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Overview of the Collection
Title: Grahame Hardy Collection
Dates (inclusive): 1849-1909
Collection Number: mssHM 72670-72753
Creator: Hardy, Grahame H.
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Abstract: This collection contains documents, manuscripts, correspondence, and ephemera assembled by author and collector Grahame H. Hardy reflecting a range of legal, administrative, municipal, and real estate-related transactions initiated by railroad and mining interests, businessmen, and municipalities in the San Francisco Bay area, Northern California, and western Nevada in the second half of the 19th century. The correspondence also contains letters between parties involved in the construction of the Nicaragua Canal.

Language: English.

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Provenance
Purchased from Grahame Hardy, May 1945, August 1946, and July 1953.

Cataloger's Note
The name of “B.F. Kenney,” which appears in 11 pieces of correspondence and one document, was written in various forms, such as “Kenny” and “Kinney.” We settled on using “Kenney,” a form that appears the greatest number of times, to avoid confusion and uphold standards of uniformity.

Scope and Content
The collection was assembled by author and collector Grahame H. Hardy, the chronologically-arranged collection is divided into three series: documents and manuscripts; correspondence; and ephemera.

The documents and manuscripts demonstrate the range of legal, administrative, municipal, and real estate-related transactions initiated by railroad and mining interests, businessmen, and municipalities in the San Francisco Bay area, Northern California, and western Nevada. Included in this series are legal proceedings, title deeds, mining reports and claims.

Correspondence includes business and personal letters to and from Northern California lawyers, railroad and mining entrepreneurs in California and Nevada, and parties involved in the construction of the Nicaragua Canal. Included in this series are letters pertaining to the case of Daniel Sill, a San Francisco-based blacksmith and the trial of A.J. Jackson, an African American tried and acquitted in Marysville, California.

Lastly, ephemera include four items: a Mission Homestead Association certificate of stock; one check payable to Jack H. Haverly, a promoter of minstrel shows, from theater producers and brothers, Gustave Frohman and Charles Frohman; the baptism certificate of Everett Loftus Saxondale Kenna; and an undated glossary of mining terms.

Prominent persons and organizations featured in the collection include:
- California Academy of Sciences, founded in 1853 as the one of the first scientific academies west of the Atlantic seaboard.
• Central Pacific Railroad Company, established in 1861 and financed in part by Leland Stanford and Collis P. Huntington, who are also mentioned in the collection.
• William Heath Davis (1822-1909), San Francisco merchant and author, spouse of Maria de Jesús Estudillo, who played a key role in the founding of the California cities of Oakland and San Diego.
• John Brooks Felton (1827-1877), San Francisco Bay Area lawyer and judge, as well as one-time mayor of Oakland, California.
• Joseph Pendleton Hoge (1810-1891), former U.S. Representative of Illinois and later lawyer and judge of the San Francisco Superior Court.
• M.G. Upton, former official reporter of the California Assembly and author of the urban planning critique, "The Plan of San Francisco" (1869).

Arrangement
The collection is divided into three series: Documents and manuscripts; Correspondence; and Ephemera. Arranged chronologically.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects
Beideman, Jacob C., -1865.
Hardy, Grahame H., collector.
Huntington, Collis Potter, 1821-1900.
Lick, James, 1796-1876.
Mulford, Thomas W.
Selby, Thomas H., 1820-1875.
Sill, Daniel.
Stanford, Leland, 1824-1893 -- Trials, litigation, etc.
Central Pacific Railroad Company.
Mechanics' Institute (San Francisco, Calif.)
Nicaragua Canal Construction Company.
Sacramento Valley Railroad.
San Francisco Water Company.
San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Company -- History -- Sources.
Triunfo Silver Mining and Commercial Company of Lower California.
Western Pacific Railroad Company.
African Americans -- California, Northern -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Electric railroads -- California, Northern.
Mines and mineral resources -- California.
Mines and mineral resources -- Nevada.
Ores -- Sampling and estimation.
Public works -- California -- San Francisco.
Quartz mines and mining -- California -- Mariposa County.
Railroads -- California.
Real property -- California.
Waterfronts -- California -- Oakland.
Alameda County (Calif.)
California -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
California -- History -- 20th century -- Sources.
Nicaragua Canal (Nicaragua)
Oakland (Calif.) -- Trials, litigation, etc.
Placer County (Calif.)
San Francisco (Calif.)

**Forms/Genres**
- Deeds -- California -- 19th century.
- Ledgers (account books) -- California -- 19th century.
- Legal documents -- California -- 19th century.
- Letters (correspondence) -- California -- 19th century.
- Letters (correspondence) -- California -- 20th century.
- Manuscripts -- 19th century.

**Additional Contributors**
- Crane, William W. (William Watrous)
- Felton, John Brooks, 1827-1877.
- Frohman, Gustave, 1854-1930.
- Haight, Henry H., 1825-1878.
- Haverly, Jack, 1837-1901, recipient.
- Hoge, J. P. (Joseph Pendleton), 1810-1891.
- Upton, M. G.
- Bank of California.
- California Academy of Sciences.
- New Almaden Mining Company.

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|       | [After 1850]. Map of an Alameda County town. Note: the map shows properties in what is likely the cities of San Leandro and San Lorenzo. HM 72671 |
|       | 1858, May 5. County Court of the City and County of San Francisco. Copy of the petition and order to show cause in the case of the San Francisco Water Company vs. Cornelius De Boom, et al. HM 72672 |
|       | 1860, June 26. Finkler, Carl C. Copy of abstract of deeds, mortgages, judgments, leases, etc. for the Estudillo Family’s Rancho de San Leandro. HM 72673 |
|       | 1862, Mar. 8. California. District Court (6th Judicial District). Copy of plaintiff’s complaint in the case of the City and County of Sacramento vs. Sacramento Valley Railroad Company. HM 72674 |
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1864-1882. Account book of Leland & Harwood Lumber Company of Oakland, California. Note: the day book also includes what appears to be a transcript of the 1841 “Cruise of Brig O.C. Ramona;” an undated entry entitled “Thoughts on creation;” two entries about a South American journey; and an 1882 inventory of furniture. HM 72682


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1868-1880. Legal exhibits of resolutions, ordinances, deeds, and agreements reproduced for use in the lawsuit involving the City of Oakland, Oakland Water Front Company, and Horace W. Carpentier. HM 72689

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