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Scope and Content

Holt Atherton's Small California Collections span the region's history from 1806 to the present. Their particular emphasis lies in the first fifty years of statehood, where they are especially strong in materials pertaining to Biography, Business, Mining, Politics and Social History, notably, with regard to San Joaquin County, home of Holt Atherton Special Collections. Certain prominent California names are represented in the collections, including: Ignacio Martinez de la Vega, John Bidwell, James Marshall, David Broderick, John Swett, Jessie Benton Fremont, Collis P. Huntington, John Muir, Edwin Markham and Denis Kearney. However, the bulk of these folder-size collections represents the efforts of lesser-known farmers, merchants, scholars and laborers who helped make California the large and wealthy state it is today.

Series 1: Agriculture
Mss2.B816: BRANIC, ELDON. STANISLAUS COUNTY INTERVIEWS, 1970-71. [35 pp. incl. overview of Branic’s military career (1911-1919) as well as his activities as a Stanislaus County farmer]
Mss2.G883: GROVER FAMILY. CORRESPONDENCE, 1863-66. [2 letters describe farming at Soquel and at Stockton]
Mss2.K67: KNAPP & GRANT COMPANY, SF. CORRESPONDENCE, 1866. [note regarding shipment of 80 boxes of apples]
Mss2.M135: Mc Donald, LESTER. SOUTHER FARMS PAPERS, 1870s. [3 pp. describing efforts of Souther family to farm in San Leandro, Covina and Kern County]
Mss2.W172: WATERMAN, GERALD “GW” AUTOBIOGRAPHY, 2018. The Happiest Times of My Life by Gerald A. Waterman. Childhood recollections of Des Moines, Iowa, Stockton, California, and Eldridge Missouri in the late 1940s through 1950s. Includes time at Cherry Lane Camp Stockton, California near Jack Tone Rd. on Highway 26 as orchard laborers. Family photos at Cherry Lane Camp.

Series 2: Chinese Americans
Mss2.H874: HUANG MENG CHANG. STOCKTON CORRESPONDENCE, 1925. [5 items in Chinese to and from employee of Chong Wah Co., import-export firm of Stockton]
Mss2.K26: KEE FOO. INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS, 1880; 1883. [tax on retail liquor & tobacco business of this Jackson resident]

Series 3: Conservation & Lumber
Mss2.B983: BUTANO FOREST ASSOCIATES, SAN JOSE. RECORDS, 1945-52. [conservationist group seeking to save Butano Redwoods, San Mateo County]
Mss2.C938e: CROCKER, EDWIN B. LETTER, 1865. [requests W.N. Lut to act as Central Pacific RR’s agent in preventing timber cutting on Crystal Peak, along the Truckee and at Lake Tahoe]
Mss2.E55: EMPARAN, MADIE BROWN. JOHN MUIR ASSOCIATION PAPERS, 1941-70. [incl. notes on John McLaren, letter from Muir biographer, Linnie Marsh Wolfe, and, minutes (1941) expressing concern about Muir Papers at Pacific School of Religion]
Mss2.P499: PETTY, PATRICIA. Original Screenplay, Yosemite. Second draft January 1988. Main characters are Elvira Hutchings, Florence Hutchings, and John Muir. “Yosemite is a passionate drama about the strength of love and the birth of more than a national park, the birth of the American environmental movement.”
Mss2.T247: TAYLOR, WILL L. SIERRA FLUME & LUMBER COMPANY. DRAWINGS PORTFOLIO, 1876-77. [photographs of 30 original drawings of Company activities held by Kraft Library, Red Bluff]

Series 4: Education
Mss2.B163 [BAIRD, LOUIS E.?] Letter, 1881 September 21, [San Jose] to "My dear Mama." Holograph (signed "Lou"). Ode to President Garfield by a University of the Pacific student.

Mss2.D598 DIRECTORY OF STOCKTON SCHOOLS. Two pamphlets, 1907-1909 and 1909-1911. Includes bylaws, rules, regulations, and names of schools, faculty, administration.

Mss2.G411: GIBBONS FAMILY PAPERS, 1843-1956. Genealogy of Gibbons, Cloud, and Hickman families. Also, includes 9 letters and other papers of Alexander Severus Gibbons, early president of the University of the Pacific, and 2 items concerning his daughter, Mary Gibbons Cooper.

Mss2.M153: MACK, GEORGE C. PAPERS, 1864-74. [5 items pertaining to career of this Solano County educator]

Mss2.M857: MRRILL, JOSEPH C. PAPERS, 1853-98. [31 items pertaining to military & teaching careers of J.C. Morrill]

Mss2.P615: PIERCE, C.C. PAPERS, 1865-85. [3 items pertaining to ministerial & teaching career of this Placerville educator]

Mss2.R635: ROBBINS, ORA RHODES. PAPERS, 1896-1902. [4 items pertaining to teaching career of this Tulare County educator]

Mss2.S974: SWETT, JOHN. CALIFORNIA LETTERS to the BOSTON CULTIVATOR, 1852-53. [description of ocean voyage to California, reflections on education and impressions of San Francisco by State's first Supt. of Public Instruction]

Mss2.Y78: YOUNG, WALTER. MEMOIRS of HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, 1881-1905.

