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Acquisition Information

The California Lettersheets were assembled from various sources.

Scope and Content

The 53 pictorial lettersheets in this collection date from 1849 to ca. 1870. Many of the lettersheets lack dates, but were likely produced within the above period. A variety of places, events, and topics are depicted. City and landscapes and mining scenes predominate. Also included are events of the day (fires, earthquakes, etc.). Places featured include San Francisco, Marysville, Sacramento, Calaveras County, and other northern California towns. The medium of the bulk of the illustrations are wood engravings or lithographs, featuring the work of the likes of Hutchings & Rosenfield, Barber & Baker, Britton & Rey, and others.

Assassination of James King of Wm. by James P. Casey. San Francisco, May 14th, 1856.

BANC PIC 19xx.097:01--B--A

Additional Note

San Francisco : Britton & Rey, 1856

4 lithographs; 12 x 17 cm. each

Four illustrations. Down left to right: Assassination, Funeral of Js. King, Surrender of the Jail, Execution

Adventures of a Pike in California BANC PIC 19xx.097:01--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf9199p78s>


Additional Note

San Francisco: Britton & Rey

Lithograph: 25 x 18 cm. [overall]


Includes 17 illustrations, left to right, top to bottom: Coming in from the Plains; Winter Experience; Disturbers of his Rest; Wet Diggings; Dry Diggings; buys a Quartz Claim; Daming; Making acquaintance with the natives; Visits Sacramento; Buys a horse; and Stockton; Going back to the Mines; Other parties Claim him next day; Dead broke; Sinks in a deep hole; Makes a rais; and takes the Railroad for home

[Number not used] BANC PIC 19xx.097:02--A

Appearance of Morse & Heslep's Flour Mill, Hayward's, as left by the Earthquake of Oct. 21, 1868. Loss \$12,000 BANC PIC 19xx.097:03--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf1c6007hj>

Additional Note


Lithograph: 13 x 18 cm.

Articles in a Miner's Creed BANC PIC 19xx.097:04--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf2p300833>

Additional Note

[N.p.]: James M. Hutchings, 1855


Wood cut: 24 x 18 cm.

Bachelor in a Tight Place BANC PIC 19xx.097:05--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf496nb6ck>

Additional Note


San Francisco: Hutchings & Rosenfield

Wood engraving; 12 x 18 cm.

Calavaras Big Tree Grove Hotel BANC PIC 19xx.097:06--B--A  <ark:/13030/tf0s20082m>

Additional Note

[N.p.]: Mdss-Eng. Co. N.Y. (?)
Lithograph; 10 x 17 cm.

California Politicians BANC PIC 19xx.097:07--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf3489p38n>

Additional Note

For Sale, ... at the Noisy Carrier's
Lithograph; 24 x 16 cm.

Coining Money At The San Francisco Branch Mint San Francisco: Hutching [sic] and Rosenfield BANC PIC 19xx.097:08--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf0f59p12m>


Additional Note

A. Nahl, Butler, Eastman, Herrick Sc. [in various blocks]
Wood engraving; 25 x 22 cm. [overall]
Includes 7 illustrations, left to right, top to bottom: Making The Granulations; Front View Of The San Francisco Branch Mint; Cleaning the Planchets; Running The Gold Into Ingots; Rolling And Cutting Room; Adjusting Room; Stamping Into Coin

Col E. D. Baker. We mourn his loss. BANC PIC 19xx.097:09--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf7f59p67s>


Additional Note

William [William] Keith [in block, l.r.]
Wood engraving; 13 x 10 cm.

Day & Night Of A Miner's Life BANC PIC 19xx.097:10--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf0x0nb4gv>

Additional Note


San Francisco: Britton & Rey
Lithograph; 24 x 17 cm. [overall]
Includes 3 illustrations. [2 copies]

Departure For El Dorado BANC PIC 19xx.097:11--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf5k4011b2>

Additional Note

San Francisco: Quirot
Lithograph; 25 x 21 cm. [overall]
Includes 9 illustrations: Corresponding Agent; Cheap and easy way of going to the mines; Delmonico; To Admirers of Music; Departure for El Dorado; Life preserver in the mines; As I am in want of patients for my Sarsparilla, and it is the only thing I have to live upon, I shall swallow it myself; Director of the X... Mining Company; A Company of prospecting miners; Gamblers

Explosion R.K. Page Nicolaus, Feather River March 21th [sic] 1853

BANC PIC 19xx.097:12--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf2d5nb4xx](https://nnparks.org/ark:/13030/tf2d5nb4xx)

Additional Note

San Francisco: Britton & Rey

4 Lithographs; 10 x 13 cm.

Wreck of Steamship *Tennessee* [sic] Indian Cove, March 6th, 1853;

Wreck & Burning of the Steamer *Independence*, Island Marcarita Feby. 16th 1853. 150 Lives Lost;

Collapse of Flue on Board *Jenny Lind* off San Francisquito, April 11th 1853. 50 Lives Lost;

Wreck of Propellor [sic] Steamship S.S. *Lewis*, Duxburg Reef April 9th 1853

Also 2 small lithographs.

