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BANCROFT, HUBERT HOWE(1832-1918). Collector.

Transcripts, 1787-1883, 18 inches.

H.H. Bancroft began collecting historical documents as a book dealer in San Francisco. He devoted himself to this task from the mid-1870's to the mid-1880's, travelling throughout the Pacific and western regions of the United States, Canada and Mexico to interview settlers and transcribe documents. Bancroft was also a prolific writer and he published multi-volume histories of the Pacific region, in particular coastal states, Central America and Mexico. His collection of documents and transcripts was purchased by the University of California in 1905.

Copied in 1914 from the originals in the Bancroft Library of the University of California.

The finding aid is a list of the documents copied by the Public Archives, by author and title.

Typed copies of documents held by the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley relating to the history of British Columbia, Vancouver Island, Oregon and Washington. Included are correspondence, journals, reminiscences, and biographical sketches covering a wide range of subjects such as exploration, fur trade, mining, Indians, and early settlement.

INTRODUCTION

Hubert Howe Bancroft (1832-1918), American historical writer and bookseller in San Francisco, accumulated a great library of historical material and wrote several books on the history of the Western and Pacific states, as well as of British Columbia.

In 1878 and 1883, with his assistants, he toured the Western states to record interviews with pioneers and old timers and transcribe journals and notes kept by significant people.

Originals of the Bancroft papers were deposited in the library of the University of California at Berkeley. In 1914, the Public Archives of Canada secured typed copies of manuscripts relating to the North West Pacific Coast. These consist of reminiscences, journals, and papers of persons connected with settlement, missions, fur trade and development of the country. We have copies of the following documents. In Series A (Oregon), we have numbers 1, 2, 6, 19, 28, 29, 32, 39, 41, 45, 49-51, 55, 59-60, 68, 70, 73, 74, 76, 83 and 88. In Series B (Washington), we have numbers 1, 3, 7-8, 12, 14-16, 18-19 and 24-25. In Series C (British Columbia), we have numbers 1-32. There is also a copy of Elwood Evans' "History of Oregon".

For information on the accession of transcripts of the Bancroft Papers see Minutes of a Meeting of the Historical Manuscript Commission held on February 27, 1913.

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Volume 1

Series A (Oregon)

- A 1) The Mission Family and Governor Abernethy the Mission Steward, by Mrs. Anne Abernethy, Portland, 1878. 4 pages.

Abernethy came to Oregon in 1839 in charge of goods for the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

- A 2) Views of Oregon History, by Jesse Applegate, Toncalla, 1878. 65 pages.

Applegate who was born in Kentucky, went to Oregon from Missouri, in 1843. A good deal of correspondence is included in the narrative.

- A 6) The Catholic Missionaries of Oregon, by Archbishop F.N. Blanchet, Portland, 1878. 5 pages.

Tells of the arrival of Father Demers and himself in Oregon as the first Roman Catholic missionaries of Oregon and speaks about Dr. John McLoughlin.

- A 19) The Missionaries and their work, by Mrs. Medoren Crawford, 1878. 21 pages.

Mrs. Crawford went to Oregon in 1842 with Dr. Elijah White, of the Methodist mission..

- A 28) A Trapper's Life in the Rocky Mountains and Oregon, 1829-1839, by G.W. Ebberts, Salem, Oregon, 1878. 17 pages.

Ebberts had served the American Fur Company before he came to Oregon to serve the Hudson's Bay Company.

- A 29) A Sketch of Oregon Territory or Emigrants Guide, by P.L. Edwards, Richmond Missouri, 1842. 27 pages.

This is written in the form of a letter to Dr. T.M. Bacon, of Liberty, Missouri.

- A 32) The Pioneer Road Makers, by Nineveh Ford, Salem, Oregon, 1878. 16 pages.

The manuscript is an account of his journey to Oregon in 1843.

- A 39) Notable Things in a Public Life in Oregon, by Lafayette Grover, San Francisco, 1878. 22 pages.

Grover was a lawyer in Oregon in the earliest days of the state.

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Series A (Oregon) (cont'd)

- A 41) The People's Party for Oregon in 1839, by Joseph Holman, Salem, Oregon, 1878. 10 pages.

Tells the story of the first settlers to reach there from the United States.

- A 45) The founding of Portland: Dr. Whitman's Expedition to Washington in 1842-43, by A.L. Lovejoy, Oregon City, 1878, 25 pages. Lovejoy came to Oregon in 1842.

Lovejoy gives an account of the journey.

