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Descriptive Summary
Title: Jonathan Drake Stevenson papers
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Collection number: 2040
Creator: Stevenson, J. D. (Jonathan Drake), 1800-1894.
Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)
Abstract: The papers of Jonathan Drake Stevenson consist of correspondence, miscellaneous legal and business papers and a few accounts and clippings. They are contained in one document box and range in time from 1840 to 1892, although the larger part of the material falls within the time span 1845-1880.
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Biography
Stevenson was born Jan. 1, 1800 in NY; private secretary to NY Governor Daniel D. Tompkins, later accompanying him to Washington, DC, when Tompkins was elected Vice-President in 1816; won a seat in the NY State Assembly; accepted command of military volunteer regiment in CA from President Polk in 1846 and arrived in San Francisco in March 1847; made commander of post in Monterey and later became military commander of the southern district of CA (headquartered in Los Angeles), May 1847; after his regiment went out of service in 1848, he later entered the mining and real estate businesses; appointed Shipping Commissioner, Port of San Francisco, 1872; died in San Francisco on Feb. 14, 1894.
Expanded Biographical Narrative
Jonathan D. Stevenson was born with the century on January 1, 1800, in Richmond, Staten Island, New York. His father, an old time shipmaster attached to the Revenue Department, was an intimate friend of the Vanderbilt family. Young Stevenson and Cornelius Vanderbilt were contemporaries, and through Stevenson's influence, Vanderbilt received his start in the shipping business that was to lay the foundation for the Vanderbilt fortune. Although Vanderbilt often urged him to go into business, Stevenson's proclivities were in the direction of mercantile pursuits which eventually brought him into New York state politics.
At an early age, he attracted the attention of New York Governor Daniel D. Tompkins and became his protege. He served as private secretary to the Governor and accompanied him to Washington in that capacity when Tompkins was elected Vice President in 1816.
Through his work at Washington and later in New York State, Stevenson made friends with men like Martin Van Buren, Cave Johnson of Tennessee, Levi Woodbury of Connecticut, William Henry Haywood of North Carolina and Silas Wright of New York. His friendship with prominent politicians and his temerity in helping to expose the notorious Glentworth election frauds of 1839-1840 gained him a certain stature in the Democratic Party. He won a seat in the New York State Assembly and supported James K. Polk for the Presidency in 1844.
While on a visit to Washington in 1846, President Polk offered Stevenson the command of a regiment of volunteers to be raised for military service in California. He accepted the command and returned to New York. Within three days after the rolls opened, the Regiment was recruited. Stevenson sailed for California with his Regiment of New York Volunteers on September 26, 1846, and arrived at San Francisco March 7, 1847.

After his arrival in San Francisco, Stevenson joined General Stephen Watts Kearny at Monterey and was made commander of the post. In May, 1847, he became the military commander of the southern district of California with headquarters in Los Angeles. While there, Stevenson did much to gain the goodwill of the native Californians and became known for his justice and kindness.

When his Regiment was mustered out of service in 1848, Stevenson went to the mining community of Mokelumne Hill. He was appointed alcalde of the settlement, and drew up a code of mining laws and regulations. He remained in the "diggings" long enough to amass the respectable fortune of ten thousand dollars.

He returned to San Francisco to enter the real estate business with William C. Parker. He remained in the city carrying on his real estate business and was appointed Shipping Commissioner for the Port of San Francisco in 1872. He held this position for many years. Even after his term as Shipping Commissioner expired, he continued to engage in his law practice and to manage real estate transactions. He died in San Francisco on February 14, 1894, a respected and prominent figure among local celebrities.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence, legal and business papers, accounts, and clippings related to the life of J.D. Stevenson. Includes materials related to his political career in NY, his command of the 1st NY Infantry Regiment of Volunteers in CA during the Mexican War, and his law practice and real estate business in San Francisco.

