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## **Finding Aid for the Jonathan Drake Stevenson papers, 1840-1892, bulk 1845-1880**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Jonathan Drake Stevenson papers

**Date (bulk):** 1840-1892, bulk 1845-1880

**Collection number:** 2040

**Creator:** Stevenson, J. D. (Jonathan Drake), 1800-1894.

**Extent:** 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

**Abstract:** The papers of Jonathan Drake Stevenson consist of correspondence, miscellaneous legal and business papers and a few accounts and clippings. They are contained in one document box and range in time from 1840 to 1892, although the larger part of the material falls within the time span 1845-1880.

**Language:** Finding aid is written in English.

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### **Provenance/Source of Acquisition**

Robert E. Cowan, purchase, 1936.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Biography**

Stevenson was born Jan. 1, 1800 in NY; private secretary to NY Governor Daniel D. Tompkins, later accompanying him to Washington, DC, when Tompkins was elected Vice-President in 1816; won a seat in the NY State Assembly; accepted command of military volunteer regiment in CA from President Polk in 1846 and arrived in San Francisco in March 1847; made commander of post in Monterey and later became military commander of the southern district of CA (headquartered in Los Angeles), May 1847; after his regiment went out of service in 1848, he later entered the mining and real estate businesses; appointed Shipping Commissioner, Port of San Francisco, 1872; died in San Francisco on Feb. 14, 1894.

### **Expanded Biographical Narrative**

Jonathan D. Stevenson was born with the century on January 1, 1800, in Richmond, Staten Island, New York. His father, an old time shipmaster attached to the Revenue Department, was an intimate friend of the Vanderbilt family. Young Stevenson and Cornelius Vanderbilt were contemporaries, and through Stevenson's influence, Vanderbilt received his start in the shipping business that was to lay the foundation for the Vanderbilt fortune. Although Vanderbilt often urged him to go into business, Stevenson's proclivities were in the direction of mercantile pursuits which eventually brought him into New York state politics.

At an early age, he attracted the attention of New York Governor Daniel D. Tompkins and became his protegee. He served as private secretary to the Governor and accompanied him to Washington in that capacity when Tompkins was elected Vice President in 1816.

Through his work at Washington and later in New York State, Stevenson made friends with men like Martin Van Buren, Cave Johnson of Tennessee, Levi Woodbury of Connecticut, William Henry Haywood of North Carolina and Silas Wright of New York. His friendship with prominent politicians and his temerity in helping to expose the notorious Glentworth election frauds of 1839-1840 gained him a certain stature in the Democratic Party. He won a seat in the New York State Assembly and supported James K. Polk for the Presidency in 1844.

While on a visit to Washington in 1846, President Polk offered Stevenson the command of a regiment of volunteers to be raised for military service in California. He accepted the command and returned to New York. Within three days after the

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rolls opened, the Regiment. was recruited. Stevenson sailed for California with his Regiment of New York Volunteers on September 26, 1846, and arrived at San Francisco March 7, 1847.

After his arrival in San Francisco, Stevenson joined General Stephen Watts Kearny at Monterey and was made commander of the post. In May, 1847, he became the military commander of the southern district of California with headquarters in Los Angeles. While there, Stevenson did much to gain the goodwill of the native Californians and became known for his justice and kindness.

When his Regiment was mustered out of service in 1848, Stevenson went to the mining community of Mokelumne Hill. He was appointed alcalde of the settlement, and drew up a code of mining laws and regulations. He remained in the "diggings" long enough to amass the respectable fortune of ten thousand dollars.

He returned to San Francisco to enter the real estate business with William C. Parker. He remained in the city carrying on his real estate business and was appointed Shipping Commissioner for the Port of San Francisco in 1872. He held this position for many years. Even after his term as Shipping Commissioner expired, he continued to engage in his law practice and to manage real estate transactions. He died in San Francisco on February 14, 1894, a respected and prominent figure among local celebrities.

### **Scope and Content**

Collection consists of correspondence, legal and business papers, accounts, and clippings related to the life of J.D. Stevenson. Includes materials related to his political career in NY, his command of the 1st NY Infantry Regiment of Volunteers in CA during the Mexican War, and his law practice and real estate business in San Francisco.

