Frank Hinckley Papers: Finding Aid mssHinckley

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Creator: Hinckley, Frank, 1838-1890
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Physical Description: 3.84 Linear Feet (3 boxes, 1 volume)
Date (inclusive): 1863-1898
Abstract: Frank Hinckley worked as a civil engineer and surveyor in Northern California in the mid-1800s. Materials in this collection document his life and professional activities.

Language of Material: Materials are in English.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hinckley, Gift, May 1935.

Biographical / Historical
Frank Hinckley was born in Rhode Island and came to California via the Isthmus of Panama in 1863 and became a civil engineer for the government in San Francisco. He worked as a surveyor for the Western Pacific Railroad in and around the Bay area until 1872, when he became foreman of the Meek Ranch in Hayward, California (which was owned by his father-in-law, William Meek). Hinckley and his family moved to a ranch near Redlands, California, in 1883, where he lived until his death in 1890.

Scope and Contents
The collection consists of letters, diaries (29 volumes), two account books, and documents related to the life and professional activities of Frank Hinckley. Subject matter includes: life in San Francisco, 1863-1866; working for the Western Pacific Railroad Company as a surveyor, 1863-1890; and ranch life in both Hayward and Redlands, California. There are also some materials by additional Hinckley family members in the collection.

Processing Information
Processed by Huntington Library staff, circa mid-20th century. In 2019, Maggie Hughes created a finding aid derived from a legacy summary report.

Related Materials

Arrangement
Materials are arranged by material type: letters, diaries and account books, and one bound volume.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Agriculture -- California
Civil engineers -- California -- Archives
Railroads -- Surveying -- California
Ranchers -- California -- Archives
Ranches -- California
Surveyors -- California -- Archives
California -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
Hayward (Calif.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
Redlands (Calif.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
San Francisco (Calif.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
San Francisco (Calif.) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century
Diaries -- California -- 19th century
Letters (correspondence) -- California -- 19th century
Western Pacific Railroad Company
Hinckley family

Box 1, Folder 1-4  Letters from Frank Hinckley to his family 1863-1866
Box 1, Folder 5  Letters from Elias B. Hinckley to Frank Hinckley 1872-1875
Box 1, Folder 6  Other family letters 1879, 1895, undated
Box 1, Folder 7  School reports for Seymer Langley 1914-1925
Box 2, Box 3  Diaries and account books 1863-1898

Scope and Contents
Includes diaries and account books of Frank Hinckley, 26 volumes; Elias B. Hinckley, 1 volume; Sarah Charlotte Hinckley, 1 volume; and possibly Nathaniel Barns Hinckley, 3 volumes.

Volume 1  Facsimile of "Water Record for Mill Creek Water Ditch in the State of California, County of San Bernardino" 1873-1884

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