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### Collection Summary

**Collection Title:** Daniel M. Burns Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1888-1926

**Collection Number:** BANC MSS 87/230 cm

**Creator:** Burns, Daniel M.

**Extent:** Number of containers: 6 boxes and 2 volumes  
Linear feet: 2.5

**Repository:** The Bancroft Library

Berkeley, California 94720-6000

**Physical Location:** For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

**Abstract: Series 1:** Chiefly incoming correspondence pertaining to political activities at the local and statewide level. Includes requests for jobs, political appointments, letters of acknowledgement and references. Correspondents include prominent businessmen, politicians and several special interest groups. Includes a file of letters from the Afro-American League of San Francisco, headed by T.B. Morton.

**Series 2:** Chiefly papers pertaining to Burns' mining interests in Mexico as well as miscellaneous other personal business and financial records. Mining interests records consist of account books and ledgers for machinery, payroll, tax records and correspondence concerning mining operations.

**Languages Represented:** Collection materials are in Spanish

**Access**

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**Biographical Sketch**

Daniel M. Burns was born in Mississippi in 1846. His father, William Burns, was a well-to-do rancher and farmer. The senior Burns died en route to Oregon in 1847. Burns' mother died in Sacramento two years later. Young Burns was raised by W. A. Selkirk, a man engaged in mining at Independence Hill, California. Burns began to earn his own livelihood as a cattle rancher in 1855. During the Civil War, he served the Fourth California Regiment in Arizona.

On his return to California, he continued ranching and later ran a hotel in Woodland. He served two terms as Yolo County Clerk before being elected Secretary of State for California in 1879. In 1883, he began mining operations in Mexico. He was president of the Candelaria Consolidated Mexican Mining Company At San Dimas. In 1889 he returned to California and settled in San Francisco, where he served as police commissioner and was active in Republican party politics.

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Boxes 1-2	<b>Series 1: Political Correspondence, ca. 1890-1905</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> <b>Arrangement</b> Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. Primarily incoming correspondence, chiefly from the 1890s, that reflects political activities at local and statewide levels. The correspondence includes requests for jobs and political appointments as well as letters of recommendation and thanks. Several Californians well known in business and politics appear as correspondents. Special interest groups also are well-represented, including several letters from the Afro-American League, headed by T. B. Morton.
Box 1, folder 1 folder 2 folder 3	<b>Miscellany</b> <b>Unidentified</b> <b>A Miscellany 1892-1898</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 letters
folder 4	<b>Afro-American League 1892-1901</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 31
folder 5	<b>B Miscellany 1891-1901</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 24
folder 6	<b>Bailey, W. C. 1891-1892</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 6
folder 7	<b>Belcher, E. A. 1892</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 3
folder 8	<b>Brown, W. A. 1891-1892</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 4

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folder 9	<b>C Miscellany 1891-1899</b> Physical Description: 12
folder 10	<b>Carroll, John N. 1892</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 11	<b>D Miscellany 1890-1894</b> Physical Description: 10
folder 12	<b>de Young, M. H. 189?</b> Physical Description: 1
folder 13	<b>Dibble, Henry C. 1891</b> Physical Description: 1
folder 14	<b>E Miscellany 1891-1898</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 15	<b>F Miscellany 1891-1892</b> Physical Description: 10
folder 16	<b>Furry, C. F. 1891-1892</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 17	<b>G Miscellany 1891-1892</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 18	<b>H Miscellany 1890-1903</b> Physical Description: 12
folder 19	<b>Hart, E. C. 1890-1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 20	<b>Higgins, M. R. 1891-1892</b> Physical Description: 12
folder 21	<b>J Miscellany 1891</b> Physical Description: 1
folder 22	<b>K Miscellany 1891-1892</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 23	<b>L-Le Miscellany 1898-1902</b> Physical Description: 29
folder 24	<b>Lh-Lu Miscellany 1892-1902</b> Physical Description: 26
folder 25	<b>Laumeister, C. S. 1895-1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 26	<b>Lemmon, A. B. 1894-1899</b> Physical Description: 3

