Descriptive Summary
Title: Glenn Price Papers
Dates: 1778-1959
Collection Number: MS-16
Creator/Collector: McGill, Don Price, Glenn W.
Extent: .5 linear feet
Repository: Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation. Presidio Research Center
Santa Barbara, California 93101
Abstract: This collection was created by historians Don McGill and Glenn Price. It is partly a collection of historic documents about early trade along the west coast of North America during the years 1824-1873. It also includes research materials about the Santa Barbara Presidio created by Glenn Price for a report he wrote.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Glenn Price in 2008. The documents were a gift to Price from his friend Don McGill, also a historian and book collector, who gave his large collection of books on southwest history to Cal State Northridge.
Biography/Administrative History
Glenn Price is the author of the 1959 historical resources report on the Presidio that provided the background to begin the reconstruction project that still continues today. On July 9, 1957, California Senate Bill 2653 was passed which gave the Division of Beaches and Parks the authority to conduct a feasibility study of the acquisition and development of the Presidio. Price, a historian and park ranger at Will Rogers State Historic Park at the time, undertook the study in close cooperation with Pearl Chase. During that effort, Price amassed a collection of research materials, including documents from the Bancroft Library, historical background material collected by Chase, and photographs of the Presidio neighborhood. These materials, along with correspondence to Chase and others, form part of this collection of papers. Glenn Price was awarded the Pearl Chase Preservation Award by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation in 2009.
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection consists of two series: Series 1. Historic Documents and Series 2. Santa Barbara Presidio Materials. Series 1 is a set of forty-eight historic documents from the years 1824-1873. The documents in are mostly related to the period of time when traders were sailing up and down the west coast of North America and to the Hawaiian Islands and mainland China, roughly 1822-1846. They are of a commercial nature--invoices and receipts for supplies and provisions for ships such as the Loriot, Bolivar, Rover, and Rasselas, and letters of debts and accounts. Correspondents include many traders such as Henry Fitch, J.C. Jones, and Jacob Leese. The largest group of documents concerns Alpheus B. Thompson, Santa Barbara resident, merchant, and supercargo of various vessels sailing along the coast. Other items relate to interests in Monterey and Sonoma, such as an 1834 census of soldiers residing there and a list of some Sonoma residents in 1878, both of which can be used to supplement lists of early California pioneers. Additional noteworthy correspondents represented in the collection include Hugo Reid, Pablo de la Guerra, Jacob Snyder, and General Mariano Vallejo. A small unusual group of documents deals with inheritance and land deeds to Prince Jenkins of Falmouth, Massachusetts. Jenkins’ son Foster, was a forty-niner who arrived in California in 1850 from Boston on the bark Orion. Series 2 consists of correspondence, notes, drawings, Price’s historical resources report, and printed matter about the Santa Barbara Presidio, and several old newspapers from San Diego. Supplementary materials include microfilm copies of several documents from the Archives of California at the Bancroft library.
Indexing Terms
Ship captains--California.
Trade routes--California.
Thompson, Alpheus Basil, 1797-1869.
Reid, Hugo, 1809-1872.
Guerra, Pablo de la, 1819-1874.
Vallejo, Mariano Guadalupe, 1808-1890.
Jenkins, Prince.
Santa Barbara Presidio.
Monterey Presidio.
Santa Barbara (Calif.)--History.
Sonoma (Calif.)--History.
receipts (financial records)
correspondence
invoices
facturas

Container List