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## **HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Glenn Price was the author of the 1959 historical resources report on the Presidio that provided the background to begin the reconstruction project that still continues today. On July 9, 1957, California Senate Bill 2653 was passed which gave the Division of Beaches and Parks the authority to conduct a feasibility study of the acquisition and development of the Presidio. Price, a historian and park ranger at Will Rogers State Historic Park at the time, undertook the study in close cooperation with Pearl Chase. During that effort, Price amassed a collection of research materials, including documents from the Bancroft Library, historical background material collected by Chase, and photographs of the Presidio neighborhood. These materials, along with correspondence to Chase and others, form part of this collection of papers. Glenn Price was awarded the Pearl Chase Preservation Award by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation in 2009.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE**

This collection consists of two series: Series 1 Historic Documents and Series 2 Santa Barbara Presidio Materials. Series 1 is a set of forty-eight historic documents from the years 1824-1873. The documents were a gift to Price from his friend Don McGill, also a historian and book collector, who gave his large collection of books on southwest history to Cal State Northridge.

The documents are mostly related to the period of time when traders were sailing up and down the coast and to the Hawaiian Islands and mainland China, roughly 1822-1846, and are of a commercial nature--invoices and receipts for supplies and provisions for ships such as the *Loriot*, *Bolivar*, *Rover*, and *Rasselas*, and letters of debts and accounts. Correspondents include many traders such as Henry Fitch, J.C. Jones, and Jacob Leese. The largest group of documents concern Alpheus B. Thompson, Santa Barbara resident, merchant, and supercargo of various vessels sailing along the coast of North America.

Other items relate to interests in Monterey and Sonoma, such as an 1834 census of soldiers residing there and a list of some Sonoma residents in 1878, both of which can be used to supplement lists of early California pioneers. Additional noteworthy correspondents represented in the collection include Hugo Reid, Pablo de la Guerra, Jacob Snyder, and General Mariano Vallejo. A small unusual group of documents deals with inheritance and land deeds to Prince Jenkins of Falmouth, Massachusetts. Jenkins' son Foster, was a forty-niner who arrived in California in 1850 from Boston on the bark *Orion*.

Series 2 consists of correspondence, notes, drawings, Price's report, and printed matter about the presidio, and several old newspapers from San Diego. Supplementary materials include microfilm copies of several documents from the Archives of California at the Bancroft library.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### **Series 1      Historic Documents    1824-1873**

#### **Folder 1      Ábrego, José    1840**

(1 page, Spanish) Note/receipt for \$1308 to A.B. Thompson, Monterey May 7, 1840. Signed by Ábrego and Thompson.

(1 page, Spanish) Order of payment for T.O. Larkin for \$756 via A.B. Thompson Monterey, March 15, 1840. Regarding money from Senor Gobernador and Senor Castro. Signed by Ábrego and Thompson.

#### **Folder 2      Briggs    1851**

(1 page) Letter from Briggs to Issac Owen , March 22, 1851, San Francisco, Alta Cal. "Please forward to me at Sac City a letter which [Bro?] Roberts took from the Post Office at Santa Clara and left at your house."

#### **Folder 3      Dominguez, Manuel    1838**

(1 page, Spanish); Letter Manuel Dominguez to Senor Tomison [A.B. Thompson?] February [15?], 1838, Rancho San Pedro. Mentions Leonardo Cota and Jose Aguirre of Santa Barbara.

#### **Folder 4      Fitch, Henry Delano    1845**

(1 page) Letter from H.D. Fitch to A.B. Thompson April 25 [c.1845]. Edges of letter partially torn off. Mentions visit by Mr. Atherton to San Diego; describes a mistake in his account; requests the money owed him be sent by Miguel Pedorena; comments on the effects of

Captain Neys' gin; asks Thompson to give Mr. Jones his best and he will attempt to procure Jones a small Indian girl as he requested.

**Folder 5 Ford, H.L. 1855**

(1 page); Letter to Jacob. R. Snyder, April 28, 1855 from Nomi Lackee Military Reservation for Indians; letter concerns surveying San Pablo Rancho. Signed by H.L. Ford.