The papers cover the larger share of Stevenson's life, but are especially important for the years 1840 to 1870. The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley acquired a larger group of Stevenson's papers from the General Library of the University. These papers were sold to the University by Robert E. Cowan in 1897 and were paid for with funds donated by Collis P. Huntington. The Stevenson papers described in this guide were purchased by the University of California Library, Los Angeles, with the Library of Robert E. Cowan in 1936.

### **Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. Incoming correspondence
2. Outgoing correspondence
3. Correspondence to and from various persons re: Stevenson
4. Legal papers re: lots acquired by Stevenson in Santa Cruz, CA
5. Miscellaneous legal papers
6. Receipts, accounts, etc.
7. Clippings concerning Stevenson.

### **Indexing Terms**

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

### **Subjects**

Stevenson, J. D. (Jonathan Drake), 1800-1894 --Archives.

Politicians --New York (State) --Archival resources.

United States. Army --Officers --California --Archival resources.

### **Index of Names and Subjects**

Subject references are capitalized; individuals or corporate entities for which there are materials by or to are in lower case.

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Box 1, Folder 1	<b>Incoming correspondence, various persons to Stevenson</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (13 items)
Folder 1	<b>2 from A.C. Flagg, Albany, New York</b>
Folder 1	<b>1 from Levi Woodbury, Washington</b>
Folder 1	<b>1 from D. Graham, Jr., New York</b>
Folder 1	<b>1 from Solomon Hillen, Jr., Washington</b>
Folder 1	<b>1 from J.R. Whiting and Robert H. Morris, New York</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning the Glentworth Fraud exposure and trial
Folder 1	<b>7 from Silas Wright</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning national politics, election campaigns in New York state, Martin Van Buren and the presidential campaign of 1844.
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Incoming correspondence, various persons to Stevenson</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (15 items)
Folder 2	<b>7 from Silas Wright</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning national and New York state politics and Stevenson's efforts to obtain various political appointments
Folder 2	<b>1 from William Henry Haywood, Jr., Raleigh, N.C.</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> discussing national politics and James K. Polk's campaign with reference to North Carolina
Folder 2	<b>1 from Cave Johnson, Clarksville, Tenn.</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> discussing Polk's campaign and Silas Wrights's nomination for governor of New York
Folder 2	<b>1 from John Moore, New York</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> a character reference for Stevenson at the time he was a candidate for the New York State Assembly
Folder 2	<b>2 from Francis B. Du Bois, Boston</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning his claim to certain property belonging to Julius H. Walker, deceased
Folder 2	<b>1 from Levi Woodbury, Washington</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> letter of recommendation for Stevenson
Folder 2	<b>1 from John C. Rives, Washington</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> stating he had been informed by Francis P. Blair that President Polk had referred the matter of the appointment of a Collector for the Port of New York to Benjamin F. Butler and would appoint whomever he recommended.

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Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Incoming correspondence, various persons to Stevenson</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (14 items)
Folder 3	<b>2 from James Boorman, New York</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning the bill before the New York state legislature for charter of the Hudson River Railway Co.
Folder 3	<b>1 from Paul Alley on the same subject as the preceding letter</b>
Folder 3	<b>3 from Silas Wright, Albany,</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning a New York state Assembly matter and the raising of Stevenson's Regiment of Volunteers for service in the Mexican War
Folder 3	<b>1 from James A. Hardie, New York</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> objecting to the date set for the departure of Stevenson's Regiment for California.
Box 1, Folder 4	<b>Incoming correspondence, various persons to Stevenson</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (21 items)
Folder 4	<b>6 from Stephen Watts Kearny, Monterey, Calif.</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• his plans for the disposition of Stevenson's Regiment in California and the arrangements for its transport from San Francisco to Monterey via the U.S.S. Lexington with official orders signed by Kearny and a letter of instruction attached</li><li>• ammunitions</li><li>• an order to send Capt. William G. Marcy directly to Monterey</li><li>• Kearny's plans to depart for Washington with Fremont, Major Thomas Swords, Captains Philip St. George Cooke, Asst. Surgeon George B. "Dad" Sanderson and fifty men</li><li>• the engagement between General Zachary Taylor and Santa Anna</li><li>• and the General Winfield Scott's victory at Vera Cruz.</li></ul>
Folder 4	<b>1 from Lt. Henry C. Matsell, San Francisco</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> resigning his post as Adjutant of the Regiment of New York Volunteers
Folder 4	<b>7 from Capt. Henry S. Turner, Monterey, Calif.</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• detailing of two men to San Miguel and other details ordered by Kearny</li><li>• the dispute over precedence in rank between Capts. William E. Shannon and Mathew R. Stevenson and between Capts. Henry M. Naglee and William G. Marcy</li><li>• and the numbering of orders</li></ul>
Folder 4	<b>1 from Maj. Thomas Swords</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning the continuation of rations for men detailed to carry the mail

