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#### INTRODUCTION

The papers of Elmer Ellis contain notes and correspondence concerning Henry Moore Teller, U.S. senator from Colorado, compiled by Elmer Ellis in preparation for his book, HENRY MOORE TELLER: DEFENDER OF THE WEST. Also personal papers.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Elmer Ellis on 29 June 1967 (Accession No. 3726).

#### FOLDER LIST

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| f. 1-3   | Included are two copies of Senator Teller by Thomas F. Dawson, Teller's secretary, and one copy of <i>Henry Moore Teller: Defender of the West</i> by Elmer Ellis.  |
| f. 4     | Copies enclosed include: "An Address of the People of Colorado to the People of the United States on July 12, 1893, calling for the complete rejection of the bimetallic monetary standard; "The Teller Cuban Resolution, May 22, 1902, regarding its effect in securing and preventing foreign complications for the United States in Cuba and South America; "On the Increase of National Bank Circulation," August 29 and 30, 1893, reflecting Silver Republican philosophy; and three copies of Teller's memorial address delivered in the House of Representatives on February 13, 1923 by Edward T. Taylor of Colorado. |
| f. 5-6   | Copies of Henry Moore Teller's correspondence which were reproduced and organized by Elmer Ellis, including letters from Teller's family, contemporaries, and colleagues, which deal with his personal life and his public career while a United States Senator and as Secretary of the Interior during the Arthur Administration.  |
| f. 7-11  | Copies of correspondence of Ellis concerning the gathering of information for the subsequent publication of Henry Moore Teller: Defender of the West. The collection includes correspondence from Teller's two surviving children, Mrs. George E. (Emma) Tyler and James H. Teller, and several of his close friends and associates.  |
| f. 12    | Cartoons and clippings from newspapers and magazines concerning Teller, including four political cartoons reprinted in the Ellis biography of Teller.   |
| f. 13-15 | Positives and negatives of photographs collected for <i>Henry Moore Teller: Defender of the West</i> , including photographs of Teller in 1862-1864—as secretary of the Interior in 1882, and in his later years,   |

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|          | a photograph of Mrs. Teller in 1862, photographs of Central City in 1864, in the 1870s and featuring Teller's \$87,000 hotel, the Teller House patio, and photographs of Jerome B. Chaffee, Nathaniel P. Hill, Edward O. Wolcott, Charles A. Towne, Frederick T. Dubois, Richard F. Pettigrew, Frank J. Cannon, Thomas M. Patterson, and Teller's secretary and companion, Thomas F. Dawson.   |
| f. 16-21 | Notes concerning the Teller genealogy, including copies of manuscripts, letters from Teller descendants, and data from historical societies. Notes concerning Teller's early life in Central City, Colorado, his railroad, his \$87,000 hotel, Teller House, his emergence into Colorado politics, and his young wife, Harriet.  |
| f. 22-32 | Notes concerning early Colorado life and politics, including mining, newspapers, legal practices and the early bar, railroads, early gold production, Chinese immigration and labor exclusion, Indian problems, labor problems, masonry, religion, the Sand Creek Indian affair, and the telegraph. Notes concerning life in Central City, Colorado, including the early life and daily routine of residents, the Central City Railroad, the Miners Register newspaper, religious meetings, the Masonic Festival, and mining operations. One copy of the pamphlet, "The Little Kingdom," by Lynn Perrigo, which is a record of Central City, Colorado before 1890. |
| f. 33-34 | Copies of several letters concerning Walter Q. Gresham, an early Colorado jurist. The collection includes views concerning Presidents Hays, Cleveland, and Harrison; it also includes an implied close relation with the views of Teller. Copies of personal letters in the collection of George E. Tyler, Henry Moore Teller's son-in-law, collected by Elmer Ellis. It includes one copy of the letter from Henry Moore Teller concerning his father's death, a letter written from the Chicago Convention in 1896, several letters on the issue of free silver, and clippings regarding Teller's relationship with President Chester A. Arthur.                 |
| f. 35-39 | Notes concerning the Colorado statehood question and politics of the period. Included are notes on Jerome B. Chaffee, sketches from the mining newspapers concerning candidates, and discussions of Colorado and national politics.  |
| f. 40-42 | Notes concerning Teller in the 45th Congress, including notes concerning the Teller Committee's investigation of Southern election frauds of 1878 and the defense of miners' actions in confiscating Western land resources for their own use. Notes concerning Teller in the 46th Congress, including notes concerning Ute Indian legislation, the posse comitatus dispute, mineral claims legislation, women's suffrage, relief for Ben Holladay and his stage line, and the Carl Schurz-Indian controversy.   |
| f. 43-47 | Notes concerning Teller in the 47th Congress, including Teller's committee assignments, Dawes Commission, Chinese exclusion, silver and the monetary question, and the Mississippi River levee question.   |

