George Holbrook Baker Papers

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Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: Includes numerous handwritten letters between George Holbrook Baker, his sister, mother, and father, John Baker. Also includes business cards from Baker's lithography business in San Francisco, a brief description of Baker's life before and after coming to California, diaries from Baker's voyage through Mexico to California, and correspondence between the Society of California Pioneers and Baker.
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Biography
George Holbrook Baker was a pioneer who came out to California in 1849. Soon after his arrival, he came out to the mining camps on the Sacramento River and finally became associated with General Winn and established a general merchandise business in Sacramento. He was also one of the most successful newspaper artists of the pioneer’s days in the West Coast. Later, he established a successful lithography business in San Francisco. In 1863, he was invited to join the Society of California Pioneers.
Scope and Content Summary
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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog:
Subjects
Baker, George Holbrook
Lithography—California
Genres and Forms of Material
Correspondence

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