
Register of the Shebl (James) "Weber!" Papers, 1986-1993

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personal name

Weber, Charles David Maria (1814-1881)

Shebl, James (1943-)

Sutter, John Augustus (1803-1880)

Marsh, John (1799-1856)

subject

Mexican War, 1846-1848 - California

Overland journeys to the Pacific

Germans - California

Historians - California - Research

Biographers - California - Stockton

geographic name

California - History - To 1846

California - History - 1846-1850

Stockton (Calif.) - History

Biography

Shortly after the descendants of Captain Charles David Maria Weber (1814-1881), founder of Stockton, Calif., gave a large collection of the family's papers, library and home furnishings to the San Joaquin County Historical Society (1984), Society members decided to commission Stockton historian, James Shebl, to write a book-length study of the Captain (1986). Shebl spent nearly six years on the project, finally publishing "Weber!: The American Adventure of Captain Charles M. Weber" (1993).

Scope and Content

This collection consists chiefly of drafts of Shebl's book "Weber!" edited by members of the San Joaquin County Historical Society Publications Board and by the author himself (1988-1992). The collection also contains: correspondence, contracts and other materials pertaining to Shebl's commission from the Society, as well as scattered notes and photocopies of sources acquired by Shebl in the course of researching and preparing his manuscript.

BOX 1: SHEBL (JAMES) "WEBER!" PAPERS

1.1: COPIES OF WEBER DOCUMENTS

- a-CMW's German passport, 1836 [photocopy of ms. at Bancroft Library]
- b-Transcription of info on Weber's German passport, 1836 [2 pp.; typescript]
- c-List of Texas volunteers incl. Chas. W. Webber's name, n.d. [2 pp. photocopy of ms. at Texas State Archives]
- d-Record of Texas land claim of Chas. W. Webber for service under Capt. Gillis, 1842 [2 pp. photocopy of ms. in Texas State Archives]
- e-Record of dissolution of partnership betw. Weber & Gulnac, 1843 [in Spanish followed by English version dated 1857; 3 pp.; photocopy]
- f-Weber California passport, 8-43 [photostat of item at Bancroft Library]
- g-Sutter's record of putting Weber under arrest, 1845 [photocopy ; original at Bancroft]
- h-Charles Weber to Dr. John Marsh, 3-7-1846 [6 pp.; photocopy; original in John Marsh Papers, Bancroft Library]
- i-Proclamation appointing Weber Captain of Artillery, 6-25-1846 [photocopy; incl. English translation; typescript]
- j-Thos. Larkin to CMW, 10-19-46 [photostat of ms. at Bancroft Library]
- k-sample page of CMW's record of supply costs for individuals under his command during Mexican War, Oct-Nov 1846 [photocopy of ms. at Bancroft Library]
- l-Record of pmt. Francis Lightston by Charles Smith, 4-2-1847 [photocopy; original at Bancroft]
- m-Transcription of advertisement for Stockton placed in Alta California by Weber, 1849
- n-Transcription of petition from Stockton citizens to CMW to remove abandoned ships from Stockton Channel, 7-22-1850 [photocopy from Aungst]
- o-Weber/Ellen Murphy wedding license, 12-3-1850 [photocopy; original in Bancroft Library]
- p-Translation of Adolph Weber to Weber parents in Germany, 8-11-1853 [photocopy; 9 pp.]

