Josiah Little Pickard and Fanny Jollyman scrapbook of autographs and letters

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Josiah Little Pickard and Fanny Jollyman scrapbook of autographs and letters
Dates: 1841-1904
Collection Number: 74-4418
Creator/Collector: Pickard, J. L. (Josiah Little), 1824-1914; Jollyman, Fanny
Extent: 1 scrapbook
Online items available: https://photos.app.goo.gl/yN9Tm1Kc1opWwABy2
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Abstract: Collection of autographs and letters, created by Josiah Little Pickard and his daughter Fanny Jollyman. Most of the letters are addressed to Pickard, but there are several addressed to Jollyman, indicating that perhaps this was her collection of autographs to which her father was contributing.
Language of Material: English
Access
The album has been photographed and is available to view online. Access to the original is restricted to researchers.
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Acquisition Information
The album was donated to the original San Jose Statehouse Museum by Miss Fanny Jollyman of Cupertino, California, circa 1962.
Biography/Administrative History
Josiah L. Pickard served as the sixth president of the State University of Iowa, from 1878 to 1887. A leading educator and administrator, Pickard assumed the presidency after heading the public school system in Chicago. He also was a devoted student of history, serving as president of the State Historical Society of Iowa for nearly 20 years. Pickard, a native of Maine, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1844 and served as principal of Platteville (Wisconsin) Academy until 1860. That year, he was selected Wisconsin's state superintendent of public instruction, a position he held until 1864, at which time he began a 13-year stint as Chicago's superintendent of schools. During Pickard's presidency at Iowa, two departments—later to become colleges—were added: dental and pharmaceutical. Course offerings in the remaining four departments were expanded, and he advocated raising teaching standards and academic requirements. From 1881 until 1900 he was president of the State Historical Society of Iowa, and retired from active teaching in 1889. Pickard was born in Rowley, Massachusetts, on March 17, 1824. In his later years he lived in Cupertino, California, and passed away in March 1914.
Scope and Content of Collection
The album contains a combination of letters to Josiah Pickard, as well as autographed signatures clipped from letters, and several letters to Pickard's daughter Fanny, who may have been the creator of the album. Some of the autographs were sent to Fanny from S. T. Pickard of Elwell, Pickard & Co (Portland, Maine). Many of the signatures are from college presidents, educators, and religious leaders or missionaries; as well as U.S. Senators, Representatives, and cabinet members. Of note are a letter from Lucy Stone, of The Woman's Journal; a letter from artist Charles A. Barry, to place an announcement of his marriage to Flora E. Cary in the Portland daily newspapers; acknowledgement from The Smithsonian Institution of receipt of a photograph from Pickard, signed by Joseph Henry; and an endorsement of a fashion writer by Madame Ellen Louise Demorest of Mme. Demorest's Emporium of Fashions.
Indexing Terms
Autograph albums
Educators
Nineteenth century
Politicians
Missionaries
College presidents
Barry, Charles A., 1830-1892
Demorest, Mme. (Ellen Louise Curtis), 1824-1898
Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893
Woman's journal (Boston, Mass. : 1870)
University of Iowa
Chicago (Ill.)
Iowa City (Iowa)
Cupertino (Calif.)