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Abstract: Letters, including family correspondence; diaries; personalia; financial papers; manuscripts of his writings and speeches; notebooks; lecture notes; computations and drawings; subject files; photographs; reports; sketches; maps; clippings. Service with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Service and with various commissions, governmental and private; interests in science, engineering, geography and navigation, history of California, etc.; association with the University of California as Regent and as professor. Included also: some papers of his wife and children, and papers relating to his wife's family (Fauntleroy family and Owen family).

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George Davidson - geodesist, astronomer, geographer and engineer - was born in Nottingham, England, on May 9, 1825. In 1832 he came to the United States with his parents, who settled in Pennsylvania. Upon graduation from Central High School, Philadelphia, he was appointed magnetic observer at Girard College Observatory.

In 1845 he began his career with the United States Coast Survey as clerk to Superintendent Alexander D. Bache. Requesting duty in the field in 1846, he spent the next four years almost constantly on the move. He was sent to California in 1850, in charge of the party that was to survey the Pacific Coast, and, with the exception of the period from 1860-1866, he spent the rest of his years in the West. His great work, the study and survey of the California and Pacific Northwest Coast, was embodied in the many Coast and Geodetic Survey charts and in the Coast pilots.

At the outset of the Civil War, he was assigned to the Atlantic Coast, where he assisted in fortifications for the defense of Philadelphia, and was detailed for special naval service along the Florida coast. Before returning to the West Coast, he undertook two important assignments in 1867--the survey of the Isthmus of Darien to determine the feasibility of a canal and the preliminary geographical reconnaissance of Alaska.

In 1868 Davidson was placed in general charge of the Coast Survey work on the Pacific Coast, a position he retained until June 1895. His reputation in the scientific world was such that he was frequently called to serve upon commissions (the Irrigation Commission of California in 1873, the Mississippi River Commission in 1888, the Advisory Harbor Improvement Commission for San Francisco, and the United States Assay Commissions of 1872 and 1884) and was appointed member in charge of the American Transit of Venus Expedition to Japan in 1874 and a delegate to the International Geodetic Convention at Paris in 1889. He served as president of the California Academy of Sciences and the Geographical Society of the Pacific, and was an acknowledged authority on the early history of the Pacific Coast. It was largely through his influence that James Lick decided to build and endow the Lick Observatory. Davidson's own private observatory in Lafayette Park, San Francisco, was one of the first in California, and he made its facilities available to fellow scientists and interested laymen.

Davidson was closely identified with the University of California, serving as honorary professor of geodesy and astronomy from 1870, as a regent, 1877-1884, and as professor of geography, 1895-1905. On June 30, 1905, he retired from active teaching, and devoted increasing time to his studies on early Pacific Coast navigation despite his failing eyesight. He died on December 2, 1911.

Scope and Content

The Davidson collection was given to the University of California by Miss Ellinor Davidson, his daughter, in 1945. A portion of it - some books, pamphlets and maps - came to the Bancroft Library in 1947, and his personal papers, in 1953. The papers consist of letters (personal and official Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence); letterbooks; diaries; biographical sketches; personalia; clippings; financial records; manuscripts of his writings, published and unpublished;
notebooks; lecture notes for his geography course; computations and work sheets; subject files; photographs; sketches; maps; transcripts and translations of reports and documents dealing with a wide variety of subjects; miscellaneous reports and papers; and printed material. Most of the books, pamphlets and other printed material have been cataloged separately. Cards for these are on file, as a unit, in the manuscripts collections of The Bancroft Library. Portrait photographs removed from the papers have been cataloged in the portrait file.

Included also with the collection are papers of his wife, Ellinor (Fauntleroy) Davidson; his children, Ellinor, George and Thomas; and papers of and relating to the Fauntleroy and Owen families.

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American Geographical Society
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American Philosophical Society
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American Social Science Association
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American Society of Civil Engineers
  5 letters, 1890-1897. Written by John Bogart, secretary.
Amundsen, Roald Engelbregt Gravning, 1872-1928
  3 letters, 1906
Applegate, S.
  6 letters, 1904-1908. Written by a ship's captain, from Unalaska, Alaska, the letters relate primarily to the eruptions on Bogoslov Island, Alaska.
Ashburner, Emilia (Field) [Mrs. William Ashburner]
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Association Géodésique Internationale
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  Barendt, Arthur H.
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  Beach, E. P.
    Apr. 17, 1868. Re scheme for canal in the Isthmus of Darien.
  Belcher, Edward Augustus, 1855-
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Blanding, Gordon
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Bolton, Herbert Eugene, 1870-1953
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Bowman, Amos
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Brigham, William Tufts, 1841-1926
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Britton & Rey, San Francisco
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Bryan, William Alanson, 1875-1942
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Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947
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Babcock, Kendric Charles, 1864-1932
6 letters, 1903-1906. Most of them written while president, University of Arizona.

Bache, Alexander Dallas See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list
Bache, Charles M. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list
Bache, H. Wood
12 letters, 1864-1867. Concerning his uncle, A. D. Bache.

Bache, Hartman See U.S. Light House Engineer
Bache, Nancy Clarke (Fowler) [Mrs. Alexander D. Bache]
42 letters, 1861-1869. Some are addressed to Mrs. Davidson.

Badlam, Alexander, 1835-1898
2 letters, 1888-1891

Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1888
19 letters, 1868-1886. Some written for the Smithsonian Institution.

Baker, Marcus, 1849-1903
12 letters, 1890-1901. Include those written for the U.S. Geological Survey.
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Bancroft, Hubert Howe, 1832-1918
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Barber, William
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Bard, Thomas Robert, 1841-1915
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Barnard, Edward Emerson, 1857-1923
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Barnard, James M.
  5 letters, 1872-1874. Some written for the American Social Science Association and for the Agassiz Memorial.

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Barnes, Mary Sheldon
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Barnes, William H. L., 1836-1902
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Beadle, E. R.
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  5 letters, 1870-1887

Blinn, F. G.
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Bogart, John, 1836-1920 See American Society of Civil Engineers.

Bonté, John Harmon C., d. 1896 See California. University. Regents

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Bryant, Henry Grier, 1859-1932
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6 letters, 1859-1891
Buhne, Henry H. [his son]
14 letters, 1887-1907. Letter, May 17, 1906, describes the effects of the earthquake in Eureka.
Burbank, Luther, 1849-1926
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Burchard, Horatio Chapin, 1825-1908
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Burckhalter, Charles, 1849-1923
18 letters, 1886-1910 & undated Some written while assistant-in-charge, Chabot Observatory, Oakland.
Burnham, Sherburne Wesley, 1838-1921
38 letters, 1876-1909. Many letters refer to the Lick Observatory.
Burton, María Amparo (Ruíz), d. 1894
19 letters, 1874-1891
Burtt-Davy, Joseph, 1870-1894
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C Miscellany
California. Joint Committee on Earthquakes
Mar. 6, 1869. From Thomas Rowlandson, secretary.
California. University. Extension Division
Nov. 9, 1900. From May L. Cheney.
California. University. Recorder of the Faculties
Cattell, Alexander Gilmore, 1816-1894
Mar. 23, 1867
Chamberlain, Samuel Selwyn, 1851-1916
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Chandler, Albert Edward, 1872-
June 11, 1900
Clarke, Ferdinand Lee
Apr. 12, 1887. Discusses proposed site for an astronomical observatory in the Hawaiian Islands
Cleveland, Grover, Pres. U.S., 1837-1908
Feb. 28, 1889. Letter appointing Davidson a delegate to attend meeting of International Geodetic Association.

Cook, Walter, 1846-1916

Sept. 5, 1899

Corbett, Sir Julian Stafford, 1854-1922

Dec. 6, 1896

Cosmos Club, San Francisco


California. Board of State Harbor Commissioners

15 letters, 1876-1907. Some are copies addressed to Rear Admiral John Rodgers. Many relate to the adjustment of harbor lines of San Francisco.

California. Governor

3 letters, 1877-1899. Written by executive and/or private secretaries. Letter, May 16, 1877, concerns appointment to Board of Regents, University of California.

California. State Earthquake Investigation Commission See Lawson, Andrew C. and Leuschner, Armin O.

California. State Engineer

4 letters, 1879-1881

California. State Mining Bureau

7 letters, 1886-1893

California. Surveyor General

9 letters, 1889-1893. Some relate to the eastern boundary survey.

California. University. President

65 letters, 1890-1910. From Martin Kellogg, Benjamin I. Wheeler, Victor Henderson (secretary) and from Ralph P. Merritt (secretary).
See also Gilman, Daniel C. and Reid, William T.

California. University. Regents

See also Stearns, Robert E. C.

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California Academy of Sciences

13 letters, 1869-1903. Include letters from George Hewston, Thomas P. Madden, C. D. Gibbs, William M. Noyes and J. W. Hobson. Form letters acknowledging gifts to the Academy are kept as a unit at the end of the file.

California Miners' Association

5 letters, 1899-1902

California Silk Culture Association

3 letters, 1881-1884

California State Association for the Storage of Flood Waters

3 letters, 1899

California State Telegraph Company

4 letters, 1862-1870. From H. W. Carpentier and George H. Mumford. Some concern the use of telegram lines in coast survey work.

California Water and Forest Association

16 letters, 1899-1903. Include letters of the California Water and Forest Society.

Campbell, Archibald, d. 1887


Campbell, Frederick M.
5 letters, 1882-1887. Some concern Chabot Observatory.
Campbell, William Wallace, 1862-1938
12 letters, 1893-1908. Written from Lick Observatory. Included also: some astronomical notes written by Campbell.
Canada. [Various government departments]
17 letters, 1878-1911. From Dept. of Marine and Fisheries, Geological Survey of Canada, Geographic Board of Canada and the Dept. of the Interior.
Cañete del Pinar, Conde [Manuel Villaviciosa y Gordón?]
22 letters, 1894-1909. Concerning their mutual interests in science and Spanish voyages of exploration on the northwest coast of America.
Carmany, John H.
6 letters, 1872-1873. Some written for the Overland Monthly and for the California Horticulturalist.
Carnegie Institution of Washington See Woodward, Robert Simpson
Carson and Colorado Railroad Co.
3 letters, 1887-1890. Two are from H. M. Yerrington.
Cattell, James McKeen, 1860-1944
2 letters, 1901-1906
Central Pacific Railroad
32 letters, 1872-1882. Primarily from S. S. Montague, chief engineer, concerning meteorological observations at Summit Station.
Chabot Observatory, Oakland, Calif. See Burckhalter, Charles, and Campbell, Frederick M.
Chandler, Seth Carlo, 1846-1913
3 letters, 1893-1894.
See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Chase, Alexander W. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Chester, Colby Mitchell See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Christy, Samuel Benedict, 1853-1914
14 letters, 1879-1909
Churchill, W.
8 letters, 1886-1889. Include some written for the California Academy of Sciences.
Clapp, Edward Bull, 1856-1919
2 letters, 1901-1906
Clark (Alvan) & Sons, Cambridgeport, Mass.
9 letters, 1881-1897 & undated Primarily concerning manufacture of astronomical equipment for Davidson.
Clover, Richardson, 1846-1919
10 letters, 1890-1893. Writing primarily as secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names and as hydrographer, U.S. Hydrographic Office.
See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Coffin, George W. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Colby, William Edward, 1875-1964 See Sierra Club, San Francisco
Coleman, William Tell, 1824-1893
3 letters, 1872-1889
Colonna, Benjamin A. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Colton, Allen L.
4 letters, 1893-1897. Written from Lick Observatory.
Colton, David Douty, 1832-1878
3 letters, 1873-1878
Commercial News, San Francisco
3 letters, 1899-1906
Cook, Albert Stanburrough, 1853-1927
   3 letters, 1884-1886
Cooper, W. W. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Cope, Edward Drinker, 1840-1897 See Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia
Cordell, Edward See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Cory, Clarence Linus, 1872-
   2 letters, 1900-1901
Courtis, Frank See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Cowan, Robert Ernest, 1862-1942
   3 letters, 1908-1910
Cramp, Charles Henry, 1828-1913 [class-mate at Philadelphia Central High School]
Crocker, Charles F.
   7 letters, 1881-1893. Several relate to the California Academy of Sciences.
Cushing, Frank Hamilton, 1857-1900
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   Davis, William Morris, 1850-1934
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   DeYoung, Michael Harry, 1849-1925
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   Downing, Arthur Matthew Weld, 1850-
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   Dunaway, Clyde Augustus, 1866-1944
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   Dupuy, Eugene
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   Davidson, Ellinor Campbell [daughter]
      17 letters, 1888-1903
   Davidson, Ellinor (Fauntleroy), 1837-1907 [Mrs. George Davidson]
      221 letters, 1851-1904 & undated
   Davidson, George [nephew]
      26 letters, 1872-1911
Davidson, George Fauntleroy, 1862-1900 [son]
44 letters, 1871-1900. Some addressed to his mother and to his brother, Thomas.