The papers cover the larger share of Stevenson's life, but are especially important for the years 1840 to 1870. The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley acquired a larger group of Stevenson's papers from the General Library of the University. These papers were sold to the University by Robert E. Cowan in 1897 and were paid for with funds donated by Collis P. Huntington. The Stevenson papers described in this guide were purchased by the University of California Library, Los Angeles, with the Library of Robert E. Cowan in 1936.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Incoming correspondence
2. Outgoing correspondence
3. Correspondence to and from various persons re: Stevenson
4. Legal papers re: lots acquired by Stevenson in Santa Cruz, CA
5. Miscellaneous legal papers
6. Receipts, accounts, etc.
7. Clippings concerning Stevenson.

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

Subjects
Stevenson, J. D. (Jonathan Drake), 1800-1894 --Archives.
Politicians --New York (State) --Archival resources.
United States. Army --Officers --California --Archival resources.

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**Incoming correspondence, various persons to Stevenson**

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1 from Levi Woodbury, Washington
1 from D. Graham, Jr., New York
1 from Solomon Hillen, Jr., Washington
1 from J.R. Whiting and Robert H. Morris, New York

Scope and Content Note
concerning the Glentworth Fraud exposure and trial

Folder 1  
7 from Silas Wright

Scope and Content Note
concerning national politics, election campaigns in New York state, Martin Van Buren and the presidential campaign of 1844.

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7 from Silas Wright

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concerning national and New York state politics and Stevenson's efforts to obtain various political appointments

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1 from William Henry Haywood, Jr., Raleigh, N.C.

Scope and Content Note
discussing national politics and James K. Polk's campaign with reference to North Carolina

Folder 2  
1 from Cave Johnson, Clarksville, Tenn.

Scope and Content Note
discussing Polk's campaign and Silas Wright's nomination for governor of New York

Folder 2  
1 from John Moore, New York

Scope and Content Note
a character reference for Stevenson at the time he was a candidate for the New York State Assembly

Folder 2  
2 from Francis B. Du Bois, Boston

Scope and Content Note
concerning his claim to certain property belonging to Julius H. Walker, deceased

Folder 2  
1 from Levi Woodbury, Washington

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letter of recommendation for Stevenson
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1 from John C. Rives, Washington
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stating he had been informed by Francis P. Blair that President Polk had referred the matter of the appointment of a Collector for the Port of New York to Benjamin F. Butler and would appoint whomever he recommended.

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2 from James Boorman, New York
Scope and Content Note
concerning the bill before the New York state legislature for charter of the Hudson River Railway Co.

Folder 3

1 from Paul Alley on the same subject as the preceding letter

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3 from Silas Wright, Albany,
Scope and Content Note
concerning a New York state Assembly matter and the raising of Stevenson's Regiment of Volunteers for service in the Mexican War

Folder 3

1 from James A. Hardie, New York
Scope and Content Note
objecting to the date set for the departure of Stevenson's Regiment for California.

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6 from Stephen Watts Kearny, Monterey, Calif.
Scope and Content Note
concerning the following subjects:
• his plans for the disposition of Stevenson's Regiment in California and the arrangements for its transport from San Francisco to Monterey via the U.S.S. Lexington with official orders signed by Kearny and a letter of instruction attached
• ammunitions
• an order to send Capt. William G. Marcy directly to Monterey
• Kearny's plans to depart for Washington with Fremont, Major Thomas Swords, Captains Philip St. George Cooke, Asst. Surgeon George B. "Dad" Sanderson and fifty men
• the engagement between General Zachary Taylor and Santa Anna
• and the General Winfield Scott's victory at Vera Cruz.

Folder 4

1 from Lt. Henry C. Matsell, San Francisco
Scope and Content Note
resigning his post as Adjutant of the Regiment of New York Volunteers

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7 from Capt. Henry S. Turner, Monterey, Calif.
Scope and Content Note
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• detailing of two men to San Miguel and other details ordered by Kearny
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• and the numbering of orders
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1 from Maj. Thomas Swords
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concerning the continuation of rations for men detailed to carry the mail

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2 from Capt. Henry M. Naglee, Monterey, Calif.
Scope and Content Note
concerning the issue of clothes and funds for his company