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Folder 4	<p><b>2 from Capt. Henry M. Naglee, Monterey, Calif.</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>concerning the issue of clothes and funds for his company</p>
Folder 4	<p><b>3 from William T. Sherman, Santa Barbara, Calif. July 25 and Monterey, Calif., Aug 23 and Nov. 24, 1847</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>concerning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the arrival of Col. Robert B. Mason at Santa Barbara on the U.S. Sloop of War Dale</li> <li>• and Mason's orders to Stevenson to come to Santa Barbara the extent of aid to be given by the military to civil authorities and the custody of civil prisoners by the military when advisable</li> <li>• and Stevenson's authority to allow suiters to collect debts of soldiers contracted up to the date of the reception of the act of congress approved, Mar. 3, 1847</li> </ul>
Folder 4	<p><b>1 from Pvt. Edmund N. Milford, Co. F, New York Volunteers, Santa Barbara, Calif.</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>vindicating himself of accusations of intemperance made by Stevenson in his address to Co. F at Santa Barbara.</p>
Box 1, Folder 5	<p><b>Incoming correspondence, various persons to Stevenson</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> (24 items)</p>
Folder 5	<p><b>11 from William T. Sherman</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>concerning the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the discharge and payment of the Mormon Battalion</li> <li>• illegal sale of ammunition by replacements in Stevenson's Regiments</li> <li>• the administration of the missions south of San Buenaventura</li> <li>• discovery of a coal deposit</li> <li>• supply and disciplinary problems in Stevenson's Regiment</li> <li>• Leidesdorff's death and his estate</li> <li>• problem of desertion of U.S. troops caused by the gold discovery</li> <li>• lack of military force to back civil authority in California</li> <li>• Charles E. Pickett</li> <li>• the gold fever</li> <li>• property purchased by Stevenson in San Francisco</li> <li>• and the acknowledgment of the colors presented by Stevenson's Regiment to the Territorial Government of California</li> </ul>

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Folder 5	<b>5 from Richard B. Mason</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the duties on goods carried by foreign vessels engaged in the California coastal trade</li><li>requesting information on the shooting of three Californians near San Rafael Mission and Col. John C. Fremont's part in this affair; additional troops for Stevenson's regiment</li><li>the prohibition of organized parties against the Indians under the authority of the Alcalde of Santa Barbara</li><li>Stevenson's opportunities as a permanent resident of California</li><li>"Apostle Thomas' Epistle to the Californians"</li><li>Senator Thomas H. Benton's proposal to place John C. Fremont on the California Land Claims Commission</li></ul>
Folder 5	<b>1 from Lt. Henry C. Matsell, La Paz, Lower Calif.</b>
Folder 5	<b>from Henry W. Halleck, Monterey, Calif.</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> relative to the leasing of the San Buenaventura Mission and property for the Army's use.
Box 1, Folder 6	<b>Incoming correspondence, various persons to Stevenson</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (32 items)
Folder 6	<b>1 from N.H. Stockton, Santa Cruz, Calif.</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> offering to buy lo's in Santa Cruz to which Stevenson held title
Folder 6	<b>1 from Crane &amp; Peckham, Attorneys, Santa Cruz</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning the sale of Stevenson's property in Santa Cruz
Folder 6	<b>1 from Frederick Billings, San Francisco</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning a quit claim to the north half of 50 vara lot no. 298 in San Francisco
Folder 6	<b>6 from Joseph H. Skirm, Santa Cruz</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stevenson's claim to property at Santa Cruz</li><li>recommending that he file claims against squatters residing on it in the U.S. District Court instead of the Santa Cruz County Court</li><li>and stating in his letter of May 24, 1860 that he could no longer continue as Stevenson's legal representative as he was arguing in another case against the validity of alcalde grants</li></ul>
Folder 6	<b>1 from William Fredericks, San Francisco,</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> requesting information on his land warrant
Folder 6	<b>4 from F.M. Kittridge, Santa Cruz</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning a squatter, John Liebrandt, settled on land claimed by Stevenson