Davidson, Isabella [sister]
75 letters, 1846-1859

Davidson, John [brother]
51 letters, 1853-1911

Davidson, Lorena [sister]
6 letters, 1869-1872

Davidson, Maria [sister]
48 letters, 1846-1889

Davidson, Thomas [father]
4 letters, 1845-1846

Davidson, Thomas [brother]
504 letters, 1845-1874

Davidson, Thomas Drummond, 1865-1934 [son]
22 letters, 1884-1900

Davis, Andrew McFarland, 1833-1920
4 letters, 1883-1911

Davis, Arthur Powell, 1861-1933 See U.S. Geological Survey

Davis, Charles Henry, 1845-1921 See U.S. Naval Observatory

Davis, Horace, 1831-1916

Davis, Jefferson Columbus, 1828-1879
3 letters, 1869. Written from Alaska

Davis, William Heath, 1822-1909
2 letters, 1895-1900

Dawson, George Mercer, 1849-1901
2 letters, 1881-1901


Defforges, G.
11 letters, 1890-1893

de Groff, Edward
2 letters, 1901. Written from Alaska; concern question involving Tlingit language.

De Kalb, Courtenay, 1861
3 letters, 1861-1931

Derrécaix, Victor Bernard, 1833-1915
4 letters, 1906-1908. In French.

Deveraux, John [dockmaster, Esquimalt Graving Dock, B.C.]
18 letters, 1888-1903. Concerning tides, currents, shipwrecks, etc.

Dickins, Edmund F. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.


Dohrmann, Fred W.
2 letters, 1904-1908

Donohoe, Kelly & Co., San Francisco
17 letters, 1870-1891. Concerning Davidson's financial affairs.

Dorr, F. W. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Douglas, Sir Robert Kennaway, 1838-1913
4 letters, 1887-1890
Douglass, Andrew Ellicott, 1867-1901
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Doyle, John Thomas, 1819-1906
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Doyle, W. T. Sherman
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Drake, Franklin Jeremiah, 1846-1929
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Duffield, William Ward See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Durand, Elias, 1794-1873
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Dwelsauvers-Dery, Victor Auguste Ernest, 1836-1913
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Dwinelle, John Whipple, 1816-1881
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    Mar. 30, 1893. In German.
  Eliot, Charles William, 1834-1926
    July 23, 1881
  Emory, Frederic, 1853-1908
    June 20, 1900
Eastman, John Robie, 1836-1913
  11 letters, 1885-1901. Written primarily from the U.S. Naval Observatory.
Eastwood, Alice, 1859-1953
  9 letters, 1899-1906. Some refer to the California Academy of Sciences.
Edmonds, Franklin Spencer
  15 letters, 1900-1910. Written primarily while principal of Philadelphia Central High School and relating to activities of alumni.
Edmonds, Frank W. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Edwards, Henry
  8 letters, 1872-1889. Some refer to the California Academy of Sciences.
Edwards, William S. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Eigenmann, Carl H., 1863-1927
  2 letters, 1891. Refer to the California Academy of Sciences.
Eigenmann, Rosa Smith
  4 letters, 1890. Some refer to the California Academy of Sciences.
Eimbeck, William See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Eisen, Gustavus Augustus, 1847-1940
  6 letters, 1873-1886
Eldredge, Zoeth Skinner, 1846-1918
  24 letters, 1902-1911
Eldridge, Oliver
5 letters, 1868-1891. Letter, Aug. 22, 1875, discusses James Lick and his proposed bequests.

Elliott, Henry Wood, 1846-1930

Emmons, George Thornton, 1874-1945
6 letters, 1903-1908. Relating primarily to ethnological interests in Alaska.

Evans, Elwood, 1828-1898
8 letters, 1857-1880

Evans, Taliesin
32 letters, 1876-1887. Some written for the San Francisco Bulletin.

Ewell, Marshall Davis, 1844-1928
3 letters, 1892

F Miscellany (single letter)
Field, Stephen Johnson, 1816-1899
Foster, Addison Gardner, 1837-1917
Feb. 21, 1903. Concerning proposed removal of Spanish Archives of California to Washington, D. C.

Fairchild, B. Homer
3 letters, 1880-1889. Concerning Mt. San Antonio as site for an observatory.

Fairfield, George A. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Farquhar, George See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Fauntleroy, Arthur Robert, 1843-1884 [brother-in-law]
180 letters, 1862-1883

Fauntleroy, Edward H. [brother-in-law]
37 letters, 1858-1860

Fauntleroy, Jane Dale (Owen) [Mrs. Robert Henry Fauntleroy. Davidson's mother-in-law]
82 letters, 1851-1860

Fauntleroy, Robert Henry, d. 1850 [father-in-law]
8 letters, 1847-1849. Mainly concerning Coast and Geodetic Survey business.

Fauntleroy, William H. [cousin]
8 letters, 1853-1864

Fauth & Co., Washington, D. C.
19 letters, 1878-1885. Concerning astronomical and surveying instruments.

Fillebrown, Thomas Scott, 1834-1884 See U.S. Hydrographic Office.

Finley, John Park, 1854-14 letters, 1891-1895. Written primarily from San Francisco while stationed with Signal Service and Weather Bureau.

Fisher, Ralph Talcott, 1877-1948
3 letters, 1903

Floyd, Richard S.
4 letters, 1877-1888. Concerning Lick Observatory.

Forney, Stehman See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Foster, John Watson, 1836-1917 See U.S. Dept. of State.

France. [Various departments]
5 letters, 1869-1900. From the consulate in San Francisco, Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Commerce, Ministère de la Guerre, Ministère du Commerce.


Frazer, John Fries, 1812-1872
12 letters, 1864-1872
Frazer, Persifor, 1844-1909
  13 letters, 1870-1904
Friend, Charles W.
  17 letters, 1881-1906. Written from Carson Observatory, Nevada.
Fryer, John, 1839-1928
  2 letters, 1900-1908
Funston, Frederick, 1865-1917
  2 letters, 1892
G Miscellany (single letter)
  Gibbons, Robinson
    undated Gives figures for Spanish measurements--vara, league, etc.
Gleeson, Richard A., 1861-1945
  Jan. 17, 1909
Golden Coast [magazine]
  Mar. 22, 1877. From R. A. Cameron, editor.
Goode, George Brown, 1851-1896
  Nov. 5, 1888
Gorman, Arthur Pue, 1839-1906
  Mar. 25, 1895
Greenebaum, Alfred
  May 10, 1910
Gannett, Henry, 1846-1914 See U.S. Board of Geographic Names.
Garnett, Porter See Academy of Pacific Coast History, Berkeley, Calif.
Geographical Society of the Pacific
  84 letters, 1881-1910. Primarily from C. Mitchell Grant and John Partridge.
Gibbs, George, 1815-1873
  13 letters, 1867-1868
Gilbert, J. J. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Gilder, William Henry, 1838-1900
  4 letters, 1890
Gilman, Daniel Coit, 1831-1908
  11 letters, 1872-1897. Written primarily while president, University of California.
Glassford, William Alexander
Glave, E. J.
  8 letters, 1890-1891. Mainly concerning experiences while with Frank Leslie's Alaska exploring expedition.
Goddard, George Henry, 1817-1906
Gogorza, Anthoine de
  41 letters, 1866-1883. Mainly concerning proposed canal across Isthmus of Darien.
Goodall, Charles
  7 letters, 1882-1893. Primarily concerning telescopic instruments.
Goodall, Perkins & Co., San Francisco


Goodfellow, Edward, 1828-1899 See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Goodyear, Watson Andrews
15 letters, 1872-1888. Some written while associated with California State Mining Bureau.

Gore, J. Howard
2 letters, 1887. Letter, Apr. 25, 1887, concerns alleged mistake in Yolo base measurements.

Gould, Benjamin Apthorp, 1824-1896
16 letters, 1866-1890

Grant, Ulysses Sherman, 1867-1932

Gray, Asa, 1810-1888
8 letters, 1868-1877

Gray, George E.
48 letters, 1870-1909. Written while chief engineer, Southern Pacific Railroad.

Great Britain. Royal Observatory, Greenwich
9 letters, 1876-1882

Great Britain. [Various departments]
16 letters, 1875-1906, From Board of Trade, Foreign Office, Admiralty, Ordnance Survey Office, consulate in San Francisco.

Green (J. and H. J.), New York

Greenbaum, Louis
2 letters, 1903-1911


Greene, Edward Lee, 1843-1915
22 letters, 1887-1899

Greenwell, W. E. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Gregory, Warren, 1864-1927
5 letters, 1893-1907

Griffin, R. J. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Grunsky, Carl Ewald, 1855-1934
18 letters, 1885-1904

Gwin, William McKendree, 1805-1885
Letter, Jan. 25, 1873

H Miscellany

Hale, George Ellery, 1868-1938
Feb. 7, 1905

Hanford, Cornelius Holgate, 1849-
Dec. 26, 1904

Harte, Bret, 1836-1902
Apr. 10, 1869. Written for the Overland Monthly.

