Finding aid of the Thomas W. Wells Papers, 1895-1920

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Thomas W. Wells papers, 1895-1920
Dates: 1895-1920
Collection number: MSS 341
Creator: Wells, Thomas W., d-1838
Collection Size: 2 linear feet
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Abstract: The collection consists of personal and business correspondence relating to Thomas W. Wells' photography studio and mining investments as well as financial records.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Collection open for research.

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Biography / Administrative History
Thomas W. Wells worked as an insurance agent in the Sonora area in the 1890s before moving to Stockton around 1900. He was an employee at the J. Pitcher Spooner Photography Company. He became the manager, and later the owner. He then opened his own photography studio, in the Yosemite Theater Building. He also had business ventures in mining companies, and was a member of several fraternal organizations including the Free Masons, The Islamic Temple, and the Stockton chapter of the Knights Templar. He lived in Stockton with his wife, Margaret, and their two children Harrington and Myrtle.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Photographers - California - Stockton
Stockton (Calif.) - Social life and customs
Stockton (Calif.) - History
Stockton (Calif.) - Business Enterprises

**Related Material**
MSS 270 Spooner Family Collection

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**Box 1:** Correspondence 1896-1920 [incl. Fraternal Organization Correspondence, Cherokee Mining Company Correspondence, and Undated Correspondence]

**Box 2:** Financial Records

**Box 3:** Photographs [incl. Photos with hair samples, Wells Studio advertisements, and negatives]