The Finding aid for the John C. Callbreath Papers C057878

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Abstract: This folder contains two hand written letters pertaining to the life and times of John C. Callbreath. Both letters were written by his good friend and caretaker in his later years, "Mrs Fish" and both of the letters are addressed to "James P. Taylor" and are dated "August 17th, 1915."
Scope and Contents
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Biographical / Historical
John Callbreath was born in 1826 and passed away in Seattle Washington on April 10th, 1916. Mr. Callbreath joined the Society of Pioneers on Feb. 3rd, 1890. He came to San Francisco around South America via Cape Horn and reached the City in late June, 1849. He then traveled to "Jacksonville, up the Tuolumne River to dig for gold." He had some success, finding "about an ounce a day", but was robbed of all his profits. He would later go on to own a hotel and Bakery with two men named John Foster and E. Smith, both of whom would later be shot and killed by "a Spaniard" for the sum of $20,000 which he had trusted them with to purchase cattle and mules in Mexico. He would eventually go on to become a State Legislator and he was "one of the men who helped select the site for San Quinton Prison." After his term in the legislator ended he purchased a farm "on the Frazier River" where he raised wheat, barley, cattle, and turkey, which he would take to town for sale at Christmas and Thanksgiving, selling them for "$1 a pound". In his last years he lost his eyesight and became bedridden, at which point "Mrs. Fish" became his permanent caretaker and helped him to write down his reminiscence.
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