Hawaiian Government Survey
July 15, 1884

Hayden, Ferdinand Vandiveer, 1829-1887
Feb. 22, 1872

Hearst, Phoebe (Apperson), 1842-1919
Feb. 22, 1902
Hellman, Isaias W.
   Mar. 23, 1897. Addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury.
Henshaw, Frederick William, 1858-1929
   Apr. 5, 1893
Herbertson, Andrew John, 1865-1915
   Oct. 8, 1898
Hermann, Binger, 1843-1926
   Feb. 17, 1895. Addressed to Cleveland Rockwell.
Hill, George William, 1838-1914
   Mar. 28, 1898
Hittell, Theodore Henry, 1830-1917
   Feb. 9, 1887
Hittell, Mrs. Theodore Henry
   June 27, 1885
Holder, Charles Frederick, 1851-1915
   Apr. 22, 1906
Huggins, Sir William, 1824-1910
   Feb. 8, 1890
Huntington, Oliver Whipple, 1858-1924
   Nov. 16, 1890
Hutchings, James Mason, 1820-1902
   Aug. 25, 1890
Haggin, James B., 1827-1914
   4 letters, 1877-1878
Hague, James Duncan, 1836-1908
   7 letters, 1879-1908
Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909
   4 letters, 1888-1907
Hall, Asaph, 1829-1907
   32 letters, 1874-1896
Hall, Harvey Monroe, 1874-1932
   5 letters, 1905-1910
Hall, William Hammond, 1846-1926
   6 letters, 1879-1892. One written for the U.S. Geological Survey; one re Davidson's appointment to S. F. commission concerned with planning the city's sewerage and drainage system.
Hallidie, Andrew Smith, 1836-1900
   3 letters, 1872-1883
Halter, R. E. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Hambly, Harry Bishop, 1862-1937 See The History Co.
Hamlin, Sarah Dix
   3 letters, 1895-1901
Hanks, Henry G., 1852-1907
   7 letters, 1872-1893
Hansen, George, 1824-
   7 letters, 1890-1895
Harford, William G. W.
   87 letters, 1867-1895. Some written for the California Academy of Sciences.
Harkness, William, 1837-1903
   6 letters, 1886-1897
Harrington, Mark Walrod, 1848-1926
   3 letters, 1871-1894
Harrison, A. M. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Harrison, Henry
   2 letters, 1885-1886. Concerning his telescopic pictures of the moon.
Harrison, Ralph Chandler, 1833-1918
   13 letters, 1889-1911
Hart, Jerome Alfred, 1854-1937
   2 letters, 1883
Harvey, John Downey
   2 letters, 1894-1895
Hastings, Charles Sheldon, 1848-1932
   3 letters, 1883-1884
Hastings, Serrano Clinton, 1814-1893
   3 letters, 1873
Haupt, Lewis Muhlenberg, 1844-1937
   7 letters, 1874-1905
Healey, Charles T.
   20 letters, 1876-1908. Written as independent surveyor and civil engineer.
Hearst, William Randolph, 1863-1951
   6 letters, 1890-1901. Some written for him by T. T. Williams, business manager, San Francisco Examiner.
Heilprin, Angelo, 1853-1907
   3 letters, 1900-1903
Hein, Samuel See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Helmer, Friedrich Robert, 1843-1917
   18 letters, 1889-1907. Most of them are in German.
Henry, Joseph, 1797-1878
   10 letters, 1868-1877
Hergesheimer, E. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Hesse, Frederick Godfrey, 1825-1911
   3 letters, 1886-1895
Hilgard, Eugene Waldemar, 1833-1916
   5 letters, 1877-1908
Hilgard, Julius Erasmus See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Hill, Charles B.
   24 letters, 1885-1910. Concerning mutual interests in astronomy and other scientific matters. See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Hirsch, A.
Hirsch, J.
The History Company
   4 letters, 1890. From H. Bishop Hambly.
Hittell, John Shertzer, 1825-1901
  10 letters, 1861-1901
Hoag, William R.
  2 letters, 1895-
Holden, Edward Singleton, 1846-1914
  31 letters, 1880-1895. Some written as president, University of California, and as director, Lick Observatory.
Holman, Frederick Van Voorhies, 1852-
  8 letters, 1907-1911
Holway, Ruliff Stephen, 1857-
  8 letters, 1904-1911
Hooper, Calvin Leighton
  8 letters, 1890-1897. Written mainly from the U.S. Revenue steamer, "Corwin," in Alaska, Port Townsend
  and Bering Sea.
Hoover, John T. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Hopkins, Caspar Thomas, 1826-1893
  8 letters, 1872-1884
Hopkins, Rufus Clement, 1816-
  3 letters, 1884-1895
Houghton, R. E.
  7 letters, 1884-1893. Concerning land litigation.
Howard, Oliver Otis, 1830-1909 See U.S. Army.
Howe, Herbert Alonzo, 1858-1926
  2 letters, 1881
Howe Scale Co., Portland, Vt.
Howison, George Holmes, 1834-1916
  8 letters, 1885-1910
Hubbard, Gardiner Greene, 1822-1897
  2 letters, 1893-1895
Hubbard, Sam [personal friend]
  27 letters, 1860-1895
Humphreys, William P.
  6 letters, 1892. Written as engineer in charge of collection of data for proposed sewerage system, San
  Francisco.
Hussey, William Joseph, 1862-1926
  3 letters, 1893-1894
Hutchings, Gertrude
  2 letters, 1891-1892
Hutchinson, Lincoln, d. 1940
  4 letters, 1901-1904
India. Surveyor General
  5 letters, 1875-1880
Irish, John Powell, 1843-1923
  2 letters, 1890 & undated
Irwin, William, 1827-1886
  Letter and telegram, 1877
J Miscellany
Jaffa, Myer Edward, 1857-
May 16, 1901
Jackson, Abraham Wendell, 1855-
   12 letters, 1880-1890
James, George Wharton, 1858-1923
   2 letters, 1884
James Lick Trust
   3 letters, 1881-1887. From H. E. Mathews, secretary.
Japan, [Various departments]
Japan. Consulate, New York City
   5 letters, 1876
Japan. Consulate, San Francisco
   8 letters, 1876-1907
Japan. Hydrographic Office
   43 letters, 1874-1906
Johnson, Philip Carrigain See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Jones, William Carey, 1854-1923
   3 letters, 1881-1889
Jordan, David Starr, 1851-1931
   21 letters, 1892-1907
Judah, Anna (Pierce) [Mrs. Theodore D. Judah]
   2 letters, 1879. One concerns her husband.
K Miscellany
   Kahn, Julius, 1861-1924
      Feb. 23, 1903
   Kearney, M. Theodore, d. 1906
      Dec. 16, 1876
   Keeler, Charles Augustus, 1871-1937
      Aug. 8, 1897
   Kidder, John F.
      May 20, 1893. Re survey of eastern boundary of California in 1863.
   Kofoid, Charles Atwood, 1865-1947
      Dec. 8, 1905
   Kroebner, Alfred Louis, 1876-1960
      Aug. 24, 1905
Kammerer, Gustav
   11 letters, 1890-1911. Concerning engineering and surveying instruments.
Keeler, James Edward, 1857-1900
   5 letters, 1889-1895
Keith, Mary (McHenry), 1855-1947
   4 letters, 1900-1911
Keith, William, 1838-1911
   13 letters, 1886-1910 & undated
Kellogg, Albert, 1813-1887
   19 letters, 1867-1886 & undated
Kellogg, Martin See California. University. President.
Kennedy, Charles W. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

4 letters, 1865 & undated
L Miscellany (single letter)
Lea, Isaac, 1792-1886
Nov. 5, 1868
Lemmon Sara Allen (Plummer) [Mrs. John Gill Lemmon]
Mar. 21, 1881
LeVerrier, Urbain Jean Joseph, 1811-1877
Nov. 29, 1876. In French.
Leyoldt, Frederick, 1835-1884
Feb. 28, 1879
Los Angeles, Common Council
Feb. 4, 1870
Lubin, David, 1849-1919
Aug. 1, 1892
Ludlow, Nicoll, 1842-1915
May 19, 1893
Ladies' Silk Culture Society of California
3 letters, 1885-1908. Also: form letters announcing meetings.
Laidlaw, Alexander Hamilton, 1828-1908
10 letters, 1904-1908
Lamont, Daniel Scott, 1851-1905 See U.S. War Dept.
Langley, Samuel Pierpont, 1834-1906
10 letters, 1881-1902. Some written for the Smithsonian Institution.
Lansing, Robert, 1864-1928 See U.S. Dept. of State.
Lawson, Andrew Cowper, 1861-1952
14 letters, 1892-1907. Some concern the State Earthquake Investigation Committee, 1906.
Lawson, James Smythe See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Lawson, W. H.
3 letters, 1893-1910. Two concern death of his brother, James Lawson, Davidson's assistant.
Lawton, Israel See U.S. Mint, San Francisco.
Le Conte, John, 1818-1891
17 letters, 1871-1885
Le Conte, John Lawrence, 1825-1883
16 letters, 1859-1881
Le Conte, Joseph, 1823-1901
6 letters, 1882-1900
Lemacheffsky, P. de [one-time commander of Russian ship, "Alexander II"]
3 letters, 1899. Concerning events in Russian Alaska in 1862.
Lemmon, John Gill, 1832-1908
3 letters, 1881-1883. One written jointly with his wife, Sara Allen (Plummer) Lemmon.
Leuschner, Armin Otto, 1868-1953
Libbey, William, 1855-1927
2 letters, 1904
Lincoln, Robert Todd, 1843-1926 See U.S. War Dept.
Livermore, Horatio P.
2 letters, 1877
Loud, Eugene Francis, 1847-1908
3 letters, 1900-1903
Louderback, George Davis, 1874-1957
7 letters, 1906-1907. Many written for the Seismological Society of America.
Lougehead, Flora (Haines) Apponyi, 1855-
10 letters, 1887-1907 & undated Some concern the California Academy of Sciences.
Low, Frederick Ferdinand, 1828-1894
3 letters, 1862-1863
Lowell, Percival, 1855-1916
6 letters, 1896-1911
Lummis, Charles Fletcher, 1859-1928
2 letters, 1895-1905. One-written for the Landmarks Club.
Lund, Henry
18 letters, 1894-1911. Written while consul for Sweden and Norway in San Francisco.
M Miscellany (single letter)
McCoomon, Joseph Kay, 1845-1907
Jan. 2, 1885
McGee, W. J. 1853-1912
Nov. 23, 1898
Martin, Eleanor (Downey)
May 19, 1895
Maybeck, Bernard Ralph, 1862-1957
Sept. 13, 1902
Merriam, Clinton Hart, 1855-1942
Aug. 23, 1900
Morgan, John Tyler, 1824-1907
Nov. 23, 1897
McAdie, Alexander George, 1863-1943
MacCrellish, Frederick
35 letters, 1858-1872. Written while proprietor of the Alta California.
Macdonald, Charles, 1837-1928
7 letters, 1863-1872
McElroy, William J.
McEnery, Garret William, 1865-1942
2 letters, 1898-1901
McLaren, John, 1846-1943
3 letters, 1891-1895
McMurtrie, William B. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Maguire, Nicholas H. [old school friend]
27 letters, 1862-1866

Manson, Marsden, 1850-1931
30 letters, 1883-1909. Some written while chief engineer, Board of State Harbor Commissioners, California, and while city engineer, San Francisco.