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folder 27	<b>Lilienfield, A. 1899-1902</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 28	<b>Lindley, Hervey 1898-1905</b> Physical Description: 13
folder 29	<b>Loud, E. F. 1893-1898</b> Physical Description: 5
folder 30	<b>Low, Charles 1894-1902</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 31	<b>M-Mark Miscellany 1891-1902</b> Physical Description: 20
folder 32	<b>Mars-May Miscellany 1894-1905</b> Physical Description: 19
folder 33	<b>Me-Mil Miscellany 1892-1902</b> Physical Description: 23
folder 34	<b>Miner-Mor Miscellany 1892-1901</b> Physical Description: 19
folder 35	<b>Mor-Myr Miscellany 1891-1901</b> Physical Description: 20
folder 36	<b>Mackintosh, John 1899-1900</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 37	<b>Maginnis, A. P. 1898-1902</b> Physical Description: 7
folder 38	<b>Mahoney, Delia 1898-1901</b> Physical Description: 7
folder 39	<b>Mannix, John 1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 40	<b>Markham, H. H. 1891-1890</b> Physical Description: 12
folder 41	<b>Martin, A. J. 1892-1893</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 42	<b>Marvin, G. D. 1899</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 43	<b>Mc-McF Miscellany 1891-1903</b> Physical Description: 23
folder 44	<b>McG-Miscellany 1892-1902</b> Physical Description: 22

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folder 45	<b>McConnell, J. M. 1898-1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 46	<b>McGowan 1891-1902</b> Physical Description: 24
folder 47	<b>McKenna, T. D. 1894-1896</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 48	<b>McLaughlin, Frank 1889-1898</b> Physical Description: 5
folder 49	<b>McNally, Rev. J. B. 1890</b> Physical Description: 3
Box 2, folder 1	<b>Melone, Drury 1894-1899</b> Physical Description: 5
folder 2	<b>Messer, Nathaniel 1895-1899</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 3	<b>Miller, Frank 1894-1901</b> Physical Description: 30
folder 4	<b>Miller, Henry 1894</b> Physical Description: 1
folder 5	<b>Miller, Joseph 1899-1901</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 6	<b>Millsap, L. W. 1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 7	<b>Moffitt, Frank 1900-1902</b> Physical Description: 2
folder 8	<b>Morris, Abe 1894-1898</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 9	<b>Morris, Chas. C. 1894-1895</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 10	<b>Morton, T. B.</b> See: <a href="#">Afro-American League</a> <b>Murray, John 1891-1900</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 11	<b>Murray, Martin 1894-1897</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 12	<b>N Miscellany 1892-1903</b> Physical Description: 12

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folder 13	<b>Noyes, J. C. 1900</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 14	<b>Nusbaumer, E. 1898-1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 15	<b>O-OI Miscellany 1892-1905</b> Physical Description: 12
folder 16	<b>Or-Ow Miscellany 1898-1901</b> Physical Description: 10
folder 17	<b>Oliver, James W. 1899</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 18	<b>Osborne, H. Z. 1892-1900</b> Physical Description: 17
folder 19	<b>P-Pa Miscellany 1892-1902</b> Physical Description: 16
folder 20	<b>Pe Miscellany 1890-1900</b> Physical Description: 13
folder 21	<b>Ph-Pi Miscellany 1891-1899</b> Physical Description: 14
folder 22	<b>PI-Po Miscellany 1892-1899</b> Physical Description: 13
folder 23	<b>Pardee, George 1902-1905</b> Physical Description: 2
folder 24	<b>Parker, Walter 1894-1898</b> Physical Description: 6
folder 25	<b>Parlin, E. E. 1898-1900</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 26	<b>Patterson, J. B. 1899-1900</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 27	<b>Patterson, J. R. 1894-1898</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 28	<b>Patton, Charles L. 1898-1899</b> Physical Description: 9
folder 29	<b>Perkins, C. B. 1893-1899</b> Physical Description: 2
folder 30	<b>Perkins, George C. 1894-1901</b> Physical Description: 8

