

**Title:** Milwaukee. Comptroller. Records of Henry Smith

**Reference Code:** Mss-1364

**Inclusive Dates:** 1881 – 1884

**Quantity:** 0.06 cu. ft.

**Location:** CV, Sh. L017

**Abstract:** Henry Smith was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on July 22, 1838. His parents relocated the family to Milwaukee in 1844. After attending local public schools, he apprenticed as a bookbinder and then learned the millwright trade from his brother. since boyhood. He turned his attention to politics and ran campaigns with the Democrat, Socialist, Greenback and Union Labor parties. He served several terms with the city council and one term with the Wisconsin State Assembly. He also served as Milwaukee's comptroller for two years before he was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1886. He was defeated for reelection and worked as an architect and builder until he was again elected to the city council in 1898. He continued on the council until his death on September 16, 1916.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of Henry Smith's correspondence while he served as city comptroller. Also included is some family correspondence.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** See also, Milwaukee.Comptroller, Mss-2558.