Marcuse, Adolf, 1860-
2 letters, 1891

Marr, R. A. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Martin, Archer Evans Stringer, 1865-
6 letters, 1903-1905

Martin, James West, 1822-1899
3 letters, 1880-1895

Martin, Lawrence, 1880-
3 letters, 1907-1910


Meany, Edmond Stephen, 1862-1935
5 letters, 1903-1910

Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco
3 letters, 1884-1898

Mendell, George Henry, d. 1902
147 letters, 1870-1901 & undated Many written for U.S. Engineer's Office. Some concern sewerage system for San Francisco.

Mendenhall, Thomas Corwin, 1841-1924
10 letters, 1886-1901.
See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Merritt, Ralph Palmer See California. University. President.

Merry, William Lawrence, 1842-1911
18 letters, 1892-1909. Written from the American Legation at San José, Costa Rica, many letters relate to the proposed Nicaragua Canal Project and to Panama.


Mighels, Ella Sterling, 1853-1934
2 letters, 1892 & undated

Mikkelsen, Ejnar, 1880-

Miller, John Franklin, 1831-1886
5 letters, 1881-1885

Mills, Darius Ogden, 1825-1910
5 letters, 1879-1897

Milne, John, 1850-1913
4 letters, 1890-1900. Some written for Seismological Society of Japan.

Mitchell, Henry See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Mitchell, John Hipple, 1835-1905
2 letters, 1895

Molera, Eusebius Joseph, 1847-
18 letters, 1884-1909. Some written for the California Academy of Sciences.

Moore, Justin P.
16 letters, 1881-1890. Some refer to the California Academy of Sciences.

Moore, V. King
25 letters, 1895-1904. Concerning the Bacon-Shakespeare cipher.

Moore, Willis Luther, 1856-1927 See U.S. Weather Bureau.

Morgan, William B. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Morris, William Gouverneur, d. 1884

3 letters, 1871-1882

Morrow, William W., 1843-1929

9 letters, 1887-1894. The 1890 letters refer to Ivan Petroff and the 1890 Alaska census.

Morse, Edward Sylvester, 1838-1925

4 letters, 1877-1882

Morse, Fremont See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Morse, J. H.

2 letters, 1910. Concerning his brother, Fremont Morse.

Moser, Jefferson Franklin, 1848-1934

13 letters, 1891-1907. Some written for U.S. Commission on Fish and Fisheries.

See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Moses, Bernard, 1846-1930

4 letters, 1899-1902. Three written while member, U.S. Philippine Commission.

Mosman, A. T. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Moulder, Andrew Jackson, 1825-1895

2 letters, 1890-1892

Muir, John, 1838-1914

4 letters, 1892-1907

Murdock, Charles Albert, 1841-1928

2 letters, 1877-1893

Murphy, John K. [old school friend]

4 letters, 1890-1899

Murray, David, 1830-1905

17 letters, 1874-1885. Many relate to his stay in Japan as advisor to Imperial Minister of Education.

Muybridge, Eadweard, 1830-1904

4 letters, 1873-1880

N Miscellany (single letter)

Naglee, Henry Morris, 1815-1886

Nov. 26, 1876

Nansen, Fridtjof, 1861-1930

Jan. 13, 1911

National Irrigation Association

July 26, 1899. Signed by George H. Maxwell.

Needham, James Carson, 1864-1942

Feb. 27, 1903

National Academy of Sciences

4 letters, 1868-1911

New York State Survey

2 letters, 1880

Newcomb, Mary Caroline (Hassler) [Mrs. Simon Newcomb]

5 letters, 1894-1907

Newcomb, Simon, 1835-1909

38 letters, 1868-1908. Some written for U.S. Naval Observatory.

Newcomb, Charles Frederic, 1851-
5 letters, 1905-1910
Newton, Hubert Anson, 1830-1896
   4 letters, 1866-1883
Nichols, Henry E. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Nichols, William Ford, 1849-1924
   16 letters, 1892-1910
Nichols, William Ripley, 1847-1886
   2 letters, 1880
Niebaum, Gustave, d. 1908
   12 letters, 1906. Mainly concerning their mutual interest in Alaska. With these: "In Memoriam ..." written by Davidson.
Nordhoff, Charles, 1830-1901
   6 letters, 1874-1895. Included also: letter written by Lida L. Nordhoff.
North, John G.
   3 letters, 1889-1890. Some written for Bear Valley Land & Water Co.
Norway. Consulate, San Francisco
Norway. Legation, Washington, D. C.
   3 letters, 1907. Concerning the decoration (cross of the 1st class of the Royal Order of St. Olav) awarded Davidson by the king.
O Miscellany (single letter)
   Oakland, Calif. City Clerk
      Apr. 14, 1869. Informing Davidson he had been chosen one of the Board of Engineers in accordance with a resolution of the City Council.
Olney, Warren, 1841-1921
   Apr. 8, 1904
Osterhout, Winthrop John Van Leuven, 1871-1906
   Feb. 4, 1906
Oak, Henry Lebbeus, 1844-1905 See Bancroft Library.
Ogden, Herbert G. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Ogilvie, William
   3 letters, 1900-1904. Writing as commissioner of Yukon Territory.
O'Halloran, Rose
   34 letters, 1890-1911. Concerning her interest in and lectures on astronomy.
Orton, William, 1826-1878 See Western Union Telegraph Co.
Overland Monthly
   5 letters, 1871-1895. Primarily from Charles S. Greene.
Owen, Ernest Dale [son of Robert Dale Owen]
   2 letters, 1900-1902
Owen, Mary Jane (Robinson) [Mrs. Robert Dale Owen]
   18 letters, 1846-1866
Owen, Richard, 1810-1890
   10 letters, 1859-1888
Owen, Robert Dale, 1801-1877
   28 letters, 1861-1868. Some written while member of American Freedmen's Inquiry Commission.
P Miscellany (single letter)

George Davidson Papers
1845-1911
Paris. Exposition Universelle de 1867
Dec. 26, 1867. From N. M. Beckwith, commissioner general for the U.S.

Paris. Exposition Universelle de 1878
July 16, 1878. From F. A. P. Barnard, assistant commissioner general for the U.S.

Peale, Rembrandt, 1778-1860
Dec. 2, 1858

Peixotto, Edgar Davis, 1867-
Apr. 4, 1904. Written as secretary of the Bohemian Club.

Peters, Charles Rollo, 1862-1928
Dec. 24, 1873

Pettee, William Henry, 1838-1904
Apr. 2, 1872

Philadelphia. Mayor
Sept. 19, 1862. From Alexander Henry, thanking Davidson for offer of service necessary for defense of the city.

Porter, Jermain Gildersleeve, 1852-1933
Jan. 18, 1901

Porter, John Addison, 1856-1900
May 4, 1897. Addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury. Enclosure: letter from Charles H. Townshend, May 1, 1897.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co.
33 letters, 1879-1909. Include copies of reports from ship captains on Alaska glaciers.

Pacific Commercial Museum
6 letters, 1900-1902. From Eugene Goodwin and Irving M. Scott.

Pacific Mail Steam Ship Company
17 letters, 1850-1908

Pacific Postal Telegraph-Cable Company
2 letters, 1886-1893

Page, Thomas Walker, 1866-1937
2 letters, 1901-1903

Paine, Robert Treat, 1835-1910
3 letters, 1879-1880

Palmer, W. R. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Pardee, George Cooper, 1857-1941
5 letters, 1903-1907

Pardo de Figueroa, Rafael
11 letters, 1899-1906

Parke, John Grubb, 1827-1900

Parsons, Francis H. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Parsons, John W. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Patrick & Carter, Philadelphia
7 letters, 1875-1876. Concerning instruments ordered by Davidson for the Japanese government.

Patterson, Carlisle Pollock See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Payne, William Wallace, 1837-1928
6 letters, 1884-1896

