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Descriptive Summary

Title: Pearson Barton Reading Collection,

Date (inclusive): 1843-1868

Box Number: 284-289

Collector: Reading, Alice M.

Extent: 6 boxes

Repository: California State Library

Sacramento, California

Language: English.

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Access Points

Reading family

California--History--1846-1850

California Battalion

Rancho Buena Vista (Calif.)

Frontier and pioneer life--California

Pioneers--California

Sutter's Fort (Sacramento, Calif.)

Contents

Correspondence, family history, California Battalion accounts and correspondence, and grant and ranch materials.

Biography

Pearson Barton Reading was born in New Jersey, November 26, 1816. He came to California as a member of the Chiles-Walker party in 1843. He worked for John A. Sutter as a clerk, explorer, and chief of trappers and commanded at Sutter's Fort in Sutter's absence during the Micheltorena Campaign (1845). In 1844, Reading was granted his Buena Ventura Rancho. Reading served in the California Battalion in 1846 as paymaster with the rank of major. 1849 found Reading in Sacramento where he had a store in company with Hensley and Snyder. He ran for governor 1851, missing election by only a few votes. In 1856, he married Fannie Washington and retired to his rancho where he deoted himself to agriculture. He died on May 29, 1868.

Sutter, John Augustus, 1803-1880

Anderson, Charles

Baird, J. H.

Belden, Josiah, 1815-1892

Benton, Thomas Hart, 1782-1858

Bidwell, John, 1819-1900

Boarman, Thomas M.

Brenham, C. J.

Buffum, E. Gould (Edward Gould), 1820-1867

Canby, Edward

Chenery, Richard

Cordua, Theodore, 1796-1857

Dent, Lewis

Dickey, William

Douglas, David F.

Fellers, T. J.

Fremont, John C.

Haydenfeldt, S.

Howard, William

Johnson, O. R.

Larkin, Thomas Oliver, 1802-1858

Leidesdorff, William

McDougal, John

Monson, A. C.

Reading, Fannie

Reading, Pierson Barton

Reading, John

Semple, Charles D., 1814-1872

Simpson, Robert

Spear, Nathan

Stockton, B. F.

Stokes, James

Street, C. R.

Vincent, George

Wilson, Benjamin Davis, 1811-1878

Wilson, John

Wood, Robert

Woodworth, Frederick A.

Title: John Augustus Sutter Collection

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| Box 284 | Certificates, invitations, Reading family materials 1751-1778, and copybook of P. B. Reading 1823. |
| Box 285 | Diary 1842-43, New Helvetia account book 1845, passports 1842-43, and correspondence 1844-46. |
| Box 286 | California Battalion materials: notebooks 1846; muster rolls, 1846; receipts, 1847; settlement with troops, 1847; and correspondence, 1846-60. |
| Box 287 | California Battalion materials: account books 1846-47. |
| Box 288 | Land grant and ranch materials: abstract of title, maps, ranch journals of P. B. Reading 1854-56, and ranch diary of Mrs. P. B. Reading 1856-58. |
| Box 289 | Personal and political correspondence 1848-68. |