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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: John B. Harmon (1822-1897) practiced law in Sacramento and Virginia City, Nevada. In 1864, he moved to San Francisco where he was associated with P.G. Galpin, Moriss M. Estee and D.P. Belknap. The collection consists of correspondence and legal papers relating to Harmon's law practice in Sacramento, Virginia City, Nevada, and San Francisco.

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Biography

Harmon was born in 1822 in Ohio; graduated from Yale University; admitted to Ohio bar; practiced law in New Orleans, then went to California in 1853 with Milton S. Latham; they were law partners for several years in Sacramento, and Harmon also practiced in Virginia City, Nevada; in 1864 moved to San Francisco, where he was associated with P.G. Galpin, Moriss M. Estee and D.P. Belknap; died in February, 1897 in Berkeley, California.
Biographical Narrative
John B. Harmon, 1822-1897, was born in Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in that state after graduating from Yale College. His earliest practice was in New Orleans from which city he came to California in 1853 in company with Milton S. Latham. He and Latham were partners in Sacramento for several years and he also practiced in Virginia City, Nevada. In 1864 he came to San Francisco, and was associated there with P.G. Galpin, Moriss M. Estee and D.P. Belkmap. He died at his home in Berkeley in February, 1897. A biographical sketch of Harmon, from which the above information was taken, appears in: Shuck, Oscar T. History of the bench and bar in California. Los Angles, 1901.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence and legal papers relating to John B. Harmon's law practice in Sacramento, Virginia City, Nevada, and San Francisco.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Harmon, John B., 1822-1897--Archives. Lawyers--California, Northern--Archival resources.

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Miscellaneous Cases
Physical Description: 12 pieces.

Box 2, Folder 6  Francis Mandlebaum vs. Henry Davis. 1866.
Physical Description: 6 documents.

Box 2, Folder 7  The U.S. vs. Henry F. Teschamaker. 1866.
Physical Description: 10 items.

Box 2, Folder 8  Papers concerning Robert Apple. 1868-9.
Physical Description: 4 pieces.

Box 2, Folder 9  Samuel Smith, claimant, for the Foley Subdivision, part of Rancho Arroyo San Antonio. 15 January 1872-28 March 1874.
Physical Description: 3 letters and 2 documents.
Scope and Content Note
Letters and documents re his claim to part of Rancho Arroyo San Antonio confirmed to Thomas B. Valentine by an act of Congress, April 5, 1572.

Box 2, Folder 10  A. Blackman vs. N. Goldtree. 1873.
Physical Description: 4 documents.

Box 2, Folder 11  Partridge vs. Partridge 1864-65.
Note
[Not in original register]

Box 3  Unsorted material.
Physical Description: [arranged into 7 folders by previous cataloger].