Peacock, D. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Peirce, Benjamin See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Peirce, Charles Sanders See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Pennsylvania. University
  2 letters, 1889. Concerning honorary degree.
Perkins, Frank Walley See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Perkins, Frederic Beecher, 1828-1899
  6 letters, 1880-1890
Perkins, George Clement, 1839-1923
  17 letters, 1881-1904. Several letters (or copies thereof) are addressed to other people and referred to Davidson for his information. Most of them refer to Davidson's dismissal from the Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1895 and to his candidacy for superintendent in 1897.
Petrov Ivan, 1842-1896
  13 letters, 1881-1887
Phelps, Thomas Stowell, 1822-1901 See U.S. Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif.
Philadelphia. Central High School
  3 letters, 1867-1902
Philadelphia Commercial Museum
  13 letters, 1899-1902
Phythian, Robert Lees, 1835-1917 See U.S. Naval Observatory.
Pickering, Edward Charles, 1846-1919
  38 letters, 1877-1910. Some are form letters written for Harvard College Observatory.
Pickering, William Henry, 1858-1938
  2 letters, 1888
Picking, Henry F., 1840-1899 See U.S. Hydrographic Office.
Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946
  2 letters, 1903-1910
Plehn, Carl Copping, 1867-1945
  9 letters, 1898-1900. Include some written for the Pacific Commercial Museum.
Poett, Alfred
  8 letters, 1886-1899. Many concern water litigation.
Pond, Charles Fremont, 1856-1929
  5 letters, 1892-1905
Porter, J. W. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Pratt, J. F. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Price (Thomas) & Son, Assay Office, San Francisco
  6 letters, 1878-1895
Pritchett, Henry Smith, 1857-1939
  11 letters, 1882-1904. See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Pugh, William H. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Puterbaugh, George, 1842-1903
  21 letters, 1893-1903
Putnam, Frederic Ward, 1839-1915
  2 letters, 1904-1905
Putnam, Osgood
  2 letters, 1901-1902. Concerning International Geodetic Association land deeded to the University of California.
Putzker, Albin, 1845-1923
3 letters, 1883-1890
Q Miscellany (single letter)
   Quay, Matthew Stanley, 1833-1904
      Feb. 11, 1895
R Miscellany (single letter)
   Ralston, William Chapman, 1826-1875
      Jan, 26, 1874
   Randall, Samuel Jackson, 1828-1890
      May 25, 1884
   Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912
      May 9, 1872
   Ricard, Jerome Sixtus, 1850-1930
      May 29, 1906
   Riordan, Patrick William, 1841-1914
      Apr. 14, 1896
   Rose, Robert Selden, 1888-
      Apr. 20, 1911
   Rosecrans, William Starke, 1819-1898
      Apr. 27, 1882
   Rothwell, Richard Pennefeather, 1836-1901
      Feb. 5, 1895
   Rowell, Chester Harvey, 1867-1948
      Feb. 18, 1902
      Raymond, William G.
         4 letters, 1886-1905
   Redding, Benjamin Bernard, 1824-1882
      11 letters, 1877-1882. Some written for the Land Dept. of the Central Pacific Railroad Co.
   Redding, Joseph Deighn, 1859-1932
      2 letters, 1885-1888
   Reid, Harry Fielding, 1859-1944
      13 letters, 1895-1909
   Reid, William Thomas, 1843-1922
      28 letters, 1877-1890. Some written while president, University of California.
   Richardson, Daniel Sidney, 1851-
      2 letters, 1891-1892
   Richthofen, Ferdinand Paul Wilhelm Freiherr von, 1833-1905
      2 letters, 1902-1903
   Rising, Willard Bradley, 1839-1910
      3 letters, 1879-1881
   Ritter, William Emerson, 1856-1944
      14 letters, 1892-1902
   Rivers, John James
      5 letters, 1884-1891
   Robbins, John, 1808-1880
      3 letters, 1851-1852
   Robert, Henry Martyn, 1837-1923 See U.S. Engineer’s Office,
Robertson, James Alexander, 1873-1939
  3 letters, 1908
Robeson, George Maxwell, 1829-1897 See U.S. Navy Dept.
Rockwell, Charles H.
  15 letters, 1876-1903. Some concern the Lick Observatory.
Rockwell, Cleveland See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Rodgers, Augustus F. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Rodgers, John, 1812-1882
  18 letters, 1873-1881. Some written for U.S. Naval Observatory and for U.S. Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif.
Rogers, Charles Custis, 1856-1917 See U.S. Hydrographic Office.
Rogers, Howard Jason, 1861-1927
  2 letters, 1904-1905
Rogers, Fairman, 1833-1900
  3 letters, 1865-1868
Rogers, William Augustus, 1832-1898
  4 letters, 1879-1891
Rowell, Joseph Cummings See California. University, Berkeley. Library.
Runcie, Constance (Fauntleroy), 1836-1911 [sister-in-law]
  157 letters, 1854-1910
Runcie, James, d. 1889 [brother-in-law]
  33 letters, 1862-1886
Russell, Israel Cook, 1852-1906
Ruth, James S. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
S Miscellany (single letter)
  Sampson, Archibald J., 1839-1921
    Apr. 24, 1900
  San Francisco. Board of Pilot Commissioners
    June 9, 1880
  Shinn, Milicent Washburn, 1858-1940
    Oct. 10, 1892. Concerning Lick Observatory.
  Slate, Frederick, 1852-1930
    Jan. 7, 1895
  Sloss, Marcus C., 1869-
    Sept. 2, 1907
  Smith, Harlan Ingersoll, 1872-1940
    May 12, 1902
  Snowden, Clinton A.
    Sept. 12, 1908
  Snyder, Monroe Benjamin, 1848-1932
    Jan. 4, 1904
  Spencer, Joseph William Winthrop, 1851-1921
    Mar. 8, 1905
  Spreckels, Claus, 1828-1908
    Apr. 6, 1900
  Spreckels, John Diedrich, 1853-1921
    Nov. 19, 1898
  Stanford, Jane Lathrop, 1825-1905
June 12, 1904
Stephens, Henry Morse, 1857-1919
July 30, 1907
Stevens, George Thomas, 1832-1921
Ca. Apr. 11, 1894. Enclosure: copy of his letter to James M. McDonald.
Stevens, Isaac Ingalls, 1818-1862
Jan. 4, 1853.
See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Swift, Lewis, 1820-1913
Apr. 28, 1888
San Diego. Chamber of Commerce
4 letters, 1871-1900. Some concern the Pacific Commercial Museum.
San Diego. [Various departments and officials]
6 letters, 1871-1885. Concerning San Diego harbor and water works.
San Francisco. Board of Engineers
7 letters, 1892-1893
San Francisco. Board of Supervisors
7 letters, 1880-1892
San Francisco. Chamber of Commerce
14 letters, 1870-1909
San Francisco. Chief of Police
2 letters, 1891
San Francisco. City and County Surveyor
2 letters, 1888-1892
San Francisco. Dept. of Public Instruction
2 letters, 1902
San Francisco. Mayor
3 letters, 1868-1892
San Francisco. Office of the Park Commissioners
2 letters, 1888-1905
San Francisco Bulletin See Evans, Taliesin.
San Francisco Examiner
4 letters, 1892-1906
San Francisco Microscopical Society
3 letters, 1881. One is addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury.
Sanborn, Franklin Benjamin, 1831-1917 See American Social Science Association.
Sands, Benjamin Franklin, 1812-1883 See U.S. Naval Observatory.
Sargent, Aaron Augustus, 1827-1887
2 letters, 1884
Scammon, Charles Melville, 1825-1911
5 letters, 1872-1880
Schaeberle, John Martin, 1853-1924
18 letters, 1890-1896
Schilling, Rudolph
2 letters, 1910
Schlesinger, Frank, 1871-
3 letters, 1900-1901
Schott, Charles Anthony See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Schröder, Hugo
8 letters, 1881-1899. Concerning telescopic equipment.

Scidmore, Eliza Ruhamah, 1856-1928
3 letters, 1884-1893

Science Observer [magazine]
10 letters, 1879-1882

Scott, Irving Murray, 1837-1903
8 letters, 1891-1900

See, Thomas Jefferson Jackson, 1866-
26 letters, 1906-1911

Seismological Society of America See Louderback, George Davis.

Seismological Society of Japan See Milne, John.

Senger, Henry
7 letters, 1903-1910

Sengteller, Louis A. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Setchell, William Albert, 1864-1943
21 letters, 1899-1911

Seton-Karr, Heywood Walter, 1859-
3 letters, 1885-1887

Shaw, William J.

Shaw, William James, 1824-
2 letters, 1886

Shinn, Charles Howard, 1852-1924
3 letters, 1900-1902 & undated

Shrewsbury, Samuel
5 letters, 1872-1876. Concerning discovery of Indian relics, fossils, etc.

Shufeldt, Robert Wilson, 1822-1895 See U.S. Naval Observatory.

Sierra Club. San Francisco


Slack, Charles W., 1858-
2 letters, 1898

Slevin, Marie C. (Bruguière) [Mrs. Thomas E. Slevin]
21 letters, 1905-1911

Slevin, Thomas Edwards, 1837-1894
79 letters, 1883-1894. Concerning mutual interests in California history, place names, Geographical Society of the Pacific, etc.

Sloss (Louis) & Co., San Francisco
6 letters, 1879-1897

Smillie, Thomas William, 1843-1917
2 letters, 1886-1887

Smith, Daniel B., 1792-1883
24 letters, 1867-1880

Smith, Edwin See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Smith, Hamilton, Jr.

Smith, James Drummond [cousin]
George Davidson Papers
1845-1911

7 letters, 1907-1910
Smith, John Drummond [cousin]
  2 letters, 1906
Smith, T. Guildford, 1839-1912
  35 letters, 1860-1902 & undated
Smithsonian Institution
  8 letters, 1884-1907
Smyth, Charles Piazzi, 1819-1900
  12 letters, 1865-1886
Soulé, Frank, 1845-1913
  18 letters, 1886-1902
Southern Pacific Company
  44 letters, 1879-1911. Concerning rail elevations, effects of earthquakes, etc.
Spooner, John A.
  34 letters, 1865-1868. Many concern the surveying expedition for the proposed canal across the Isthmus of
  Darien.
Stafford, Orin Fletcher, 1873-1941
  5 letters, 1907-1908
Stager, Anson, 1825-1885 See Western Union Telegraph Co.
Stanford, Leland, 1824-1893
  4 letters, 1880-1893. Written primarily by his private secretaries. Letter, Feb. 17, 1880, encloses copy of
  letter, Jan. 21, 1880, from Eadweard Muybridge to Stanford discussing photographing the eclipse of the sun.
Stanton, Robert Brewster, 1846-1922
  6 letters, 1898-1909
Stearns, Robert Edwards Carter, 1827-1909
  129 letters, 1872-1909. Some written for Board of Regents, University of California.
Stebbins, Horatio, 1821-1902
  11 letters, 1877-1895 & undated
Steel, Lilburn H. [Philadelphia friend]
  24 letters, 1869-1886
Steel, William Gladstone
  5 letters, 1900-1902. Some relate to the organization, Mazamas.
Stejneger, Leonhard Hess, 1851-
  3 letters, 1905-1906
Stevens, Isaac I. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Stevens, Robert J.
  8 letters, 1875-1885. Primarily concerning Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Stevenson, Edward Luther, 1860-
  2 letters, 1907
Stewart, William Morris, 1827-1909
  2 letters, 1887-1895
Stillman, John Maxson, 1852-1923
  3 letters, 1892-1904
Stone, Ormond, 1847-1933
  3 letters, 1877-1878
Stratton, Frederick Smith, 1859-1915 See U.S. Custom House, San Francisco
Suess, Werner See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Sutro, Adolph Heinrich Joseph, 1830-1898
13 letters, 1886-1894. Included also: letter, Apr. 19, 1911, written by executrix of Adolph Sutro Estate.

Swan, James Gilchrist, 1818-1900
9 letters, 1877-1893

T Miscellany (single letter)
Teggart, Frederick John, 1870-1946
Dec. 6, 1910
Tevis, Henry Lloyd, 1856-1931
Dec. 16, 1887
Tompkins, Edward, 1815-1872
Feb. 1, 1870
Truxtun, William Talbot, 1824-1887
Jan. 28, 1869
Twitchell, Edward, 1828-1912
May 11, 1893
Tyndall, John, 1820-1893
Nov. 20, 1872

Tanner, Zera Luther, 1835-1906 See U.S. Bureau of Fisheries.

Tatlock, John, 1860-1926
5 letters, 1885

Taussig, Edward David See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Taylor, Alexander Smith, 1817-1876
2 letters, 1872-1873

Taylor, Charles L., 1826-
2 letters, 1891

Taylor, Edward Robeson, 1838-1923
3 letters, 1898-1905

Taylor, Henry Clay See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Technical Society of the Pacific Coast See Von Geldern, Otto

Thayer, Martin Russell, 1819-1906
3 letters, 1864-1867

Thomas, Charles Mitchell See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Thomas, Chauncey, 1850-1919 See U.S. Hydrographic Office.

Thomas William, 1853-
9 letters, 1894-1906. Many concern California water problems.

Thompson, Almon Harris, 1839-1906 See U.S. Geological Survey

Thorn, Frank Manly, 1836-
69 letters, 1889-1907. See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Throckmorton, S. R., Jr. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Tittmann, Otto Hilgard See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Todd, Chapman Coleman, 1848-1929 See U.S. Hydrographic Office.

Todd, David Peck, 1855-1939
3 letters, 1877-1888

Tolmie, William Fraser, 1812-1886
5 letters, 1872-1885

Torrey, Harry Beal, 1873-
2 letters, 1906
Trowbridge, W. P. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Turner, George, 1850-1932
2 letters, 1903

Turrill, Charles Beebe, 1854-1927
2 letters, 1883

U Miscellany (single letter)

U.S. Board on Geographic Names
Apr. 16, 1895. From Henry Gannett, chairman.

U.S. Consulate, Apia, Samoa
Aug. 4, 1898. From Luther W. Osborn. Concerning Samoan time change.

U.S. Consulate, Nagasaki, Japan

U.S. Custom House, Sitka, Alaska
Aug. 13, 1887

U.S. National Museum

U.S. Surveyor General for Washington Territory
Dec. 17, 1885

Updegraff, Milton, 1861-1938
Feb. 15, 1894

Union Iron Works
4 letters, 1887-1899

U.S. Adjutant General's Office
2 letters, 1882-1902. The former concerns the Transit of Venus Commission, New Mexico.

