Charles C. Donnell correspondence, Sacramento, California

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Charles C. Donnell correspondence, Sacramento, California
Dates: January 26, 1853 – February 3, 1860
Collection Number: SFH 143
Creator/Collector: Donnell, Charles C., 1825-1910
Extent: 2 folders
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Abstract: Five letters to family in Newburyport, Massachusetts from a Sacramento drayman.
Language of Material: English
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Biography/Administrative History
Born in Newburyport, Donnell sailed from that city in November 1849 for California. In 1850 he worked as a drayman for Harmon & Co., boot and shoe importers and dealers at 79 J St. in Sacramento, living with cousin John T. Bayley in that city. Bayley was later superintendent of the Marysville Water Works (1860) and president of the Marysville Water Co. (1862). In 1862 Donnell returned to Newburyport, working as a rope maker, remaining there until his death.
Scope and Content of Collection
One folder includes letter to his sister dated Jan. 26, 1853, describing heavy rains, flooding, and mud in Sacramento; letter of May 13, 1853 remarks about continued rain; letter of April 3, 1859 discusses weather and the possibility of Charles returning to Newburyport; a letter addressed to his parents, Dec. 2, 1859 mentions Thanksgiving dinner with cousin John Bayley in Marysville; and one addressed to sister Mary, Feb. 3, 1860 discusses the bereavement of another sister. Several letters mention John Bayley. One folder includes transcripts of letters.
Indexing Terms
Floods--California--Sacramento River
Bayley, John T., 1826-1864
Donnell family.
Sacramento (Calif.)--History--19th century.
Newburyport (Massachusetts)--History--19th century.