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MS 786**TEVIS, JAMES HENRY, 1835-1905**
TEVIS PAPERS, 1885**DESCRIPTION**

The collection contains one three-page letter from Tevis to W. S. Oury concerning a body found in Doubtful Canyon in Stein's Peak range. He speculates on the body being from the Civil War. He also describes Indian depredations and general conditions in 1885. There is also a three-page handwritten, biographical sketch written by his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Davenport.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Captain James Henry Tevis was born in Wheeling, West Virginia in 1835. He ran away from home at the age of twelve to join a crew on a steamboat to New Orleans. At the age of seventeen, he joined Walker's revolutionary group in Nicaragua. In 1857, he arrived in Arizona. He helped construct and operate the Butterfield Stage Station at Apache Pass. He joined Captain Sherod Hunter in an attempt to win Arizona for the Confederacy in 1860 and then was ordered into the southern states, fighting until 1864 when he was wounded. After the war, he went to St. Louis where he was a Mississippi riverboat captain for several years. He married Emma Boston in 1866 and they had eight children. He and his family moved to the vicinity of Apache Pass in 1880 and lived in a mining area called Teviston. The name was later changed to Bowie. Captain Tevis took to running several hotels and restaurants in the area and he traveled between Teviston and Tucson. He was elected to the 16th Territorial Legislature. He died in Tucson in 1905.

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