Finding Aid to the Henry L. Oak 1874 Diary and Biography MS.564

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**Date:** 1874, undated  
**Abstract:** This collection includes a diary of trip to the missions of Southern California by Henry Lebbeus Oak and biography of Oak by Henry R. Wagner.  
**creator:** Oak, Henry Lebbeus, 1844-1905  
**creator:** Wagner, Henry Raup, 1862-1957  

### Processing history
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### General note
The diary was published by the Southwest Museum in 1981 *A visit to the missions of Southern California in February and March 1874 / by Henry L. Oak ; introduction by Henry R. Wagner ; edited by Ruth Frey Axe, Edwin H. Carpenter, Norman Neuerburg.*

### Biographical note
Henry Lebbeus Oak (1844, May 13 to 1905, May 20) was born in Penobscot County, Maine. He emigrated to California, and in early 1869, Oak became Librarian of the Bancroft Library of San Francisco, a position he held for 18 years, until 1887. Upon retirement, he settled at Siegler Springs, CA, where he built a cabin & lived there the rest of his life, spending much of his time and money writing his family genealogical record.

### Scope and Content
This collection includes an 1874 diary of trip to the missions of Southern California by Henry Lebbeus Oak and a biography of Oak by Henry R. Wagner. The diary is a ruled notebook bound in leather cover with 155 hand-written pages. This collection also contains a carbon copy of a typewritten copy of the original journal.

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