John C. Fremont correspondence with Trenor W. Park

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** John C. Fremont correspondence with Trenor W. Park

**Dates:** 1860

**Collection Number:** SFH 162

**Creator/Collector:** Fremont, John Charles, 1813-1890.

**Extent:** 2 folders

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**Abstract:** Fremont’s letters to Park, manager of the Mariposa estate, sent from Bear Valley and San Francisco

**Language of Material:** English

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**Biography/Administrative History**
John C. Fremont acquired the extensive Mariposa grant in 1847, and gold was later found in the area. Fremont became wealthy, and beginning in September 1850 served for the short term as California’s first senator. In 1856 he ran for President on the new Republican ticket, was defeated, and returned to develop his Mariposa grant. Lawyer and financier Trenor W. Park managed Fremont’s estate, as well as some other properties in California, and had a one-eighth interest in the Mariposa. Park had been junior partner in the firm of Halleck, Peachy, Billings and Park, which chiefly dealt with land titles. Fremont would lose his Mariposa property in 1863 and suffer other financial losses.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
One folder includes seven letters written by Fremont, dating February 27, 1860 through April 23, 1860, chiefly concerning his California properties, ejectment suits, returns of bullion, his debts, creditors, and his finances. Fremont directs Park to manage different business and legal transactions, including those involving Hall McAllister, Fremont’s counsel; banker Mark Brumagim; H. G. Worthington, Fremont’s agent; Charles James, Republican friend of Fremont’s; mining engineer Dr. Justus Adelberg; and A. A. Selover, in real estate. Another Fremont attorney, D. W. Perley, figures in several letters. Properties mentioned or obliquely discussed, besides the Mariposa estate, include those for Alcatraces Island; the Pescadero Trust; San Emidio. A second folder includes typewritten transcriptions of the letters.

**Indexing Terms**
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Perley, D. W. (Duncan), d. 1874
McAllister, Hall, 1826-1888
Brumagim, Mark, d. 1914
Worthington, H. G. (Henry Gaither), 1828-1909
James, Charles, d. 1901
Adelberg, Justus, -1868