U.S. Army
49 letters, 1854-1892. Include letters from Signal Corps; headquarters, Division of the Pacific; and Alcatraz Island. Some written by O. O. Howard, Charles W. Raymond, and William D. Whipple.

U.S. Arsenal, Benicia, Calif.
15 letters, 1854-1886

U.S. Bureau of American Ethnology
6 letters, 1879-1908

U.S. Bureau of Fisheries

U.S. Bureau of Navigation
10 letters, 1872-1907

U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey See separate list of correspondents.

U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries See U.S. Bureau of Fisheries.

U.S. Custom House, San Francisco
22 letters, 1869-1907. Include letters from Frederick S. Stratton.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
13 letters, 1884-1908. Include letters from the Office of the U.S. Superintendent of Silk Culture and one from Albert S. Hitchcock.

U.S. Dept. of Commerce and Labor

U.S. Dept. of State
17 letters, 1872-1906. Include letters from John W. Foster and Robert Lansing concerning Alaskan Boundary Tribunal; letters from Office of the U.S. Commissioner General, Universal Exposition of 1878; letter of introduction from Hamilton Fish.

U.S. Dept. of the Interior
23 letters, 1873-1906. Include letter from John W. Noble.

U.S. Engineer Dept.

U.S. Geological Survey

U.S. Hydrographic Office

U.S. Internal Revenue Service
9 letters, 1868-1888

U.S. Lake Survey
3 letters, 1875-1880. From Cyrus B. Comstock.

U.S. Light House Board
13 letters, 1869-1894

U.S. Light House Engineer
100 letters, 1855-1893

U.S. Light House Inspector
29 letters, 1870-1907

U.S. Mint, San Francisco
17 letters, 1871-1907. Include letters from Israel Lawton, superintendent.

U.S. Mississippi River Commission
118 letters, 1884-1892. Include letters from Cyrus B. Comstock.

U.S. Naval Observatory

U.S. Navy
20 letters, 1869-1890. Include letters from Samuel Franklin and George E. Belknap.

U.S. Navy Dept.
12 letters, 1872-1911. Include letters from George M. Robeson.

U.S. Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif.
26 letters, 1869-1899. Include letters from Thomas S. Phelps and Philip C. Johnson.

U.S. Office of Indian Affairs
4 letters, 1887-1891. From the Quinault Agency, Washington Territory, and from Mission Agency, Cotton, California.


U.S. Quartermaster's Dept.
5 letters, 1869-1892

U.S. Revenue Cutter Service
18 letters, 1868-1907

U.S. Steamboat Inspection Service
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Wells, Annie C. [Mrs. E. H. Wells]
  8 letters, 1890-1891
Wells, E. H.
  8 letters, 1891. Concerning the Frank Leslie Illustrated Newspaper expedition to Alaska.
Westdahl, Ferdinand See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Western Union Telegraph Company
  24 letters, 1868-1898. Include letters from William Orton and Anson Stager.
Wheelock, Jerome
  4 letters, 1878-1881
Whipple, William Denison, 1826-1902 See U.S. Army.
White, Stephen Mallory, 1853-1901
  8 letters, 1895. Some are addressed to other persons. Most are concerned with the 1895 appropriations for the Coast and Geodetic Survey and Davidson's dismissal.
White, T. Brook
  5 letters, 1895. Most are written as secretary of Mazamas society.
Whitney, Josiah Dwight, 1819-1896
  4 letters, 1871-1890
Wickersham, James, 1857-1939
  8 letters, 1892-1899
Wickson, Edward James, 1848-1923
  4 letters, 1887-1907
Wilcox, Milton Charles, 1853-1907
  2 letters, 1910
Willey, Henry Ide
    See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Williams, T. T.
  9 letters, 1901-1902. Some written for the San Francisco Examiner.
Wilson, Horace, 1843-1927
  8 letters, 1883-1893
Wilson, Thomas, 1832-1902
  2 letters, 1898-1899. Concerning the Calaveras skull.
Wines, M. W. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Winlock, Joseph, 1826-1875
  2 letters, 1869-1870
Winsor, Justin, 1831-1897
  2 letters, 1888-1890
Winston, Isaac, 1853-1923 See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.
Witkovsky, B. See Vitkovskii, Vasili Vasilevich
Wood, Harry Oscar, 1879-1897
  2 letters, 1906-1909
Woods, Samuel Davis, 1845-1915
  13 letters, 1901-1909
Woodward, Robert Simpson, 1849-1924
  3 letters, 1890-1909
Woodward, Thomas P. See Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list.

Würdemann, William [instrument maker]
30 letters, 1874-1901. Written from Germany.
See also Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence list

Wyman, Robert Harris, 1822-1882 See U.S. Hydrographic Office.

X-Y-Z Miscellany
Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Big Tree Grove Commissioners
Feb. 16, 1895

Yale, Charles Gregory
35 letters, 1873-1905 & undated Many concern the California Academy of Sciences.

Yates, Lorenzo Gordin, 1837-1909
7 letters, 1890-1891

Yerington, Henry Marvin See Carson and Colorado Railroad Co.

Alden, James, 1810-1877 [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
13 letters, 1853-1859

Bache, Alexander Dallas, 1806-1867 [superintendent, 1843-1867]
631 letters, 1844-1865

Bache, Charles M., 1829-1890 [assistant]
8 letters, 1863

Baker, Marcus, 1849-1903 [acting assistant]
2 letters, 1882

Bartlett, George A. [disbursing clerk]
234 letters, 1885-1890

Benham, Henry Washington, [army engineer detailed to the Survey]
22 letters, 1853-1856

Boutelle, Charles O., 1813-1890 [assistant in charge of Washington office]
169 letters, 1846-1886

Bradford, Gershom [assistant]
128 letters, 1871-1883

Braid, Andrew [acting superintendent]
11 letters, Apr.-May, 1895

Chandler, Seth Carlo, 1846-1913 [aid]
7 letters, 1866-1867

Chase, Alexander W. [aid, sub-assistant, assistant]
238 letters, 1867-1892. Include some written after dismissal from the Survey.

Chester, Colby Mitchell [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
8 letters, 1883-1885

Clover, Richardson, 1846-1919 [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
5 letters, 1885-1886

Coffin, George W. [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
4 letters, 1877

Colonna, Benjamin A. [sub-assistant; assistant; assistant in charge of office and topography]
1426 letters, 1877-1911. Letters written after his dismissal from the Survey are included since they deal primarily with Survey affairs.

Cooper, W. W. [clerk to the superintendent; assistant]
307 letters, 1858-1882

Cordell, Edward [assistant]
46 letters, 1867-1870
Courtis, Frank, 1844-1908 [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
4 letters, 1877-1878
Cutts, Richard D., 1817-1883 [assistant; assistant in charge of office and topography]
162 letters, 1851-1883
Cutts, Richard M. [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
8 letters, 1876-1879
Dall, William Healey, 1845-1927 [assistant]
31 letters, 1871-1880. Many relate to the Alaska survey.
Dickins, Edmund F. [aid; sub-assistant; assistant]
130 letters, 1869-1910
Dorr, F. W. [adjunct assistant in charge]
31 letters, 1873-1874
Duffield, William Ward [superintendent, 1894-1897]
124 letters, 1894-1895
Edmonds, Frank W. [assistant]
17 letters, 1889-1911
Edwards, William S. [aid]
6 letters, 1873-1876
Eimbeck, William [sub-assistant; assistant]
120 letters, 1872-1902
Ellicott, Eugene [sub-assistant]
16 letters, 1872-1879
Fairfield, George A. [assistant; assistant for assistant in charge of office]
8 letters, 1850-1885
Farquhar, George [sub-assistant]
113 letters, 1867-1880
Fisher, William J. [tidal observer]
Forney, Stehman [aid; sub-assistant; assistant]
140 letters, 1867-1888
Gilbert, J. J. [aid; sub-assistant; assistant]
109 letters, 1870-1910
Goodfellow, Edward, 1828-1899 [assistant for assistant in charge]
221 letters, 1867-1887
Gray, Emmet [tidal observer]
73 letters, 1877-1895. Written from Sausalito, Calif.
Greenwell, W. E. [assistant]
133 letters, 1861-1877
Griffin, R. J. [disbursing agent]
59 letters, 1894-1895
Halter, R. E. [sub-assistant; assistant]
21 letters, 1866-1869
Harrison, A. M. [assistant; acting assistant in charge]
28 letters, 1847-1863
Hein, Samuel [disbursing agent]
236 letters, 1846-1877
Hensel, Martin [private secretary to the superintendent]
5 letters, 1894
Hergesheimer, E. [assistant]  
60 letters, 1863-1888

Hilgard, Julius Erasmus, 1825-1891 [assistant, assistant in charge of office, superintendent, 1881-1885]  
958 letters, 1849-1885

Hill, A. P. [naval officer detailed to the Survey]  
8 letters, 1856-1860

Hill, Charles B. [assistant]  
42 letters, 1882-1886

Hoover, John T. [clerk of the Computing Division; private secretary to the superintendent; in charge of stationery, instruments, etc.]  
47 letters, 1858-1878

Johnson, Philip Carrigain, 1828-1887 [naval officer detailed to the Survey]  
41 letters, 1864-1874

Kennedy, Charles W. [naval officer detailed to the Survey]  
6 letters, 1872-1873

Lawson, James Smythe, 1828-1893 [assistant]  
523 letters, 1848-1891

Leutze, E. H. C. [naval officer detailed to the Survey]  
4 letters, 1878-1879

Lowry, T. J. [aid]  
6 letters, 1876

McMurtrie, William B. [Drawing Division]  
5 letters, 1862-1864

Marr, R. A. [aid; sub-assistant]  
61 letters, 1883-1888

Mendenhall, Thomas Corwin [superintendent, 1889-1894]  
1189 letters, 1889-1894

Mitchell, Henry, 1830-1902 [hydrographer]  
7 letters, 1864-1870

Morgan, William B. [disbursing agent]  
116 letters, 1882-1885

Morse, Fremont [aid; sub-assistant]  
68 letters, 1880-1911

Moser, Jefferson Franklin, 1848-1934 [naval officer detailed to the Survey as a hydrographic inspector]  
26 letters, 1885-1895

Mosman, A. T. [sub-assistant]  
79 letters, 1859-1894

Nichols, Henry E. [naval officer detailed to the Survey]  
24 letters, 1880-1891

Ogden, Herbert G. [acting assistant in charge of office; assistant]  
10 letters, 1886-1900

Palmer, W. R. [army engineer detailed to the Survey]  
30 letters, 1855-1861

Parsons, Francis H. [sub-assistant for assistant in charge of office]  
11 letters, 1880-1893

