Guide to the Pioneer Manuscript Collection, 1796-1897

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Contents
Correspondence and miscellany. California and non-California material originally in the possession of California pioneers and early settlers, 1796-1897.

History
The Spanish settled in California in 1769. The first permanent settlement was started when soldiers and sailors established permanent residence in San Diego. San Jose de Guadalupe was the first pueblo in California. It was founded November 29, 1777 by five colonists who had come to California with explorer, Juan Baptista de Anza.

From 1769 to 1822 California was under Spanish rule. In 1822, California declared independence from Spain and aligned with Mexico. After a period of unrest, the territory came into the possession of the United States in 1846.

In 1848, gold was discovered leading to a great immigration. In less than four years there were 250,000 people in the state. California was admitted to the union as a free state September 9, 1850.

Material Transferred from the Collection
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