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Folder 6	<b>2 from Charles Kemp, Santa Cruz</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning fees owed by Stevenson in the case of J.D. Stevenson vs. N.H. Stockton et al.
Folder 6	<b>2 telegrams from the Sheriff of Santa Cruz County</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning Stevenson's property at Santa Cruz
Folder 6	<b>1 from General George Wright, Sacramento</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> stating that he has forwarded Stevenson's petition to be appointed Provost Marshall of California to the War Department with an endorsement of recommendation
Folder 6	<b>1 from G.P. Work, New Orleans</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> inquiring re the power of attorney granted to Stevenson in the case of Francis Cheris vs. Mexico and enclosing a letter from Nathaniel Wilson to Randall Lee Gibson, Washington, Mar. 5, 1880, stating that the claim of Cheris against Mexico has been allowed and that the power of attorney to collect is to Stevenson
Folder 6	<b>1 from Francis D. Clark, New York</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> probably concerning the claim of Stevenson on the Hudson River Railway Co. for services rendered in 1845-1846
Folder 6	<b>1 from William H. Knight, San Francisco</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning William T. Sherman's statement relative to the contemplated transfer of California to the Confederacy during the Civil War, the disloyalty of General Albert Sidney Johnston and the correction of Sherman's statement by Stevenson in articles published in the Post and Bulletin; also re the publication of a history of Stevenson's requesting a share of the money received by Stevenson from the California State Legislature for the survey of Suisun Bay
Folder 6	<b>1 from William C. Parker, Santa Cruz</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> requesting a share of the money received by Stevenson from the California State Legislature for the survey of Suisun Bay
Folder 6	<b>1 from William Henry Vanderbilt, New York</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> (copy) thanking Stevenson for the biographical sketch of his father's ( Cornelius Vanderbilt's) life
Folder 6 Box 1, Folder 7	<b>Notes from Silas Wright, P.M. Wetmore and Wright Haywood, Jr.</b> <b>Outgoing correspondence, Stevenson to various persons</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (13 items), drafts and copies

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Folder 7	<b>1 to J.V. Fowler, New York</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> requesting that he obtain the papers relating to the claim of Francis B., Du Bois and including copy of the order for the release of the papers touching on the Du Bois claim <b>Note</b> (see Du Bois to Stevenson, Nov. 21, 1845, folder 2)
Folder 7	<b>1 to John Kearster, Albany</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> requesting maps and surveys of land claimed by the Du Bois family
Folder 7	<b>1 to Silas Wright, New York</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> requesting that he be allowed to enroll and organize a regiment of volunteers for service in the Mexican War (original and typescript copy)
Folder 7	<b>1 to T.M. Levanworth, San Francisco</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> requesting the grant of a lot 50 x 100 varas in San Francisco, bordered by Jackson, Sansome and Washington Streets and partly under water at high tide, and promising to defray expense of filling in Jackson and Washington Streets to provide a convenient landing for the City of San Francisco; with this are copies of Levanworth's grant of the lot, Jan. 7, 1849
Folder 7	<b>Certificate of the grant by Judge Levi Parsons</b>
Folder 7	<b>Levanworth's certificate of compliance with conditions of the grant</b>
Folder 7	<b>1 to Joseph H. Skirm , San Francisco</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning lots granted to Stevenson in Santa Cruz
Folder 7	<b>2 to John Williams, Deputy Sheriff of Santa Cruz Co.</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> concerning the power of attorney to John A. White to settle Stevenson's suits against N.H. Stockton and James Bennett, et al.
Folder 7	<b>1 to Wells Fargo &amp; Co.</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> enclosing money to be forwarded to Santa Cruz to pay for a transcript of statement for the California State Supreme Court in the case of Stevenson vs. N.H. Stockton, et al.
Folder 7	<b>1 to William T. Sherman, San Francisco</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> requesting him to present a claim to the Hudson River Railway Co. for services rendered to them in 1845-1846 and mentioning his friendship and services to Cornelius Vanderbilt and correspondence with William Henry Vanderbilt, owner of the Hudson River Railway Co.
Folder 7	<b>1 to William H. Knight, San Francisco</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> acknowledging the appearance of an extract of a letter from William T. Sherman to Knight in the San Francisco Bulletin concerning Stevenson's alleged expose of Johnston's conspiracy to deliver fortifications in California to men in sympathy with the Confederacy and enclosing a copy of his vindication of General Johnston