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3 from William T. Sherman, Santa Barbara, Calif. July 25 and Monterey, Calif., Aug 23 and Nov. 24, 1847
Scope and Content Note
concerning
- the arrival of Col. Robert B. Mason at Santa Barbara on the U.S. Sloop of War Dale
- and Mason's orders to Stevenson to come to Santa Barbara the extent of aid to be given by the military to civil authorities and the custody of civil prisoners by the military when advisable
- and Stevenson's authority to allow suiters to collect debts of soldiers contracted up to the date of the reception of the act of congress approved, Mar. 3, 1847

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Scope and Content Note
vindicating himself of accusations of intemperance made by Stevenson in his address to Co. F at Santa Barbara.

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11 from William T. Sherman
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- the discharge and payment of the Mormon Battalion
- illegal sale of ammunition by replacements in Stevenson's Regiments
- the administration of the missions south of San Buenaventura
- discovery of a coal deposit
- supply and disciplinary problems in Stevenson's Regiment
- Leidesdorff's death and his estate
- problem of desertion of U.S. troops caused by the gold discovery
- lack of military force to back civil authority in California
- Charles E. Pickett
- the gold fever
- property purchased by Stevenson in San Francisco
- and the acknowledgment of the colors presented by Stevenson's Regiment to the Territorial Government of California
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5 from Richard B. Mason
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concerning
• the duties on goods carried by foreign vessels engaged in the California coastal trade
• requesting information on the shooting of three Californians near San Rafael Mission and Col. John C. Fremont's part in this affair; additional troops for Stevenson's regiment
• the prohibition of organized parties against the Indians under the authority of the Alcalde of Santa Barbara
• Stevenson's opportunities as a permanent resident of California
• "Apostle Thomas' Epistle to the Californians"
• Senator Thomas H. Benton's proposal to place John C. Fremont on the California Land Claims Commission

Folder 5

1 from Lt. Henry C. Matsell, La Paz, Lower Calif.
from Henry W. Halleck, Monterey, Calif.
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relative to the leasing of the San Buenaventura Mission and property for the Army's use.

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Scope and Content Note
offering to buy lo's in Santa Cruz to which Stevenson held title

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1 from Crane & Peckham, Attorneys, Santa Cruz
Scope and Content Note
concerning the sale of Stevenson's property in Santa Cruz

Folder 6

1 from Frederick Billings, San Francisco
Scope and Content Note
concerning a quit claim to the north half of 50 vara lot no. 298 in San Francisco

Folder 6

6 from Joseph H. Skirm, Santa Cruz
Scope and Content Note
concerning
• Stevenson's claim to property at Santa Cruz
• recommending that he file claims against squatters residing on it in the U.S. District Court instead of the Santa Cruz County Court
• and stating in his letter of May 24, 1860 that he could no longer continue as Stevenson's legal representative as he was arguing in another case against the validity of alcalde grants

Folder 6

1 from William Fredericks, San Francisco,
Scope and Content Note
requesting information on his land warrant

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4 from F.M. Kittridge, Santa Cruz
Scope and Content Note
concerning a squatter, John Liebrandt, settled on land claimed by Stevenson
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2 from Charles Kemp, Santa Cruz
Scope and Content Note
concerning fees owed by Stevenson in the case of J.D. Stevenson vs. N.H. Stockton et al.

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2 telegrams from the Sheriff of Santa Cruz County
Scope and Content Note
concerning Stevenson's property at Santa Cruz

Folder 6
1 from General George Wright, Sacramento
Scope and Content Note
stating that he has forwarded Stevenson's petition to be appointed Provost Marshall of California to the War Department with an endorsement of recommendation

Folder 6
1 from G.P. Work, New Orleans
Scope and Content Note
inquiring re the power of attorney granted to Stevenson in the case of Francis Cheris vs. Mexico and enclosing a letter from Nathaniel Wilson to Randall Lee Gibson, Washington, Mar. 5, 1880, stating that the claim of Cheris against Mexico has been allowed and that the power of attorney to collect is to Stevenson