[Two copies]

Downieville At The Forks Of The North Yuba River BANC PIC 19xx.097:13--A--A 

[ark:/13030/tf0h4nb400](https://nnparks.org/ark:/13030/tf0h4nb400)


Additional Note

[N.p.]: S. W. Langton

Sketched by A. W. Grippen

Justh & Quirot Lithographers

Lithograph; 17 x 26 cm.


Earthquake In San Francisco, Cal. Oct. 21st 1868 BANC PIC 19xx.097:14--A--A 

[ark:/13030/tf738nb8f6](https://nnparks.org/ark:/13030/tf738nb8f6)

Additional Note

San Francisco: D. Appleton & Co.

3 Lithographs, left to right; 9 x 5 cm.; 11 x 11 cm.; 9 x 5 cm.

The Frazer River Thermometer BANC PIC 19xx.097:15--B--A  [ark:/13030/tf9489p60t](https://nnparks.org/ark:/13030/tf9489p60t)


Additional Note

San Francisco: Sterett & Butler, 1858

Lithograph; 41 x 25 cm. [overall]

Includes 18 illustrations: across top: Leaves his family; Widest anticipations realized; Gold by the cart load; down left side: Jonathan takes the Fever; Law limit 400; Excited Speculators; \$500 per day to the man; Gets a Letter from his friend; Reports confirmed; The Bulletin Board; Country Merchant; down right side: Interior view Victoria Hotel; Waits for the River to Fall; The Water Falls; A Bare prospect; Hair-breadth escape; Bone of a grizzly, not a gristly bone; down center: illustration of thermometer

Great Fire In San Francisco June 14th 1850. 500 Buildings Burned Loss \$5,000,000


BANC PIC 19xx.097:16--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf4h4nb6pj](https://nnparks.org/ark:/13030/tf4h4nb6pj)

Additional Note

[N.p.]: WB Cooke & Co.

C. J. Pollard Lithograph Lithograph; 12 x 23 cm.

The great Fire in San Francisco in the morning of the 17 of September 1850

BANC PIC 19xx.097:17--B--A  [ark:/13030/tf5c6010v1](https://nnparks.org/ark:/13030/tf5c6010v1)

Additional Note

Grand incendie á San Francisco Le 17 Septembre 1850. (au matin).

El gran Incendio en la mañana del 17 de Setiembre 1850

[all 17's are blurred as if artist were not sure of date]

Lithograph; 20 x 36 cm.

Hutchings' California Scenes. The Mammoth Trees BANC PIC 19xx.097:18--A--A 

[ark:/13030/tf6k4011v4](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf6k4011v4)

Additional Note


[N.p.]: James M. Hutchings, 1854

Sun Print

Anthony & Baker Sc. [in block, l.r.]

Wood engraving; 22 x 18 cm.

[Three copies. See also no. 35]


Hydraulic Method of Mining BANC PIC 19xx.097:19--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf596nb7vm](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf596nb7vm)

Additional Note

W. C. Butler, Engraver [in block, l.r.]

C. Nahl. [in block, l.l.]

Wood engraving; 23 x 18 cm.

Iowa Hill BANC PIC 19xx.097:20--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf1489p1b3](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf1489p1b3)

Additional Note

[N.p.]: Barber & Baker

G. H. Baker del. [in block, l.r.]

Wood engraving; 11 x 19 cm.

Jose Forner, Aged 32 Years, a Native of Valencia, Spain BANC PIC 19xx.097:21--B--A 


[ark:/13030/tf087007hk](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf087007hk)

Additional Note

San Francisco: Bonestell & Williston

Published under the direction of the keepers of the County Jail

Lithograph; 21 x 18 cm.

La Porte, Sierra County BANC PIC 19xx.097:22--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf7d5nb90x](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf7d5nb90x)


Additional Note

La Porte: J. C. Lester

AE S. F. [monogram in block, l.r.]

Wood engraving; 10 x 13 cm.