Series 5: Gold Rush

Mss2.B167: BAKER, JOHN W.H. CORRESPONDENCE, 1853-55. [typescript copies of 52 letters from Doctor in Mokelumne Hill to wife in New Hampshire]


Mss2.C419: CLAYTON, J.E. This diary is an account of a trip, mostly by sea, from the southeastern United States through Panama to California. Clayton continues from San Francisco upriver to Sacramento, then to the Sierra to pan for gold.


Mss2.E47: ELLIS, C.G. CORRESPONDENCE, 1850. [4 letters from C.G. Ellis, Waterville, Maine, to her son, Austin W. Ellis recounting news received from family members in California]

Mss2.F613: FLETCHER, JOHN E. CORRESPONDENCE, 1849-50. [8 pg. typescript copy of letter from miner in Nevada County to wife in Massachusetts describing ocean voyage to California (1849) and miner's life]

Mss2.F711: FORD, PATRICK. LEGAL PAPERS, 1853-59. [4 items detailing suit of miner seeking damages from Bureau of Indian Affairs for losses suffered at hands of Klamath Indians (1851)]

Mss2.F855: FREEMAN, EARLENE. PAPERS, 1941. [22 pp. essay & notes on overland crossing and Trinity River childhood of Sarah Jane Lindsey (ca. 1849-59) based on letters and interviews conducted by this descendant]

Mss2.F877: FRENCHTOWN MINING DISTRICT, YUBA COUNTY. BY-LAWS, 1854.

Mss2.H621: HIBBARD, AUGUSTIN GOLD RUSH LETTERS Correspondence from Augustin Hibbard to his brother William R. Hibbard (Montreal), 1850-1868. Letters written from Bushey Bar, Coloma, San Francisco (California); Fort Steilacoom, Port Townsend, San Juan Island (Washington); and Victoria, Canada. Letters contain information about everyday events and business matters (including gold mining, farming, and lime industry). Genealogy information included.

Mss2.H864: HOWLAND, WILSHIRE. LETTER, 1855. [2 pp. account of mining at Willow Springs, Sacramento County]

Mss2.H971: HUTCHINS, DEXTER HAZEN GOLD RUSH LETTERS Typescript copies of letters from Dexter Hazen Hutchins to his wife, 1852-1853. Letters written from New York, Pacific Ocean, Panama, Spanish Bar, Montezuma, and Green Spring. Letters contain information on traveling from New York to California and everyday life.

Mss2.M716: MOKELUMNE HILL CANAL & MINING CO. PAPERS, 1851-55. [includes stock certificate and narrative by Albert Shumate]

Mss2.R183 RATHBUN, SYLVAN GOLD RUSH LETTERS, 1850-53. Two letters sent by Sylvan Rathbun to his brother Albert that describe his life as a gold miner. They include accounts of the challenges of working various claims in partnership with other miners, and one mentions Stockton as a place to buy goods. The 1850 letter was written at "Kieffers Ranch" and postmarked in Stockton. The 1853 letter was written in "Rich Gulch" and is accompanied by an envelope postmarked in Mokelumne Hill.

Mss2.R954:RUSHTON FAMILY. CORRESPONDENCE, 1856-59. [photocopies of 2 letters from James H. Rushton (1856), 1 letter from Abraham Norton (1859) and 1 letter from S.C. Norton (n.d.), all miners Sutter Creek, Amador County to Sarah Norton Rushton]


Series 6: Japanese Americans (including Evacuation & relocation, 1942-1946)

Mss2.C266: CARDEN, ELIZABETH. JAPANESE RELOCATION PAPERS, 1940-44. [15 items including letters to Stockton, Calif. educator, Carden, from her former students interned at Rohwer Relocation Center, Ark.]

Mss2.D274: DAY, KATHERINE. CHRISTMAS CARD, 1943. [handmade card from internee at Manzanar Relocation Center]

Mss2.H.155: HANNA, PAUL. Correspondence, reports, and papers concerning education at the Japanese American Internment Camps during World War II. Most letters are between the WRA (War Relocation Authority) and administrators of Stanford University.

Mss2.I31: IMAI, OSWALD, 1949. Paper titled “Old Men’s Home at Manteca” written for Field of Social Work class. The home was located 8 miles south of Manteca and made up of Japanese men unable to work due to age or disabilities supported by the County Welfare Department. Mr. Teraoka the only English-speaking resident was cook and head of the camp.

Mss2.N163: NAKATANI, ROY Y. PAPERS, 1942-45. [incl. correspondence and agricultural reports pertaining to life at Granada Relocation Center, Amache, Colo.; also includes draft of Merced Assembly Center Constitution, 1942]

Mss2.5752: STOCKTON ASSEMBLY CENTER. [Stockton Assembly Center roster of movement of Japanese-American Internment evacuees from May 10-October 17, 1942. The roster is a reproduction from the National Archives file of Wartime Civilian Control Administration Western Defense Command.]

Mss2.7151: TANAKA, MAY AND SEISAKU. [The collection consists of materials from the Japanese-American Internment Rohwer Relocation Center and the Stockton Assembly Center. The materials include: Rohwer newspaper the Outpost New Year’s Edition (1943), Rohwer Young Buddhists’ Association calendar (1945), Rohwer Red Cross 1945 Yearbook, 1945 picture calendar, Statement of U.S. Citizen of Japanese Ancestry form, WRA application for leave clearance, schedule for registration, registration information sheet, How to Make Crepe Paper Flowers by Dennison (1939), edition of The Pen (November 1943), Lil Dan’l publication (1943), and El Joaquin Final Edition (Sept. 1942).]

