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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 devoted 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

| Box 284 | Certificates, invitations, Reading family materials 1751-1778, and copybook of P. B. Reading 1823. |
| 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. |