**Folder 6 Graham, Isaac 1843**

(1 page); Note to Mr. Thompson, Santa Cruz, October 4, 1843, instructs Thompson to pay bearer of note \$45 and charge amount to Graham's account.

**Folder 7 Grimes, Eliab 1836**

(1 page); Balance sheet of accounts charged to (?) Honolulu merchant Eliab Grimes for goods received from Brig *Loriot* March 31 – August 18, 1836. Another name at bottom of sheet is R. Von Pfister. [Possibly Edward H. von Pfister, who was another merchant operating out of Honolulu.]

**Folder 8 Guerra, Pablo de la 1840**

(1 page, Spanish); to D[on]. Alfeo B. Thompson, Monterey March 21, 1840  
Order to place in the account of Don Jose de la Guerra y Noriega the amount of \$170 in coin within forty days. Signed by Pablo de la Guerra and Jose de la Guerra y Noriega.

**Folder 9 Jenkins Family Documents, 1829-1857**

(1 page); Deed. Joseph Jenkins to Prince Jenkins December 9, 1829. Deed of wood land in Falmouth, Mass. granted to Prince Jenkins in exchange for \$666. Signed by Joseph Jenkins and witness by Thomas Fish and Sally Jenkins.

(1 page); Inventory of the estate of Joseph Jenkins, Falmouth, Mass., including land, house, and various personal items. [Appraised by] John Robinson, Abner Hinckley, and Simeon Harding.

(1 page); Quitclaim deed Prince Jenkins September 14, 1836, Barnstable, Mass. Phillip and Joshua Jenkins renounce their claim to land specified for Prince Jenkins in Joseph Jenkins' will in exchange for \$423. Signed by Joshua Jenkins, Philip Jenkins, Hannah Jenkins, Sarah Jenkins, and witnessed by Thomas Fish, Hannah Jenkins.

(1 page) Deed; Cynthia A. Swift to Prince Jenkins, January 11, 1851. Deed of land owned by Cynthia Swift (received from her husband, Jaber Swift's, estate) to Prince Jenkins in Falmouth, Massachusetts, Barnstable County, in exchange for \$300. Signed by S.P. Bourne and Cynthia Swift.

(1 page); Receipt to Prince Jenkins September 16, 1857 of Falmouth, for sale of pew number 34 in Meeting House of the Congregational Society of Falmouth. Signed by S.P. Bourne, Clerk of the First Congregational Society.

**Folder 10 Jones, John Coffin Jr. 1838**

(1 page); J. C. Jones, January 18, 1838. Memo of goods landed in Monterey January 13, 1838 from ship *Rasselas*; includes various kinds of alcohol, rice, tea, and sugar. Inscription on verso in another hand: "Appointment by the President, Aug. 2, 1837. Samuel R. Blackler, to be Consul for the Island of Otaheite and the rest of the Society Islands."

**Folder 11 Leese, Jacob Primer 1842**

(1 page) Letter to Francisco Mellus April 8, 1842 asking to purchase molasses and a pipe. Sends regard to Captian Ney. Signed by Jacob P. Leese.

**Folder 12 Leidesdorff, William Alex 1846**

(1 page) Letter to A.B. Thompson, Yerba Buena, April 23, 1846 stating that by Captain Vincent he will forward Thompson 15 bags of wheat but that he is unable to get them at the moment. He laments Thompson's loss of his vessel *Fama* (wrecked in February) and that crops in Sacramento look good. Signed W.A. Leidesdorff.

**Folder 13 Mercer, Morgan S. 1854**

(3 pages); Letter to Morgan S. Mercer, Georgetown, El Dorado, California from his brother, October 1, 1854, New York. Informs brother of their family's activities in New York. Says the gold dust that Morgan sent him sold for \$230 dollars. Encourages him to leave California and return to New York where he would no doubt find work.

**Folder 14 Moreno, Juan**

(1 page) Receipt (n.d.) for various goods for Padre Juan Moreno (1799 – 1845).