- A 49) Refugee Trapper and Settler by F.X. Matthieu, Salem, Oregon 1878. 12 pages.

Matthieu fled Lower Canada during the rebellion of 1837. He worked for the American Fur Company on the Yellowstone and South Platte River before setting off for Oregon, in 1842.

- A 50) Early Days of Oregon, by John Minto, Salem, Oregon, 1878. 17 pages.

The narrative has not been copied but a letter from him to Bancroft giving his experience has been reproduced. 17 pages.

- A 51) Female Pioneering in Oregon, by Mrs. M.A. Minto, Salem, Oregon, 1878. 7 pages.

Only a few extracts on pioneering experience have been copied.

- A 55) Unpublished Letters, Reports, etc., in the Office of the Secretary of State, Oregon Archives, 1844-1850. 67 pages.

- A 59) Anecdotes of Intercourse with the Indians, by J.L. Parrish, Salem, Oregon, 1878. 27 pages.

Parrish came to Oregon in 1839 in response to the call from the Methodist mission.

- A 60) Oregon in 1843, by F.W. Pettygrove, Port Townshend, 1878. 17 pages.

Pettygrove went to Oregon in 1842 as a merchant.

- A 68) History of Oregon, by William Strong, Portland, Oregon, 1878. 26 pages.

Strong went to Oregon in 1849 as an associate judge.

Volume 1 (cont'd)

Series A (Oregon) (cont'd)

- A 70) Oregon History, by J. Quinn Thornton, Salem, 1878. 27 pages.

Only extracts have been copied. Thornton was in Washington attempting to secure passage of a law to organize the provisional government in Oregon and claims that he was offered \$25,000 as a bribe. Deals with many events in the development of the settlement.

- A 73) Biography of Samuel R. Thurston, by Mrs. W.H. Odell. 8 pages.

Only a few letters 1850-1851 and comments by Dr. John McLoughlin were copied.

- A 74) Waldo, Daniel. Critiques (Salem, Oregon, 1878). 15 pages.

- A 76) Government of and Emigration to Oregon, by Dr. Elijah White, San Francisco, 1879. 26 pages.

Dr. White was one of the first missionaries and did much to promote emigration.

- A 83) Recollections of George B. Roberts, n.d. 79 pages.

Roberts came to Oregon as a naval apprentice to the Hudson's Bay Company, in 1830. The information is given in letters written in 1878.

- A 88) Statement of Captain J.C. Ainsworth, 1883. 6 pages.

Only a few extracts which refer to steamboat and railway matters have been copied.

Series B (Washington)

- B 1) Adventures of William T. Ballou, Seattle, 1878. 6 pages.

Only extracts have been copied. Ballou started the first Pacific Coast express business.

- B 3) Settlement of Port Townshend, by Albert Briggs, Port Townshend, 1878. 6 pages.

Only extracts have been copied. Briggs came to Oregon in 1842.

- B 7) Puget Sound Nomenclature and General Description, by Eugene Ellicott, Olympia, 1878. 20 pages.

- B 8) The Fraser River Excitement 1858, its philosophy and claims to historical notice, by Elwood Evans, Olympia, 1858-1878. 38 pages.

Volume 1 (cont'd)

Series B (Washington) (cont'd)

- B 12) Life of John McLoughlin, by his daughter, Mrs. Harvey, Portland, Oregon, 1878. 25 pages.

These are Mrs. Harvey's recollections of her father.

- B 14) Coal Discoveries in Washington Territory, by Philip H. Lewis, Seattle, 1878. 6 pages.

These are extracts from a narrative by Lewis who came to Oregon in 1851.

- B 15) The Olympia Club Conversazione, Olympia, 1878. 12 pages.

Report on a conversation between Bancroft and some of the pioneers.

- B 16) Puget Sound, by J.G. Parker, Tacoma, Washington. 4 pages.

Extracts from the Narrative of Captain J.G. Parker who came to Puget Sound in 1853.

- B 18) Bellingham Bay and the San Juan Island Difficulty, by Henry Roder, Port Townshend, 1878. 8 pages.

Extracts. Roder came in 1852.

- B 19) Journal of John Stuart, Rocky Mountain House, 20 December, 1805-28 February, 1806. 22 pages.

