Finding aid of the Hiram B. Flagg Diary C058474

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Abstract: Diary of Hiram Flagg's voyage on the bark "Edward Everett" from Boston to San Francisco, beginning on January 11, 1849 and ending on July 6, 1849. Contains a record of the names, occupations, residence, and age of the ships 150 passengers. Entries are brief noting location (Lat/Long), sailing conditions and personal observations. Contains description of Valparaíso where they docked for 5 days.
creator: Flagg, H. B. (Hiram B.)
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A Short Sketch of the Life of Hiram B. Flagg
Mr. Flagg was born in Danvers, Mass. (March 14, 1818), where he spent his boyhood, afterwards removing to Mason, N.H. His parents were Ephraim and Betsy (Stevens) Flagg. As a young man he worked in the mills of Lawrence and Lowell and afterwards learned the iron founder's trade, working in Hingham and East Boston. In 1849, he went to California, sailing from Boston January 11, arriving at San Francisco July 6, and passing through many thrilling experiences in the gold mines. Mr. Flagg returned to Boston, via Isthmus of Panama and New York. He married Laura Peabody in Lowell, August 31, 1852, and they lived in Somerville and Charlestown about six years in each place. In 1868, Mr. Flagg retired from business, coming to Wakefield, where he purchased a farm at the head of Lake Quannapowitt, after which he attended to his personal affairs, going to Boston regularly and looking after his real estate interests. Mrs. Flagg died August 1, 1887. Mr. Flagg died ten years later, August 23, 1897, aged 79 years, 5 months and 9 days. Mr. Flagg left a daughter, Mrs. Laura E. Gowing of Wakefield, and 3 sons, Hiram Peabody Flagg, the artist, Charles S. Flagg and George Arthur Flagg. Mr. Flagg was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, although not connected with any lodge of either organization at the time of his death. - From a typed biography by a former librarian of the Society of California Pioneers, n.d.
Scope and Contents note
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