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folder 31	<b>Phillips, C. H. 1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 32	<b>Peart, Lizzie 1898-1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 33	<b>Pedlar, F. A. 1892-1900</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 34	<b>Pendergast, Clara 1895-1902</b> Physical Description: 5
folder 35	<b>Pendergast, R. W. 1897-1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 36	<b>Pettingill, Stella 1900</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 37	<b>Pierce, George W. 1899-1901</b> Physical Description: 6
folder 38	<b>Pierce, Nelson 1898-1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 39	<b>Pond, Wallace R. 1892-1899</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 40	<b>Porter, A. J. 1899-1902</b> Physical Description: 7
folder 41	<b>Post, C. N. 1891-1902</b> Physical Description: 19
folder 42	<b>Pratt, William H. 1892-1894</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 43	<b>Purdy, Charles C. 1899</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 44	<b>Q Miscellany 1892-1894</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 45	<b>R Miscellany 1891-1892</b> Physical Description: 7
folder 46	<b>Rose, A. H. 1891</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 47	<b>S-SI Miscellany 1891-1902</b> Physical Description: 13
folder 48	<b>Sn- Miscellany 1891-1898</b> Physical Description: 9



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folder 49	<p><b>Selkirk, W. A. 1891-1892</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 4</p>
folder 50	<p><b>Steffans, Joseph 1891-1892</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 3</p>
folder 51	<p><b>T Miscellany 1892-1899</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 3</p>
folder 52	<p><b>W-Z Miscellany 1891-1892</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 5</p>
folder 53	<p><b>Wilson, J. N. E. 1891</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 3</p>
folder 54	<p><b>Enclosures, A-L 1894-1900</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 16</p>
folder 55	<p><b>Enclosures, M-Z 1898-1903</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 14</p>
folder 56	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>Additional Note</b>                      (not addressed to Burns)</p>
folder 57	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>Additional Note</b>                      (not addressed to Burns) — unidentified</p>
folder 58 Boxes 3-6, vols. 1-2.	<p><b>Letters from D. M. Burns</b>  <b>Series 2: Business and Financial Papers, ca. 1888-1926</b>  <b>Scope and Content Note</b>  <b>Arrangement</b>                      Arranged by subseries.                      Primarily financial reports from Burns' mining interests in Mexico, chief among which was the Candelaria Consolidated Mexican Mining Company and its associated mines of Rio Vista and Vista del Mar. Records include correspondence concerning Burns' mining operations, reports, payroll ledgers, accounts, and receipts. There are also a number of telegrams written in code during the years of the Mexican Revolution. Some of the correspondence is addressed to George Gale, one-time Governor of California and Burns' business partner.</p>
Box 3, folder 1	<p><b>General correspondence 1891-1905</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 7  <b>Additional Note</b>                      (unidentified)</p>
folder 2	<p><b>A-C Miscellany 1891-1901</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 9</p>
folder 3	<p><b>California Miner's Association 1892-1899</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 7</p>
folder 4	<p><b>D-E Miscellany 1891-1902</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 8</p>

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folder 5	<b>Escobosa, Genaro 1891-1892</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 6	<b>F-H Miscellany 1891-1902</b> Physical Description: 12
folder 7	<b>Failing, Edward 1891-1899</b> Physical Description: 7
folder 8	<b>Furry, Charles</b> See: <a href="#">Contra Estaca Consolidated Mexico Mining Company</a>
folder 9	<b>I-L Miscellany 1891-1908</b> Physical Description: 26
folder 10	<b>J-M Miscellany 1892-1904</b> Physical Description: 14
folder 11	<b>Martin, Mrs. Theresa 1905</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 12	<b>Mosby, R. B. 1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 13	<b>Mc Miscellany 1892-1899</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 14	<b>McCormick, James 1890-1898</b> Physical Description: 6
folder 15	<b>N-O Miscellany 1890-1905</b> Physical Description: 7
folder 16	<b>Norton, George 1902-1905</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 17	<b>P-Q Miscellany 1892-1901</b> Physical Description: 14
folder 18	<b>Patterson, J. B. 1899-1903</b> Physical Description: 6
folder 19	<b>R-S Miscellany 1891-1911</b> Physical Description: 14
folder 20	<b>Schindler, A. G. 1891-1892</b> Physical Description: 7
folder 21	<b>Schuyler — Miscellany 1890-1891</b> Physical Description: 7
folder 22	<b>Schuyler, Jas D. 1891-1892</b> Physical Description: 21

