Guide to the Jere Haralson letter
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Summary Information

Repository
University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama

Creator
Haralson, Jeremiah, 1846-1916?

Title
Jere Haralson letter

Date
1876 April 27

Extent
0.05 Linear feet (1 item)

Language
English

Abstract

Preferred Citation note
Jere Haralson letter, University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

Jeremiah Haralson, born on a plantation on 1 April 1846 near Columbus, Georgia, he was raised as a slave and was self-educated. He moved to Alabama after emancipation, where he served as the first black member of the State House of Representatives in 1870. He served in the state senate in 1872 and in the U.S. Congress from the 44th district from 1875 to 1877. After serving in Congress, Haralson worked in various positions in the Federal government, until 1884 when he moved to Louisiana and Arkansas before returning to Alabama in 1912. Haralson then moved to Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado, where he was killed by wild animals near Denver in 1916.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains a letter written to the United States Centennial Commission in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by Haralson requesting an additional invitation for his wife to attend the opening of the "international exhibition." The Centennial Commission organized the Centennial International Exhibition of Industry, which opened on 10 May 1876, with an attendance of over 150,000 people, including U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices and foreign dignitaries.

Administrative Information

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• Correspondence

Subject(s)

• African Americans
• African Americans--Alabama--History--19th century
• Alabama
• Community and Place
• Government, Law and Politics
• Politicians--Alabama
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