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- Folder 7                      **1 to William Window., Secretary of the Treasury, San Francisco**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 stating his gratitude that his application for the office of United States Shipping Commissioner for the-Port of San Francisco has the support of Congressmen from the Pacific Coast and requesting that his application not be rejected on the ground that his age would render him incompetent to perform the duties of the office
- Box 1, Folder 8              **Correspondence to and from various persons re: Stevenson**  
                                 **Physical Description:** (17 items)
- Folder 8                      **1 from Silas Wright to John Milton Niles**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 introducing Stevenson and his wife
- Folder 8                      **1 from Francis Thomas to Silas Wright, Wash.**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 enclosing a commission for J.D. Stevenson as a reward for his service to the people of the United States in the expose of the Glentworth Frauds
- Folder 8                      **1 from Washington Hunt, New York, to James Turner Morehead**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 stating he learns that President Polk will probably nominate Stevenson for the post of Surveyor of the Port of New York, and because of his services to the Whig Party in New York, the Whig senators ought not to oppose the appointment
- Folder 8                      **1 from William Henry Haywood, Wash.**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 requesting that it be brought to President Polk's attention that Stevenson was not nominated for the position of Surveyor of the Port of New York and that he therefore be named Naval officer of the same port - \*Possibly to William Brown Maclay
- Folder 8                      **1 from William Brown Maclay to James Knox Polk, Wash.**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 recommending that Stevenson be appointed Naval Officer for the Port of New York
- Folder 8                      **1 from Joshua Vansant and William L. Preston to James Knox Polk, Baltimore**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 recommending Stevenson for the post of Naval Officer for the Port of New York on behalf of the Democratic Party of the City of Baltimore
- Folder 8                      **1 from R. Jones, Adjutant General of the U.S. to Col. James Bankhead, Wash.**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 directing him to muster in Stevenson's Regiment for the service of the U.S. with authority for raising same
- Folder 8                      **1 from Joseph Libby Folsom to William T. Sherman, San Francisco**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 mentioning the resignation of Andrew J. Grayson as wagon and storage master at the Quartermaster's Depot in San Francisco and requesting the transfer of either Sgt. George D. Bebb or Pvt. Gustave J. Contan of Stevenson's regiment to the vacant position

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Folder 8	<p><b>1 from the Santa Cruz Town Council</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>(Eli C. Moore, Griffith L. Jenkins, William Anderson and William H. Hardy), Santa Cruz, to William C. Parker concerning the payment for the 58 lots in the town of Santa Cruz sold to various persons in San Francisco</p>
Folder 8	<p><b>1 from T.R. Per Lee to E.B. Kellog, Santa Cruz,</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>stating the amount of taxes due on Stevenson's property at Santa Cruz</p>
Folder 8	<p><b>1 from John P. Stearns to William</b></p>
Folder 8	<p><b>H. Martin, Santa Cruz</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>stating he wishes nothing more to do with Stevenson's legal cases</p>
Folder 8	<p><b>1 from John James Smith to Messrs. Cooper &amp; Co.</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>requesting that Mr. Ghanky be notified to send all lumber sent to his wharf by Stevenson to Smith in San Francisco</p>
Folder 8	<p><b>1 from Joseph H. Skirm to Elisha Cook, Santa Cruz</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>enclosing quit claim deeds and releases for property in Santa Cruz and requesting that Stevenson acknowledge same</p>
Folder 8	<p><b>1 from Nathaniel Wilson to S.A. Kemp, Red Wing, Minn., Wash.</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>stating he has received a copy of a letter and power of attorney sent by Kemp to Stevenson in re the claim of Asa E. Wilde before the American and Mexican Mixed Claims Commission and that it would be unwise for Kemp to interfere in the case in behalf of the heirs of Asa E. Wilde</p>
Folder 8	<p><b>1 from Robert Tobin to Lorenzo Lawyer, San Francisco</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>concerning a title search of title on property which had been made for Stevenson.</p>
Box 1, Folder 9	<p><b>Legal papers re: lots acquired by Stevenson in Santa Cruz, California</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> (70 items)</p>