B 24,

- B 25) History of Puget Sound and the North West Coast, by William Fraser Tolmie, Victoria, British Columbia (35 pages) with Tolmie's journals of a residence in Puget Sound, 11 August - 27 November, 1833; an expedition to found an establishment at Stikine, 20 June - 29 June, 1834, and the abandonment of old Fort Simpson, 30 August, 1834. (73 pages)

Volume 2

Series C (British Columbia)

- C 1) Cariboo and the Mines of British Columbia, by Alexander Allan, Victoria, B.C. 1878. 14 pages.

Allan came to Victoria in 1860.

- C 2) History of the North West Coast, by Alexander Caulfield Anderson, Victoria, B.C., 1878. 194 pages.

Anderson entered the Hudson's Bay Company service in 1831.

Series C (British Columbia) (cont'd)

- C 3) Early Life on Vancouver Island by C.A. Bayley, n.d. 49 pages.

Bayley came out in 1850.

- C 4) British Columbia Sketches, by Herbert G. Lewis, Victoria B.C., 1878. 17 pages.

Lewis came out as a ship's officer in 1848 and remained in the colony.

- C 5) Forts and Fort Life in New Caledonia under Hudson's Bay Company Regime, by P.N. Compton, Victoria, 1878. 7 pages.

Compton came out in 1859.

- C 6) Maritime Matters on the Northwest Coast and Affairs of the Hudson Bay Company in early times, by James Cooper, Victoria, 1878. 18 pages.

Cooper became a ship master in the Hudson's Bay Company service in 1844.

- C 7) The Mines and Miners of British Columbia, by H.C. Courtenay, Victoria, 1878. 10 pages.

Courtenay came out in 1861.

- C 8) Characteristics of James Douglas, by E. Cridge, n.d. 3 pages.

- C 9) Settlement of Vancouver Island, by James Deans, Victoria, 1878. 17 pages.

Deans came out as a labourer in 1852.

- C 10) The Government of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, by Amor de Cosmos (William Alexander Smith) San Francisco, 1878. 21 pages.

Smith came to British Columbia in 1858.

- C 11) Journals of Sir James Douglas 1840-1843. 96 pages.

These contain the record of a tour from Fort Vancouver, 22 April- 2 October, 1840, (pp.1-55); voyage from the Columbia River to California, 3 December, 1840 - 23 January, 1841, (pp.56-83); Fort Simpson to Sitka, (6) October - 21 October, 1841; (pp.84-90); Northwest Coast, 1 March - 21 March, 1843, (pp.91-95); one entry, 26 September, 1843, recording the start from Fort Vancouver on a journey to Fort George (p.96).

Volume 2 (cont'd)

Series C (British Columbia) (cont'd)

- C 12) Private Papers of Sir James Douglas, first series. 120 pages.

These include a diary of a trip from Fort Vancouver to York Factory and return, 3 March - 27 October 1835, and one entry of November, 1835 (pp.6-52); a plan of the Governor's House at Fort Garry (p.65); diary on gold mining on the Fraser River, 24 May - 21 September, 1858 (pp.66-78); Diary of tour 28 August - 4 October, 1860 (pp.80-99); journey up country, 10 May - 8 June, 1861 (pp.100-111); with a few other documents (pp.112-120).

- C 13) Private Papers of Sir James Douglas, second series. 52 pages.

This series contains a register of temperatures made between 1846-1852 at Fort Victoria (pp.1-4); a census of West Coast Indians ca.1839 (pp.5-34); journal, 3 January - 14 January, 1853, of a journey to punish the Indians who had committed murder (pp.35-45); journal 18 August - 25 August 1853 of voyage from Victoria to Cape Mudge (pp.45-50); memoranda (pp.50-52).

- C 14) Gold Searchers, by Jules Fery, Victoria, 1878. 3 pages.

- C 15) History of Vancouver Island and the North West Coast, by Roderick Finlayson, Victoria, 1878. 80 pages.

Finlayson came to British North America in 1837, served the Hudson's Bay Company on the Ottawa River until 1839 when he went to the West Coast with a party to take over lands now in Alaska, which had been leased from the Russian American Fur Company. He begins this history with an account of his journey.

- C 16) Journal of Simon Fraser, 12 April - 18 July, 1806. 90 pages.

This is the account of his journey with John Stuart across the Rocky Mountains. Also a duplicate copy (65 pages).

- C 17) Journal of Simon Fraser 30 May - 10 June, 1808. 33 pages.

Contains an account of his exploration of the Fraser River.

- C 18) Simon Fraser's letters from the Rocky Mountains, 1 August, 1806 - 10 February, 1807. 38 pages.

These contain his reports to the North West Company officers.