Parsons, John W. [disbursing agent]  
249 letters, 1890-1894

Patterson, Carlile Pollock [hydrographic inspector; superintendent, 1874-1881]
794 letters, 1862-1881
Peacock, D. [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
  10 letters, 1886-1888
Peirce, Benjamin, 1809-1880 [superintendent, 1867-1874]
  233 letters, 1865-1874
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Perkins, Frank Walley [acting superintendent]
  42 letters, 1901-1911
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Pratt, John F. [sub-assistant]
  121 letters, 1879-1906
Pritchett, Henry Smith, 1857-1939 [superintendent, 1897-1900]
  6 letters, 1898-1900
Pugh, William H. [acting superintendent]
  42 letters, July-Sept. 1894
Rockwell, Cleveland [assistant]
  151 letters, 1868-1888
Rodgers, Augustus F. [sub-assistant; assistant]
  199 letters, 1848-1907
Ruth, James S. [assistant]
  7 letters, 1846-1852
Saegmuller G. N.
  5 letters, 1876-1878
Schott, Charles Anthony, 1826-1901 [assistant in charge of Computing Division; acting assistant in charge of office topography]
  204 letters, 1856-1896
Sengteller, Louis A. [sub-assistant; assistant]
  243 letters, 1868-1885
Sinclair, C. H. [assistant]
  14 letters, 1893-1908
Smith, Edwin [assistant]
  6 letters, 1866-1907
Smith, M. L. [army officer detailed to the Survey]
  9 letters, 1857-1858
Snow, A. S. [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
  3 letters, 1884-1887
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  17 letters, 1851-1853
Suess, Werner [mechanician]
  5 letters, 1881-1883
Taussig, Edward David, 1847-1921 [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
  16 letters, 1884-1886
Taylor, Henry Clay, 1845-1904 [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
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Thomas, Charles Mitchell, 1846-1908 [naval officer detailed to the Survey]
  4 letters, 1887-1888
Thorn, Frank Manly [superintendent, 1885-1889]  595 letters, 1885-1889
Throckmorton, S. R., Jr. [aid]  121 letters, 1870-1873
Tidball, John C. [army officer detailed to the Survey]  6 letters, 1855
Tittmann, Otto Hilgard, 1850-1938 [sub-assistant; assistant; acting superintendent; superintendent, 1900-1915]  132 letters, 1873-1911
Trowbridge, W. P. [assistant]  6 letters, 1853-1861
Welker, P. A. [aid]  22 letters, 1883-1888
West, Preston C. F. [assistant]  7 letters, 1858-1863
Westdahl, Ferdinand [draftsman; assistant]  171 letters, 1876-1911
Willey, Henry Ide [aid]  7 letters, 1872-1873
Williams, James [assistant]  4 letters, 1846-1848
Wilson, Louis [tidal observer]  21 letters, 1877. Written from Port Townsend, W. T., and from Astoria, Ore.
Wines, M. W. [general assistant for assistant in charge of office]  167 letters, 1879-1895
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Woodward, Thomas P. [aid]  7 letters, 1873-1875
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American Geographical Society
   3 letters, 1935
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   4 letters, 1936-1938. One is addressed to Alexander McAdie.
Eastwood, Alice
   2 letters, 1942-1943
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General incoming correspondence

Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically by name of individual or organization. Single letters are in
miscellanies preceding each letter of the alphabet. Unidentified and incomplete letters are at
the end of the file. A list of the more important correspondents follows the Key to
Arrangement.

Watkins, Carleton Emmons, 1829-1916

Physical Description:
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Receipt of payment signed by Carleton Watkins for one set of Yosemite views, 30
prints. May 28, 1864 BANC MSS C-B 490 ark:/28722/bk0016t8r7s

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1878 BANC MSS C-B 490 ark:/28722/bk0016t8r8b

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box 27-56  U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey correspondence

Scope and Content Note
Letters received from members of the Survey, arranged alphabetically. A list of the more important correspondents, with indication of position, follows the list for the general correspondence.

box 57-58  Miscellaneous correspondence

Scope and Content Note
Some incoming correspondence has been grouped as follows: miscellaneous letters requesting aid in securing employment, references, etc. (2 folders); letters requesting information and maps, offering scientific objects for sale, expressing general interest in science, etc. (3 folders); letters offering information on various subjects - place names, shipwrecks, history, astronomy, geography, etc., and offering to give Davidson scientific objects (1 folder); letters requesting Davidson to lecture (1 folder); letters from consulates, legations and embassies relating to the Davidsons’ trip around the world, 1875 (1 folder); letters and papers relating to the Paris Exposition, 1878, at which Davidson acted as chairman of the jury judging moving powers of machinery displayed there (1 folder); letters of condolence on the death of his son, George, 1900 (1 folder); letters from students and former students (1 folder).

box 59-63  Letters written by Davidson 1845-1911

Scope and Content Note
Primarily drafts of his outgoing letters. There are some original letters, however, for the earlier years, 1845-1871, written to members of his family and to his wife’s family. The file is obviously incomplete since Davidson did not systematically save drafts or copies. Some of his incoming letters, however, bear notes indicating the nature of the replies.

Although there are copies or drafts of letters addressed to members of the Coast and Geodetic Survey in these files, most of the official correspondence was recorded in the letter books described below.

carton 1, box 66-69  Letterbooks, 33 volumes 1851-1895

Scope and Content Note
v. 1-32 contain drafts of letters written by Davidson to members of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, with occasional copies of letters written by the latter to Davidson. The last volume, v. 33, marked “Private: Special Letter Book of George Davidson,” is a press copy letterbook, 1889-1895, containing personal, not professional, letters.

Additional Note
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Scope and Content Note

Primarily pocket diaries; none for the years 1849-50, 1852-53, 1855, 1857, and 1910. The first volume, covering the years 1845-47, consists mainly of memoranda and accounts with only a few diary entries. Included also are partial transcripts (i.e. selected entries), and notes, made by Mrs. Elisabeth Gudde in her study of the diaries; Davidson’s fair copy of the entries for May 15-18, 1894; and his annotated calendar for 1911.

Personalia

Biographical and autobiographical sketches, chronologies of major events in his life, sketches of his public services, etc. (3 folders)
Autobiographical sketches written by Mrs. Davidson
Certificates of election to scientific organizations, notices of awards bestowed on him, lists of memberships and awards, etc.
Papers relating to his dismissal from the Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1895, and to his candidacy for the position of Survey Superintendent, 1897, including petitions and memorials, resolutions of various societies, clippings, etc. Most of the correspondence has been removed and placed in the general correspondence files, and a list of correspondents placed in the folder.
Phrenological character readings for the Davidson family
Passports
Travel mementos
Wills
Commission as Regent of the University of California
Marriage license and related papers
Misc. material re the Davidson family
Bibliographies and bibliographic notes
Catalogue of his library; lists of books, etc.
Notes on his public lectures; admission cards for lectures, etc.
Address book
Invitations
School papers, circa 1842-1843; material relating to his Alma Mater, Central High School, Philadelphia
Notes on his eye operation
Miscellany
Clippings re Davidson (4 folders)
Obituary clippings
Mrs. Davidson's letters describing their travels, 1874-75, as published in *The Little Monitor and Parish Guide* (1874-75)
Financial statements - account with J. T. Boyd, 1856-1891
Miscellaneous financial and legal papers
Income tax statements, 1862-1868
Account books, 5 volumes, 1847, 1858-circa 1862, 1861-1865, 1891-1892, 1893-1894
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Manuscripts of his writings (published and unpublished)

Scope and Content Note
Primarily holograph manuscripts, with occasional typed copies. Arranged in the categories he used in his bibliography, (copies of which are in carton 4 above): geodesy, astronomical, instruments, etc., miscellaneous, engineering, and geography and navigation. The manuscripts are arranged alphabetically within each category according to the titles appearing on the papers, some of which differ from the published version.

Geodesy
[Comments on method used in Coast Survey for the determination of the difference of longitude between any two places]. 1871
[Introduction to fourth edition of Directory of the Pacific Coast...]
The lengths of the Los Angeles and Yolo Base Lines with remarks upon the apparatus and methods employed; with related papers
The magnetic variation at San Francisco
[Notes on triangulation and reconnaissance]
[Portion of a report on the trigonometrical survey in India]
[Report to the International Geodetic Association]. 1889
Spectrum phenomena observed in heliotrope signals
Standard Geodetic Data. Read before the California Academy of Sciences, Oct. 18, 1886
The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey upon the Pacific Coast
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Scope and Content Note
Primarily holograph manuscripts (4 folders)

Notebooks

Scope and Content Note
Most of the notebooks contain observations and computations made by Davidson and/or other members of the Coast and Geodetic Survey field parties in the course of triangulation surveys, latitude and longitude determinations, astronomical determinations, etc. They have been numbered 1-85 (except for a few unidentified volumes) and are listed herein according to the information which appears on the covers. Notebooks 1-13 contain Davidson's notes on the geographical reconnaissance of Alaska and the probable resources of the territory.

"Private Journal to Russian America. 1867-1868

Notebook entries of knot tying instructions with illustrations (two page spread).

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"Russian America. Description of the Coast." 1868

"Alaska Notes" [These were originally numbered by Davidson, 1-12; no.4 is missing].

"Memoranda for the Eclipse Expedition to Alaska." 1869

"Expedition to Alaska; Letters & Description..." 1869

Drawings in notebook of view through telescope during an eclipse (two page spread). August 7, 1869 BANC MSS C-B 490 ark:/28722/bk0016t8s2j

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Astronomy

"Private Notes; Details of Magnetic Observations & Experiments 1850" 1850

"Geodetic Miscellany of Work. Mt. Diablo, Cal. " 1876

"Yukon River. Compass courses from St. Michaels to Fort Yukon in by J. J. Major assistant to Lieut Raymond U.S. Engineers, Copied 1895." 1868 June-July

"Chronometer Trip from Cape Flattery to Port Townsend." 1852 July

"Field Signal Book 1859-60" 1859-60

"Miscellanea. No.1", "Miscellanea, no. 2", "Miscellanea. no. 3." 1862 May-June

"Experiment Book. From Aug. 16 1866 at Cape Henry Va. to Sept. 2, 1866" Aug. 16 1866

"Expedition 1866. Experiments & notes" 1866.

" 1867... Darien" 1867

"Chilkah Pillars. Sketches along Coast." 1869-1870

Notebook entry of description and drawing of a Chilkat totem pole, captioned: Yegh = Crow (two page spread). 1869-1870 BANC MSS C-B 490 ark:/28722/bk0016t8s33

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Notebook entry of description and drawing of a Chilkat totem pole (two page spread). 1869-1870 BANC MSS C-B 490

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"San Francisco... to La Mesa." 1871


"Rough notes. Stations and Verdi work 1872..." 1872

"Washington. Venus Expts." May/74

[Observations, India, Mar.-Apr. 1875]

"Awards at Paris Exposition." 1878


[Paris Exposition 1878 and International Geodetic Conference 1889] 1878

[San Diego Triangulation. Rock Mission Bay]

"Bering & Chirikof. Distribution of pamphlet"


"Meteorological Journal No. 11" [San Diego, Calif.]. 1863-1865

"Meteorological 1870" [Dominguez Hill] 1870

"Journal of Meteorological Observations at Cape Mendocino Light House 1872-73" 1872-73

"Meteorological Observations, Astoria Tidal Station." 1872-1873

"Meteorological Observations Lassen's Peak." 1879

"Meteorological Record Lassen's Butte."