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- q-English summary & German text [12pp typescript] of Adolph Weber to Philipp Weber, 11-5-53 [photocopy of item at Bancroft Library]
- r-Transcript of record of pmt. to CMW for land given for State Asylum, 1-11-1854
- s-English summary & German text [7pp typescript] of Adolph Weber to W. Ryhiner, 10-28-54 [photocopy of item at Bancroft Library]
- t-Transcript of refilled cover pg. of land sales agmt. betw. Weber & Gulnac, 9-16-1857 [original in Santa Clara County Recorder's Office]
- u-CMW to Helen Weber, 1-23-60
- v-Duncan Beaumont. "Map of the City of Stockton & Environs," 1861 [incl legal certification; 3 pieces, photostat]
- w-F.A. Ruhl, Stockton Turnverein to CMW, 5-10-1876 [declares CMW a member of Turnverein] [German & English versions; photocopies of ms. at Bancroft Library]
- x-CMW to Society of San Joaquin Pioneers, 8-15-1878 [photocopy of ms. at Bancroft Library]
- y-"The last sad rites," Stockton Daily Evening Mail (5-7-1881) [Weber's obit.; 3 pp.; photocopy]
- z-"Captain Weber: The founder of Stockton dead at the age of 67 years," Mariposa Gazette (5-14-1881) [transcription; 3 pp.]
- aa-"Charles M. Weber: Death of the founder of Stockton...," California Democrat (5-5-1881) [transcription; 4 pp.]
- bb-"Eulogium by D.J. Oullahan," Stockton Daily Independent (5-14-81)
- cc-Transcription of L.M. Cutting reminiscence of Weber publ. In Stockton Record (1923)
- dd-Helen Weber Kennedy to J.T. Aungst, 10-30-33 [regrets lack of family documentation of CMW's stay in Texas and Louisiana; 2 pp.; photocopy]
- ee-Esther Nelson, Libn. U. of Utah to J.T. Aungst, 4-19-34 [regrets lack of documentation for why certain Utah landmarks are named "Weber"]
- ff-Transcription of George H. Tinkham reminiscence recorded by J.T. Aungst, 1934
- gg-Photocopies of six pp. from J.T. Aungst thesis about CMW civic contributions, 1934
- hh-corresp betw. J.T. Aungst and officials in Texas and Utah re Weber presence in those states, 1934 [photocopy]
- 1.2: MISCELLANEOUS NOTES FOR "WEBER!"
- a-Weber family lineage [from 18th c.]
- b-chronology of Weber's overland journey to California (1841)
- c-info on Weber's California passport (1849)
- d-info on California Battalion accounts at Bancroft (1846-1847)
- e-list of possible illustrations for "Weber!"
- 1.3: CORRESPONDENCE RE PUBLICATION OF "WEBER!," 1986-1992 [14 items]
- 1.4: CONTRACTS & MISC. PAPERS RE PUBLICATION OF "WEBER!," 1986-1993
- a-SJ Co. Hist. Soc. Board Minutes mentioning proposal by Shebl to rewrite "Weber!" (5-13-86) [photocopy of 1 pg. only]
- b-Stmt. of funds expended by James Shebl in preparation of "Weber!" manuscript (11-23-87)
- c-Agmt. betw. Author & publisher [SJ Co. Historical Museum] (1990) [blank form]
- d-Contract betw. Museum & Shebl (Feb 26, 1992) for publ. of new version of "Weber!" [fax copy]
- e-Press release announcing signing party for "Weber!" (1-21-93)
- 1.5: WEBER PHOTOS [6 photocopies & list]
- 1.6: EDITED TYPESCRIPT DRAFTS of "WEBER!" (1987) [8 chapters, 99 pp. + chronology, Oullahan eulogium]
- a-Bound version incl pencil note by Shebl inside cover & w/ editorial notes by Howard Lewis?, 1987
- b-Unbound version marked "Peggy's notes" on cover
- 1.7: EDITED TYPESCRIPT DRAFTS of "WEBER!" (1990) [14 chapters, 118 pp. + 13 pp. epilogue; photocopy; incl. editorial notes by "Berrey"?]
- a-Copy marked: "This is the one Tom sent...it is a rewrite of material in binder"
- b-Copy marked: "Gave these papers to Shellenberger to read. The pencil notes are his."
- c-Copy w/ Shebl note appended: "Carla, I'm working on chapt. Titles & doing some touch-up..."
- d-Copy w/ Shebl's address & phone # on cover; no indication of editorship
- e-Copy w/ corrections in black and red inks; no indication of editorship
- f-Copy w/ corrections in purple & green inks; no indication of editorship
- 1.8: EDITED TYPESCRIPT DRAFTS of "WEBER!" (1991) [14 chapters, 119 pp. + 6 pp. epilogue; multiple appendices]
- a-Copy marked w/ green & rose pens by "JS"
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b-Copy on still unseparated computer-printed pages

1.9: TYPESCRIPT DRAFT of "WEBER!" MARKED "1992" [bears some editing in green ink]

1.10: "WEBER!" BOOK LAYOUT & DESIGN

1.11: "WEBER!"---COMPUTER DISKS CONTAINING FINAL TEXT

1.12: Peggy Cahill. "Capt. Weber & his place in early California history" [typescript of article published in Pacific Historian (Wint 1976)]