1888-1889	B3/F1	R9
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, F-G file	1888-1889	B3/F2	R9
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, J-L file	1888-1889	B3/F3	R9
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, N-P file	1888=1889	B3/F4	R9
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1889	B3/F5	R9
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, E-F file	1889	B3/F6	R9

	Date	Box 3/Folder	Reel 10
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, K-L file	1889	B3/F7	R10
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, N-P file	1889	B3/F8	R10
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1889	B3/F9	R10
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1889	B3/F10	R10
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1889	B3/F11	R10
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, M-P file	1889	B3/F12	R10
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, W file	1889	B3/F13	R10
	Date	Box 3/Folder	Reel 11
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1889	B3/F14	R11
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1889	B3/F15	R11
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, M file	1889	B3/F16	R11
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, N-P file	1889	B3/F17	R11
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1889	B3/F18	R11
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, E-G file	1889	B3/F19	R11
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, J-L file	1889	B3/F20	R11
	Date	Box 3/Folder	Reel 12
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, P file	1889	B3/F21	R12
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1890	B3/F22	R12
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-F file	1890	B3/F23	R12
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1890	B3/F24	R12
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson	1890	B3/F25	R12

Bliss, L file			
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1890	B3/F26	R12
	Date	Box 4/Folder	Reel 12
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, G file	1890	B4/F1	R12
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, J-L file	1890	B4/F2	R12
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1890	B4/F3	R12
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1890	B4/F4	R12
	Date	Box 4/Folder	Reel 13
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, G file	1890	B4/F5	R13
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H-I file	1890	B4/F6	R13
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1890	B4/F7	R13
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1891	B4/F8	R13
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1891	B4/F9	R13
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, J-L file	1891	B4/F10	R13
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1891	B4/F11	R13
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1891	B4/F12	R13
	Date	Box 4/Folder	Reel 14
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1891	B4/F13	R14
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, M-P file	1891	B4/F14	R14
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1891	B4/F15	R14
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1891	B4/F16	R14
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, E-F file	1891	B4/F17	R14

RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1891	B4/F18	R14
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, K-L file	1891	B4/F19	R14
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1891	B4/F20	R14
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1891	B4/F21	R14
	Date	Box 4/Folder	Reel 15
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-G file	1891	B4/F22	R15
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1891	B4/F23	R15
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, I-L file	1891	B4/F24	R15
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1892	B4/F25	R15
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-D file	1892	B4/F26	R15
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1892	B4/F27	R15
	Date	Box 4/Folder	Reel 16
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, I-K file	1892	B4/F28	R16
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, S-T file	1892	B4/F29	R16
	Date	Box 5/Folder	Reel 16
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1892	B5/F1	R16
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-G file	1892	B5/F2	R16
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1892	B5/F3	R16
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, M-P file	1892	B5/F4	R16
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1892	B5/F5	R16
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-G file	1892	B5/F6	R16
	Date	Box	Reel 17

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RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1892	B5/F7	R17
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, I-L file	1892	B5/F8	R17
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, R-T file	1892	B5/F9	R17
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1892	B5/F10	R17
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-G file	1892	B5/F11	R17
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1892	B5/F12	R17
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, I-L file	1892	B5/F13	R17
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1893	B5/F14	R17
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-G file	1893	B5/F15	R17
	Date	Box 5/Folder	Reel 18
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1893	B5/F16	R18
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, M-P file	1893	B5/F17	R18
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, A-B file	1893	B5/F18	R18
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, C-G file	1893	B5/F19	R18
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, H file	1893	B5/F20	R18
RESTRICTED Correspondence files of Charles Robinson Bliss, I-L file	1893	B5/F21	R18
RESTRICTED Correspondence	1881-1882	B5/F22	R18
RESTRICTED Correspondence	1886-1888	B5/F23	R18
RESTRICTED Correspondence	1890	B5/F24	R18
RESTRICTED Correspondence	1892-1893	B5/F25	R18
Correspondence	1881	B5/F26	
Correspondence	1883	B5/F27	
Correspondence	1894	B5/F28	
	Date	Box 5/Folder	Reel 19
RESTRICTED Notes from England trip	1891 July-	B5/F29	R19

	August		
RESTRICTED Notes from Jaurez, Mexico	1890 December 24	B5/F30	R19

Series II: Correspondence Files

Date: 1880-1881

Extent: 1 document case

Conditions Governing Access: Access to the physical items is restricted when microfilm surrogate exists. Surrogates are to be used instead. Exceptions may be granted in cases of extenuating circumstance, at the discretion of the Librarian or Archivist.

Scope of Series: Series contains general correspondence between Charles Robinson Bliss and Reverend F.A. Noble, Colonel C.G. Hammond, E.W. Blatchford and institutions in New Mexico, including the University of New Mexico. Also contained in this series are the personal notes of Rev. Bliss and various photographs.

	Date	Box 6/Folder	Reel
Correspondence	1880 October - 1881 March	B6/F1	
Correspondence	1880 October - 1881 March	B6/F2	
Correspondence, University of New Mexico	1881	B6/F3	
Correspondence, Institutions in New Mexico	1881	B6/F4	
Correspondence, Institutions in New Mexico	1881	B6/F5	
Photographs	undated	B6/F6	

Series III: Record and Reports

Date: 1879-1893

Extent: 1 record carton, 1 document case and 3 reels.

Conditions Governing Access: Access to the physical items is restricted when microfilm surrogate exists. Surrogates are to be used instead. Exceptions may be granted in cases of extenuating circumstance, at the discretion of the Librarian or Archivist.

Physical Access: 1 item in this series, B8/F6, requires staff to instruct proper technique to handle and turn pages of item.

Scope of Series: Series contains New West Education Commission reports and records that are bound. Series also contains issues of the journal The Gleaner from 1884-1892 in a single volume bounded, the personal notes of Charles Robinson Bliss and his notes for the history of New West Education Commission.

	Date	Box 7/Folder	Reel 19
RESTRICTED Annual Reports	1881-1893	B7/F1	R19
RESTRICTED Annual Report	1888	B7/F2	R19

	Date	Box 7/Folder	Reel 20
RESTRICTED Record Book, Volume 1	1879-1883	B7/F3	R20
RESTRICTED Record Book, Volume 2	1884-1892	B7/F4	R20
	Date	Box 7/Folder	Reel 21
RESTRICTED The Gleaner	1884-1892	B7/F5	R21
	Date	Box 7/Folder	Reel 19
RESTRICTED Letters, Bound	1880-1890	B7/F6	R19
	Date	Box 8/Folder	Reel 19
RESTRICTED Notes for a history of the NWEA	circa 1890s	B8/F6	R19