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Collection Summary
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Abstract: Correspondence; diaries, 1852-1912; accounts, 1852-1890, relating mainly to farming and shopkeeping in El Dorado Co.
Include letters from James Patterson, John Dougherty and others re soapstone business and one letter from A.A. Sargent.
Languages Represented: English

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Scope and Content
The collection, purchased from Mr. Greenwood in July 1963, comprises diaries from 1852 until Darlington's death in 1912, account books, 1852-1890, some correspondence and a few miscellaneous items. The diaries contain detailed descriptions of farming and store-keeping. The account books include cash books, day books, order books, summaries of individual accounts. Correspondence mainly relates to the sale of soapstone. A few letters from family and friends in the East are also included.

Biography
On Aug. 20, 1850 Abraham Darlington came to Hangtown, California. He later purchased a ranch in this area, about one and one-half miles from the town of Weber on Weber Creek. Here he grew melons, tomatoes, planted fruit trees, started a vineyard, raised horses and other livestock. He operated a store, first at his ranch, later in Placerville, catering to the needs of miners. He also mined soapstone from a quarry on his ranch.

Box 1

Correspondence, arranged alphabetically, with single items in A-Z miscellany at the beginning. Include 6 letters, 1865-1866 from John Dougherty and 60 letters, 1865-1872 from James Patterson as agents for the sale of soapstone. There is also one letter, dated March 18, 1872, from Aaron Augustus Sargent.

Miscellaneous papers
- Accounts, 1857-1869, 10 items
- Placerville American, 2 issues, Sept. 1855, containing articles re Darlington.
- Death notices of members of the Darlington family, 2 items.
- Miscellany: 6 items, 1846-1867, including certificate for Darlington as book-keeper, Jan. 30, 1846, and memoranda re soapstone, 1867.
- Dealer's report on the collection.

volume v. 1-29
- Diaries, 1851-1912
- Accounts, 1854-1898
- Tree planting books, 1861-1867

volume v. 102-103
- Horse books, 1886-1912