

Bret Harte:

An Inventory of His Literary File Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Harte, Bret, 1836-1902
Title:	Bret Harte Literary File Photography Collection
Dates:	1880-1927
Extent:	14 items
Abstract:	The Bret Harte Literary File Photography Collection consists of 14 pictures, mostly cartes de visite and cabinet card portraits.
Call Number:	PH-02918
Language:	English
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Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

The Bret Harte Literary File Photography Collection consists of 14 pictures (13 photographic prints and 1 halftone print), mostly cartes de visite and cabinet card portraits. An index at the end of this guide lists photographers whose work is featured in this file.

This file forms a part of the Literary Files Photography Collection that is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally includes portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

Related Material

Associated and related material by and about Harte can be found in the Center's library and in the Bret Harte Collection (MS-01858).

Index Terms

People

- Barrett, Lawrence, 1838-1891.
- Frémont, Jessie Benton, 1824-1902.
- Harte, Bret, 1836-1902.
- Kellogg, Clara Louise, 1842-1916.
- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882.
- Young, Brigham, 1801-1877.

Subjects

- Authors.
- Portraits.

Document Types

- Card photographs.
- Cartes de visite.
- Halftone photomechanical prints.
- Photographic prints.

Location Harte,
B., Lit File

Print Number: P1 Carte de visite of Harte.

Print Number: P2 Portrait of Harte; signed presentation on image recto "To Miss Bessie Halton, from / Bret Harte / Jany. 1893."

Print Number: P3 Cabinet card portrait of Lawrence Barrett; signed presentation on verso "To Bret Harte Esq. / with kindest wishes / of his Friend / Lawrence Barrett / May 4th / 1871."

Print Number: P4 Cabinet card portrait of Clara Louise Kellogg; signed below image by Kellogg; signed presentation on verso to "Mr. Bret Harte / in kind remembrance / of Clara Louise Kellogg / April 7th, 1872 / New York."

Print Number: P5 Cabinet card portrait of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; inscribed (signed?) below image: "H. W. Longfellow."

Print Number: P6 Carte de visite (vignetted bust) of Jessie B. Fremont; signed presentation on image and mount recto: "... to Frank Harte"; handwritten note on mount verso.

Print Number: P7 Carte de visite (vignetted bust) of Brigham Young.

Print Number: P8 Carte de visite of "Tom Thumb Family" (Charles Stratton and his wife Mercy Lavinia holding a baby).

Print Number: P9-P10 Cartes-de-visite of D. Setchell (?); signed presentation on verso to "Frank Bret Hart [sic] Esq" (P9) and to "Mrs. Frank B. Hart [sic] / " San Francisco / Jan 14th, 1865" (P10); two-cent tax stamp on verso of P10.

Print Number: P11 Carte de visite of "Gordon"; signed presentation on verso "With kind regards / from Gordon."

Print Number: P12 Carte de visite of an unidentified man.

Print Number: P13 Mounted photographic print of a sculpted bust of B. J. Devine; signed presentation on mount verso to "F B Harte, Esq / with compts of / B. J. Devine"; two-cent tax stamp on mount verso.

Accession Number: 999:0036:0124 Halftone print of a photographic portrait of Harte.

Index of Photographers

- Allen (Boston, Mass.)--P11
- Bayley & Cramer--P9-P10
- Fall, Thomas, fl. ca. 1870s-1890s--P2
- J. Gurney & Son--P3
- Rockwood, George Gardner, 1832-1911--P6
- Sarony, Napoleon, 1821-1896--P1, P4-P5
- Savage, C. R. (Charles Roscoe), 1832-1909--P7
- Selleck, Silas, 1828-1885--P12
- Shew, Marston & Cuddeback--P13