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Folder 9

**Petitions for and grants of lots in the town of Santa Cruz made by William Blackburn, Alcalde of Santa Cruz**

**Scope and Content Note**

to the following:

- George McDougal
- William C. Parker
- Joseph S. Bowden, Feb. 20, 1849
- C. Bowden
- Henry Smith
- Harvard Dye
- Robert T. Ridley
- Richard Parker
- John Vanbussum
- Albert Miller
- George C. Hubbard
- Mathew R. Stevenson
- J.H. Brady
- Alexander Smith
- William C. Dotter
- Francis Davis
- John H. Huddart
- R.M. Colley
- Jackson Brewley, Feb. 22, 1849

Folder 9

**Indentures concluded between Jonathan Drake Stevenson and the following for the transfer of their lots in Santa Cruz to Stevenson**

**Scope and Content Note**

- Alexander Smith
- George Jamison
- John Sheall
- Robert T. Ridley
- Jackson Brewley
- Francis Davis, Feb. 24, 1849
- Albert Miller
- William C. Dotter
- Henry Smith, Feb. 25, 1849
- John Shulterrs
- Harvard Dye
- Richard Parker, Feb. 26, 1849
- George C. Hubbard, Feb. 28, 1849
- Mathew R. Stevenson
- George McDougal
- John Vanbussum, Mar. 1, 1849
- Joseph S. Bowden
- William C. Parker, July 5, 1849
- Joseph H. Brady, Dec. 31, 1849



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Folder 9	<b>Receipt of the Town Council of Santa Cruz to Stevenson for payment of amount due on Santa Cruz lots purchased by various individuals and deeded to Stevenson July 11, 1849.</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (duplicate copy)
Folder 9	<b>Lists of lots in Santa Cruz and a manuscript town plat map of a portion of the town of Santa Cruz.</b>
Box 1, Folder 10	<b>Miscellaneous legal and business papers</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (13 items)
Folder 10	<b>Pre-emption claim to land on San Francisco Bay by Stevenson</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (certified copy)
Folder 10	<b>Power of attorney from Benito Dias y Suisa Soto to Stevenson, Monterey, Calif.</b>
Folder 10	<b>Deed from Jose Antonio Mesa to Stevenson of 2000 varas of Rancho Del Megano</b>
Folder 10	<b>Articles of agreement between Richard P. Hammond, William T. Sherman, and James Blair</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> parties of the first part and Jonathan D. Stevenson, party of the second part for the survey of a town to be located at the mouth of the San Joaquin River on Suisun Bay
Folder 10	<b>Photographic copies (surveyors reports, receipts, etc.) of documents relating to the survey of Suisun Bay</b>
Folder 10	<b>Agreement between Stevenson and William C. Parker forming the partnership of Stevenson and Parker, a real estate firm, San Francisco</b>
Folder 10	<b>Power of attorney from Sarah Clementine Stevenson to Jonathan D. Stevenson, New York</b>
Folder 10	<b>List of lots on Clay and Vallejo Streets, San Francisco sold at auction by Pollard &amp; Co., by order of and on the account of Stevenson, Parker &amp; Co., Sept. 14, 1849, San Francisco, Sept. 20, 1849</b>
Folder 10	<b>Deed of Stevenson to Richard N. Berry of lot no. 45 on Louise Street, San Francisco</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (2 certified copies)
Folder 10	<b>Quit claim deed of Elbert P. Jones, and Sarah Jones to Stevenson, Parker &amp; Co. of 4 fifty vara lots nos. 696-699 in San Francisco</b>
Box 1, Folder 11	<b>Miscellaneous legal and business papers</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (7 items)
Folder 11	<b>Sales account of real estate sold by Morris &amp; Co. on account of Stevenson, Parker &amp; Co., San Francisco</b>
Folder 11	<b>Proposal of Stevenson and Parker</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> to grant the Central Wharf Co. a right of way through 100 vara lot bounded by Front, Davis, Clay and Sacramento Streets and the privilege of building stores along the line of the wharf (with diagram of lot attached), San Francisco
Folder 11	<b>Deed of Charles V. Gillespie and Sarah Beutner Gillespie to Stevenson of 13 plots of land in San Francisco</b>
Folder 11	<b>Release of mortgage held by Elbert P. Jones to Stevenson and Parker on 2 fifty vara lots in San Francisco</b>
Folder 11	<b>List of personal effects belonging to the firm of Stevenson, Parker &amp; Co. sold by William C. Parker to Stevenson</b>
Folder 11	<b>Deed of William C. Parker to Stevenson of his interest in certain Santa Cruz town lots, San Francisco</b>
Folder 11	<b>Mortgage of Stevenson to Thomas P. Johnson of certain 50 vara lots in San Francisco</b>

