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**MS 890**  
**WORTHINGTON, JAMES CHESTON, 1853-1896**  
**Papers, 1879-1880**

**DESCRIPTION**

Eleven letters from James Cheston Worthington to his brother Dan. The letters were written in 1879-1880 from various military posts around Arizona (Fort Grant, Fort Mojave, Fort McDowell and Fort Whipple). Worthington was a captain assistant surgeon. He describes travel to San Francisco, fear of Chinese uprisings, attitudes toward Chinese immigration, travel to the Grand Canyon, feuds between the Mohave and Chemehuevi Indians, campaigns against the Chemehuevis and Apaches and financial aspects of military life.

1 box, .25 linear feet.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

James C. Worthington was born in Maryland in 1853. He was appointed Captain, Assistant Surgeon in 1875 and served at Fort McHenry, Maryland. He was ordered to the Department of Arizona in July 1876. He served at Fort Whipple, Fort Grant, Fort Huachuca and Fort McDowell before returning to Maryland in 1880. He served at various other military posts and achieved the rank of Major Surgeon in 1893. He died in 1896.

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