Mss2.7531: TOGASAKI, GEORGE KIYOSHI. [A transcript of James Shebl interviewing Togasaki, a Japanese-American, about his life, dated July 16, 1980. There are two articles included: ‘Kiyoshi Togasaki: A versatile, vigorous internationalist is RI’s President for 1968-69’ and ‘The Amazing Mr. Togasaki’ both by Bill Hosokawa. The collection also contains the autobiography of Togasaki’s father, Kikumatsu Togasaki, ‘As the Lord Led Me.’]

Mss2.T164:TANJI, JAMES. MERCEDIAN COLLECTION, 1942. [Consists of newspapers published at Merced Assembly Center]

Mss2.T164.1:1, June 4, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf51nb12f
T164.2:1, June 19, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf1m3n98cq
T164.3:1, June 23, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf8g506bn
T164.4:1, June 26, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf29cn98s1
T164.5:1, June 30, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf2w1002pn
T164.6:1, July 3, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf1j49n4qr
T164.7:1, July 7, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf0900ms
T164.8:1, July 10, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf429003dc
T164.9:1, July 14, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf67v19p08p
T164.10:1, July 17, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf12s2002zm
T164.11:1, July 21, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf7d5nb29j
T164.12:1, July 25, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf809nb2sg
T164.13:1, July 28, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf9v19p0m5
T164.15:1, August 4, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf7799n8xp
T164.16:1, August 7, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf0z0d97tc
T164.17:1, August 11, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf09n97b7
T164.18:1, August 14, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf9870071g
T164.19:1, August 18, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf8q2nb34q
T164.20:1, August 21, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf3h49n9v5
T164.21:1, September 8, 1942 http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kf7g505nh

Mss2.W171: WATANABE COLLECTION OF STOCKTON AVIATOR ISAKO NISHIOKA [Newspaper clipping and 25 photographs concerning Stockton aviator Isako Nishioka who, during his final test flight for his license, crashed his plane at the Tuxedo Park flying school in Stockton, California on August 11, 1918.]

Mss2.W277 (oversize) WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND POSTERS Two posters both dated May 5, 1942 from San Francisco, California: civilian exclusion order No. 41, and "Instructions to All Persons of Japanese Ancestry" both from the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army referring to Japanese-American Internment.
**Series 7: Law & Litigation**


**Mss2.A127: ABBOTT, J. P. CORRESPONDENCE, 1875.** [2 items to Deputy District Attorney, Contra Costa County]

**Mss2.A412: AMADOR COUNTY SHERIFF.** Correspondence mostly between Stockton and Amador Sheriff's Department, 1857-1915. Includes commitments to the Insane Asylum (Stockton State Hospital).


**MS 2 E 44 EL DORADO BREWING COMPANY** Receipts, orders, bank deposits, correspondence of the El Dorado Brewing Company of Stockton and northern California. Bulk of documents 1913.

**Mss2.G256: GASTON FAMILY. PAPERS, 1858-87.** [6 items pertaining to life of Napa and San Jose attorney, Henry Alexander Gaston & family]

**Mss2.L793: LLOYD, MARY J. LEGAL PAPERS, 1917-19.** [11 items pertaining to Alameda County lawsuit against estate of Lloyd's attorney, J.N. Frank]

**Mss2.L831: LOGAN, JOHN B. PAPERS, 1919-1939.** African-American soldier convicted of 2nd degree murder of Concha Silvas in 1931 in Arizona and commuted in 1936 by the Governor. He subsequently spent some time in the San Francisco Veterans Hospital and was arrested for hit-and-run driving in San Joaquin County in 1939. Consists of 36 items: discharge papers, parole papers, correspondence with the Veterans Bureau concerning his pension and possible parole and miscellaneous papers.


**Mss2.S866: 1874 STOCKTON, CALIF. CRIMINAL DOCKET** October 1874-August 1877 Justice Court Stockton Township Criminal Docket. Justice of the Peace, D. H. Huffman ledger describing crimes and resolution of cases brought to his court.

**Series 8: Merchants**


**Mss2.C292: CAROLAN (JAMES) & CO., SACRAMENTO. BUSINESS LETTER, 1867.**

**Mss2.C593: CLARK, J. F. PAPERS, 1869-1886.** Ms. on printed form. Merchandise and money order receipts.

**Mss2.D687: DONOVAN, WILLIAM. DEED, 1853 March 7, Jamestown, Tuolumne County, California, transferring title to a certain parcel of ground on Main Street to Dr. Thomas Kendale, for a sum of $100. Ms. with seal.