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folder 23	<b>Schuyler, Philip 1888-1889</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 24	<b>Schuyler, Mrs. Philip [Lucy] 1890-1892</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 25	<b>Smith, F. A.</b> See: <a href="#"><u>Contra Estaca Consolidated Mexico Mining Company</u></a>
folder 26	<b>Stokes, James B. 1889-1893</b> Physical Description: 8
folder 27	<b>T-Z Miscellany 1889-1895</b> Physical Description: 14
folder 28	<b>General correspondence, to S. B. Elkins and A. G. Schindler 1892</b> Physical Description: 2
folder 29-39	<b>Correspondence re: Contra Estaca Consolidated Mexico Mining Company 1890-1891</b> Physical Description: 136
Box 4, folder 1-18	<b>Correspondence re: Escoba and Burns 1889-1908</b> Physical Description: 165
folder 19	<b>Death and wedding announcements 1891-1899</b> Physical Description: 5
folder 20	<b>Legal documents 1890</b> Physical Description: 1
folder 21	<b>Club memberships 1891-1911</b> Physical Description: 16
folder 22	<b>Receipts — Livery stables 1891-1907</b> Physical Description: 8
folder 23	<b>Receipts — Personal services 1892-1908</b> Physical Description: 8
folder 24	<b>Receipts — Publications 1892-1907</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 25	<b>Receipts — Miscellaneous 1900-1911</b> Physical Description: 6
folder 26	<b>Receipts — Taxes 1905-1910</b> Physical Description: 19
folder 27	<b>Bids (Mining equipment and supplies) 1890-1891</b> Physical Description: 4
folder 28	<b>Ledgers (H. R. Bostwick) 1909-1910</b> Physical Description: 3

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folder 29	<b>Receipts — Mining equipment and supplies 1888-1912</b> Physical Description: 17
folder 30	<b>Miscellany 1890-1898</b> Physical Description: 6
folder 31	<b>Candelaria — Accounts 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 8
folder 32	<b>Candelaria — Advance reports 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 3
folder 33	<b>Candelaria — Assays 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 49
folder 34	<b>Candelaria — Balance Sheets 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 12
folder 35	<b>Candelaria — Check receipts 1889</b> Physical Description: 1
Box 5, folder 1	<b>Candelaria — Check receipts 1905-1906</b> Physical Description: 1
folder 2	<b>Candelaria — Invoices for mixed silver bars 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 10
folder 3	<b>Candelaria — Mill returns 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 5
folder 4	<b>Candelaria — Miscellaneous reports 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 15
folder 5-10	<b>Candelaria — Receipts from Selby Smelting 1901-1906</b> Physical Description: 68
folder 11	<b>Candelaria — Various accounts 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 11
Box 6, folder 1	<b>Contra Estaca — Check receipts 1889-1894</b> Physical Description: 1
folder 2-8	<b>Rio Verde — Accounting sheets 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 29 Additional Note (payroll and expenses)
folder 9-12	<b>Vista del Mar — Accounting sheets 1910-1911</b> Physical Description: 24 Additional Note (payroll and expenses)
folder 13	<b>Chelan Packing Company — Cash book 1926</b> Physical Description: 1

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folder 14	<b>Mt. Shasta Mineral Spring Company — Balance sheets 1898-1903</b> <b>Physical Description: 4</b>
volume Vol. 1	<b>Candelaria: End of week summaries of expenses for labor and materials used in exploration 1910-1911</b>
volume Vol. 2	<b>Candelaria: End of week summaries of output. Expense ledgers 1910-1911</b>