

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>California Papers, 1831-1859, 1906</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Mss. boxes "C"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 mss. box, 4 folders</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gifts of Charles H. Taylor, 1935, 1936; partial purchase from Dawson Bookshop, 1933.</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u> X </u></p> <p>Microfilm <u> X </u></p> <p>No copies <u> </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>The California Papers contain a large variety of manuscripts many of which relate to the Gold Rush. Personal letters generated by a number of writers describe life and experiences in California. One specifically describes the earthquake of 1906.</p> <p>A collection of legal papers contains two early printed documents in Spanish. Many of the other legal documents are from Siskiyou County. These include deeds, court summonses, and licenses frequently signed by Samuel P. Fair.</p> <p>There are ships papers of Francis Post sailing the "Eliza Thornton" from New Bedford to San Francisco. There are also two log books, receipts, a deed, and personal and business correspondence of Post. An octavo notebook records the voyage of the "Ark" in 1849-1850 from Newburyport to San Francisco. There is also a list of ship's crew and passengers.</p> <p>Finally included in this collection is an original manuscript by Washington P. Gregg (1802-1892), "The American Emigrant's Preliminary Guide to the Gold Mines of California." Though apparently written in 1849 describing the gold rush, it was never published.</p>	

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