**Mss2.E147: ECKSTROM, THOMAS FREDERICK.** Journal of Thomas Frederick Eckstrom trip from California to Stockholm, Sweden and St. Petersburg, Russia and back to California, June 5 to October 4, 1871. Eckstrom and his brother Albert operated "Eckstrom Brothers, Eureka Baths and Shaving Saloon" while his wife, Elizabeth Stuart, had a millenary called "Palace of Fashion" in Stockton, California.
Mss2.F538: FISK, FRANK W. BUSINESS PAPERS, 1881-86. [8 items including receipts, invoices & statements from this Murphys, Tuolumne County, dealer in general merchandise]


Mss2.H396: HAWLEY (MARCUS C.) & CO., SAN FRANCISCO. CASH BOOK, 1888-90. [accounts of San Francisco hardware supplier]


Mss2.K35: KENNEDY, LAWTON RAFAEL. LETTER, 1935. [announces special "Pony Express" delivery cover printed by Kennedy]


Mss2.L675: LEWIS, OSCAR. LETTER, 1941. [writes as Secretary of Book Club of California to Quinn’s Bookstore, Stockton, regarding a particular book]


Mss2.P969: PROVOST, A.J. CORRESPONDENCE & ADVERTISEMENTS, 1907-08. [7 items including two letters and five advertising cards from various Alameda County businesses]

Mss2.R863: ROUSE FORMAN & CO., ANTIOCH. FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1881-82. [34 items including receipts, bills, correspondence of this Contra Costa County lumber dealer]

Mss2.S194: SAN BENITO MINERAL SPRINGS, TRES PINOS. ADVERTISEMENTS, 1920. [6 items pertaining to this San Benito County resort]

Mss2.S216: SANDERSON, GEORGE F. PAPERS, 1839-73. [includes San Francisco clothier’s Daybook & Ledger (1859); student’s notebook (1839; 1873)]


Series 9: Methodist Episcopal Church

Mss2.B219 BANNISTER 3 certificates from Methodist Episcopal Church confirming Edward Bannister as deacon and elder. From 1840 and 1844.


Mss2.D419: DEPEW, KATHERINE (COLLECTOR). ETNA CIRCUIT PAPERS, 1850s. [2 items including: letter from Rev. Ebenezer Arnold (1900) regarding his tenure as District Superintendent of far northern California region (1854); and, a history by Mrs. Warren Nelson of Crystal Creek Methodist Church, Pine Grove]


Mss2.R518: RICHARDS, S.L. LETTER, 1868. [concerns arrangements to purchase land for a church at Silver Creek, Alpine County]


Series 10: Mines & mineral resources


Mss2. F751: FOSSAT, CHARLES. LEGAL PAPERS, 1853. [12 pp. complaint brought by Fossat against Sheriff of Santa Clara County regarding lands adjacent to New Almaden Quicksilver mines]

Mss2. G326: GRANT (GENERAL) MINING CO. ASSESSMENT RECEIPTS, 1863-64.


Mss2. M662: MILTON MINING & WATER CO., FRENCH CORRAL. RECEIPTS, 1874-82. [5 items pertaining to equipment purchases by this Nevada County mine]

Mss2. M886: MORSE, WILLIAM A. CORRESPONDENCE, 1888. [4 letters from miner near Murphys to family in east]


Mss2. S572: SIERRA LAND & MINERAL CORP., SAN FRANCISCO. RECORDS, 1920-36. [19 items including: minutes, receipts, correspondence and stock certificates]


Mss2. W723: WILLIAMS, GEORGE E. LEGAL PAPERS, 1927. [4 items pertaining to sale of various mining properties by this wealthy emigré]

Series 11: Native Americans

Mss2. G655: GOODRUM, JANET. "TREASURES FROM the FAR WEST," ca. 1964. [12 pp. reminiscence about Indian basket collector, Charles Dunlap]

Mss2.R262: RAWSON, THOMAS. REMINISCENCE, 1930. [23 pp. retelling of story about Indians on Rawson Ranch, Riverside County and their relation to Helen Hunt Jackson's Ramona]

Mss2.W672: WILDE, W. E. WRITINGS, n.d. [4 items including: two essays on Chaco Canyon; article on Indians at San Juan Bautista; and, essay on Indian reservation at El Tejon Ranch]

Series 12: Pioneers

Mss2.A213: ADAMS, IRA W. "AT THREE SCORE and TEN," 1903. [poem by a Calistoga native]


Mss2.B585: BIDWELL, JOHN. LETTER, 1850. [to Gov. Peter Burnett recommending E. Covington for Butte County Tax Collector]

Mss2.C182: CAMERON, AMY G. LETTER, 1931. [provides information about author's grandfather, John Marsh]

Mss2.C466: CHAPMAN, C.W. LETTER, 1933. [36 pp. discusses several works on Donner Party and comments on work of California historian, Herbert Eugene Bolton]

Mss2.C775: COOMBS, NATHAN F. (COLLECTOR). GORDON & COOMBS FAMILY PAPERS, 1830-47. [consists of biographical sketches, as well as photographs of receipts, notes and accounts of fur trader, William Gordon (d. 1876) early settler of Yolo & Napa counties (1840) and his son-in-law, Nathan Coombs (d. 1877)]

Mss2.D312: DEERING FAMILY. LETTERS, 1895-1906. [6 items describing farming at Orland and 1906 Earthquake both in San Francisco and in Santa Rosa]

Mss2.D926: DUNSTON, BESS ASBELL (COLLECTOR). ASBELL FAMILY PAPERS, ca. 1880-1905. [9 items including clippings, photographs and notes pertaining to Joseph Marion Asbell (1831-1905), Shasta County merchant, and his family]

Mss2.D995: DYE, JOB FRANCIS. "EARLY HISTORY & REMINISCENCES of JOB F. DYE," 1866. [21 pp. typescript transcription of this account of life of fur trapper who came to California in 1832 and settled in Santa Cruz County]

Mss2.F264: FAUNTLEROY, W.H. PILOT'S LICENSE, 1851. [Ist Pilot for Port of San Diego]

Mss2.F532: FISH, RUE D. PAPERS, 1960. [3 items pertaining to Peter Lassen, California Freemasons and Rockwell D. Hunt]

Mss2.F544: FITCH FAMILY. PAPERS, 1849-52. [20 items relating to estate of Henry Delano Fitch of San Diego]


Mss2.G664: GORDON, ROBERT. PAPERS, 1849-1963. [5 items including legal papers, obituary, notes relating to this Auburn merchant, and 1849 typescript of Journal of a Voyage from Baltimore to San Francisco ]

Mss2.H461: HEFFLEY, MERLE V. California history bibliography and notes/transcriptions of excerpts from George Coffin, Joseph Warren, and D. A. Shaw published writings, compiled by Merle V. Heffley circa 1925. Heffley (d. 1969) was a resident of Stockton, California from 1939 until her death.

