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Scope and Content

The papers have come from several sources-T. W. Norris Collection, the Cowan Collection, documents found in the Vallejo family collection purchased from R. de Emparan in 1950, and elsewhere. They supplement the H. H. Bancroft Collection of Fitch material, and consist mainly of accounts, petitions for land, and some correspondence.

The key to arrangement follows.

Biography

Henry Delano Fitch, native of Massachusetts born in 1799, came to California as the manager of the Mexican brig, *Maria Ester*. He became a Mexican citizen in 1827, was baptized at San Diego as Enrique Domingo Fitch in 1829 and married that same year Josefa Carrillo. In 1832 he applied for lands north of San Francisco Bay. He was naturalized in 1833 and held various municipal positions. In 1841 he was grantee of Sotoyomi Rancho. He died in 1849.

volume v. 1

Papers of Henry Delano Fitch

Correspondence and documents, 1838-1848 arranged chronologically.

Accounts, 1829-1850, arranged alphabetically. Shipping invoices and miscellaneous accounts at end.

Miscellaneous: undated lists of articles, receipts, home remedies, etc.

Papers of Josefa (Carrillo) de Fitch (Mrs. Henry Delano Fitch)

Correspondence, 1851-1876, arranged chronologically.

Legal Papers, 1851-1886. 1886 papers relate to Baja California property of Valle de las Palmas.

Accounts, 1849-1863, arranged alphabetically.

Papers of Henry E. Fitch

Correspondence, 1850-1858, arranged chronologically.

Accounts, 1849-1857, arranged alphabetically.

Accounts of Frederick Fitch, 1850-1853.

Accounts of William Fitch, 1852-1858.

Account book of H. D. Fitch, 1846-1848.

volume v. 2

volume v. 3

volume v. 4

Letters and documents, bound into a volume.

Photocopy of items in v. 3. Also included is photocopy of transcript in proceedings of land case 792, Cyrus Alexander vs. U.S., for part of Rancho Sotoyomi, with Fitch's deposition, and pictures of members of the Fitch family.

volume v. 5

volume v. 6

Account book, 1838-1847.

Ledger, 1848-1849, H-Z (presumed to be Fitch family) (on oversize shelf).

Adler, Lewis, 1820-

Accounts, 1850-1851. Henry E. Fitch accounts, v. 1

Account, 1853. Frederick Fitch accounts, v. 1

Alvarado, Francisco María

Promissory note, Mar. 31, 1850. Henry E. Fitch accounts, v. 1

Bandini, Juan, 1800-1857

Quit claim and power of attorney to Henry D. Fitch, Jan. 4, 1838. v. 1

Beale, Edward Fitzgerald, 1822-1893

Order to H. D. Fitch, n.d. v. 1

Boggs, Lilburn W., 1792-1860

Account, 1850. Henry E. Fitch accounts, v. 1

Brown, John

Agreement with Josefa Fitch and George Lyons, Feb. 5, 1851. v. 3, p. 7

Evans, William

Account to Josefa Fitch, Jan. 28, 1849. v. 1

Ferguson, Jesse, 1800-

Promissory note, Sept. 16, 1836. H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1

Fitch, Henry Delano, 1799-1849

Draft of letter, ca. 1841.v. 1. Petition to Governor of Alta California, May 13, 1846, also signed by Francisco Guerrero. v. 1

Fitch, Henry E., 1830-
Letter, n.d., to his mother, Josefa Fitch. v. 1
Letter, n.d., to Mr. McDonald. v. 1
Promissory notes (2), 1850-1854. Henry E. Fitch accounts, v. 1

Fitch, Josefa (Carrillo) de, 1810-
Letter, May 27, 1863, to José Fitch. v. 1
Letter, Dec. 20, 1863, to José Fitch. v. 1

Forbes, James Alexander 1804-1881
Letter, Aug. 26, 1857, to Josefa Fitch. v. 1

Forbes, James Alexander, 1838-
Letter, Aug. 3, 1876, to Josefa Fitch. v. 1

Hamley, George W.
Power of attorney to H. D. Fitch, Feb. 6, 1847. v. 1

Howard, William Davis Merry, ca. 1819-1856
Accounts, 1843 and n.d. (2). H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1

Johnson, Charles R.
Account, Feb. 25, 1850. Josefa Fitch accounts, v. 1

Larkin Thomas Oliver, 1802-1858
Account, ca. 1845? H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1

Lataillade, Cesáreo, d. 1849
Undated account. H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1

Lyons, George
Account, Feb. 17, 1849. H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1

McDonald, Alex C., 1815-1880
Accounts (2), 1850-1852. Henry E. Fitch accounts, v. 1
Letter, Dec. 18, 1850, to Henry E. Fitch. v. 1
Account, May 9, 1851. Frederick Fitch accounts, v. 1
Account, 1850. Josefa Fitch accounts, v. 1

Mellus, Henry, 1815-1860
Undated account. Henry D. Fitch account, v. 1.

Moreno, José Matías
Letter to his cousin, Josefa Fitch, Sept. 22, 1850. v. 3, p. 6

Nye, Gorham H., 1802-1878
Undated account. H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1.

Pacheco, Romualdo, 1831-1899
Letter, Jan. 30, 1858, to Henry E. Fitch. v. 1.

Phelps, William Dane
Undated account. H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1.

Robinson, Alfred, 1806-
Undated account. H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1.

Simmons, Bezer 1810-1850
Letter, Oct. 23, 1846, to H. D. Fitch. v. 1

Thompson, Alpheus Basil, 1795-1869
Account rendered to Fitch's estate, Jan. 11, 1850. H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1

Vallejo, Mariano Guadalupe, 1807-1890
Account, Feb. 29, 1852. Josefa Fitch accounts, v. 1
Letter to Josefa de Fitch, Sept. 19, 1878, re Las Palmas ranch. v. 3, p. 8

Vioget, Jean Jacques, 1799-1855
Account, Sept. 10, 1849. Josefa Fitch accounts, v. 1

Whiting, William J.
Account, Sept. 11, 1829. H. D. Fitch accounts, v. 1