Finding aid of the Martha Ann Freeman Papers C058853

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Biographical/Historical note
Martha Ann Freeman, at seventeen years old, left Rosehill Johnson County, Missouri on May 18, 1854 with her family. Her father was Doctor H.K. Freeman, and he was the one who decided to move the family out west. They settled in Solano County at the mouth of Cash Creek Slough on the Sacramento Road, about twelve miles outside of Sacramento on October 18, 1854. The following summer she and her family relocated to a house in San Joaquin County in a town twelve miles east of Stockton, later named Linden. Martha Ann Freeman's married name was Martha Ann Wootten.

Scope and Contents note
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