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Abstract: Mainly relating to mining property in El Dorado Co., Calif.; some pertaining to his law practice.
Papers of John S. Dunham (containing letters and accounts of A.K. Saxton, Volcanoville, El Dorado Co., 1856-1858) included.
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Biographical Sketch

Gideon Judd Carpenter arrived in California in 1850 as a goldseeker. He engaged in mining operations in the Big Bar area of the Middle Fork of the American River and is credited with one of the most important ditching operations in the area. By 1860, however, he had devoted himself almost solely to his law practice and to politics. He became County Clerk and District Attorney for El Dorado Co. and served in the legislature as both Assemblyman and Senator. In 1889 he and George E. Williams acquired the Placerville *Mountain Democrat* and two years later he became sole owner. The last years of his life were greatly saddened by the untimely death in 1902, of his son, Prentiss, a promising lawyer and judge.

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**Carpenter, G. J.**

Deeds of sale to John S. Dunham for mining properties, 1853-1855.

Physical Description: (2)

**Stelle, James T.**

Promissory notes, 1854-1856, from various persons.

Physical Description: (4)

**Dunham, John S.**

Agreement, Dec. 19, 1855, for shares in Big Crevice claim.

Miscellaneous accounts, 1855-1858.

Additional Note

(including promissory notes, receipts for claims, and bullion receipt)

**Saxton, A. H.**

Accounts with J. S. Dunham, 1856-1858 and promissory note from James H. Proudfoot, 1856.

Physical Description: (4 pieces)

**Saxton, A. H.**

Agreement, Apr. 8, 1856, for sale of mining claim to Dunham.

Sandy Bar Mining Company.

Accounts, 1856.

Physical Description: (4 items)

**Saxton, A. H.**

Letters to Dunham, Volcanoville, 1857-1858.

Physical Description: (10 items)

**Walts, David N.**

Agreements with J. S. Dunham, 1858, for dissolution of partnership. Williams Ranch, Santa Cruz County.

Physical Description: (2 items)

**Monday, N. J.**

Preemption notice, July 30, 1860, with copy of survey and recording notes.

**Morris, William**

Deed, 1861, from two chinese and proclamation of homestead.
Promissory notes to G. J. Carpenter, and two other persons, 1865-1875.
Noley, Gregoire
Receipt for mining claim on Long Hollow, 1866.
Carson, Daniel R.
Letters to Carpenter, 1867-1872.
   Physical Description: (2 items)

Carpenter, G. J.
Miscellaneous accounts, 1868-1875.
   Physical Description: (19 items)

Bancroft & Company.
Receipts and bills for law books, 1869-1872.
   Physical Description: (5 items)

Wells, Fargo & Company.
Receipts, 1869-1872.
   Physical Description: (6 pieces)

El Dorado County and Placerville,
Tax receipts, 1869-1875
   Physical Description: (7 items - for property poll and road taxes and lawyer's license fees)

Celio (Carlo G.) & Company.
Receipted bills for dairy products, 1870-1873.
Agreement with George Taverner, 1882 for Charles Celio to graze stock on property in Amador Co.
Bugby, B. N.
   Letters, 1872, to Carpenter and copy of a reply.
   Physical Description: (2)

Dutton, Elizabeth (Prichett)
   Power of attorney to Carpenter, 1872, relative to estate of Zachariah Prichett, late of El Dorado Co.
Carpenter, Cyrus Clay (1829-1898)
Letters to his brother, 1873 & 1876.
Mount Gregory Water and Mining Company.
   Order for payment to John Franklin. Georgetown, July 30, 1874.
Carpenter, G. J.
   Receipt to Capel Hanbury Miers and related stock certificates, Oak Ranch Deep Gravel Mining Company, 1875-1876.
   Physical Description: (5 pieces)

Carpenter, Horace
   Letter, 1880, to A. C. Adams concerning property of Sylvester Van Horn.
Hinson, W. T.
   Letter to Carpenter, Indian Diggins, 1880.
Carter, H. A.
   Letters to Carpenter, Ione, 1880-1881.
   Physical Description: (5)

Caminetti, Anthony
   Letter to Carpenter, 1881.
California. State Board of Agriculture.
   Invitation and ticket to State fair, 1883.
Carpenter, Prentiss, d. 1902.
Correspondence (Letters and telegrams from E. L. Crawford and R. K. Claibourne, 1891-1892).

Miscellaneous printed items
Brief sketch of G. J. Carpenter from the Mountain Democrat, Jan. 6, 1928;
Report of the Carpenter Association ... 1871 ...;
El Dorado County Fair Guide. 1887.