The Late Hon. David C. Broderick, United States Senator From California


BANC PIC 19xx.097:23--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf387009kh](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf387009kh)

Additional Note

Butler [in block, l.r.]

From a Photograph by Selleck, being the only one ever taken from life

Wood engraving; 11 x 10 cm.

Mammoth Grove Hotel BANC PIC 19xx.097:24--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf7q2nb8s9](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf7q2nb8s9)


Additional Note

Sperry & De Briges, Proprietor

Calaveras County, Cal 187 [1870s]

T. J. Pettit [in both blocks, l.r.]

2 Lithographs (?); 10 x 8 cm.

Mammoth Grove Hotel BANC PIC 19xx.097:25--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf187008jw>


Additional Note

Sperry & Perry, Proprietor
 Calaveras County, Cal. 187 [1870s]
 Stockton (Cal.) Independent print
 Lithograph (?); 8 x 5 cm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year BANC PIC 19xx.097:26--A  <ark:/13030/tf1r29p1vs>

Additional Note

San Francisco: Hutchings & Rosenfield
 Wood engraving; 9 x 11 cm.

Michigan City BANC PIC 19xx.097:27--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf3j49p2cb>

Additional Note

Sacramento: Barber & Baker
 Wood engraving; 10 x 19cm.

Miner's Hotel and Bakery, Mormon Island BANC PIC 19xx.097:28--A--A 

<ark:/13030/tf367nb63g>

Additional Note


Dallas A. Kneas
 Avery, Sc. N.Y. [under block, l.r.]
 Lithograph; 11 x 17 cm.
 (? "Early Woodcut by Samuel Putnam Avery, 185- ?, hand-written in pen)

Miner's Map of Frazer River And Its' Tributaries With The Gold Bearing Country

BANC PIC 19xx.097:29--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf729011wp>


Additional Note

San Francisco: Towne & Co's Print
 S. F. Baker, Engr.
 Sold by J. W. Sullivan, News Agent, San Francisco
 Wood engraving; 25 x 21 cm.

Miner's Ten Commandments BANC PIC 19xx.097:30--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf1779p18q>


Additional Note

A New Verse-ion, Including A Preamble, By-Laws and Decree
 by Cadez Orion
 Downieville: S. W. Langton & Bro'[thers] Sierra County
 Lithograph of Britton & Rey, San Francisco
 3 Lithographs; across top: 7 x 8 cm. Good Years Bar; 7 x 5 cm. [untitled]; 7 x 8 cm.
 Downieville

[Mining Scene, untitled] BANC PIC 19xx.097:31--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf087007j3>

Additional Note


[N.p.]: Chas. P. Kimball
 Noisy Carrier's Publishing Hall, San Francisco
 ECR [backwards, in block, l.r.]
 Wood engraving;(?) 13 x 16 cm.

Nevada City BANC PIC 19xx.097:32--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf1k4007s0>

Additional Note


[N.p.]: Forrest & Borden
Wood engraving; 16 x 28 cm.

BANC PIC 19xx.097:33--A--A

Placerville BANC PIC 19xx.097:34--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf709nb8sq>

Additional Note

San Francisco: Quirot & Co.
Lithograph; 19 x 26 cm.

Der Riesenbaum der Welt BANC PIC 19xx.097:35--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf1489p1cm>


Additional Note

Die Mammoth=Bäume
San Francisco: Hutchings & Rosenfield
Anthony & Baker Sc. [in block lower right]
Wood engraving (?); 22 x 18 cm.
[See also no. 18]

Sacramento City, From The R Street Levee BANC PIC 19xx.097:36--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf9s20143f>

Additional Note


Sacramento: Barber & Baker
Barber & Baker [in block, l.r.]
Wood engraving; 10 x 18 cm.

San Francisco in 1849 BANC PIC 19xx.097:37--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf4z09p3nw>

Additional Note


Taken from Broadway near Kearny Street
Wood engraving; 10 x 16 cm.

San Francisco Court House, Alameda Co. as left by the Earthquake of Oct. 21, 1868

BANC PIC 19xx.097:38--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf6t1nb8g0>

Additional Note

Lithograph; 13 x 20 cm.

Sonora Jany. 1853 BANC PIC 19xx.097:39--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf400010hg>

Additional Note


San Francisco: Britton & Rey
George H. Goddard del.
Lithograph; 18 x 25 cm.

