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### Biography

Aloysius Varsi was born in Sardinia, March 9, 1830, ordained a Jesuit in 1845, and then sent to the United States in 1861, where he taught first at the Jesuit college in Boston, and then at Georgetown University, in Washington, DC. In 1864, Varsi came to Santa Clara College to teach physics and mathematics. In 1867, he became the 6th president of Santa Clara, serving from 1868-1876. After an unprecedented nine years as president, Varsi was appointed provincial superior of the Society of Jesus in California. He served a term of five years as superior, after which he became prefect of St. Ignatius College in San Francisco. Aloysius Varsi, S.J., died November 27, 1900 in San Francisco. He was buried at Santa Clara. During his term as president of Santa Clara College, Varsi built the impressive College theatre and dormitory, known as the "Ship."

### Scope and Content

The Varsi Papers contain building specifications, correspondence regarding new construction at Santa Clara College, inventories of property, scientific equipment, supplies, and College mineral collections. The papers also include a list of Capuchins expelled from Guatemala, 1872.

- Folder 1        **"Specification, Chapel Wing, Santa Clara College. Specification...for building...the west wing of a new college..." [circa 1870].**
- "Specification, Santa Clara College. Specification of work and materials to be contracted for in building...a new College...with the exception of the Chapel."**
- Folder 2        **Correspondence from Varsi to [contractor] Saeltzer re unacceptable plans and specifications for the Chapel Wing.**
- Physical Description:** 12 letters, 1868-1869.
- Folder 3        **Correspondence from Varsi to [lawyer] Craine re arbitration between Varsi and Saeltzer over the cost of plans and specifications.**
- Physical Description:** 3 letters, 1869.
- Folder 4        **List of Capuchins expelled from Guatemala, 1872.**
- Physical Description:** 1 page.
- Folder 5        **"Inventory of movable property of the Sta Clara College." List includes furnishings of parlors and boys' dormitory, garden and farming utensils, and books. [1867-1868]**
- Physical Description:** 2 pages.
- Folder 6        **Lists of scientific equipment and supplies (including 2 mineral collections), either to be ordered or on campus. Receipts and inventories, 1868-1874, to Fr. Varsi from J. Duboscq, Constructeur d'Instuments d'Optique, London and Paris.**

- Folder 7      **"Collection de Mineralogie, Santa Clara College, S.J.... Classee dapris Dufrenoy et mise en rapport avec le tableau figuratif de la structure minerale de globe de N. Boubee."**
- Scope and Content Note**
- Notebook [circa 1870?], inventorying approximately 1065 minerals listed by number. Classification headings are "Synonymie de Beudant," "Classification et nomenclature de Dufrenoy," "Localites," and "Lettres indiquant le terrain voir la tableau de la structure minerale de globe de N. Boubee."
- Folder 8      **Copy of notebook "Collection de Mineralogie." This notebook, in much poorer condition, was perhaps a working copy.**
- Folder 9      **"Collection de 300 mineraux devant etre ajotee a une collection deja livree. Classification etablie d'apres la premiere edition du traite de mineralogie de Dufrenoy."**
- Scope and Content Note**
- Inventory of collection, classified according to Dufrenoy. Handwritten, poor condition, n.d.
- Folder 10     **"Catalogue." "Collection of Minerals. Classification and Nomenclature of James D. Dana."**
- Scope and Content Note**
- List of 596 minerals by Dana classification, with individual mineral numbers referenced. Handwritten, [before 1879].
- Folder 11     **Student award. "Testimony of good conduct and diligence" awarded to R. Delvalle, August 1871".**