Finding Aid to the Society of California Pioneers Collection MS.563

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Title: Society of California Pioneers Collection
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Contributing Institution: Autry National Center, Braun Research Library
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 linear feet (2 folders)
Date: 1862, undated
Abstract: The purpose of the Society of California Pioneers was, according to its constitution, "to cultivate the social virtues of its members, to collect and preserve information connected with the early settlement and conquest of the country, and to perpetuate the memory of those whose sagacity, enterprise, and love of independence induced them to settle in the wilderness, and become the germ of a new State." This collection contains a photostat of the mission statement of the Society of California Pioneers from 1853 and a program for the ceremonies at the laying of the corner stone of the New Pioneer Hall on July 7, 1862.
creator: Society of California Pioneers.

Scope and Contents
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Processing history

Acquisition
Donation from H. R. Wagner, circa 1932; Donation from George Wharton James estate, 1943 December.

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Administrative history note
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The Society continues to be a membership organization, and "Membership is open to descendants of pioneers who arrived in California prior to January 1, 1850" (The Society of California Pioneers, 2011). As of 26 January 2012, the Society was still active.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
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