**Folder 15 Nye, Gorham H. 1832-1833**

(4 pages); Statement of account to Gorham H. Nye, Master of the *Loriot*, for various goods such as food, fabrics, utensils, and services received December 1832 to July 1833.

**Folder 16 Page, Bacon and Co. 1851**

(2 pages, photograph); Letter to Messieurs Page, Bacon and Co., Marysville, December 1, 1851 requesting that Page, Bacon and Co., bankers with houses in San Francisco, St. Louis, and New York consider opening up a branch in Marysville to serve the local citizens as well as miners who come to Marysville to sell gold dust and send money home to their families. They recommend William C. Lathan from Berkeley as a possible agent. Letter signed by about 12 people.[Note: the company ended up failing their investors—see article from the *New York Times*, 1855 and Memoirs of General Sherman, California 1855-1857.]

**Folder 17 Peck, Sherman 1835**

(1 page); List of accounts from S. Peck, San Diego, February 18, 1835. "The following is a list of notes and accounts left with Mr. A.B. Thompson for collection on account of the owners of the Br[ig] *Tranmere* and subject to the order of Messieurs E[liab]. Grimes & Co. "Accounts of Abel Stearns, A.B. Thompson, Thomas Larkin, and others, totaling \$3,752.

(1 page); Invoice from Sherman Peck to Mr. William Gulnack (San Diego) February 1, 1835 to pay \$97 to A.B. Thompson.

(1 page); Invoice, Sherman Peck to Thomas O. Larkin Feb 1, 1835 to pay A.B. Thompson for goods for Brig *Tranmere*.

(1 page, Spanish); Invoice, Sherman Peck on behalf of A.B. Thompson to Silvester Portello Feb. 1, 1835, asking for payment for 18 *petates* (woven mats) to be paid in hides.

**Folder 18 Pitman, B. 1842**

(1 page); invoice to B. Pitman and Son for goods from the ship *Fama* July 20, 1842.

**Folder 19 Prentice, Samuel 1835**

(1 page); Invoice Sept 15, 1835, Santa Barbara, to A.B. Thompson, from Samuel Prentice, a mason, requesting he pay \$105 to Lewis T. Burton for 21 days of plastering work. Signed also by Burton.

**Folder 20 Reid, Hugo 1838-1850**

(2 pages) Letter to A.B. Thompson, Santa Barbara from Reid in [Los] Angeles, Oct 7, 1838, asking to be hired for his services for one year as a trial period which may lead to more time.

(1 page) Letter from Hugo Reid in San Gabriel to A.B. Thompson Oct 6, 1850 describes financial troubles of Reid, his debt to Thompson, and his attempts to liquidate all debts by selling vineyard; also states he is in ill health .

**Folder 21 Reid, Hugo**

Typed transcripts of handwritten letters above.

**Folder 22 Reyas, [Reyes?] Padre 1834**

(1 page) February 13, 1834. Balance sheet of accounts for Padre Reyas, San Rafael.

**Folder 23 Richardson, William 1840**

(1 page, Spanish) Letter from Guillermo Richardson, Yerba Buena, Capitania del Puerto de San Francisco, June 15, 1840, granting permission and a license for A.B. Thompson to use the longboat *Causperhaser* [sic] in San Francisco Bay for trade.

**Folder 24 Robinson**

(1 page) Receipt for \$588.87 for hides .

**Folder 25 Snyder, Jacob R . 1846-1847**

(1 page) Jacob R. Snyder, Quartermaster, Monterey, March 11, 1846, authorizing payment for driving ox team.

(1 page) Jacob R. Snyder, Quartermaster, Monterey, March 11, 1846, authorizing payment to Chas Kinney for making one tent.

(1 page) Jacob R. Snyder, Quartermaster, Monterey, March 11, 1846, authorizing M. Collville to have three tin cups and charge them to Comp. A.

(1 page, Spanish) signed by order of Jacob R. Snyder, Comisario del Battalion de California, Fuerzas de los E.N. Angeles, May 18, 1847. Order giving authority to Jose Rodrigues to transport horses to Mission San Gabriel (?)

