Finding aid of the Wellington C. Burnett Papers C057742

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Physical Description: 1.0 folder(31 items)
Date (inclusive): 1862-1888
Abstract: This folder contains 31 items: 16 check receipts dating from 1865 (one dates from 1871) for rent paid by Wellington C. Burnett; Burnett's license to practice law, dated 1862; and 14 handwritten letters by, to, or concerning various members of the Burnett family. These letters date from 12/1872 to 05/1888. Seven of these letters are written by Wellington Burnett to a woman named Jennie, concerning the health of his children, mutual friends, and business and financial matters.

creator: Burnett, Wellington C., 1829-1907

Conditions Governing Access note
Collection open for research.

Conditions Governing Use note
There are no restrictions on access.

Preferred Citation note

Donor
Donor and date of acquisition unknown.

Biographical/Historical note
Wellington C. Burnett was born in Hampton, Connecticut on 09/21/1829. He served in the Mexican-American War and later as a brigadier-general of the California National Guard. After he retired from the military, he studied at Harvard Law School for two years and was eventually admitted to the bar of New York City and the bar of Chicago. He arrived in California in 1852 and worked initially as a lawyer, then was elected to the state senate as a member of the Know-Nothing Party in 1855. He served two years as a state senator, then moved to San Francisco, where he commenced his law practice. He was elected city and county attorney in 1869 and served four terms. He was joined in his practice by his son, Lester G. Burnett. He died on 02/09/1907. He was survived by his wife, Jane, and his children: Isaac, Lester, Olive, Gertrude, and Marius.


Container List
One bundle of ten receipts from W. Burnett to Charles Mayne for house rent. 01/1865-11/1865; Receipt from W.C. Burnett endorsed by S.C. Hastings for $25., marked “rent on O.F. Geriuke” dated 02/02/1865; Receipt from W.C. Burnett to Woodworth Schell for $100., marked “piano forte” dated 05/16/1865; Receipt from Mr. Burnett to Geo. Burrows, marked “tuition/schooling.” 05/30/1865; Receipt from W.C. Burnett to “Mexican Sea Island Cotton Co.” dated 06/13/1865; Receipt from Mr. Burnett to Elizabeth Phillips, marked “rent.” dated 09/05/1865; Receipt from W.C. Burnett to J.H. Mem, marked “note payment.” 06/23/1871; California State License to practice law issued to W.C. Burnett, 10/10/1862; Note from S.G. Burnett to “Dear Grandmother” requesting permission to return to school, dated 12/20/1872; Letter from San Francisco by Wellington to Jennie expressing concerns about the baby, family and friends, dated 07/11/1874; Letter from San Francisco by Wellington to Jennie. General correspondence, dated 08/11/1874; Note from Fairfield station by D. Fairfield to W.C. Burnett. general correspondence, dated 07/07/1875; Letter from San Francisco by Wellington C. Burnett to Jennie. Discusses education and politics, dated 08/17/1875; Letter from San Francisco by Wellington to Jennie. RE: weather & health, dated 06/26/1876; Letter from unknown location by J. Burnett to Lester. An affectionate note of concern from mother to son, dated 09/11/1876; Note from San Mateo by W.C. Burnett to Lester G. Burnett in San Mateo. Note to his son discussing his health. 11/12/1876; Note from Rev. S.C. Suhes Glasfilal to Mrs. W.C. Burnett dated 06/27/1877; Letter from Wellington to Jennie, dated 06/30/1879; Letter from Wellington to Jennie, dated 07/21/1879; Letter from Wellington to Jennie, dated 07/18/1883; Letter to “Mother” from Oke, dated 05/07/1888.
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**Related Archival Materials note**
Additional material located in Wellington C. Burnett's BIO FILE.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
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