- C 19) British Columbia, by Rev. John Good, Victoria, 1878. 68 pages.

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Good came from England in 1861 as missionary for the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel.

- C 20) A Voyage round the World on the Ship Columbia Rediviva and Sloop Washington in 1787-1789, by Robert Haswell. 73 pages.

It ends with the vessel being taken by Don Martinez at Friendly Cove, Nootka Sound, in June, 1789 (see also item 21).

- C 21) Log of the Ship Columbia Rediviva, 14 August, 1791 - 7 December, 1792. 138 pages.

The record of a voyage along the West Coast, to the Sandwich Island and China.

Volume 3

- C 22) Journal kept at Fort Langley, 1827-1830. 120 pages.

The journal begins with a record of the party under James MacMillan which left Fort Vancouver to establish Fort Langley on the Fraser River, 27 June, 1827. It ends 30 July, 1830. The last entry is signed by Archibald McDonald.

- C 23) Journal at Fort Simpson, 1834-1837. 11 pages.

Only extracts have been made.

- C 24) Recollections of a Chief Trader, by Joseph William McKay, Fort Simpson, 1878. 14 pages.

McKay came to the Columbia River in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, in 1844.

- C 25) Narrative of a Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, by Archibald McKinlay, Victoria, 1878. 18 pages.

McKinlay entered the Hudson's Bay Company service in 1831.

- C 26) Life and Trade in Victoria during the Fraser River Excitement, by Frank Tarbell, Olympia, 1878. 6 pages.

Tarbell came to Victoria in 1858 and went on to the gold mines.

- C 27) History of New Caledonia and the North West Coast, by John Tod, Victoria, 1878. 68 pages.

Tod was one of Lord Selkirk's settlers at Red River. In 1838 he took a party of 60 persons to Fort Vancouver.

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Series C (British Columbia) (cont'd)

- C 28) Mining Districts of British Columbia, by Arthur W. Vowell and Thomas Spence, Victoria, 1878. 21 pages.

Vowell came in 1862 and in 1864 entered the Government service. He was placed in charge of the Kootenay gold camp and later became Gold Commissioner.

- C 29) Queen Charlotte Island Expedition, by Charles E. Weed, Olympia, 1878. 14 pages.

Weed came to Oregon in 1849 and to the Sound in 1851 returning to Oregon in 1852.

- C 30) Journals of John Work. The titles and descriptions given here are taken from the check list of Work's Journals in the Provincial Archives, Victoria, British Columbia. This list is published as Appendix B to John Work's Journal, 1835, edited by Henry Drummond Dee (Victoria:1945). The following journals have been transcribed. 162 pages.

2-- Journal from Fort George to the Northward, Winter 1824, November 18 - December 30, 1824. Deals with the McMillan expedition, which explored the lower Fraser River (pp.1-34).

5-- Journal, July 5 - September 15, 1826. Voyage up the Snake River to Fort Colville and then on a trading expedition to the Flatheads (pp.35-58).

6 - Journal, May 20 - August 15, 1828. Journey from Fort Colville to Fort Vancouver and return (pp.150-162).

7 - Journal, April 30 - May 31, 1830. Journey from Fort Colville to Fort Vancouver (pp.59-66).

10 - Journal, August 18, 1831 - July 27, 1832. Journey from Vancouver to the Flatheads and Blackfeet of the Pacific Northwest (pp.67-125).

13 - Journal, May 22 - July 10, 1834. Journey from Fort Vancouver to Umpqua River and return (pp.126-149).

- C 31) Solid Men of Boston in the Northwest, no author cited. 59 pages.

- C 32) Among the Indians of the Northwest Coast, by J.D. Warren, 1882. 10 pages.

Warren came to British Columbia as a miner in 1858 but soon engaged in the coastal trade.

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Unnumbered

"History of Oregon" by Elwood Evans, 1873. 325 pages.

