James Henry Gleason papers

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Descriptive Summary

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Acquisition Information
Biography
James Henry Gleason was born in Plymouth on October 22, 1823. He came to the Sandwich Islands by way of Cape Horn in 1841. In 1845 he sailed to Monterey, Alta California, where he married Caterina Demetria Watson and lived until his death in 1861. He was County Clerk and Recorder of Monterey County in 1857.
Scope and Content
These letters by James Henry Gleason are vivid impressions of a colorful period in the history of the Sandwich Islands and of Alta California from 1841 to 1859. These letters have been published by The Arthur H. Clark Company in a book entitled Beloved Sister the letters of James Henry Gleason. There are two unpublished letters. The first was written by Jose Bandini to [James Santiago Johnson] on May 12, 1833 from San Diego, California. The second letter was written by Dorothy Gleason to Agnes C. Conrad on November 17, 1969 concerning an invitation to the 54th Birthday Anniversary of Her Majesty Kapiolani at Iolani Palace. There are also two deeds concerning two lots from R. Semple to James Henry Gleason in Benicia City, California.
The bulk of these letters are in fragile condition and have been removed from the collection.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged chronologically.
Personal Names
Bandini, Jose
Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861
Paty, John
Subjects
Ocean travel
Travel
Voyages to the Pacific Coast

**Geographic Areas**
California--Description and travel
Hawaii--Description and travel
Honolulu (Hawaii)
Los Angeles (Calif.)
Monterey (Calif.)
San Francisco (Calif.)

**Genre**
Deeds
Letters (correspondence)

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**Box 1**

**HM 81842-81870**

HM 81842 **Bandini, Jose letter to [James Santiago Johnson, 1798-1847] (1833, May 12)**
San Diego (Calif.). In Spanish

HM 81843 **Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1841, Dec. 6)**
Oahu (Hawaii). With cover

HM 81844 **Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1842, Jan. 10)**
Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81845 **Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1842, Feb. 22 and Mar. 4)**
Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81846 **Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1842, Sep. 20)**
Honolulu (Hawaii). Including “Private Correspondence”

HM 81847 **Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1842, Nov. 14)**
Honolulu (Hawaii). Including “Extracts from a journal kept at sea on board Ship California...”

HM 81848 **Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1842, Nov. 20 and Nov. 23)**
Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81849 **Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1842, Dec. 8)**
Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81850 **Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1843, Feb. 22-Mar. 17)**
Honolulu (Hawaii)
HM 81851 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1843, June 16) Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81852 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1843, July 28) Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81853 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1843, Sep. 8) Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81854 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1843, Sep. 10-Nov. 10) Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81855 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1843, Dec. 10) Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81856 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1844, July 29 and Aug. 3)

HM 81857 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1845, Mar. 18) Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81858 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1845, Mar. 28-Apr. 3) Honolulu (Hawaii). Crossed letter

HM 81859 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1845, Nov. 3) Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81860 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1845, Dec. 20) Honolulu (Hawaii)

HM 81861 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1846, Mar. 30) Monterey (Calif.). On the same letter, Mary A. Paty to Frances A. Gleason

HM 81862 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letterbook (1846, Apr. 5-Sep. 17) Extremely brittle

HM 81863 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Josiah Beldin and William Paty (1846, May 30 and June 13) Monterey (Calif.) Including copy of Wm. B. Ide's Proclamation enclosed to Paty

HM 81864 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1846, July 25) Monterey (Calif.)
HM 81865  Translation of Gen'l Castro's Proclamations (1846)
   Including copy of Mr. T.O Larkin's letter to the Sec. of State at Washington

HM 81866  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1847, Jan.
   28)
   Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81867  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1847, May
   2)
   Monterey (Calif.). Crossed letter

HM 81868  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1847, May
   22)
   Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81869  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1847, May
   30)
   Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81870  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1847, Aug.
   12)
   Monterey (Calif.)

Box 2

HM 81871-81902

HM 81871  R. Semple to James H. Gleason. 2 deeds (1848, Feb. 6)
   Benicia (Calif.)

HM 81872  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1848, Apr.
   1)
   Los Angeles (Calif.). Crossed letter

HM 81873  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1848, May
   18 and 23)
   Los Angeles (Calif.)

HM 81874  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1848, July
   20)
   Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81875  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1849
   [1850], Jan. 1)
   San Francisco (Calif.)

HM 81876  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1849, Feb.
   28)
   San Blas Coast (Panama)

HM 81877  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1849, Mar.
   17)
   Bark Mary Frances

HM 81878  Deed of Lot. No. 5 Black No. 14. Stanislaus City from S. Brannan and wife
   to James Gleason (1849, May 14)
   San Francisco (Calif.) Printed form filled in
HM 81879  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1849, June 20)  
San Francisco (Calif.)

HM 81880  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1849, Nov. 15)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81881  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Herbert Gleason (1849, Dec. 31)  
San Francisco (Calif.)

HM 81882  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1850, Mar. 31)  
San Francisco (Calif.)

HM 81883  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to "My dear cousin" (1850, Mar. 31)  
San Francisco (Calif.). In pieces

HM 81884  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Fanny (1850, July 1)  
San Francisco (Calif.)

HM 81885  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1850, July 31)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81886  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1850, Aug. 31)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81887  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1850, Sep. 30)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81888  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1850, Dec. 1)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81889  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1851, Mar. 3)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81890  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1851, May 15)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81891  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1852, Jan. 1)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81892  Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1852, Jan. 15)  
Monterey (Calif.)
HM 81893 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1852, Jan. 29)  
San Francisco (Calif.)

HM 81894 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1852, Mar. 15)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81895 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1852, Nov. 29)  
San Francisco (Calif.)

HM 81896 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances A. Gleason (1853, Feb. 15)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81897 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to [Frances A. Gleason] (1855, Jan. 1)  
San Benito (Calif.)

HM 81898 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Frances Tribble (1856, June 14)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81899 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to Herbert Gleason (1858, Oct. 16)  
Monterey (Calif.)

HM 81900 Gleason, James Henry, 1823-1861 letter to "My Dear Brother" (1859, July 20)  
At sea off California

HM 81901 Gleason, Dorothy letter to Agnes C. Conrad (1969, Nov. 17)  
Los Angeles (Calif.) With reply letter, invitation and note

HM 81902 Davis, William Heath, 1822-1909 manuscript entitled James H. Gleason [undated]