Folder 6
1 from Francis D. Clark, New York
Scope and Content Note
probably concerning the claim of Stevenson on the Hudson River Railway Co. for services rendered in 1845-1846

Folder 6
1 from William H. Knight, San Francisco
Scope and Content Note
concerning William T. Sherman's statement relative to the contemplated transfer of California to the Confederacy during the Civil War, the disloyalty of General Albert Sidney Johnston and the correction of Sherman's statement by Stevenson in articles published in the Post and Bulletin; also re the publication of a history of Stevenson's requesting a share of the money received by Stevenson from the California State Legislature for the survey of Suisun Bay

Folder 6
1 from William C. Parker, Santa Cruz
Scope and Content Note
requesting a share of the money received by Stevenson from the California State Legislature for the survey of Suisun Bay

Folder 6
1 from William Henry Vanderbilt, New York
Scope and Content Note
(copy) thanking Stevenson for the biographical sketch of his father's (Cornelius Vanderbilt's) life

Folder 6
Notes from Silas Wright, P.M. Wetmore and Wright Haywood, Jr.
Outgoing correspondence, Stevenson to various persons
Physical Description: (13 items), drafts and copies
Folder 7  
1 to J.V. Fowler, New York  
Scope and Content Note  
requesting that he obtain the papers relating to the claim of Francis B., Du Bois and including copy of the order for the release of the papers touching on the Du Bois claim  
Note  
(see Du Bois to Stevenson, Nov. 21, 1845, folder 2)

Folder 7  
1 to John Kearster, Albany  
Scope and Content Note  
requesting maps and surveys of land claimed by the Du Bois family

Folder 7  
1 to Silas Wright, New York  
Scope and Content Note  
requesting that he be allowed to enroll and organize a regiment of volunteers for service in the Mexican War (original and typescript copy)

Folder 7  
1 to T.M. Levanworth, San Francisco  
Scope and Content Note  
requesting the grant of a lot 50 x 100 varas in San Francisco, bordered by Jackson, Sansome and Washington Streets and partly under water at high tide, and promising to defray expense of filling in Jackson and Washington Streets to provide a convenient landing for the City of San Francisco; with this are copies of Levanworth's grant of the lot, Jan. 7, 1849

Folder 7  
Certificate of the grant by Judge Levi Parsons  
Folder 7  
Levanworth's certificate of compliance with conditions of the grant  
Folder 7  
1 to Joseph H. Skirm , San Francisco  
Scope and Content Note  
concerning lots granted to Stevenson in Santa Cruz

Folder 7  
2 to John Williams, Deputy Sheriff of Santa Cruz Co.  
Scope and Content Note  
concerning the power of attorney to John A. White to settle Stevenson's suits against N.H. Stockton and James Bennett, et al.

Folder 7  
1 to Wells Fargo & Co.  
Scope and Content Note  
enclosing money to be forwarded to Santa Cruz to pay for a transcript of statement for the California State Supreme Court in the case of Stevenson vs. N.H. Stockton, et al.

Folder 7  
1 to William T. Sherman, San Francisco  
Scope and Content Note  
requesting him to present a claim to the Hudson River Railway Co. for services rendered to them in 1845-1846 and mentioning his friendship and services to Cornelius Vanderbilt and correspondence with William Henry Vanderbilt, owner of the Hudson River Railway Co.

Folder 7  
1 to William H. Knight, San Francisco  
Scope and Content Note  
acknowledging the appearance of an extract of a letter from William T. Sherman to Knight in the San Francisco Bulletin concerning Stevenson's alleged expose of Johnston's conspiracy to deliver fortifications in California to men in sympathy with the Confederacy and enclosing a copy of his vindication of General Johnston
Folder 7

1 to William Window., Secretary of the Treasury, San Francisco
Scope and Content Note
stating his gratitude that his application for the office of United States Shipping Commissioner for the Port of San Francisco has the support of Congressmen from the Pacific Coast and requesting that his application not be rejected on the ground that his age would render him incompetent to perform the duties of the office

Box 1, Folder 8

Correspondence to and from various persons re: Stevenson
Physical Description: (17 items)