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2. Applegate, Jesse. Views of Oregon History (Toncalla, 1878).
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19. Crawford, Medoren. The Missionaries and their work. (Salem, 1878).
28. Ebberts, G.W. A Trapper's Life in the Rocky Mountains and Oregon from 1829-1839 (Salem, 1878).
29. Edwards, P.L. A Sketch of Oregon Territory or Emigrants Guide (Richmond, No. 1842).
32. Ford, Nineveh. The Pioneer Road Makers (Salem, 1878).
39. Grover, Lafayette. Notable things in a Public Life in Oregon (San Francisco, 1878).
41. Holman, Joseph. The Peoria Party for Oregon in 1839. (Salem, 1878).
45. Lovejoy, A.L. Founding of Portland; Whitman's Expedition to Washington in the winter of 1842-3. (Oregon City, 1878).
49. Matthieu, F.X. Refugee, Trapper and Settler, (Salem, 1878).
50. Minto, John. Early days of Oregon (Salem, 1878).
51. Minto, Mrs. M.A. Female Pioneering in Oregon (Salem, 1878).
55. Oregon Archives. Letters, Reports, messages, memorials, and other papers not published in the Office of the Secretary of State (Salem, 1878).
59. Parrish, J.L. Anecdotes of Intercourse with the Indians (Salem, 1878).
60. Pettygrove, F.W. Oregon in 1843. (Port Townsend, 1878).
68. Strong, William. History of Oregon (Portland, 1878).
70. Thornton, J. Quinn. Oregon History (Salem, 1878).

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- 73. Thurston, Samuel R. Biographical (Salem, 1879).
- 74. Waldo Daniel. Critiques (Salem, Oregon, 1878).
- 76. White, Dr. Elijah. Government of, and the Emigration to Oregon (San Francisco, 1879).
- 83. Roberts, George B. Recollections (Cathlamet, 1878).
- 88. Ainsworth, Captain J.C. Statement of (1883).

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- 1. Ballou, William T. Adventures of (Seattle, 1878).
- 3. Briggs, Albert. Settlement of Port Townsend (Port Townsend, 1878).
- 7. Ellicott, Eugene. Puget Sound Nomenclature and General Description (Olympia, 1878).
- 8. Evans, Elwood. The Frazer River Excitement, 1858, its Philosophy and Claims to Historical Notice, (Olympia, 1858-1878).
- 12. Harvey, Mrs. Life of John McLoughlin, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company's Possessions of the Pacific Slope, at Fort Vancouver (Portland 1878).
- 14. Lewis, Phillip H. Coal Discoveries in Washington Territory (Seattle, 1878).
- 15. J.M. Swan, Sherriff Billings, Frank Tarbell, Elwood Evans, Antonio Robbison and H.H. Bancroft, The Olympia Club Conversazione (Olympia, 1878).
- 16. Parker, J.G. Puget Sound (Tacoma, 1878).
- 18. Roder, Henry. Bellingham, Bay and the San Juan Island Difficulty, (Port Townsend, 1878).
- 19. Stuart, John, Journal of from December 20, 1805 to February 28, 1806.
- 24. Journal of William Fraser Tolmie. During a residence on Puget Sound in 1833.
- 25. Tolmie, William Fraser, History of Puget Sound and the Northwest Coast (Victoria, 1878).

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1. Allan, Alexander. Cariboo & the Mines of British Columbia (Victoria, 1878).
2. Anderson, Alexander C. History of the Northwest Coast. (Victoria, 1878).
3. Bayley, C.A. Early Life on Vancouver Island.
4. British Columbia Sketches Lewis, Muir & Macdonald. (Victoria, 1878).
5. Compton, P.N. Forts and Fort Life in New Caledonia under Hudson's Bay Co. (Victoria, 1878).
6. Cooper, James. Maritime Matters in the Northwest Coasts & Affairs of Hudson's Bay Co. (Victoria, 1878).
7. Courtery, H.C. The Mines & Miners of British Columbia. (Victoria, 1878).
8. Cridge, E. Characteristics of James Douglas. (Victoria, 1878).
9. Deans, James. Settlement of Vancouver Island. (Victoria, 1878).
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12. Private Papers of Sir James Douglas, First Series.
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14. Fery, Jules. Gold Searches (Victoria, 1878).
15. Finlayson, Roderick. The history of Vancouver Island and the Northwest Coast (Victoria, 1878).
16. First Journal of Simon Fraser, April 12 to July 18, 1806.
17. Second Journal of Simon Fraser, May 30 to June 10, 1808.
18. Fraser, Simon. Letters from the Rocky Mountains from August 11, 1806 to February 10, 1807.
19. Good, John B. British Columbia (Victoria, 1878).

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20. Haswell, Robert. A Voyage Round the World on Board the Ship Columbia Rediviva and Sloop Washington in 1784-9.
21. Haswell, Robert. A Voyage on Discoveries in the Ship Columbia Rediviva, Log of the Ship.

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22. Journal of the Hudson's Bay Company kept at Fort Langley during the years 1827-30.
 23. Journal of the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Simpson, 1834-37.
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