Inventory of the Searls Family Papers

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Creator: Searls Family
Title: Searls Family Papers
Date (inclusive): 1873-1923
Extent: 0.2 linear feet
Abstract: Niles Searls (1825-1907) served as State Senator and Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. This small collection contains several letters to Niles Searls and his son Fred Searls, as well as materials related to Fred Searls’ involvement with the Zeibright Mine in Nevada City, California.
Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.
Repository: University of California, Davis. General Library. Depart. of Special Collections.
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Collection number: MC253
Language of Material: Collection materials in English.

Biography
Niles Searls (1825-1907) settled in Nevada City, California in 1850. His career included serving as District Judge, State Senator, and as Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court.
Niles Searls’ son, Fred Searls (1854-1929), practiced law in Nevada City and served as President of the Zeibright Mine.

Scope and Content
This small collection contains several letters to Niles Searls and his son Fred Searls, as well as materials related to the Searls’ involvement with the Zeibright Mine in Nevada City, California.

Arrangement of the Collection

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Searls, Niles, 1825-1907
Searls, Fred
Mines and mineral resources--California--Nevada County
Mineralogy--California--Nevada County
Gold mines and mining--California--Nevada County
Nevada County (Calif.)--History
Uncovering California’s Environmental Collections Project

Access
Collection is open for research.

Processing Information
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Acquisition Information
Extracted from D-016, Mining Records Collection in 2013.

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Publication Rights
Series 1. Niles Searls 1873-1893
   Physical Description: 9 folders
   Scope and Content Note
   Arranged chronologically.
   Box MC253:1  Hall, Charles & Mackie to Niles Searls 1873 May 12
   Box MC253:2  Holland, J.L. to Niles Searls 1879 December 8
   Box MC253:3  Stehr, William to Niles Searls 1881 September 23
   Box MC253:4  Stehr, William to Niles Searls 1881 October 11
   Box MC253:5  Appearance of Defendant: Miguel de Laveaga vs. The Eureka Lake and Yuba Canal Company 1882 September 25
   Box MC253:6  McGlashan, C.F. to Niles Searls 1890 June 18
   Box MC253:7  Luttrell, J.K. to Niles Searls 1892 May 14
   Box MC253:8  Searls, Niles to A. Seamus 1893 September 28
   Box MC253:9  Indian War Bond Indebtedness undated

Series 2. Fred Searls 1882-1906
   Physical Description: 5 letters
   Scope and Content Note
   Contains five incoming letters written to Fred Searls.
   Box MC253:10  Helwig, J.H. 1889 March 26
   Box MC253:11  Helwig, J.H. 1889 September 7
   Box MC253:12  Helwig, J.H. 1890 February 14
   Box MC253:13  Helwig, J.H. 1906 April 19
   Box MC253:14  Stehr, William 1882 December 2

Series 3. Zeibright Mine 1905-1923
   Physical Description: 8 folders
   Scope and Content Note
   Contains materials related to the Zeibright Mine in Nevada City, California. Arranged chronologically.
   Box MC253:15  Proxy statements 1905 June 5
   Box MC253:16  South Yuba Water Company to Zeibright Mining Co. 1908 June 6
   Box MC253:17  Letter to Directors and Stockholders of the Zeibright Mining Co. 1911 June 13
   Box MC253:18-19  Promissory notes 1915 February 10
   Box MC253:20  Affidavit of publication 1920 January 12
   Box MC253:21  Report on General Corporate Franchises 1923 March 15
   Box MC253:22  Meeting minutes undated