Inventory of the Burnett Family Papers

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Creator: Burnett Family
Title: Burnett Family Papers
Date (inclusive): 1825-1918
Extent: 0.8 linear feet
Abstract: Lester Burnett (1804-1870) settled in Yuba County, California in 1850. His son Wellington Burnett (1829-1907) served as city and county attorney of San Francisco. The collection contains correspondence related to Lester, his wife Olive, and their son Wellington, as well as other Burnett family members. Also included in the collection are legal and financial documents connected to the family.
Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.
Repository: University of California, Davis. Library. Dept. of Special Collections.
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Collection number: D-557
Language of Material: Collection materials in English.
Biography
Lester Burnett was born in Hampton, Connecticut on October 29, 1804. On June 1, 1828 he married Olive Browne Cleveland, who was born in Brooklyn, Connecticut on October 13, 1809.
Circa 1842, Lester Burnett moved with his family to Michigan. In 1850, Burnett came to California and settled at Long Bar, Yuba County, where he became an orchardist. He was president of the Eureka Mining Company. Lester Burnett passed away on September 6, 1870 and Olive Burnett passed away on December 14, 1876.
Lester and Olive's son, Wellington Cleveland Burnett, was born in Hampton, Connecticut on September 21, 1829. After his service in the Mexican War, Wellington attended Harvard Law School. In 1855 he was elected to the California State Senate as representative of the district comprising Yuba and Yolo Counties. After the completion of his state Senate term, he practiced law in San Francisco. He was later elected city and county attorney of San Francisco.
Wellington married Jane Cromwell Cleveland (d. June 13, 1923) on December 6, 1855. They had eight children including: Edward Worthington (1842-1895), Isaac Gibson (1856-1928), Charles Cleveland (1861-1863), Lester Grant (1863-1929), Olive (1866-1931), Gertrude Augusta (1869-1954), and Marius.
Wellington Burnett passed away on February 9, 1907.
Source:
Scope and Content
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Arrangement of the Collection
The collection is arranged in three series: Correspondence, Legal and Financial Documents, and Ephemera.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Burnett, Lester--Archives
Burnett, Olive
Burnett, W. C.
Burnett Family--Archives
Yuba County (Calif)--History
Access
Collection is open for research.
Processing Information
Sara Gunasekara processed this collection with assistance from student employee Michelle Xie.
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Publication Rights
Series 1. Correspondence 1825-1918

Physical Description: 92 letters

Scope and Content Note

Contains letters to or from various members of the Burnett family including Lester Burnett, Olive Burnett, Wellington Burnett, and Jane Cleveland Burnett. The letters are arranged chronologically.

Box 1:1
Ford, Mary to Lester Burnett 1825 September 5

Box 1:2
Allen, Lois to Olive Burnett 1832 September 24

Box 1:3
Lavinia to Olive Burnett 1838 December 23

Box 1:4
Chandler, Louisa R. and Chandler, Lucius to Olive Burnett 1839 January 27

Box 1:5
> Lavinia to Olive Burnett 1839 February 18

Box 1:6
Burnett, David to Lester Burnett 1842 December 10

Box 1:7
Unidentified to Olive Burnett 1843 August 2

Box 1:8
Lavinia to Olive Burnett 1844 February 14

Box 1:9
Lavinia to Olive Burnett 1844 October

Box 1:10
Hyde, Alonzo to Lester Burnett 1846 August 23

Box 1:11
Burnett, David to Chloe Burnett 1846 August 27

Box 1:12
Unidentified to Lester Burnett 1848 June 30

Box 1:13
Curtis, J. to Lester Burnett 1850 April 24

Box 1:14
Dennis G.R. to Olive Burnett 1850 June 17

Box 1:15
Gallup, J. to Olive Burnett 1850 August 31

Box 1:16
Shepperd, Calvin to Olive Burnett 1852

Box 1:17
Unidentified to Jennie [Jane Cleveland Burnett] 18530519

Box 1:18
Maggie to Jennie [Jane] Cleveland Burnett 1853 December 16

Box 1:19
Waterbury, A. to Lester Burnett 1854 February 3

Box 1:20
Vrozlay, Eugene to Wellington Burnett 1854 February 7

Box 1:21
Unidentified to Wellington Burnett 1854 March 23

Box 1:22
Clapp, James to Arthur Johnson 1854 March 25

Box 1:23
Mat to Jennie [Jane Cleveland Burnett] 1854 May 7

Box 1:24
Charlan, Stephen to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1854 October 26

Box 1:25
Unidentified to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1854 October 30

