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Abstract: Correspondence, diaries, Mss., scrapbooks and clippings of Presbyterian minister Edward Brown Walsworth and his wife, relating to their voyage around the Horn in the Trade Wind, 1852; life in San Francisco, Marysville and Oakland; voyage to Hawaii, 1858; visit to Yosemite; association with the Oakland Female College. Also included: letters, accounts and papers of the Gibson and Pierson families, 1806-1874; and genealogical materials relating to the Pierson, Walsworth and Redington families.
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Biography
Edward Brown Walsworth, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 29, 1819, moved with his family to New York State when he was fifteen years old. There he received his early education, and there he joined the Presbyterian Church. Having decided to become a minister, after graduating from Union College in 1844, he continued his studies at the Auburn Theological Seminary, and later at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Upon his graduation in 1848, he accepted his first call in East Avon, New York. Here he met Sarah A. Pierson who was to become his wife.

In 1852 Mr. Walsworth offered his services to the American Home Missionary Society, and left for California with Mrs. Walsworth on the Trade Wind, traveling around Cape Horn, arriving in San Francisco in February, 1853. In California he organized the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland, then went on to Marysville, returning to Oakland some ten years later. At this time, Walsworth founded a college for women, the Oakland Female College of the Pacific, thereby combining his love of church and education. He was also a trustee and one of the founders of the Oakland College School. In 1872 he returned to New York, settling in Albion, and later accepting the chancellorship of Ingham University at LeRoy for three years. He spent his last years as resident pastor in Livonia, where he died in 1891.

Scope and Content
The papers, a gift of Warren Howell, March 9, 1970, contain correspondence of both Mr. and Mrs. Walsworth from 1852 to 1890; a diary of Edward Brown Walsworth, 1853, describing the end of his voyage in the Trade Wind and his arrival in San Francisco; four volumes of diaries of Mrs. Walsworth, 1852-1862, concerning the voyage to California, and life in San Francisco, Marysville and Oakland; papers relating to the Female College of the Pacific; scrapbooks of Edward Brown Walsworth relating to his ministerial career and to his interest in education; manuscripts of his writings and sermons, including the text for a Guide Book, New York to San Francisco via Panama, written in 1867; clippings; deeds for property in Marysville; and early family papers containing miscellaneous accounts and documents of the Gibson family, 1806-1842, and of the Pierson family, 1827-1874.

There is also genealogical material for the Pierson, Redington and Walsworth families.
A key to the arrangement of the papers and a list of major correspondents follow.

Box 1

Walsworth, Edward Brown, 1819-1892:
Outgoing letters, 1852-1890
Letters to Walsworth, arranged alphabetically, A-Z.
Scope and Content Note
A partial list of correspondents may be consulted at the end of the report.

Diary, 1853, of end of voyage in the Trade Wind and arrival in San Francisco.
Miscellaneous papers, many of them announcements of lectures and sermons, 1842-1892.
Oakland, Calif Female College of the Pacific:
Scope and Content Note
Miscellaneous papers relating to the founding of the college, programs, etc.

Box 2

Walsworth, Sarah A. (Pierson), 1829-:
Outgoing letters, 1852-1890
Letters to Mrs. Walsworth, arranged alphabetically, A-Z.

Scope and Content Note
A partial list of correspondents may be consulted at the end of the report.

Diaries, 1852-1862 (4v.)

Scope and Content Note
1852-1853 diaries describe voyage around the Horn, arrival and life in San Francisco, Marysville and Oakland. 1862 diary was kept while living in Oakland and contains few entries. Also included is a transcript, made by Mrs. Walsworth, of voyage diaries.

Miscellaneous reminiscences, Mss. of writings and poems, clippings of articles and poems by Mrs. Walsworth; miscellaneous papers, programs, etc., 1845-1893.

Papers of Edward Brown Walsworth

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Scrapbooks:
  v. 1: Letters, marriage certificate, clippings, programs, receipts, certificates, relating to his ministerial career and including some materials on the Female College of the Pacific. Obituaries at end.
  v. 2: Letters, clippings, and programs, pertaining mainly to Ingham University, LeRoy, New York.
  v. 3: Clippings, announcements, programs, relating to the Female College of the Pacific and other educational institutions, primarily in California.

Mss of sermons, lectures and writings, arranged alphabetically by title. Some relate to California, including Yosemite, and to Hawaii.

Record of deaths, marriages, etc., 1847-1891

Record of sermons (2 v.)

Commonplace book

Ctn. 2


Scope and Content Note
Mss., describing in detail such a voyage, including precautions to be taken and suggestions for rendering the voyage as comfortable as possible.

Summons in two law cases, 1868-1869

Deeds for property in Marysville and Oakland, 1853

Clippings re California

Clippings re the Walsworths

Gibson family papers:

Scope and Content Note
Miscellaneous accounts and papers of Kasson Gibson and Rodney R. Gibson, 1806-1842

Pierson family papers:

Scope and Content Note
Letters to Frederick B. and Frances Janette (Gibson) Pierson, miscellaneous accounts and papers, 1827-1874

Genealogical materials for the Pierson, Redington and Walsworth families

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  Letter, May 30, 1859. (Box 1)

Badger, Milton, 1800-1873
  2 letters, 1852, in v. 1 of scrapbooks in Carton 1

Bishop, Charles R.
  5 letters, 1859, from Honolulu re importing American birds. (Box 1)
  See also letter of Feb. 9, 1860, in v. 1 of scrapbooks in Carton 1

Bonté, John Harmon C., d. 1896

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