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Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** Ms Coll 35

**CREATOR:** Cushing, John J., 1822-1879

**TITLE:** John J. Cushing Correspondence

**DATES:** 1853-1873

**BULK DATES:** 1853-1857

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .25 linear feet (1 box, 33 items)

**LANGUAGE(S):** In English.

**SUMMARY:** John J. Cushing was an early homeopathic physician in San Francisco. The collection consists of letters to his family.

**FINDING AID LINK:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, use the following address: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0035.

Administrative Information

Provenance

Purchased, 2011.

Information about Access

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Cite As

John J. Cushing Correspondence, Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Biographical Sketch
John J. Cushing was born in Providence, Rhode Island on February 14, 1822, the son Daniel Cooke Cushing (1783-1830), a merchant in Providence, and Susan Barrett Cushing (1786-1862). With a medical diploma from an unidentified medical school, he moved to San Francisco in 1853 and began practice as one of the earliest homeopathic physicians in San Francisco. He served as first president of the Pacific Homoeopathic Medical Society in 1874. In 1856 he married Harriet Reed Barlow of Burlington, Vermont, who was a school teacher in San Francisco. In 1873 he moved to Marin County about six miles from Sausalito where he homesteaded property and built a sanitorium which he named Blithedale. He died at Blithedale on September 3, 1879.

Description of the Papers

The collection consists of letters written by John J. Cushing from San Francisco to his mother, brother Edward, and sister Susan Cushing Cheney, in Providence, Rhode Island. They contain information on a wide variety of subjects including his homeopathic medical practice, relations with regular physicians, gold and copper mining (he owned a copper mine in Arizona), economic conditions, social life, San Francisco politics, his marriage, and the construction of his house.

Arrangement

Arranged by date.
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Access Terms

Cushing, John J., 1822-1879
Cushing, Edward Jarvis, 1824-1905
Cushing, Susan Barrett, 1786-1862
Cheney, Susan Jarvis Cushing, 1827-
San Francisco Medical Society
Copper mines and mining--Arizona
Gold mines and mining--California
Homeopathy--California--San Francisco
Politics and culture--California--San Francisco
California--Economic conditions
Letters (correspondence)
Homeopathic physicians--California