Finding Aid of the Grover Family Papers C059568

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Title: Grover Family Papers
creator: Grover, Elija, 1795-1874
creator: Grover, Elijah Whitney, 1828-1889
creator: Grover, George W. Lafayette, 1836-1854
creator: Grover, Hadassah Bean, 1795-1848
creator: Grover, Hannah Margaret, 1835-1847
creator: Grover, Harriet Atwood, 1818-1847
creator: Grover, James Lyman, 1820-1888
creator: Grover, Jarvis Hilliard, 1833-1865
creator: Grover, Lucinda Hadassah, 1839-1916
creator: Grover, Mary Elvira, 1826-1847
creator: Grover, Sarah Ann Steward, 1836-1927
creator: Grover, Stephen Frealon, 1830-1907
creator: Grover, Susannah, 1821-1847
creator: Grover, Sylvia, 1824-1847
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Physical Description: 5 folders Folders contain handwritten letters.
Date (inclusive): 1836-1946
Abstract: Five folders of handwritten letters and documents between the Grover family members, dating over time, from 1836-1946. The family came from Bethel, Maine and the letters are often correspondence between there and various locations in early California.
Scope and Contents
Folder 1: Letters dating from 1839-1849 between the members of the Grover family. Includes a small index typed by donor.
Biography
Elijah Grover, born April 7, 1795 in Bethel, Maine, had thirteen children with wife Hadassah Bean Grover. From 1846 through 1848, Hadassah and four of her six daughters died from Typhoid Fever (there are no letters written between those dates). Elijah's sons - James Lyman, Elijah Whitney, Stephen Frealon and Jarvis Hilliard - all traveled West in 1849. Elijah by sailing around the Horn, and the other three brothers by ship to the Eastern shore of Panama and then on foot across the Isthmus of Panama and then by ship up the coast to California. Originally, the latter three brothers settled in Stockton, California as farmers, and Stephen rode for Wells Fargo. James and Stephen eventually moved to Santa Cruz, where they began their own lumber business. Stephen went on to build the historic Brookdale Lodge in Ben Lomond, California - which still stands today.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Revae Leppanen received the letters from her cousin, Leona Nixon. They were delivered to The Society of California Pioneers by Revae Leppanen, but the donation citation should include both names.
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