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Box 1, Folder 12	<b>Miscellaneous legal and business papers</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (21 items)
Folder 12	<b>Deed of J.D. Stevenson to Samuel W. Haight of a tract of land in San Francisco</b>
Folder 12	<b>Release of mortgage, Elbert P. Jones to Stevenson and Parker</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> on 50 vara lots no. 696-698 in San Francisco
Folder 12	<b>Affidavit of Albert G. Randall</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> stating that the firm of Pollard & Co. sold Sylvestre Pacheco section 5 of 50 vara lot no. 175, ca. 15 Sept., 1849 for the account of J.D. Stevenson, San Francisco, May 7, 1852
Folder 12	<b>Deed of J.D. Stevenson and Joseph C. Palmer, his assignee to Stephen H. Williams</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> of subdivision 32 of 100 vara lot no. 45, San Francisco
Folder 12	<b>Extract from the minutes of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> re the U.S. vs. Abel F. Scott, Indictment for Perjury
Folder 12	<b>Receipt of William C. Parker for certificate given him by Stevenson</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> certifying Parker as joint owner of Stevenson's property at Santa Cruz, Sutter, Sacramento Co.
Folder 12	<b>Stevenson's claim of Praesidio Rd., San Francisco and the unsold portion of his water lots in San Francisco and a half interest in "New York of the Pacific" located on the Ranch of Magonis, San Francisco</b> <b>Memorandum of agreement between Stevenson and C.K. Garrison</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> whereby Garrison agrees to advance the necessary money to allow Stevenson to carry on the business of claim agent in San Francisco in the conducting and prosecuting of claims against the U.S. before the Court of Claims, Washington, D.C.
Folder 12	<b>Agreement between Stevenson and Maria de Figueroa Bayesteros to prosecute her claim against the U.S., San Francisco</b>
Folder 12	<b>Receipt of Samuel J. Hensley (signature per Charles J. Brenhan)</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> for bounty land, warrants deposited with him by Stevenson, San Francisco
Folder 12	<b>Lists of land warrants deposited with various persons by Stevenson as collateral on loans (5 pieces)</b>
Folder 12	<b>Power of attorney from Stevenson to Jesse D. Carr to manage his property in Santa Cruz, San Francisco</b>
Folder 12	<b>Agreement between Davis and William Hart &amp; J.D. Stevenson</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> to prosecute Davis' claim for rent due on his building when used as San Francisco Customs House by the U.S., San Francisco
Box 1, Folder 13	<b>Miscellaneous legal and business papers</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (7 items)
Folder 13	<b>Deed, J.B. Bayerque to Mary Hart of 50 vara lot no. 149, San Francisco</b>

