Finding aid of the Michel Dubs Papers C058833

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Title: Dubs, Michel Papers
Identifier/Call Number: C058833
Contributing Institution: Society of California Pioneers
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.0 folder(1 item)
Date: 1853
Abstract: This folder contains 1 damaged and fragmented letter of correspondence from 1853 written to Dubs by Richard R. Monis or Morris (?).
creator: Dubs, Michael, 1824-?

Conditions Governing Access note
Collection open for research.

Conditions Governing Use note
There are no restrictions on access.

Preferred Citation note
Michel Dubs Papers. The Society of California Pioneers.

Donor
Lieut. Adolph Dubs, Michel Dubs' son, on October 16, 1932.

Existence and Location of Originals note
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Scope and Contents note
This folder contains 1 damaged and fragmented letter of correspondence from 1853 written to Dubs. The earlier letter was written from Richard R. Monis or Morris (?) and discusses their personal lives and daily activities. Each page of the letter is stored in an individual plastic sleeve due to the damage.

Biographical/Historical note
Dubs was born in Alsace, France, on September 27, 1824 to vineyardist Francis Joseph and Teresa (nee Schembacher) Dubs. His father died in 1857, his mother 1868. Dubs went to Paris in 1843 as a gardener, but fled back to Alsace in August 1848 during the French Revolution. He returned to Paris eleven months later. In April 1850 he sailed on the steamer Zurig from Havre and landed in New York City on May 24. He lived in New York until September 1853 when he took the steamer Sophia to San Francisco, landing in October. (He originally intended to sail on the New World, but took the Sophia by chance. The New World was later blown up and all passengers killed.) He worked in the mines in Columbia for a few months before returning to San Francisco nearly bankrupt. In 1854 he left for the Mayfield Township in Santa Clara County, CA and bought a squatter’s claim. After living on it for two years he left and bought land on the Santa Gregoria Rancho, settling there formally in 1857 and taking up dairying and farming. In 1871 he set up a large home for his new bride, Miss Lutringer, another native of Alsace who came to America in 1864. As of 1888 they had four living children, Felicite, Adolph, Emma, and Xavier. In 1879 they lost three children in two days from diphtheria, Maria Teresa, Mathilda, and Josephine. Dubs was part of the Democratic Party.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
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