Finding aid of the Flood & O'Brien Letter C058850

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Abstract: Letter from James Clair Flood and William Shoney O'Brien to James Graham Fair, dated 12/23/1870, regarding the deposit of five thousand dollars into the account of W.S. Hobart.
creator: Flood, James Clair, 1826-1888
creator: O'Brien, William Shoney, 1825 or 1826-1878
Conditions Governing Access note
Collection open for research.
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There are no restrictions on access.
Preferred Citation note
Donor
Donor and date of acquisition unknown.
Biographical/Historical note
The Bonanza Kings, also called the Silver Kings, was a nickname given to the four men (James Clair Flood, William Shoney O'Brien, James Graham Fair and John William Mackay) who started a stock brokerage called "Flood & O'Brien", more commonly known as the Bonanza Firm. In 1873, after gaining control of the Consolidated Virginia Mining Company, they discovered a large vertical ore body more than 1,200 feet deep which became known as the "big bonanza", making the four owners into some of America's wealthiest men.
Scope and Contents note
Letter from James Clair Flood and William Shoney O'Brien to James Graham Fair, dated 12/23/1870, regarding the deposit of five thousand dollars into the account of W.S. Hobart. Letter mentions that the instructions to deposit the five thousand dollars came from either J.G. Fair or J.W. Mackay.
Existence and Location of Originals note
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Related Archival Materials note
C012138: Rent roll kept by Lewis Cameron Fraser, Sr., the senior accountant for Flood, Mackay, Fair & O'Brien. Dated 7-1885, donated by Ruth Fraser.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Fair, James Graham, 1831-1894
Hobart, Walter S., 1839-1892
Mackay, John William, 1831-1902
Banks and banking.
Mackay, Fair, Flood, and O'Brien