**Folder 26 Talbot, Theodore 1846**

(1 page) Orders from J. Theo. Talbot, Adj. C. Battalion, Dec 24, 1846. Lists officers and their duties: Lt. David Bird as officer of day and Sergeants D. Kelly and R. Juany? with detail of 55 men.

**Folder 27 Temple, John 1839**

(1 page) Letter J. Temple to Mr. A.B. Thompson, Angeles, July 11, 1839 stating that he has settled various accounts between Mr. Park, Captain Nye, and Thompson, and asks that Thompson pay Aguirre \$535. He says business is dull and will hardly amount to 2/3 of last year's.

**Folder 28 Thompson, Alpheus B. 1824-1843** [Note: Thompson is mentioned in several other documents in this collection.]

(2 pages,); Letter and invoice Alpheus B. Thompson to John R. Cooper, Canton, June 14, 1824. Signed by Thompson and Cooper. Invoice of one trunk of silks shipped by Thompson on board Schooner *Rover* bound for coast of California; Cooper master and cosigner to Thompson for sales and returns; letter on inside of receipt instructs Cooper to dispose of silks in best advantage and to give proceeds in Spanish dollars to Thompson in Canton, China.

(2 pages); A.B. Thompson to John Paty, March 1, 1836 – 1838. Account sheet for goods (mostly hides) and services.

(1 page) Invoice from A.B. Thompson on behalf of Hiram Covell, October 23, 1839, Santa Barbara. \$1692 worth of cotton and beads. Payment received by bill of exchange on Stephen Reynolds, Oahu.

(1 page); I.O.U. from A.B. Thompson to Thomas O. Larkin Monterey May 26, 1840, amount promised to pay to Thomas O. Larkin by July 15 and thereafter with interest. On verso are lists of payments to Larkin by Henry Fitch and Henry Naile that balance the note from Thompson.

(3 pages); Letter A.B. Thompson to Captain Rodnick, San Pedro, December 26, 1843. Instructions for Rodnick to follow: pull in to Port San Diego and service Brig; detailed instructions on paint colors, etc; tallow and 50 hides on board; orders to give a letter to a Captain Fitch.

**Folder 29 Vallejo, Mariano Guadalupe 1833-1857**

(1 page, Spanish) Document dated at bottom Santa Barbara, 7 de October 1833, with Jose Figueroa's and Mariano G. Vallejo's names at the bottom. Cannot authenticate who the author is or if signatures are valid. Document mentions Senor Thompson several times.

(3 pages) Deed for sale of land owned by M. G. Vallejo to Pedro J. Vasquez March 6, 1857. Land in Sonoma, lot 50, sold to Vasquez for \$400; signed and sealed by Vallejo in the presence of Martin E. Cook, notary public.

**Folder 30 Williams, Isaac 1842**

(1 folded page) Letter from I. Williams to Capt. Thompson 1842, regarding gold.

**Folder 31      Miscellaneous 1834-1873**

Letter covers (8 small envelopes)

1 page) Receipt of casks of molasses shipped to Dye and Hill.

(6 leaves) Document from the customs house in Monterey created and initialed by Rafael Gonzales May 9, 1834. It states the names of men (enrollees?) by class, name, age, and country of origin, residing there from 1834-1835.

(1 page) Petition, California Society of Pioneers, January 1, 1873. List of signatures of those pledging to pay varying amounts for the construction of the Pioneer Hall in the Town of Sonoma to be owned by, and constructed on land owned by, the Society of California Pioneers made up of Sonoma, Napa, Marin, Mendocino, and Lake Counties.

**Series 2      Santa Barbara Presidio Materials 1788-1959**

**Folder 32      Correspondence 1958-1959**

**Folder 33      Presidio Project Background 1953**

**Folder 34      Research Notes**

**Folder 35      Santa Barbara Presidio Project—Drafts 1956-1959**

**Folder 36      Drawings**

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**Folder 39      San Diego Weekly Bulletin, Sept. 2, 1871**

**San Diego Union, October 27, 1870**

**San Diego Union, April 6, 1871**