Finding aid of the Bradford W. Elliot Papers C058840

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Title: Elliot, Bradford W. Papers
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Physical Description: 1.0 folder (1 item)
Date: 1850
Abstract: This folder contains two copies of a letter from John M. Bailhache regarding a his donation of a copy of a letter by Elliot to Mason Brayman on 03/10/1850, as well as a typed transcript of said letter. The letter describes Elliot’s overland journey to San Francisco that same year and the lifestyle and habits of the people of San Francisco.
Creator: Elliot, Bradford W.
Conditions Governing Access note
Collection open for research.
Conditions Governing Use note
There are no restrictions on access.
Preferred Citation note
Donor
Gift of John M. Bailhache, date unknown.
Biographical/Historical note
Elliot was a member of the Mormon Church and attended Zion’s Camp. In 1843 he sailed with Brigham Young from Pittsburgh to St. Louis. On September 17, 1850 he and several associates applied for Special Administration of the Estate of Hiram Gates.
Scope and Contents note
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Existence and Location of Originals note
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Brayman, Mason, 1813-1895
Gambling--California.
Overland journeys to the Pacific
Prostitutes--United States.
San Francisco (Calif.)--Social conditions
San Francisco (Calif.)--Social life and customs
Sweetwater Crossing (Wyo.)