Mss2.H939: HUNT FAMILY. HISTORY & GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, ca. 1880. [Daniel Hunt and wife Saphronia Foler Hunt were early residents of Calaveras County]


Mss2.K168: KANTOROWITZ FAMILY 1815-1995 Family tree, photos, histories, and other documentation of the Kantorowitz Family, branches being Seigel, Granat, Todresic, Sinai, Kantrow, Palayef, and Davidson.
Mss2.L125 LANGWORTH, CALIFORNIA. Langworth was a town 3 miles west of Oakdale. This collection contains photocopies of Langworth School pictures, information on the Gardner family, a map of the town, and an interview with Bernice (Gardner) Workman who was born there in 1910.


Mss2.M368:MARSHALL, JAMES WILSON. ESTATE PAPERS, 1885-86. [5 items, including: correspondence, documents pertaining to Marshall's will and his ranch at Coloma]


Mss2.M913:MOSS, WILLIAM S. PAPERS, ca. 1855-1967. [photocopies of 15 items, including: correspondence; a biography by Hugh Hayes; family records and legal papers]


Mss2.P735:PLUMMER, KATHRYN BURNS. LETTER, 1952. [8pp. includes history of Tennent family, early settlers of Pinole, Contra Costa County]

Mss2.S195 1851-1928 SAN JOAQUIN PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY. By-Laws and constitutions for the San Joaquin Society of California Pioneers (1884), San Joaquin Pioneer Hall Association (1897), San Joaquin Pioneer and Historical Society ([1928]).

Mss2.S699:SONS of TEMPERANCE. ALBANY FLAT DIVISION, No. 177. RECORDS, 1854-70. [scrapbook including by-laws, accounts of members of Sons of Temperance (1854-57); later used as a scrapbook by Rebecca Tretheway of Stockton (1868-70)]


Series 13: Politics & government

Mss2.A318:ALAMEDA COUNTY. EDEN ELECTION DISTRICT. LEDGER, 1871. [contains names of voters, includes ages & occupations]

Mss2.A512:AMERMAN, ISAAC A. LETTER, 1866. [Alameda County Clerk acknowledges receipt of Calif. statutes, 1865-66]


Mss2.B864:BRERICK, DAVID COLBRETH. LETTER, 1851. [notifies Secretary of State of resignation of State Senator D.F. Douglass]

Mss2.B965:BURNEY, JAMES. MILITIA COMMISSION, 1851. [appoints this Sheriff of Mariposa County Paymaster to the California Volunteers]

Mss2.C153C764:CALIFORNIA. COMPTROLLER. LETTER, 1859. [to S.P. Fair, Sheriff of Siskiyou County acknowledging travel claims for transporting convicts to San Quentin]


Mss2.D399:DENNET, LEWIS LINCOLN. LETTER, 1902. [attorney's announcement of candidacy for Superior Court Judge of Stanislaus County]

Mss2.D748:DOWNEY, JOHN GATELY. LETTER, 1876. [political recommendation from Los Angeles real estate tycoon and seventh Governor of state (1860-62)]

Mss2.E93:EVERETT, EDWARD, U.S. SECRETARY of STATE. LETTER, 1852. [covering letter with various Congressional acts sent to Gov. Bigler]

Mss2.K24:KEARNEY, DENIS. LETTER, 1883. [introduces H.C. Murphy as a man equal to any task]
Mss2.G671: GORMAN, F.O. LETTER, 1870. [Eureka resident comments on local elections, business]
Mss2.L928: LUBECK, CHARLES W. LETTER, 1870. [letter to legislature protesting bill to sell public lands in Sonoma County]
Mss2.R614: RITTER, L.A. LETTER, 1933. [economist writes to Dr. Rufus Von Kleinsmid, President of University of Southern California, to introduce his "scientific distributive solution" to the economic problems of the day]
Mss2.S200: SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT STOCKTON ALCALDES. James E. Nutman, Benjamin Williams, George Belt Alcaldes (mayor) appointments and records.
Mss2.S536: SHAW, STEPHEN WILLIAM. LETTER, 1851. [accepts Secretary of State's commission as Notary for Yuba, Sacramento & Sutter counties]
Mss2.T329: TERRY, J.W. LETTER, 1889. [typescript with holographic corrections, 22 pp. defense and biographical sketch of Judge David S. Terry by a Texas relative]
Mss2.U58P857: U.S. POSTMASTER GENERAL. LETTER, 1851. [to California Governor, John McDougal, denying him right to appoint an Assistant Postmaster General for Oregon & California]