Folder 8

1 from Silas Wright to John Milton Niles
Scope and Content Note
introducing Stevenson and his wife

Folder 8

1 from Francis Thomas to Silas Wright, Wash.
Scope and Content Note
enclosing a commission for J.D. Stevenson as a reward for his service to the people of the United States in the expose of the Glentworth Frauds

Folder 8

1 from Washington Hunt, New York, to James Turner Morehead
Scope and Content Note
stating he learns that President Polk will probably nominate Stevenson for the post of Surveyor of the Port of New York, and because of his services to the Whig Party in New York, the Whig senators ought not to oppose the appointment

Folder 8

1 from William Henry Haywood, Wash.
Scope and Content Note
requesting that it be brought to President Polk's attention that Stevenson was not nominated for the position of Surveyor of the Port of New York and that he therefore be named Naval officer of the same port - *Possibly to William Brown Maclay

Folder 8

1 from William Brown Maclay to James Knox Polk, Wash.
Scope and Content Note
recommending that Stevenson be appointed Naval Officer for the Port of New York

Folder 8

1 from Joshua Vansant and William L. Preston to James Knox Polk, Baltimore
Scope and Content Note
recommending Stevenson for the post of Naval Officer for the Port of New York on behalf of the Democratic Party of the City of Baltimore

Folder 8

1 from R. Jones, Adjutant General of the U.S. to Col. James Bankhead, Wash.
Scope and Content Note
directing him to muster in Stevenson's Regiment for the service of the U.S. with authority for raising same

Folder 8

1 from Joseph Libby Folsom to William T. Sherman, San Francisco
Scope and Content Note
mentioning the resignation of Andrew J. Grayson as wagon and storage master at the Quartermaster's Depot in San Francisco and requesting the transfer of either Sgt. George D. Bebb or Pvt. Gustave J. Contan of Stevenson's regiment to the vacant position
Container List

Folder 8

1 from the Santa Cruz Town Council
Scope and Content Note
(Eli C. Moore, Griffith L. Jenkins, William Anderson and William H. Hardy), Santa Cruz, to William C. Parker concerning the payment for the 58 lots in the town of Santa Cruz sold to various persons in San Francisco

Folder 8

1 from T.R. Per Lee to E.B. Kellog, Santa Cruz,
Scope and Content Note
stating the amount of taxes due on Stevenson's property at Santa Cruz

Folder 8

1 from John P. Stearns to William H. Martin, Santa Cruz
Scope and Content Note
stating he wishes nothing more to do with Stevenson's legal cases

Folder 8

1 from John James Smith to Messrs. Cooper & Co.
Scope and Content Note
requesting that Mr. Ghanky be notified to send all lumber sent to his wharf by Stevenson to Smith in San Francisco

Folder 8

1 from Joseph H. Skirm to Elisha Cook, Santa Cruz
Scope and Content Note
enclosing quit claim deeds and releases for property in Santa Cruz and requesting that Stevenson acknowledge same

Folder 8

1 from Nathaniel Wilson to S.A. Kemp, Red Wing, Minn., Wash.
Scope and Content Note
stating he has received a copy of a letter and power of attorney sent by Kemp to Stevenson in re the claim of Asa E. Wilde before the American and Mexican Mixed Claims Commission and that it would be unwise for Kemp to interfere in the case in behalf of the heirs of Asa E. Wilde

Folder 8

1 from Robert Tobin to Lorenzo Lawyer, San Francisco
Scope and Content Note
concerning a title search of title on property which had been made for Stevenson.