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Folder 13	<b>Agreement (stipulation) as to the taking of testimony in the case of Isaac Williams</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Isaac Williams, claimant vs. U.S. between James B. Townsend, agent of the U.S. Solicitor and J.D. Stevenson to the effect that Townsend is to take testimony at Los Angeles in behalf of the U.S. and Stevenson is to take testimony at San Francisco in behalf of the claimant, San Francisco
Folder 13	<b>Copy of summons in no. 7479, Jonathan D. Stevenson vs. James Bennett, et al., Calif. District Court, 12th Judicial District</b>
Folder 13	<b>Subpoena</b>
Folder 13	<b>Copy of summons</b>
Folder 13	<b>Translation of grant of two hundred square varas at Santa Cruz to Maria Antonio Tomson by Manuel Rodriguez, Santa Cruz, used in the case of Stevenson vs. Stockton, et al., 1860- 1862</b>
Folder 13	<b>Power of attorney from J.D. Stevenson to John A. White to settle and collect his claims in the suits, Stevenson vs. N.H. Stockton et al., and Stevenson vs. Bennett et al.</b>
Folder 13	<b>Affidavit of Stevenson as to the ownership, character and tide lines of the land situated on the east side of Montgomery Street between Washington and Jackson Streets during the period 1847-1863, San Francisco</b>
Box 1, Folder 14	<b>Miscellaneous legal and business papers</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (5 items)
Folder 14	<b>Power of attorney, Stevenson and Camille Gros to John Sime &amp; Co.</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> authorizing that firm to receive from the U.S. any awards for Gros' claim against the government of Mexico, Stevenson being the agent for this claim, San Francisco
Folder 14	<b>Agreement Henry G. Williams and Stevenson</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> whereby Williams assigns his interest in and authorization to prosecute the claim of the estate of R.M. Cooley, deceased against the Geneva Award Fund to Stevenson, San Francisco
Folder 14	<b>Stevenson's certificate of membership in the California Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Calif. Lodge No. 1, San Francisco</b>
Folder 14	<b>Petition and resolution</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> presented to Congress requesting that Stevenson be awarded a pension for his services to the United States as commanding officer of the Regiment of New York Volunteers, Santa Barbara, signed by Henry S. Carnes, George W. Coffin, James R. Vance and others
Folder 14	<b>Agreement between J.D. Stevenson and Ellen O'Sullivan widow of James O'Sullivan, private in the Regiment of New York Volunteers</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> appointing Stevenson as her agent and representative to secure a pension from the U.S. Government, San Francisco.
Box 1, Folder 15	<b>Miscellaneous legal and business papers</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (15 items)
Folder 15	<b>Short abstract of title and description of property owned by Mary Hart, San Francisco</b>
Folder 15	<b>Stevenson's draft of instrument revoking his power of attorney to Jesse D. Carr to manage Stevenson's Santa Cruz property</b>
Folder 15	<b>List of the owners of 50 vara lots no. 475-477</b>

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Folder 15	<b>Inventory of J.D. Stevenson's debts</b>
Folder 15	<b>Title search of 50 vara lot no. 298, San Francisco</b>
Folder 15	<b>List of questions put to J.R. Snyder relating to his survey of the town of Santa Cruz.</b>
Box 1, Folder 16	<b>Miscellaneous receipts, accounts, etc.</b>
	<b>Physical Description:</b> (42 items)
Folder 16	<b>Receipts to Edward Williams for copies of maps of Santa Cruz properties</b>
Folder 16	<b>Bill for attorney and court fees in the case of Stevenson vs. N.H. Stockton et al.</b>
Folder 16	<b>Receipts from the Hibernia Savings and Loan Association for interest paid by Stevenson on his mortgage.</b>
Box 1, Folder 17	<b>Clippings concerning Stevenson.</b>
	<b>Physical Description:</b> (15 items)
Folder 17	<b>Newspaper clippings chiefly from San Francisco newspapers</b>
	<b>Scope and Content Note</b>
	concerning the Regiment of New York Volunteers, Stevenson's recollections of early San Francisco, etc.
Folder 17	<b>Notice concerning the appearance of Stevenson's autobiography and his obituaries.</b>