Series 14: Railroads & Roads
Mss2.C153: CALIFORNIA HIGHWAYS. Booklet, Freeway Facts...A Digest of answers to your questions about California Freeways and what they mean to you and your community, 1959. Dedication material for Interstate 5, October 12, 1979.
Mss2.D186: DANIELSON, PHILLIP A. ECHOES in DONNER PASS, 1953. [essay about choice of railroad route over Sierra in 1860s]
Mss2.F788: FOWLER, S.C. LETTER, 1869. [transmits Articles of Association of California Pacific RR, Vallejo, to Secretary of State]
Mss2.H949: HUNTINGTON, COLLIS P. LETTER, 1892. [note to Fresno Division Head of Union Pacific Railroad, James L. Frazier]
Mss2.S895: STAR AUTO STAGE ASSOCIATION. Receipts, license fees, and account records of the Star Auto Stage Association, dated 1916, 1917, and 1918.

Series 15: Real Property
Mss2.A615: ANONYMOUS. CORRESPONDENCE, 1875. [two letters discuss land sales in Oakland]
Mss2.C153: CALIFORNIA. SURVEYOR GENERAL. LETTER, 1870. [John W. Busin notifies A.M. Rosborough that property of interest near Mt. Shasta is not yet surveyed]
Mss2.F282: FAY, SPENCER. LEGAL PAPERS, 1876-98. [deeds, lease & mortgage documents to land near Porterville, Tulare County]
Mss2.G442: GIBBS, GEORGE C. LETTER, 1883. [requests patent from U.S. General Land Office for land purchased in Los Angeles area]
Mss2.L893: LOUTHIAN FAMILY. PAPERS, 1891-1932. [incl. correspondence & abstract of title to San Bernardino property in Etiwanda Colony]
Mss2.N747: NOBLE AND REID. Abstract of title, 1880 March 25, to lot no. 10 in block no. 7 east of Centre St. in the City of Stockton. Ms. and typescript (signed) Gift of Richard Loewy, 1972 (72-14).
Mss2.P598: PICO, ANDRES. DEED, 1859. [transfers property near Ione, Amador County to James C. Wicker]
Mss2.S123: SACRAMENTO COUNTY (CALIF.). RECORDER. TITLE ABSTRACT, 1883. [abstract prepared for W.C. Williams for land in Section 32 of Township 5 north Range 7 east, adjacent to San Joaquin County line]
Mss2.Y54 1886:YOLO COUNTY (CALIF.). RECORDER. TITLE ABSTRACT, 1865-86. [abstract to parcel near Woodland prepared for Charles H. Fay]

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Mss2.B146:BAGLEY, HARRY N. "FLOAT-a-GRAPHS," 1942. [34 oil designs on paper w/clipping describing process invented by Bagley]

Mss2.B397 BECKWITH, L. D. (Loring Dumas). Tracts on the economy of Stockton, California, especially as related to class and race, 1931-1934 and n.d. L. D. Beckwith was the editor of The Forum and No Taxes, both are available in microfilm (see Library Catalog ).


Mss2.C153 S195J CALIFORNIA. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. Municipal bond, 1887 July 1, to Stockton Savings and Loan Society, for $1,000. (Ms. on printed form). Forty coupons, redeemed January 3, 1888-February 24, 1902, attached at bottom.

Mss2.C297:CARPENTER, WILLIAM. LETTER, 1942. [convalescing veteran discusses current Stockton life]

Mss.2.C585 COWAN, RICHARD. Papers on Stockton Fire Department: 4 photographs from the Earle Hotel fire of 2014, a list of Line of Duty Deaths (1870-2015), a document entitled "Fire Apparatus Milestones," a booklet "Stockton Firefighter's: A Legacy of Service and Distinction," a 2010 Historical Calendar, and Cowan's brief photographer's bio. Also included are 2 photocopies of railroad maps c.1930s.

Mss2.C991:CUTTING, LEWIS M. STOCKTON RURAL CEMETERY CERTIFICATE, 1893. [grants permission to John Pitcher Spooner to photograph in cemetery]

Mss2.D411:DENNIS, JOHN. "A WORLD WE MADE," n.d. [ca. 1935] [22 pp. play about Stockton State Hospital]

Mss2.D615 THE DITCH PEOPLE. Paper titled “The Ditch People,” no author, circa 1945. The “Ditch” was located on West Alpine Street in Stockton, California near Oak Park, and was a transient camp or “jungle” community. The paper covers the men's lifestyle and attitudes.

Mss2.E16:EBERHARDT, SOPHIA L. PAPERS, 1866-71. [4 items relating to livery business of Frederick S. Eberhardt of Stockton]

Mss.2.E22 1963 EDELMAN, LOUIS F. & BEZZERIDES, A. I. Screenplay, The Big Valley. A prospectus for a new television series, August 1963. The plot focusing on various families and people living in the Central Valley of California during the mid to late 19th century.

Mss2.G532:GISEA, F.A. TITLE ABSTRACT, 1851-1903. [abstract prepared for F.A. Gisea to lot 10, block 7, east, Stockton, Calif.]


