Easterby Family Papers C005500

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Title: Easterby Family Papers
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Physical Description: 1.0 box (5 folders)
Date: 1803-1892
Abstract: Includes documents spanning from the years 1803-1892; mostly made up of financial and legal information, including receipts, accounts, and inventories. Also includes several letters to/from the Easterby family, many of which are only addressed to/from a Mr./Mrs. Easterby and include no first names.
creator: Easterby, Anthony Y., Captain, 1818-1893
Conditions Governing Access note
Collection open for research.
Conditions Governing Use note
There are no restrictions on access.
Preferred Citation note
Easterby Family Papers. The Society of California Pioneers.
Donor
Donor and date of acquisition unknown.
Biographical/Historical note
Captain Anthony Y. Easterby was born in Surrey, England in 1818. At the age of 14, he set out to sea, visiting the Mediterranean, Chile, and Panama before arriving in California in 1848. While in California, Captain Easterby set up several businesses in San Francisco, Sonoma, Fresno, and Napa City. He married Emily Gray, sister of his business partner Francis Gray, in San Francisco on November 5, 1853. Mr. Easterby was involved in the founding of the Fresno Canal and Irrigation Company in 1871, and was also the President of the Napa Valley Railroad, as well as a member of the Masonic Order, Knights of Templar, and Knights of Malta. He died in Napa, California in June of 1893.
Captain Frank Gray was the brother-in-law of Captain Easterby and accompanied him to San Francisco, California in 1847-48. Other distinguishable members of the Easterby family include John Easterby, Emily Gray Easterby (wife), Mrs. S. T. Easterby, E. G. Easterby, and Jane Easterby. Although no substantial biographical and/or genealogical information could be found, these members are assumed to be related to Captain Easterby and Captain Gray.
Scope and Contents note
Container List: Folder 1, containing 17 items: 1836 – Copy of Baptismal Paper, 1803 – To John Easterby (Clerk), mandate to join the militia, 1864 – Hymn written for the dedication of the Unitarian Church, Letter to Mrs. Easterby from Mr. Hudson, 1864 – Order of Services in the dedication of the Unitarian Church, 1874 – Hauling and Shipping sheet, Banner Farms, 1854-1846 – Receipts of payment “for the relief, maintenance, lodging and employment of the poor” (8), 1845 – Receipts for “paving, lighting, &c. Rates” (4), 1845 – Receipt of (what appears to be) payment of taxes, 1845 – Receipt from the New River Company, 1842 – Two Receipts from the Finsbury Division of Sewers, Middlesex, 1785-1803 (Not in chronological order) – “The Late Mr. Adam’s Concerns”, 1816 – Letter to Mr. Easterby from Stephen Wright, 1817 – Inventory of Shipment (90 items), 1847 – Announcement from the School of Industry for Female Orphans for the annual sermon for the benefit of the Institution, 1854 – Receipt from the Ramsdell & Co. Wholesale Retail Coal Dealers, Sunderland Bridge Lottery Tickets (8).


Existence and Location of Originals note
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Related Archival Materials note
1. Obituary & other documents of Captain A. Y. Easterby in The Society of California Pioneers Biography Files
2. Easterby and Co. Ledger (C004808.3 & C004808.4)
3. Easterby Papers before 1848, England (C005498)
4. Additional Easterby Papers (C005499)
5. Committee of Vigilance membership certificate of Anthony Easterby, 1851 (C007857)
6. Frank Gray Easterby, Captain in the Battalion of University Cadets, 1878 (C015862)
7. Captain A.Y. Easterby Memoir & Letters - all copies (C058838)
8. Accounting ledgers of Easterby and Company 1870 (C057853)
9. Easterby Legal Papers (C057914)
10. Anthony Easterby Handwritten Memoir (C058786)

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Kearney, M. Theo, 1842-1906
California Women’s Suffrage Association
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Correspondence.
Legal correspondence
Napa (Calif.)
Receipts (financial records).
Society of California Pioneers.
Unitarian churches.
United States Sanitary Commission
Wells, Fargo & Company.