"Astronomical Observations" [Unalaska and other stations]. 1871-1872

[Astronomical Observations, Crescent City, Calif. July 1871]

"Barometrical Observations at Station Verdi, Nevada." 1872 June-July

"Absolute Magnetic Declination Station Seattle." 1871

"Horizontal Intensity vibrations. Santa Barbara 1869, San Buenaventura 1869, Dominguez Hill 1870, Seattle W. T. 1871" 1869, 1870, 1871

"Magnetic Dip. Santa Barbara 1869, San Buenaventura 1869, Dominguez Hill 1870, Seattle W. T. 1871, Verdi, Nevada 1872" 1869

"Tide observations on Saco, Maine from May 8th 1866..." 1866 May 8

"Tidal Observations... Station Philadelphia... Station Red Bank N. J. 1861. Station at Delaware City, Del... 1861." 1861

"Observations of Horizontal Angles. Station Ocean Beach & Bay Beach Bodega Bay Sonoma Co. California..." 1860

"Geodetic Miscellany. Stations in Santa Barbara Channel. Determ. of Mountains etc. Vertical angles." 1869-1870

"Observations of Horizontal Angles... Mission Santa Barbara." 1870


"Latitude Stay. Reduced to epoch 1900. 0. 1894" 1900.


[Journals of deep sea soundings]. 1872-1874

"Telegraphic difference of Longitude between Nagasaki and Tokei, Japan... December 1874. January 1875" December 1874.

"Star Factors for Deviation, Level & Collimation"

"Computation of the star factors A. B. C...."

"Azimuth Notes."

"Base measurement. Extracts from the volume of Field Record of the Atlanta Base by Asst. C. O. Routelle." Oct. 1878

[Notebook containing observations on turns of the micrometer screw]

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Cables - Notes on cables for the Bering Sea; report on submarine cable lines
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carton 15  Calendar - Notes on what year constituted the beginning of the 20th century

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Regents on salary schedules; draft of Davidson's memo on methods of
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information on terms of office; meteorological synopses for students' observatory;
miscellaneous reports of various departments; invitations, notices, etc.. 1881

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carton 16  California Academy of Sciences - Lists of officers, constitution and by-laws, reports of
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"Ewing" mutiny - Extracts from log of U.S. Schooner "Ewing".; Davidson's notes; copies of letters re the affair. 1849

Freemasons - Notices of meetings, form letters, certificates of membership

Geodetic Conference, 1894, Washington, D. C. - Copies of committee reports, minutes of meetings 1894

Geographic Society of the Pacific - Notices of meetings, lists of officers, form letters, resolutions, constitution and by-laws, copy of report of committee appointed to consider merits of Nicaragua inter-oceanic ship canal

Geography - Notes, bibliographical references, sources of geographical research, etc. (2 folders)

Goat Island - Clipping and invitation re pending bill, to grant Goat Island to railroad companies. 1872

Indian languages - Notes, comparative vocabulary of Spuch-a-latiz tribe of Tchim-cha-an people, N. W. Coast of America, Fort Simpson, recorded by Davidson, 1867

International Boundary Commission, to consider boundary line between U.S. and Mexico, 1891 - Note, and copies of letters from Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey 1891

International Date Line - Clippings, notes, memoranda, maps and tabulations

International Geodetic Association Meeting, Paris, 1889 - Instructions; reports; miscellaneous letters re meetings, transportation, introductions, etc.; programs (2 folders) 1889

International Geographical Congresses - Form announcements. 1892-1904

Irrigation - Notes, clippings, list of Davidson's services in field of irrigation, draft of his suggestions for improvements of questionnaire on irrigation prepared for 12th census

Japan - Transit of Venus, 1874 - Miscellaneous letters from members of other delegations, Davidson's notes, passport through Japan, telegrams re exchange of signals, astronomical observations, estimates of expenses 1874

"Jeannette" Relics - Printed report of the special committee of the Geographical Society of the Pacific, appointed to report on the genuineness of the relics, May 1896, and extract of review of the report from German newspapers May 1896

Lick Observatory - Notes re Davidson's meetings with James Lick, clippings, report written by Charles H. Rockwell on the appointment of Edward S. Holden as astronomer, material re difficulties over directorship, copies of deed of gift, report to trustees of James Lick Trust by S. W. Burnham; draft of article for the Alta California, etc. (2 folders). 1873 Oct. 21

Limantour Claim - Davidson's memorandum on his testimony as witness for the government on authenticity of seals, statement of J. S. Hittell re Limantour's claim, clippings, copy of "The Official Argument against the Limantour Claim," publications re forgery

Lower California - Notes on climate, rainfall, etc., and copy of Smithsonian Institution report on geology and natural history

Magnetic Observatory - Sketches and plans

Mathematics - Notes

Moqui Indians of Arizona - Notes on names given to the Indians

Mount St. Elias - Notes, draft of report by John E. McGrath, Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1894

Mountains - Elevations - Provisional list of mountains and their elevations in California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska, prepared by Davidson; notes, clippings, miscellaneous articles and publications, etc. (2 folders)

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**Miscellaneous transcripts and translations**  

**Scope and Content Note**  
Transcripts and/or translations of reports and documents dealing with a wide variety of subjects - explorations of Spanish navigators, Alaska, geographic names in the area of Washington Sound, Spanish missionaries in California, etc. Prepared for, presented to or acquired by Davidson in the course of his researches. Included are: a copy of Indian nomenclature of Oregon and Washington by George Gibbs; transcript of Pedro Font's diary; transcript and translation of Miguel Constansã’t’s diary; and translations of letters written by Juan Crespi and Joseph Francisco de Ortega.

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**carton 25**  

**Miscellaneous reports and papers**  

**Scope and Content Note**  
Most of them presented to Davidson by the authors. Included are: Portions of Gustave Niebaum's translation of The Norsemen in North America; Henry D. Woolfe's notes on an Arctic journey; The Gulf of California & Hernando Cortez by J. J. Warner; The Early Inhabitants of America by T. E. Slevin; Lt. Abercrombie's report on his journey on the Copper River, Alaska, 1889; W. A. Goodyear's account of his trip to Oregon, 1872; Charles D. Gibbes' Communication to the California Academy of Sciences with Meteorological Observations in 1862-63

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**carton 26-27**  

**Clippings**  

**Scope and Content Note**  
Arranged by subject in envelopes, as follows:

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- Alaska  
- Astronomy  
- American History  
- Antiquities  
- Bible  
- Biographical sketches, obituaries, etc.  
- Botany  
- Calendar  
- California. University  
- California Academy of Sciences  
- California History  
- Cook and Peary - North Pole Exploration  
- Commerce  
- Commercial Museum  
- Conness, Mt.  
- Currents  
- Darien Canal  
- Diablo, Mt.  
- Drake  
- Drake's Bay  
- Earthquakes, tidal waves, fires  
- Exploration  
- Finance and commerce  
- Geographical Notes  
- Girard College  
- Glaciers  
- Harbors  
- Hearst  
- Humboldt Bay  
- Irrigation, water works, etc.  
- Knots
Microscopical Society
Mining debris
Meteorology
Mineralogy
National Academy of Science
Navigation
Ocean temperature
Panama Canal
Poetry
Railroads
Rockwell, John [Series of articles in the Santa Barbara News]
San Francisco - History
Ships - Wrecks, etc.
Ships and sailing
Stanford University
U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey
World History
Wrecks

carton 27, volume 3
Miscellaneous clippings; five scrapbooks of clippings: four in carton 27 and one shelved separately as volume 3

carton 28-29
Printed material
Scope and Content Note
Most of the printed material was removed from the collection and cataloged separately. Extra cards were made for the Manuscripts Division and these are kept on file in the Division. The material left with the collection consists primarily of duplicate copies retained because of annotations, and Davidson's copies of various reports and magazines also retained because of annotations.

carton 28
Davidson publications and reprints

carton 29
Miscellaneous government reports, magazines, etc.

carton 30
Calling cards, etc. (box and two envelopes)

Papers of Ellinor (Fauntleroy) Davidson [Mrs. George Davidson]
Letters written to various members of her family, primarily to her mother and her sister (one folder). Letters written to her husband are in Davidson's general correspondence files.

Papers of Ellinor C. Davidson [daughter]
Letters written to her, arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization, with a miscellany of single letters, A-Z, preceding the rest of the folders.
Scope and Content Note
A list of the major correspondents follows the George Davidson correspondence lists.

Snapshots

Notes on her brother, Thomas

Clippings - including some about Mt. Davidson Park

Miscellany
Scope and Content Note
Includes a reprint of her article, "Notes on California Indian Shellmounds," prepared for the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of California; Henry Meade Bland's poem, "Davidson Park"; notes on the George Davidson Medal & Research Fund
carton 30  
**Papers of George F. Davidson [son]**

Scope and Content Note

Include letters addressed to him by his mother and a few diary entries for January 1875. In the same volume as the diary is a record of his brother Thomas' expenditures, 1884-1887.

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carton 30  
**Papers of Thomas D. Davidson [son]**

Scope and Content Note

Letters written to him, including one from Marsden Manson and one from Charles G. Yale.

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**Papers of and relating to the Fauntleroy and Owen families**

box 64  
**Papers of Robert H. Fauntleroy [Davidson's father-in-law] - a few letters, papers relating to patents (1 folder)**

box 64  
**Papers relating to R. H. Fauntleroy - primarily biographical information (1 folder)**

box 64  
**Papers of Jane Dale (Owen) Fauntleroy [Davidson's mother-in-law]**

Scope and Content Note

A few letters, passport, a biographical sketch of her husband written for her children, manuscript of a series of articles on German castles written for a newspaper (1 folder)

box 64  
**Papers relating to her estate (1 folder)**

box 64  
**Papers of and relating to Arthur Robert Fauntleroy - a few letters, biographical sketch, notes on his trip to Europe, etc. (1 folder)**

box 64  
**Miscellaneous Fauntleroy family correspondence (1 folder)**

box 64  
**Miscellaneous papers re Fauntleroy family**

box 64  
**Miscellaneous papers re Owen family**

box 64  
**Clippings re New Harmony and the Owen family**

box 64  
**Printed pamphlets relating primarily to Owen family and the New Harmony experiment**

oversize 1  
**Drawings and tracings of maps for *The Glaciers of Alaska that are shown on Russian charts or mentioned in older narratives* (San Francisco) 1904**

oversize 2  
Maps and tracings primarily of Philadelphia and environs, probably used in connection with laying out and building fortifications for defense of Philadelphia during the Civil War

oversize 3  
**Oversize sketches and photographs; penmanship certificate**

oversize 4  
**Miscellaneous charts, maps, tabulations, etc.**

oversize 5  
**Coast Pilot views**

oversize-folder 5  
**Panoramic coastal views around Puget Sound and Possession Sound.** BANC MSS C-B 490  
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Coast Pilot, number 39.

oversize-folder 5  
**Panoramic coastal views around the Salish Sea and Puget Sound.** BANC MSS C-B 490  
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Additional Note

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Additional Note

Coast Pilot, number 40.

oversize 6  
**Photographs, tracings, etc, of old charts and maps of the coast of Mexico and California**

oversize 7  
Survey sheets and charts of the Mississippi River made under the direction of the Mississippi River Commission; Davidson's hydrography of the River; related maps and charts
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