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Guide to the

Henry Hunter Peters papers

1848-1872

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Summary

Creator: Peters, Henry Hunter

Title: Henry Hunter Peters papers

Date: 1848-1872

Size: .3 linear feet (2 boxes, 9 v.)

Source: Gift, Peters, Mrs. Edward McClure, 1919

Abstract: Henry Hunter Peters, merchant and farmer, had a mercantile business in California and then farmed in Southboro, Mass. Collection consists of diaries, correspondence, accounts, lectures, photographs, and printed matter. Diaries, 1850-1856, describe Peters's journeys by steamer from New York to California and Oregon; his life as a merchant in California during the early period of the gold rush; and life on his dairy farm in Southboro, Mass. Includes personal and business letters; mercantile accounts of Peters and Hazeltine and Scranton and Peters in San Francisco and Sacramento; lectures on farming and on his 1871 trip to Europe; and diary, 1851-1852, of H.C. Leonard in Astoria, Oregon, containing a vocabulary of a North American Indian language (Chinook?) and a daguerreotype portrait of Peters, ca. 1848.

Access: Advance notice required.

Alternative Form Available: Diaries, 1850-1854, available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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Key Terms

Subjects

Agriculture -- Study and teaching
Dairy farming -- Massachusetts
Gold mines and mining -- California
Indians of North America -- Languages

Geographic Names

California -- Description and travel
Europe -- Description and travel
Oregon -- Description and travel
Sacramento (Calif.) -- Commerce
San Francisco (Calif.) -- Commerce
Southborough (Mass.) -- Social life and customs

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries
Photographic prints

Occupations

Farmers
Merchants

Names

Peters, Henry Hunter
Leonard, H. C
Peters and Hazeltine (San Francisco, Calif.)
Scranton and Peters (Sacramento, Calif.)