Box 1, Folder 9

Legal papers re: lots acquired by Stevenson in Santa Cruz, California
Physical Description: (70 items)
Folder 9

**Petitions for and grants of lots in the town of Santa Cruz made by William Blackburn, Alcalde of Santa Cruz**

Scope and Content Note
to the following:
- George McDougal
- William C. Parker
- Joseph S. Bowden, Feb. 20, 1849
- C. Bowden
- Henry Smith
- Harvard Dye
- Robert T. Ridley
- Richard Parker
- John Vanbussum
- Albert Miller
- George C. Hubbard
- Mathew R. Stevenson
- J.H. Brady
- Alexander Smith
- William C. Dotter
- Francis Davis
- John H. Huddart
- R.M. Colley
- Jackson Brewley, Feb. 22, 1849

Folder 9

**Indentures concluded between Jonathan Drake Stevenson and the following for the transfer of their lots in Santa Cruz to Stevenson**

Scope and Content Note
- Alexander Smith
- George Jamison
- John Sheall
- Robert T. Ridley
- Jackson Brewley
- Francis Davis, Feb. 24, 1849
- Albert Miller
- William C. Dotter
- Henry Smith, Feb. 25, 1849
- John Shulterrs
- Harvard Dye
- Richard Parker, Feb. 26, 1849
- George C. Hubbard, Feb. 28, 1849
- Mathew R. Stevenson
- George McDougal
- John Vanbussum, Mar. 1, 1849
- Joseph S. Bowden
- William C. Parker, July 5, 1849
- Joseph H. Brady, Dec. 31, 1849
Folder 9  
**Receipt of the Town Council of Santa Cruz to Stevenson for payment of amount due on Santa Cruz lots purchased by various individuals and deeded to Stevenson July 11, 1849.**

Physical Description: (duplicate copy)

Folder 9  
**Lists of lots in Santa Cruz and a manuscript town plat map of a portion of the town of Santa Cruz.**

Box 1, Folder 10  
**Miscellaneous legal and business papers**

Physical Description: (13 items)

Folder 10  
**Pre-emption claim to land on San Francisco Bay by Stevenson**

Physical Description: (certified copy)

Folder 10  
**Power of attorney from Benito Dias y Suisa Soto to Stevenson, Monterey, Calif.**

Folder 10  
**Deed from Jose Antonio Mesa to Stevenson of 2000 varas of Rancho Del Megano**

Folder 10  
**Articles of agreement between Richard P. Hammond, William T. Sherman, and James Blair**

Scope and Content Note

parties of the first part and Jonathan D. Stevenson, party of the second part for the survey of a town to be located at the mouth of the San Joaquin River on Suisun Bay

Folder 10  
**Photographic copies (surveyors reports, receipts, etc.) of documents relating to the survey of Suisun Bay**

Folder 10  
**Agreement between Stevenson and William C. Parker forming the partnership of Stevenson and Parker, a real estate firm, San Francisco**

Folder 10  
**Power of attorney from Sarah Clementine Stevenson to Jonathan D. Stevenson, New York**

Folder 10  
**List of lots on Clay and Vallejo Streets, San Francisco sold at auction by Pollard & Co., by order of and on the account of Stevenson, Parker & Co., Sept. 14, 1849, San Francisco, Sept. 20, 1849**

Folder 10  
**Deed of Stevenson to Richard N. Berry of lot no. 45 on Louise Street, San Francisco**

Physical Description: (2 certified copies)

Folder 10  
**Quit claim deed of Elbert P. Jones, and Sarah Jones to Stevenson, Parker & Co. of 4 fifty vara lots nos. 696-699 in San Francisco**

Box 1, Folder 11  
**Miscellaneous legal and business papers**

Physical Description: (7 items)

Folder 11  
**Sales account of real estate sold by Morris & Co. on account of Stevenson, Parker & Co., San Francisco**

Folder 11  
**Proposal of Stevenson and Parker**

Scope and Content Note

to grant the Central Wharf Co. a right of way through 100 vara lot bounded by Front, Davis, Clay and Sacramento Streets and the privilege of building stores along the line of the wharf (with diagram of lot attached), San Francisco

Folder 11  
**Deed of Charles V. Gillespie and Sarah Beutner Gillespie to Stevenson of 13 plots of land in San Francisco**

Folder 11  
**Release of mortgage held by Elbert P. Jones to Stevenson and Parker on 2 fifty vara lots in San Francisco**

Folder 11  
**List of personal effects belonging to the firm of Stevenson, Parker & Co. sold by William C. Parker to Stevenson**

