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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.

**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.)