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Descriptive Summary

Title: William P. Granger Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1859-1924

Collection number: 766

Creator: Granger, William P.

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Abstract: William P. Granger (1834-1903) was a civil engineer who worked on many railroad projects in Tennessee, Boston, Maine, and later, with the Southern Pacific Railway. The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, diaries, photographs, and clippings concerning the Maclay Rancho in San Fernando, California, the San Fernando Land and Water Company, the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel (Massachusetts), and the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad.

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Biography

Granger was born on September 20, 1834; grew up in Hoosac Tunnel, Massachusetts; became a civil engineer, and went south as a member of the Engineering Corps of the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad in Tennessee; was chief engineer of that road when the Civil War began; returned north to build a railroad on Cape Cod, and surveyed the route for the line at Hoosac Tunnel; also became chief engineer with the Boston, Concord, and Montreal Railroad at the White Mountains; practiced at Worcester, Massachusetts; built part of the Boston and Maine Railroad, and was chief engineer of the Massachusetts Central Railway; in 1884 he went to Oregon and built the second largest saw mill on the Pacific Coast; became an engineer with the Southern Pacific Railway, then resigned to lay out the San Fernando Valley tract; established his home in San Fernando, California; he died at Hoosac Tunnel, Massachusetts on September 30, 1903.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, diaries, photographs, and clippings of civil engineer William P. Granger, concerning the Maclay Rancho in San Fernando, California, the San Fernando Land and Water Company, the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel (Massachusetts), and the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad. Includes letters to Granger from Robert M. Widney and a diary of Isabella Rice Granger Maclay (San Fernando, 1895).

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Granger, William P.--Archives.

Maclay, Isabella Rice Granger--Diaries.

Civil engineers--United States--Archival resources.

San Fernando Valley (Calif.)--Archival resources.

Diaries.

Papers, 1859-1924**Note**

Description derived from in-house card file.

Creator/Collector: Granger, William P.

Physical Description: (1 box, 276 pieces)

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Correspondence, manuscripts, diaries, photographs, and clippings of William P. Granger, civil engineer, concerning the Maclay Rancho, San Fernando, California, the San Fernando Land and Water Company, and construction of the Hoosac Tunnel (Massachusetts) and the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad. Included are letters to Granger from Robert M. Widney and a diary of Isabella Rice Granger Maclay, San Fernando, 1895.