Folder 11  
**Deed of William C. Parker to Stevenson of his interest in certain Santa Cruz town lots, San Francisco**

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**Scope and Content Note**  
Isaac Williams, claimant vs. U.S. between James B. Townsend, agent of the U.S. Solicitor and J.D. Stevenson to the effect that Townsend is to take testimony at Los Angeles in behalf of the U.S. and Stevenson is to take testimony at San Francisco in behalf of the claimant, San Francisco

Folder 13  
**Copy of summons in no. 7479, Jonathan D. Stevenson vs. James Bennett, et al., Calif. District Court, 12th Judicial District**

Folder 13  
**Subpoena**

Folder 13  
**Copy of summons**

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**Translation of grant of two hundred square varas at Santa Cruz to Maria Antonio Tomson by Manuel Rodriguez, Santa Cruz, used in the case of Stevenson vs. Stockton, et al., 1860-1862**

Folder 13  
**Power of attorney from J.D. Stevenson to John A. White to settle and collect his claims in the suits, Stevenson vs. N.H. Stockton et al., and Stevenson vs. Bennett et al.**

Folder 13  
**Affidavit of Stevenson as to the ownership, character and tide lines of the land situated on the east side of Montgomery Street between Washington and Jackson Streets during the period 1847-1863, San Francisco**

Box 1, Folder 14  
**Miscellaneous legal and business papers**  
**Physical Description:** (5 items)

Folder 14  
**Power of attorney, Stevenson and Camille Gros to John Sime & Co.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
authorizing that firm to receive from the U.S. any awards for Gros’ claim against the government of Mexico, Stevenson being the agent for this claim, San Francisco

Folder 14  
**Agreement Henry G. Williams and Stevenson**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
whereby Williams assigns his interest in and authorization to prosecute the claim of the estate of R.M. Cooley, deceased against the Geneva Award Fund to Stevenson, San Francisco

Folder 14  
**Stevenson's certificate of membership in the California Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Calif. Lodge No. 1, San Francisco**

Folder 14  
**Petition and resolution**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
presented to Congress requesting that Stevenson be awarded a pension for his services to the United States as commanding officer of the Regiment of New York Volunteers, Santa Barbara, signed by Henry S. Carnes, George W. Coffin, James R. Vance and others

Folder 14  
**Agreement between J.D. Stevenson and Ellen O'Sullivan widow of James O'Sullivan, private in the Regiment of New York Volunteers**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
appointing Stevenson as her agent and representative to secure a pension from the U.S. Government, San Francisco.

Box 1, Folder 15  
**Miscellaneous legal and business papers**  
**Physical Description:** (15 items)

Folder 15  
**Short abstract of title and description of property owned by Mary Hart, San Francisco**

Folder 15  
**Stevenson's draft of instrument revoking his power of attorney to Jesse D. Carr to manage Stevenson's Santa Cruz property**

Folder 15  
**List of the owners of 50 vara lots no. 475-477**
| Folder 15 | Inventory of J.D. Stevenson's debts |
| Folder 15 | Title search of 50 vara lot no. 298, San Francisco |
| Folder 15 | List of questions put to J.R. Snyder relating to his survey of the town of Santa Cruz. |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | Miscellaneous receipts, accounts, etc. |
| | Physical Description: (42 items) |
| Folder 16 | Receipts to Edward Williams for copies of maps of Santa Cruz properties |
| Folder 16 | Bill for attorney and court fees in the case of Stevenson vs. N.H. Stockton et al. |
| Folder 16 | Receipts from the Hibernia Savings and Loan Association for interest paid by Stevenson on his mortgage. |
| Box 1, Folder 17 | Clippings concerning Stevenson. |
| | Physical Description: (15 items) |
| Folder 17 | Newspaper clippings chiefly from San Francisco newspapers |
| | Scope and Content Note |
| | concerning the Regiment of New York Volunteers, Stevenson's recollections of early San Francisco, etc. |
| Folder 17 | Notice concerning the appearance of Stevenson's autobiography and his obituaries. |