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Scope and Content
The papers in this collection are from various sources, including the T.W. Norris Collection and Susan Myra Gregory. They deal in large part with accounts and correspondence concerning the McCulloch, Hartnell & Co. Firm.

Biography
William Edward Petty Hartnell, born in Lancashire, England in 1798, lived in South America for some years, and came to California aboard the John Begg as a member of McCulloch, Hartnell & Co., agents for John Begg & Co. of Lima and Brotherston's in England. His firm, having contracted to take mission produce for three years, 1823-1826, carried on a profitable business until 1826. In 1825 Hartnell married María Teresa de la Guerra. He suffered financial reverses in 1827 and closed his partnership in 1828 heavily in debt. He was naturalized in 1830 and in 1831 became a ranchero at Alisal with the Soberanes. From this time on he had a multiplicity of jobs, teacher, visitador, general of missions, officer of customs, etc. His gift for languages was such that he was employed as state translator in legal cases, especially in the land claims then being tried. He died in 1854.

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Part I: The papers in v.1-2 are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 contains original items from 1815-1826. Volume 2 contains original items from 1827-1852. Volume 3 is a letterbook, containing business correspondence, 1822-1823, accounts, 1820-1821, family correspondence, 1819-1824, and photographs (photocopy only from materials at that time in possession of Susan M. Gregory). Volume 4 is a translation of the business letters in the letterbook (see Volume 3), with some notes by C.E. Chapman.

Note: Part I rehoused into 2 boxes in May, 1993.
Box 1: Volume 1
Box 2: Volume 2-4

Part II: Microfilm of Susan M. Gregory material in v.1-2.

volume Volume 1
Begg, John & Co.
Memorandum of partnership between Begg & Co. and Brotherston of Liverpool (copy) Mar. 21, 1822.
Letters to Hartnell (some to McCulloch, Hartnell & Co.)
5 letters, 1820-1822
11 letters, 1823
16 letters, 1824
Invoices, accounts, 1822-1825
Charter parties for various brigs, 1823-1826

Brotherston, (James) & Co.
Accounts for sale of hides received from McCulloch, Hartnell and Co., Sept. 30, 1824
Letter to Begg (John) & Co., Oct. 5, 1824

Cot, Antonio José, d. ca. 1860
Letter to Hartnell, June 25, 1823

Hartnell, William Edward Petty, 1798-1854
Journal of trading voyage to coast of Guayaquil on Ship Queen Charlotte (of John Begg & Co.), 1820-1921
Memorandum re cash, Mar 24, 1821
Passport, 1815
Petition to Luis Antonio Arguello for permission to build warehouses at Monterey, May 21, 1823.
Papers concerning permission to go to prohibited ports on business, 1826-1827.

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With authorization signed by Echeondia, Governor and Comandante-General.

Atherton, William
Letter to Hartnell, June 13, 1826
Key to Arrangement

Begg, (John) & Co.
Account of sales, 1825-1826
Agreement for dissolution of McCulloch, Hartnell and Co.
Letters to Hartnell (some addressed to McCulloch, Hartnell & Co.
18 letters, 1825-1826
8 letters, 1827-1828

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Brotherston (James) & Co.
Extract of letter, Sept. 20, 1825
Guerra y Noriega, José Antonio de la, 1779-1858
Letters to Hartnell (2), 1825-1833
Vallejo, Mariano Guadalupe, 1807-1890
Letter to Hartnell, May 20, 1829
Certificate of baptism for María Teresa Ysidra de la Guerra, May 23, 1825
Certificate of confirmation of Hartnell, Nov. 3, 1831
Papers concerning Hartnell’s naturalization, 1828-1830
List of documents relating to various missions transferred to Manuel Jimeno Casarin,
Oct. 8, 1840
Correspondence and papers relating to claim against Mexican government for money
loaned, 1828-1852.
Last will and testament, ca. 1850
Power of attorney to James L. Ord, Feb. 13, 1851
Letter re translation of laws, Oct. 25, 1851. Written as state translator.
Letter to Right Reverend Doctor Denoir of Belfast, Ireland, Apr. 26, 1852
Gregory, Susan Myra, d. 1939
Letter to C. E. Chapman with biographical notes re Hartnell.
Winstanley, Jonathan
Letter to Hartnell, Feb. 20, 1820
Wyld, James
Letter to McCulloch and Hartnell, July 12, 1824
Reid, Perfecto Hugo
Letter to Hartnell, Jan. 27, 1840
Castro, Simeon
Papers re acquisition by Hartnell of land occupied previously by the Anidian Pacomio.

volume Volume 3
Letterbook (photostats)

volume Volume 4
Translation of business letters in the letter book.