J. H. Mathers Correspondence

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Biographical note
J. H. "Harry" Mathers was a surveyor for railroad and mining companies in the American west (primarily California) and Baja California. He moved to California from the Midwest in the late 1880s in search of work. He obtained a job with a railroad company in Baja California in 1889 surveying a line between Ensenada and the Gulf Coast and moved his family, including his wife Nettie, to Escondido, California. In the 1890s, the Mathers family moved to Chicago Park, California, near the mining town of Grass Valley. The family remained in Chicago Park for about a decade. Around the turn-of-the-century the family relocated to Los Angeles, California.
Scope and Content
The collection is composed entirely of correspondence between various members of the Mathers family. The bulk of the collection consists of letters between Harry and his mother, A.C. Mathers, and his wife, Nettie Mathers. Harry's letters reflect his experiences working as a surveyor in the railroad and mining industries in California and northern Mexico during the late 19th and 20th centuries. Correspondence between A.C.Mathers, Harry Mathers, and Nettie Mathers also discusses the personal details of the Mathers' family life, especially Harry and Nettie's children. The collection also includes some letters between A.C., Harry, and Nettie and the couple's sons, Donald, Frank, and Paul Mathers. There are also a few letters between Nettie and her parents, C. Dibble and C. A. Dibble, as well as a few from her siblings, Ethel, Karl, Katie, and "Stell." The collection's 134 letters are arranged in folders alphabetically by author and then by addressee. Within each folder, letters are sorted chronologically. The last folder contains empty envelopes that could not be matched to letters in the collection.
Personal Names
Mathers, J. H.
Subjects
Gold mines and mining -- California.
Railroads -- California, Southern.
Railroads -- Mexico -- Baja California (Peninsula)

Geographic Areas
California -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
California -- History -- 20th century -- Sources.

Genre
Letters (correspondence) California 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) California 20th century.

Box 1

Correspondence

Dibble, C. 5 letters to Nettie Mathers. 1889-1902
Dibble, C. 1 letter to J. H. Mathers and Nettie Mathers. 1897, Feb. 8
Dibble, C. A. 2 letters to Nettie Mathers. 1889-1910
Dibble, C. A. 1 letter to Nettie Mathers and Katie -----.. 1890, Aug. 8
Emerson, Anna M. 1 letter to J. H. Mathers. 1888, Dec. 27
Emerson, Anna M. 1 letter to Nettie Mathers. 1902, Nov. 9
Goodno, E. M. 3 letters to Donald Mathers. 1894-1898
[Goodno, E. M.]. 1 letter to Frank Mathers. 1896, Apr. 9
Goodno, E. M. 1 letter to J. H. Mathers. 1893, Apr. 25
Goodno, E. M. 1 letter to [Nettie Mathers]. 1894, Mar. 23
Jimeson, M. J. 1 letter to "Dear Sister." 1894, June 18
Loughridge, C. P. 1 letter to J. H. Mathers. 1900, Apr. 7
Mathers, A. C. 4 letters to Donald Mathers. 1894-1899
Mathers, A. C. 3 letters to Frank Mathers. 1899-1900
Mathers, A. C. 23 letters to J. H. Mathers. 1889-1902
Mathers, A. C. 1 letter to Louise A. Mathers and Anna Mathers. 1895, Jan. 11
[Mathers, A. C.]. 1 letter to "My Very Dear Cousin." 1907, Sept. 2
[Mathers, A. C.]. 1 letter to "My Darling Granddaughter." 1895, Aug. 7
Mathers, A. C. 15 letters to Nettie Mathers. 1888-1900
Mathers, Donald. 1 letter to [J. H. Mathers]. 1900, Dec. 29
Mathers, Frank. 2 letters to [Nettie Mathers]. 1911
Mathers, J. H. 2 letters to [A. C. Mathers]. 1902
Mathers, J. H. 4 letters to Donald Mathers. 1894-1899
Mathers, J. H. 2 letters to Frank Mathers. 1899-1900
Mathers, J. H. 8 letters to Nettie Mathers. 1888, Apr. 25-Dec. 23
Mathers, J. H. 15 letters to Nettie Mathers. 1889-1899
[Mathers, Nettie]. 1 letter to Frank Mathers. 1936, Dec. 9
Mathers, Nettie. 19 letters to J. H. Mathers. 1884-1891
Mathers, Nettie. 1 letter to unidentified addressee. undated
Mathers, Paul. 1 letter to Donald Mathers. undated
[Mathers, Nettie]. 1 letter to unidentified addressee. undated
Mathers, Paul. 1 letter to [Nettie Mathers]. 1904, Aug. 5
Tangye, E. 1 postcard to Frank Mathers. 1947
-----, Carrie. 1 letter to Katie -----.. 1889, Apr. 29
-----. Ethel. 1 letter to Nettie Mathers. 1889, Aug. 30
-----, Karl. 1 letter to Nettie Mathers. 1889, July 11
-----, Katie. 1 letter to "My Dear Sister and Brother." 1889, July 10
-----, Katie. 1 letter to Nettie Mathers. 1897, Feb.
-----, Stell. 1 letter to [Nettie Mathers]. 1905, June 19
-----. 1 letter to J. H. Mathers. 1888, Sept. 19
-----. 1 letter to J. H. Mathers and Nettie Mathers. 1898, Dec. 19
-------. 20 envelopes.