Mss2.H275:HARELSON FAMILY. BUSINESS PAPERS, 1849-81. [25 items incl. San Joaquin County tax receipts (1873-81) of this ranching family]

Mss2.H285:HARLFINGER, LAURA. LETTER, 1891. [teacher of French & German in Stockton writes from Heidelberg, Germany about Stocktonian tourists she has met in Europe]


Mss2.H377 HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY A 2008 report on eight historic buildings in Stockton, California, including history, description, significance, and photos. The buildings are: Hotel St. Leo, Hotel Main, Commercial Hotel, Commercial Building, Hotel Land, Hotel Terry, Hotel La Verta, and Hotel Earle.
Mss2.H418: HAYES, J. ORLO. INTERVIEW, 1978 & 1983. Collection contains four audio interviews the first by Jeff D. Bean & David M. Eberhard of Hayes conducted March 31, 1978 and April 12, 1978. Subjects include California agriculture, Stockton history, and Delta history. The second interview with Hayes was conducted by Dr. Ronald Limbaugh, in Stockton, 1983. Typescript and holograph notes included. Subjects discussed are Delta developers, Lee Allen Phillips and the Zuckerman family. See also article by Jean Rossi, “The Mint King” in the Pacific Historian, vol. 14, no. 4 (Fall 1970), pp. 90-95. The third interview is a follow-up conducted by Dr. Ronald Limbaugh, in Stockton, 1988 about the development of agriculture around the Delta. Also discussed is business with Wrigley, Beechnut, and American Chicle. The forth interview conducted 1987 by Dr. Ronald Limbaugh includes family history and background. Also present during interview were Daphne Hayes (wife) and Hugh E. Hayes (son). Orlo Hayes began the family business of growing mint in the San Joaquin Delta Region (1926). The family sold peppermint oil to the P.K. Wrigley Chewing Gum Company of Chicago, building a successful agri-business.


Mss2.I38: INDENTURE & EMANCIPATION PAPERS, 1850-54. [4 items pertaining to San Joaquin County African American slaves] This collection contains an indenture contract in payment of debts and three emancipation certificates. It includes an indenture contract of June 13, 1850 between William H. Fairchild and William Hubbard of Stockton, San Joaquin County and the Negro boy, Nathaniel; emancipation papers of March 7, 1853 for a slave named Jacob by Richard Christmas, of the County of San Joaquin and State of Mississippi; emancipation of the Negro, Andrew, by William E. Kyle, recorded by D.S. Terry in San Joaquin County; and emancipation of Edward A. Sambo and Martha by Elizabeth F. Walthall and Madison Walthall, October 10, 1854. Copies of Originals.


Mss2.L642: LESTER (ANDREW) & CO., STOCKTON. ACCOUNTBOOK, 1853-54. [record of fees paid by company messengers travelling by steamer to and from San Francisco; Lester operated the New York Hotel]


Mss2.L784: LIVE OAK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, STOCKTON. RECORDS, 1883-84. [4 items incl. rules & trustees' report]

Mss2.L991: LYON, MARY M. WRITINGS, n.d. [2 essays on Erastus S. Holden, early railroad tycoon (1856) and first druggist in Stockton (1849)]

Mss2.M156: MCKENZIE, JOHN T. PAPERS, 1865-81. [40 items incl. tax & other receipts of this San Joaquin County rancher]

Mss2.M165: McLERRAN, H.B. LETTER, 1882. [describes County wheat market conditions and shipping costs]

Mss2.M381: MARTIN, IRVING. CORRESPONDENCE, 1939-41. [incl. personal letters and photographs of Stockton newspaper owner]


Mss2.P866: POTTER, CHARLES. RECEIPTS, 1866-68. [2 items pertaining to purchase of building materials from Robinson Brothers & groceries from John Ducker in Stockton]
Mss2.R462: REYNOLDS FAMILY. PAPERS, 1877-1950. [3 items; two property tax receipts of early Manteca area rancher, David R. Reynolds, 1877-79; address by Henrietta Reynolds, daughter of David R., on pioneers buried in East Union Cemetery and on Indian artifacts discovered in vicinity of Reynolds land, 1950]

Mss2.R618: RIVARA, DONALD L. "The GOINS MURDERS of 1926," 1987. [essay, notes & clippings on this sensational case involving members of McNoble, Podesta and Marengo families]

Mss2.R964: RUSSELL, J.R. DEED of TRUST, 1900. [conveys land to P.B. Fraser, Stockton, to secure loan]

Mss2.S152: SANDBERG, NELS. These papers consist of a 40 page research paper, Stockton Domestic Architecture, 1850s - 1930s, and 45 photographs of houses. Nels Sandberg produced this study as a student at University of the Pacific in 1979.


Mss2.S195 J62: SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. CASE FILES, 1899-1911. [30 items incl. criminal proceedings, complaints, correspondence and subpoenas]

Mss2.S295: SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1905-37. [5 items incl. correspondence & notes pertaining to surveying, prisoners and Sheriff's Department]

Mss2.S5195: SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FERRY SYSTEM Collection includes information on the vehicles, routes, history, and costs of the ferry system operated by San Joaquin County for the waterways and islands of the Delta region. 1954-1956.

Mss2.S539: SHEBL, JAMES. "RYER-LANGDON DUEL," 1981. [ca. 100 items pertaining to Stockton duel of Dr. Washington M. Ryer and Dr. Samuel Landon over quarrel precipitated by Governor J. Neely Johnson's appointment of latter as Director of the State Insane Asylum, Stockton (1857)]


Mss2.S775: STARBUCK & SPENCER, STOCKTON. LEDGER, 1849-52. [photocopy of mercantile accounts of this Stockton shipping firm associated with Sherman & Ruckel of San Francisco]

Mss2.S866: STOCKTON. MAYOR'S CROSSTOWN FREEWAY COMMISSION. RECORDS, 1967. [18 items incl. minutes, reports, statistical data and maps]

Mss2.S866: STOCKTON (CALIF.). RECORDER. TITLE ABSTRACT, 1858-1911. [abstract describes history of lots 3, 5 & 7 of block 246, east, Stockton, Calif.]

