Augustus T. Arrowsmith letter: San Francisco, California, to Amos P. Catlin, January 20, 1853

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Dates: January 20, 1853

Collection Number: SFH 106

Creator/Collector: Arrowsmith, Augustus Toplady, 1820-1908

Extent: 2 folders

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Abstract: Letter of introduction for Dr. White.

Language of Material: English

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Biography/Administrative History

Born in New York, Augustus T. Arrowsmith came to San Francisco in March 1851. Amos P. Catlin organized the Natoma Mining Company in 1851 to bring water from the American River to the area now known as Folsom, hiring Arrowsmith initially for an engineering survey and later, as chief engineer for a dam and canal. Arrowsmith worked on both coasts after 1860, and after a long career in civil engineering, died in Orange, New Jersey in 1908. Dr. White was probably Kentucky-born Thomas Jefferson White, who was appointed Visiting Physician to the State Marine Hospital in San Francisco in 1853.

Scope and Content of Collection

One folder includes letter introducing Dr. White to Amos P. Catlin, state senator from Sacramento, a Whig; White was hoping to be appointed visiting Physician to the State Hospital. Envelope is addressed to Catlin in Vallejo, as that was the seat of state government for the month of January 1853. One folder includes transcript of letter.

Indexing Terms
Catlin, Amos Parmalee, 1823-1900
White, Thomas J.
Whig Party (U.S.)
California--Officials and employees--Selection and appointment.