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|          | Notes concerning Teller in the 48th Congress and his dealings in railroad legislation. Notes compiled by Elmer Ellis concerning Teller in the 49th Congress, including legislation on the support of common schools, Congressional temperance, Presidential succession, women's suffrage, the admission of Washington and Montana, railroads, public lands, timber, the pre-emption act, irrigation, Chinese exclusion, and silver and the monetary question.  |
| f. 48-50 | Notes concerning Teller in the 50th Congress including silver, compulsory education of Indian children, mining laws, railroad land grants, civil service, foreign relations with Latin America, inter- state commerce, irrigation, pensions, Chinese exclusion, committee assignments, protective tariff, Colorado and national politics, the census, and the Hennepin Canal. Notes concerning Teller in the 51st Congress, including the Alaska seal fisheries leases, mining laws, timber on public lands, Mormons, sale of public lands, irrigation, Indians, lead tariff, the Inter- national Bimetallic Conference, public buildings in the West, night sessions correlated to poor health, conservation, aid to the common schools, and open executive sessions. |
| f. 51-52 | Notes concerning Teller in the 52nd Congress, including Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian legislation, Alaska, Ute Indians, Bland-Allison Act, Chinese exclusion, public lands, International Bimetallic Agreement, farm mortgages, silver and the monetary question, and the Gatling gun. Notes concerning Teller in the 5Jrd Congress, including Teller committee assignments, Indian legislation, Chinese exclusion, the income tax, the Wilson tariff, Hawaii, silver and the monetary question, the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, and the civil service.  |
| f. 53-54 | Notes concerning Teller in the 54th Congress, including redemption of national bank notes, the postal service, wild game regulation, Alaska, opening Oklahoma lands for homestead claims, forest reserves, Venezuelan Boundary Commission claims, bond issues, and the silver tariff issue. Notes concerning Teller in the 55th Congress, including irrigation, naval appropriations, the census report, a free public library in Washington, D.C., rural free delivery, and the preservation of forest reservations.  |
| f. 55-56 | Notes concerning Teller in the 56th Congress, including Teller committee assignments, grazing on forest reserves, popular election of U.S. Senators, the Philippines and army strength, the deportation of George T. Rice, Cuba, the Platt Amendment, the South African Republics, irrigation, Alaskan mining laws, Silver Republicans, and the gold standard. Notes concerning Teller in the 57th Congress, including Teller committee assignments, Chinese exclusion, the sugar tariff, imperialism in the Philip- pines, the Platt .Amendment, shipping subsidy, South Africa, sale of public lands, the census, the Department of Commerce, territorial judges, the admission of Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona to statehood, and the Anthracite Coal           |

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| f. 57-58 | Notes concerning Teller in the 58th Congress, including Teller's re-election to the Senate in 1903, Colorado politics around 1900, national politics around 1900, imperialism, irrigation and desert land settlers, committees, government buildings in Washington, D.C., more government centralization, Alaskan statehood question, and the investigation of the postal system. Notes concerning Teller in the 59th Congress, including Teller committee assignments, pensions for Civil War veterans, seating Senator Smoot, regulation of railroad rates, regulation and federal aid to the Alaskan railroad, and statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.  |
| f. 59    | Notes concerning Teller in the 60th Congress, including the employer's liability law for all railroads, Teller committee assignments, debate concerning the protection of reindeer in Alaska, Colorado politics, schools for Indian children, mining regulations, states' rights, child labor laws, Mother 's Day resolution, new penal code, irrigation, and forest reserves.   |
| f. 60-70 | One copy of <i>The Battle of the Standards</i> , by James H. Teller, with an introduction by Henry Moore Teller. Notes concerning silver and the monetary question, including a comparison table for gold and silver prices, letter and article from Paul S. Barnett to Elmer Ellis regarding the use of the phrase, "The Crime of '73," and copy of reply by Elmer Ellis, and one newspaper clipping discussing monetary policy of President Cleveland, undated and not labeled as to newspaper name. Notes concerning silver, bimetallism, and the monetary question.  |
| f. 71-73 | Notes and letters from Henry Moore Teller to Wharton Barker as compiled by Elmer Ellis, including thoughts on the silver issue in 1893, Russian gold accumulation in European banks, Teller's lack of money to contribute to the silver movement, one letter thanking Barker for rallying elements of the Pennsylvania producers into the silver movement, and one copy of a letter from Theodore Roosevelt to Wharton Barker concluding that Roosevelt is a bimetallist, but is anxious to reform the economy to stop the depreciation of silver coins. Notes concerning Teller and the force bill, including brief notations on Senator George F. Hoar.  |
| f. 74-82 | Notes concerning Teller as Secretary of the Interior under President Chester A. Arthur, including the surprise of appointment, western reaction to his appointment, Helen Hunt Jackson, salary problems, Teller feud with Carl Schurz, the campaign of 1884, the Cabinet of 1884, civil service, Teller-Orahoad correspondence, Nathaniel P. Hill, timber cutting, Southern election frauds, illegal fencing on the western ranges, Roscoe Conkling, fisheries treaty of 186S, and Mormon problems. Notes concerning the Indian policy pursued by Teller, including notes from the Dawes Papers, Ute Indians, <i>Indian Industrial School</i> , by Richard Henry Pratt, Indians and civil service, leasing Indian lands, and one copy of a story concerning Indian policy from the |