Mss2.S866: STOCKTON TERMINAL & EASTERN RAILROAD CO. REPORT, 1917. [details investigation of possibility of continuing service on this 18.5 mile spur running from Stockton east through Linden]


Mss2.W154: WALTHER, C F Letter, 1921 October 23 Lodi, California, to Harriett E. Boss, San Jose. Holograph. Describing son's, Corporal Charles E. Walther, participation in World War I before he was killed in action.

Series 17: Social Life & Customs
Mss2.B471: BENNETT, ELLA COSTELLO. WRITINGS, n.d. [poems, photographs and an essay on the cemetery at Mission Dolores, San Francisco, by this freelance journalist]
Mss2.E147: ECKSTROM, THOMAS FREDERICK. JOURNAL, 1871. Transcription of the Journal of Thomas Frederick Eckstrom’s trip from California to Stockholm, Sweden and St. Petersburg, Russia and back to California, June 5 to October 4, 1871. Eckstrom and his brother Albert operated “Eckstrom Brothers, Eureka Baths and Shaving Saloon” while his wife, Elizabeth Stuart, had a millenary called “Palace of Fashion” in Stockton, California.
Mss2.E84: ETHERIDGE, C.M. CORRESPONDENCE, 1862-68. [2 letters from a Michigan woman to her family describe a California visit]
Mss2.F872: FREMONT, JESSIE BENTON. LETTER, 1888. [describes return trip from San Jose to Los Angeles]
Mss2.H336: HARTVIG FAMILY. PAPERS, 1876-1882. [25 items incl. correspondence, invitations & programs to events in Sonora]
Mss2.H463: HEIMSOTH, WILLIAM. DIARIES. Typescript copy of originals. 1891 and 1892 diaries combined into one document with both years transcribed for same date. 1891 diary, log of everyday life in Woodford, California. 1892 and 1894 diaries, chronicling attendance at Napa College. For Napa College Diploma and Plant Specimens from Napa College see University Archives.
Mss2.I38 IOOF. Independent Order of Odd Fellows correspondence (1877-1909); Brochure (1937) concerning the Lodges in Stockton, Elliott, Clements, Lodi, and Linden, California; Program of Seventy Fifth Anniversary of Stockton Lodge No. 11, 1928; Constitution By-Laws, Rules of Order and Order of Business of Truth Lodge, No. 55 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of California, 1885.

Mss2.K29:KELLY, LILA. CORRESPONDENCE, 1895; 1910. [one letter from Oakland nurse friend who discusses patients; one letter from Dern J. Dever, crew member on P.M.S.S. Sydney, who discusses family matters]


Mss2.L831:LOGAN, WILLIAM. REMINISCENCE, 1912. [6 pp. description of Irish road crew near La Honda, Santa Clara County]


Mss2.N593:NICEWONGER, HARRIET. PAPERS, 1956-82. [6 items pertaining to John Muir Memorial Association and acquisition of John Muir National Historic Site (1964)]

Mss2.O44:OLDER, MARY SHAFER. LETTER, 1982. [memoir of activities at Rio Vista, Solano County, 1870-1930]


Mss2.P682:PITCHFORD, SARAH J. PAPERS, 1890. [2 items pertaining to Mexican War widow's pension]


Mss2.S573:SIESNOP FAMILY. PAPERS, 1921-22. [birthday card to Mary Siesnop, Garden Valley (1922) and funeral notice for Mrs. Wilhelmina Siesnop, Kelsey (1921)]

Mss2.S628 SKINNER, J.S. Correspondence from J.S.Skinner to son Charlie 1860-1864 from Mariposa County, CA. Mentions of Stockton, CA. Also included: Dr. Skinner's business card, letters of recommendation for Skinner, certificate of membership in Ohio State Medical Society 1849, Doctor of Medicine degree 1850.
Mss2.S897 STEINMETZ, ANNIE. Annie Steinmetz autograph book, started November 25, 1887. Steinmetz lived in Banta, California. It includes notes and autographs of dozens of San Joaquin county residents such as Mrs. Holt.
Mss2.T239: TAYLOR, EDWARD ROBESON. LETTER, 1910. [note to painter, William Keith]
Mss2.W177: WALKER, CONSTANCE. COLLECTED POETRY, 1941-72. [in part published materials and some holographic copies of poems on California flora and fauna, esp. of Joshua Tree National Monument region, by this Antelope Valley poet]
Mss2.W177: WATTRON, FRANK. PLAY SCRIPT. Typescript of “Green Valley: A folk fantasy” script by Frank Wattron (1916-2006). Wattron taught speech and drama, and later became the Humanities Division Chair at Bakersfield College.

Series 18: Water
Mss2.W363: WEAVER, JAMES. WATERBOOK, 1862. [provides measurements of water in inches together with names of customers & payments; place and type of water use not known]
Mss2.W523: WESTSIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT. MINUTEBOOK, 1876-79. [includes earliest business of this Stanislaus County district, incl. selection of officers, establishment of precincts, purchase of canals and water rights, etc.]