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Brief History

The College of California was chartered in 1855 and operated in Oakland, California until 1869. Initially it functioned as a preparatory academy, under the name of College School, and the first college class of ten freshmen began in 1860. The aspirations of the College led it to search for a larger site as early as 1856, and this search gradually led to the acquisition of land north of Oakland at a site the trustees named Berkeley, after George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne.

In 1866, California took advantage of the Morrill Land Grant Act and created the Agricultural, Mining, and Mechanical Arts College. The trustees of the College of California realized the implications for their own institution's lack of financial support and offered all the college's assets if the legislature would create a University of California combining the aims of the Agricultural, Mining and Mechanical Arts College and the more humanities-oriented College of California. An act to found the university was passed by the California legislature and was signed into law on March 23, 1868. The College of California offered no instruction after the 1868/69 academic year.

Scope and Content

This collection includes notebooks relating to the founding of the College of California, to its properties, and to donors to the college, as well as papers relating to the transfer of the college properties to the state for the use of the University of California.

- item 1 **Letters; transferred in 1964 to 308y.let. See separate finding aid.**
- item 2 **Notebook of memoranda by S.H. Willey re transfer of College of California to the University of California**
- item 3 **Notebook containing a list of donors and donations to the College of California before 1869**
- item 4 **Notebook with property estimates and statistics of the California college water co., 1869**
- item 5 **Account book of S.H. Willey with the College of California, 1862-67**
- item 6 **Notebook with lists of taxable incomes and property in California. Also memoranda re appointments with legislators re UC, 1866**
- item 7 **Subscription lists, site of proposed College of California, petitions to incorporate; 8 documents, 1850-55**
- item 8 **Documents re legal method of transfer of College of California property to University of California; 14 documents, 1869**
- item 9 **Report of S.H. Willey as vice-president of the College of California, 1869 July**
- item 10 **Letter of S.H. Willey to Theron Baldwin of Western College Society with details of transfer of property, 1869**
- item 11 **Promissory note to F.K. Shattuck, 1865 Sept. 1**
- item 12 **Certificate of scholarship for William Hillegass, 1862 Nov 19**