Box 1:26
Cleveland, L. to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1855 July 24

Box 1:27
Taintor, Henry to Lester Burnett 1856 January 5

Box 1:28
Prentice C.C. to Jennie [Jane] Cleveland Burnett 1856 May

Box 1:29
Aitchison, George to Wellington Burnett 1856 September 25

Box 1:30
sheaun, Jacob E. to Wellington Burnett 1857 March 2

Box 1:31
Cleveland, Addie to My Dear Brother 1857 April 12

Box 1:32
Van Welkenburg, M.B. to Olive Burnett 1857 August 5

Box 1:33
Aitchison, George to Wellington Burnett 1857 November

Box 1:34
Lake, Warner to Mrs. Burnett 1858 April 11

Box 1:35
Cleveland, J. and Cleveland, Addie to Brother and Sister 1859 January 16

Box 1:36
Vrozlay, Eugene to Wellington Burnett 1859 February 10

Box 1:37
Gibson, Isaac to Wellington Burnett 1859 August 29

Box 1:38
Gibson, Isaac to Friend Burnett 1859 December 3

Box 1:39
Gibson, J. to Lester Burnett 1860 April 22

Box 1:40
Beach, Hiram to Wellington Burnett 1860 August 3

Box 1:41
Aitchison, George to Wellington Burnett 1860 August 11

Box 1:42
Burnett, E.W. to Parents [Lester Burnett and Olive Burnett] 1861 March 24
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Box 1:45 Parr, Charles to Unidentified 1862 October 2
Box 1:46 Burnett, R.W. to Lester Burnett 1862 October 8
Box 1:47 Burnett, Wellington to Father [Lester Burnett] 1863 February 3
Box 1:48 Martin, William H. to Wellington Burnett 1864 May 28
Box 1:49 Haskell, Maria to Olive Burnett 1864 July 29
Box 1:50 Jennie [Jane Cleveland Burnett] to Olive Burnett [Mother] 1864 December 15
Box 1:51 Unidentified 1866 April 7
Box 1:52 Dupre, E. to My Dear Burnett 1866 April 23
Box 1:53 Burnett, E.W. to Parents [Lester Burnett and Olive Burnett] 1866 May 11
Box 1:54 Unidentified to Olive Burnett 1866 December
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Box 1:59 Burnett, Isaac to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1869
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Box 1:62 Booth, Newton to Wellington Burnett 1878 April 25
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Box 1:64 Machintosh, D. to Wellington Burnett 1881 November 25
Box 1:65 Russell, John to Wellington Burnett 1882 June 15
Box 1:66 Weaver, Thomas to E.W. Burnett 1883 December 1
Box 1:67 McCollum, H.S. to E.W. Burnett 1885 January 20
Box 1:68 Wedekind, George L. to Wellington Burnett 1885 April 2
Box 1:69 Cleveland, E.J. to E.W. Burnett 1885 April 10
Box 1:70 Burnett, G.G. to E.W. Burnett 1885 May 9
Box 1:71 Mitchell, J. to E. Burnett 1888 January 4
Box 1:72 Unidentified to Wellington Burnett 1888 January 20
Box 1:73 Burnett, Harry to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1888 May 4
Box 1:74 Burnett, Harry to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1888 May 9
Box 1:75 County Clerk, San Benito County, California to Wellington Burnett 1890 March 21
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Box 1:82 Huffman, E. to Friend 1899 August 4
Box 1:83 Middleton, J.D. to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1902 November 22
Box 1:84 Murdoch, Mrs. Moores to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1903 November 14
Box 1:85 Sherman, Edwin A. to Wellington Burnett 1906 May 27
Box 1:86 California Academy of Sciences to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1917 July 2
Box 1:87 Phelan, James D. to Jane Cleveland Burnett 1918 August 13
Box 1:88 Stevens, C.C. to Mrs. Burnett undated
Box 1:89 Cleveland, Elizabeth M. to Olive Burnett undated
Box 1:90 Hovey, L. to Friend undated
Box 1:91 Unidentified to Jennie [Jane] Cleveland Burnett undated
Box 1:92 Unidentified to Pa and Ma undated
Box 1:93-95 Envelopes undated

Box 2:1-20 Series 2. Legal and Financial Documents 1843-1889

Scope and Content Note

Contains deeds, probate documents, and contracts, as well as bills and receipts. Also included are the October 8, 1853 minutes for the Long Bar Water Co.
Series 3. Ephemera 1882-1908

Scope and Content Note
Contains one photograph (cyanotype), a clipping on Lester G. Burnett (1908), and printed material.