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|            | Cherokee Advocate of January 25, 1884.   |
| f. 83-84   | Notes concerning Teller-Thomas F. Dawson correspondence, including comments concerning Senator Nathaniel P. Hill's charge of corruption in the Department of the Interior, and a letter from Teller explaining to Dawson his reason for not advancing him a loan to help purchase Dawson's newspaper. Notes on the papers of John A. Logan, including correspondence concerning Zuni Indian affairs from Jerome B. Chaffee to Logan, correspondence from Jerome B. Chaffee to Logan discussing the impending Republican Presidential nomination, and correspondence from S.B. Elkins to Logan on the same topic of the Chicago convention and its implications.  |
| f. 85-91   | Notes concerning national politics from 1880-1910, including the "Crime of '73, national and Colorado politics, Conkling-Hayes disagreement, Western Congressional Association, Richard F. Pettigrew, Frederick T. Dubois, the national budget, Henry Moore Teller's reception in Chicago, the Coxe movement, the income tax, Republican control of the Senate, the silver controversy, the arbitration treaty of 1897, the firing of President Andrews of Brown University, the Populist Party Convention in Kansas City in 1900, Silver Republicans, the campaign of 1900, the 1900 Republican Party revolt, Populist Party doctrine, the inauguration of William McKinley, politics and business, railroad legislation, forest reserves, and public lands. F. 90 Notes concerning William Jennings Bryan, the Populist Party, and Colorado politics. Notes concerning the Dingley Tariff, its provisions and its enumerated list. |
| f. 92-96   | Notes concerning the Teller Resolution on Cuba, including the Teller Resolution re-examined, Cuban-Spanish relations, imperialism, the Arbitration Treaty of 1899, the Spanish-American War, the Cuban Sugar Tariff, Leonard Wood, the Treaty of Santo Domingo, Spanish War bond sales, the Brownsville Affair, the effect of the Teller Resolution on Cuba, and President McKinley's message on Cuba. Notes concerning Teller's views on Hawaii and the Philippines, including self-government proposals, annexation, imperialism, acquisition of the Philippines, and self-government for Puerto Rico.   |
| f. 97-99   | Notes concerning the Panama Canal, including the debate over the Nicaragua Canal, the seizure of Panama, Panamanian ratification of the canal treaty, construction of the Panama Canal, the right of the United States to maintain order on the Isthmus, the Spooner Amendment, Theodore Roosevelt, and imperialism. Notes on Teller-Hal Sayre correspondence, including the statehood question, public affairs, and national politics. Notes concerning Teller's attitude toward army and navy appropriations and appointments.   |
| f. 100-110 | Notes concerning the Campaign of 1896, including the Chicago Convention, the Presidential nomination, national politics, the role of Frederick T. Dubois, Silver Republicans, the silver campaign fund and contributions, Teller declaration of candidacy, the St. Louis   |

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|            | Convention, Teller's Colorado reception, and silver and the tariff issue. Notes concerning the Colorado Labor War of 1904, including miners' fights, the boycott of The Rocky Mountain News, and the role of Thomas F. Patterson.   |
| f. 111     | Notes concerning Teller's last years, including his receipt of an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Colorado, his attendance at the Colorado State Republican Convention of 1908, the campaign of 1910, Teller's daily routine activities during old age, Teller's recipe for longevity, Teller's death, Teller's estate, Teller's successor, and one copy of the remarks on Teller's passing by Edward T. Taylor of Colorado.  |
| f. 112-114 | Notes from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the St. Louis Republican, from February, 1876-September 1887, concerning bimetallism, Bogy's financial idea of the single gold standard, devaluation of silver, the debtor's right, shrinkage of values, silver in the treasury, Saratoga bankers and silver, the silver certificate, the word "dollar," false preservation of the silver question, the Arthur Administration's stand against silver and silver coinage.  |
| f. 115-118 | Notes from pamphlets, including "If Not Silver What?" by John W. Bookwalter , "The Free Coinage of Silver" by J.G. Carlisle, "Minutes of the First National Silver Convention in St. Louis, November 26-28, 1889," "The Silver Question in a Nut shell" by William Preston Hill , "Sixteen To One" by Richard Lowry, "The Money of Today " by E.V. Smalley , "The Silver Situation in the United States" by F.W. Taussig, "The Battle of the Standards" by James H. Teller, and "Momentous Issues" by T.W. Wood .   |
| f. 119-122 | Bibliographical notes collected by Elmer Ellis concerning the life of Henry Moore Teller. Memorabilia collected by Elmer Ellis, including two copies of Elmer Ellis' final examination for the degree, Doctor of Philosophy, May 22, 1930, one autographed copy of "The Legacy of Populism in the Western Middle West" by John D. Hicks, "Are the Social Scientists Backward?" by Donald L. Kemmerer, one copy of the Iowa Business Digest, vol. 20, no.11, November, 1949, several humorous sayings, and two newspaper clippings from <i>The Kansas City Star</i> , undated, relating to the Populist Party. |

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