Southern Approach to Jamestown Tuolumne County Cal. BANC PIC 19xx.097:40--B--A  <ark:/13030/tf738nb8gq>

Additional Note

Lithograph by Britton and Rey, San Francisco
Entered by L. Jones, 1853
G. H. Goddard del.
Lithograph; 11 x 34 cm.

[Table of distances to the fork of the Thompson's River. Transferred to book collection. Cataloged as pFPM849.T3] BANC PIC 19xx.097:41--A

View of Minnesota with Orleans Flat in the distance, taken from the hill in the rear of the Spring House BANC PIC 19xx.097:42--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf7n39p5j8>

Additional Note

Downieville: Wm. B. Monmonier, June 1st 1856
Lithograph by Britton & Rey
Lithograph; 10 x 20 cm.

View of Montgomery St. From Sacramento Wharf The Morning After The Great Fire
BANC PIC 19xx.097:43--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf1v19p1xg>

Additional Note

Lithograph by Justh & Co., San Francisco
Lithograph; 14 x 26 cm.

View Of The Conflagration Of Marysville, On The Night Of August 30th - 1851.
BANC PIC 19xx.097:44--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf867nb8sb>

Additional Note

Three entire squares consumed - Loss estimated \$ 500,000
Marysville: R. A. Eddy
Lithograph by Justh, Quirot & Co., San Francisco
Lithograph; 19 x 27 cm.

View of The Plaza Marysville Alt. California BANC PIC 19xx.097:45--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf8h4nb960>


Additional Note

[San Francisco: Cooke & Le Count]
Lithograph of Pollard & Perrgoy [sic] San Francisco
Lithograph; 18 x 25 cm.

View On Second Street, Sacramento City BANC PIC 19xx.097:46--A--A  <ark:/13030/tf4290102v>

Additional Note

Sacramento: Barber & Baker
Barber & Baker [in block, l.r.]
Wood engraving; 11 x 19 cm.

Winter In The Mines BANC PIC 19xx.097:47--B--A  <ark:/13030/tf2j49p2ws>


Additional Note

San Francisco: Hutchings & Rosenfield
Printed by S. H. Wade, [San Francisco]
C. Nahl [in several blocks] C.N. [in one block]
A [Thomas Armstrong monogram, in three blocks]
Wood engraving; 39 x 25 cm. [overall]
Includes 7 illustrations

Established 1860. Agency of the Mission Woolen Mills BANC PIC 19xx.097:48--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf3n39p33b](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf3n39p33b)

Additional Note

San Francisco, Feb. 11, 1851
 Boyd [under block, l.r.]
 Wood engraving (?); 4 x 10 cm.

Banking House of Page, Bacon & Co. BANC PIC 19xx.097:49--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf109nb401](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf109nb401)

Additional Note

Sacramento, 185 [1850s]
 Offices Sacramento, Stockton, San Francisco
 Wood engraving (?); 28 x 24 cm. [overall]
 Includes 4 illustrations

Banking House of Page, Bacon & Co. BANC PIC 19xx.097:50--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf8v19p6cs](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf8v19p6cs)

Additional Note

Sacramento, 185 [1850s]
 Offices Sacramento, Stockton, San Francisco
 Wood engraving (?); 28 x 24 cm. [overall]
 Includes 4 illustrations
 [Variant of :49--A]

Banking House of Page, Bacon & Co., BANC PIC 19xx.097:51--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf1m3nb483](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf1m3nb483)


Additional Note

San Francisco.....18 [after 1850]
 Correspondents.
 American Ex. Bank, New York
 Duncan, Sherman & Co.
 Atlantic Bank, Boston
 Philadelphia Bank, Philadelphia
 La State Bank, New Orleans
 Page & Bacon, St. Louis
 2 Wood engravings (?); 5 x 5 cm.

Office Of The Mining and Scientific Press. BANC PIC 19xx.097:52--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf8p30120z](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf8p30120z)

Additional Note

Government House, San Francisco
 San Francisco.....1861
 Wood engraving (?); 5 x 22 cm.

Stockton Female Seminary, Stockton BANC PIC 19xx.097:53--A--A  [ark:/13030/tf7199p5wh](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf7199p5wh)

Additional Note

18 [1866?]
 D'Van Vleck, Del - Sc. [artist and engraver in block, l.l.]
 Wood engraving (?); 10 x 18 cm.

"True Delta" Depot. Sacramento City1851 BANC PIC 19xx.097:54--A--A 

[ark:/13030/tf329008nr](https://n2t.org/ark:/13030/tf329008nr)

Additional Note

W. Onensbury (?) del [in block, l.r.]

Wood engraving (?); 10 x 12 cm.