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Descriptive Summary

Title: A. Brown Co. Records,

Date (inclusive): 1880-1900

Collection number: 687

Creator: A. Brown Co.

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Abstract: Andrew Brown (1829-1909) was born in Ireland. In 1852, he sailed around Cape Horn to San Francisco. He later went into the mercantile business, purchased thousands of acres of land, built a flour mill and a lumber mill and became engaged extensively in farming as well as raising cattle and horses. The collection consists of correspondence, business papers, receipts, bills, and other papers connected with Andrew Brown's store in Kernville, California, his jobs as postmaster and agent for the Wells Fargo and Company's Express, and his other business interests.

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Biography

Andrew Brown was born in Ireland on September 15, 1829; came to Philadelphia as a young man and in 1852 sailed around Cape Horn to San Francisco; after a try at mining and farming, he went to Kernville and operated the quartz mill of Joseph W. Sumner, whose daughter he married in 1873; later went into the mercantile business, owning a very successful general store at Kernville and one at Weldon; was owner of thousands of acres of land, and became engaged extensively in farming and raising cattle and horses; built a flour mill and a lumber mill; was known throughout Kern County as a prominent and active citizen; retired in 1904 and moved to Los Angeles; he died on October 12, 1909.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of correspondence, business papers, receipts, bills, and other papers connected with Andrew Brown's store in Kernville, California, his jobs as postmaster and agent for the Wells Fargo and Company's Express, and his other business interests.

Expanded Scope and Content

These are the papers of Andrew Brown, one of the pioneers of Kernville. There are mostly business papers, receipts, bills, and other papers connected with his store in Kernville, his jobs as postmaster and agent for the Wells Fargo and Company's Express and his other business interests.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Brown, Andrew--Archives.

A. Brown Co.--Archives.

Pioneers--California--Kern County--Archival resources.

Personal Correspondents

Bennett, Mrs. 1893.

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Brown, Alice (Sumner). 1873-1875.

Physical Description: 2 pieces.

Brown, Andrew. 1873-1874.

Physical Description: 5 pieces.

Butler, M.E. 1893.

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Christian, C.A. 1893.

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Danson(?), W.A. 1893

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Ford, J.B. & Company, Publishers. (firm) San Francisco, 1873.

Physical Description: 1 piece.

H[?], S.A. 18??

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Harman, Eliza. 1872.

Physical Description: 3 pieces.

Smith, S.M. undated

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Stramler, H.D. 1874.

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Sumner, George W. 1856.

Physical Description: 2 pieces.

Vandergaw, Ida. 1892-1893.

Physical Description: 2 pieces.

Wyatt, Mrs. R.A. 1893.

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Business Correspondents

Brown, Andrew. 1893-1894.

Physical Description: 2 pieces.

Caufield(?), W. 1893.

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Faure Bros. & Company (firm) Delano, California, 1892-1893.

Physical Description: 8 pieces.

Greenwood, Charles H. 1894.

Physical Description: 1 piece.

Stebbins, Tracy N. 1893-1894.

Physical Description: 2 pieces.

Miscellaneous Pieces

Wells Fargo & Company's Express--Business papers, 1886-1893.

Physical Description: About 50 pieces.

Miscellaneous business papers, 1865-1866.

Physical Description: 4 pieces.

Miscellaneous business papers, 1893.

Physical Description: 38 pieces.

Merchandise orders to Andrew Brown, 1893.

Physical Description: 2 pieces.

Merchandise orders to Andrew Brown, 1894.

Physical Description: About 335 pieces.

Bills, receipts, etc., 1892.

Physical Description: 6 pieces.

Bills, receipts, etc., 1893.

Physical Description: About 360 pieces.

Wells, Fargo & Company's Express--Money order stub books, 1891.

Physical Description: 6 pieces.

Miscellaneous envelopes.

Physical Description: 14 pieces.

U.S. Post Office--Tags & receipts of registered parcels mailed to Kernville, California, 1893-1895.

Physical Description: 38 pieces.

Deposit receipts and slips for Kern Valley Bank, Anglo-California Bank and the Bank of Bakersfield, 1893.

Physical Description: 31 pieces.

Anglo-California Bank Limited (San Francisco Branch)--Statements concerning Andrew Brown's account, 1893.

Physical Description: 18 pieces.

Andrew Brown's Store--Charge Slips, February-August 1893.

Physical Description: About 1700 pieces.

Wells Fargo & Company's Express & Southern Pacific Company--Shipping receipts and bills, 1893.

Physical Description: About 115 pieces.

Registered Package Envelopes, 1893-1895.

Physical Description: About 75 pieces.

Miscellaneous Volumes

3 Books of invoices, 1882-1890.
22 Day Books, 1868-1892.
2 Ledgers. With individual accounts, 1873-1876.
2 Account books for the Chinamen, 1873-1886.
35 Order Books, 1880-1894.
3 Account Books, 1887-1888.
Account Book for Joe Castro, 1882.
Milk Account, 1886-1888.
Sumner, E.P. Memorandum Book, 1867-1871.
2 Account Books, 1882-1893.
4 Cash Books, 1883-1893.
I.O.O.F. Questionnaire Book, 1868-1886.
Wells Fargo & Company's Express--Collections, 1888-1891.
Wells Fargo & Company's Express--Forwarding Receipts Book, 1891-1895.
9 Check Stub Books, 1889-1896.
Kern River Lodge no. 106--Treasurer's Account Book, 1879-1889.
Postmaster's Account Book--Kernville, California, 1879-1889.
25 Volumes which are too fragile to handle.