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St. Joseph Historical Society 109 South 4th Street St. Joseph, Mo. 64501

September 17, 2010

To whom it may concern,

In 1852, my great grandfather, John A. Huntington, left St. Joseph, Mo. and traveled to California to search for gold. He left his wife in Missouri, and told her he would send for her when he got situated. (In actuality, he never did send for her, and she died here in Missouri. Sounds like they did not have an ideal marriage.)

He went west with a wagon train called the "Manchester Company", and at the several stops along the way, he sent a letter back to his wife.

Enclosed are copies of those letters, and also, copies of those letters at typewritten by ? to make the writings easier to read.

I find this information fascinating, and perhaps it has some value to the historical society, as it brings to life the trials and tribulations of the trip to the gold country in California.

If you have an interest in these letters, perhaps you would want them to be placed in your museum.

If not interested, just throw away - no need to return. I have other copies.

Thank you. Ruch Or

Richard C. Gunter P.O. Box 393 O'Fallon, Mo. 63366

St. Joseph, Mo. April 23, 1852

To you my dear and family., I address with pleasure and lasting respect. Although distant apart, I can sympathize with you and trust to him who rules above that we will meet in the course of two years to enjoy each others company in the family center. Again I am thankful that my faith is good and strongly in favor that we shall meet again but my heart is strong although heavy. I am determined to go through to California.

To-day I have a room to myself and write with solemn impressions. In looking over my things,I found those two prescious books that you sent me.I pray that I might put them to good use and remember you.

This is one of the wickedest places that I ever saw in my life. All kinds of games: The city is full of gamblers and thieves. For my part, I intend to resist all temptations, keep out of bad company,go to California,mind my own business, come home, take care of my family, live happy by my own fireside and stay at home, when I get back from California.

My dear, keep things as straight as possible till I come back and then I will make all things right.

Live right, serve the Lord, keep his commandments and teach our children the right way to go in life.

Marrietta Huntington is a fine girl. Diantha Huntington is a good girl. William W. Johnson is a fine boy and must mind his mother. J.A. H.

(INFORMATION-- Diantha was his daughter age 3 yrs. Marrietta, daughter age 1 and William W. Johnson was step-son age 12 yrs.)

> John A. Huntington was 28 years of age at this time. He was born October 17,1824 in Clermont County,OHIO

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Tell your mother and William Henderson and all the balance that I will write to them as I can conveniently.

Two of our company crossed the river. Went on the road in the Indian Territory, about fourty (40) miles to ascertain whether the grass would be sufficient for our oxen or not. They have been back and says that the grass in places "is about three (3) inches highand we can start in three or four days by taking feed for the cattle.

April the 24th. Our company has joined the Manchester Company. To-day we have commenced making preparations, for sacking our flour and other articles and in a few days we shall start for the Pacific Coast. I expect that this will be my last letterthat I will write till I get to California.

April Sunday the 25th. To-day we have agreed to cross the river, visit Wednesday and commence our journey. For my part, I am very much in favor of starting for it is a long road , about two-thousand (2,000) miles from this place. I have been here about eight (8) days and for the immense crowd of people it is healthy ,with the exception of the small pox and measles. Beveral Californians have died with the small-pox. Our company is all in good health, to-day and myself in particular. I am stouter then generally this time of the year.

As soon as I can get to California I shall send you some money,

INFORMATION: Catherines mother was Mary (Richards) Henderson wife of Edward Henderson. William C. Henderson bornAug.1,1819 diedApril1,1889 was John A's brother-in-law. that is if I keep my health and do well. You shall not suffer for nothing. I want you to be A good Christian Methodist. Stay with the church and if you see me in Ripley (county) again you will find me still a Methodist. I want you to keep my letters until I come home.

How happy we shall be in time When -e shall meet again and greet each other with a kiss In our native land again \mathcal{Z} , We are far apart at present

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Although our hearts are near And shall be nearer still Till we meet in our native land

Time is fast passing away Sweet moments roll around When we shall meet again To meet my dear again in love.

April Thursday 29 This day we will cross the river. I am in excellent health to-day. We are all in good health except Henry Marshall from Phestenville;) I want you to write to me. Direct your letters to Sacromento, California. Right about the first of June.

> Molton 1852) The California Gold Rush is revived on a scale of 50,000 overland travelers, making this, the second biggest year of traffic on the Great Platte River Road. Something like eighty journals have turned up, with approximately half reflecting departures from Council Bluffs; the north side route would maintain this lead henceforward. St. Joseph remains the dominant river town in the Missouri-Kansas area, with thirty-three entries as compared with thirteen for the Kansas City area. A few continue to use old Fort Kearny as a base. Some of the choicest published journals are those of Jay Green, William Byers, E. S. Carter, Lucy R. Cooke, David Cartwright, Thomas Turnbull, Lodisa Frizzell, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ferris, Gilbert Cole, Cornelia Sharp, Hosea Stout, and William Variel. Among useful manuscripts are those of William Rowe, Caroline Richardson, William Hampton, Jared Fox, John Lewis, and Samuel Chadwick.

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Forte Laramie, Wyo.

June 2_ th,1852

I am glad of the opportunity that I have of sending you a few lines and I hope that these lines will find you all in good health. We are getting along very fast and if our team hold out ,we will get to California by the middle of August.

Tell them all that I am well and stand it firstrate.

Lewis Huntington is well. He was sick three or four days but is stout and hearty mow. Mortimore Henderson stands the job well and is anxious to see California. Washington Reding is not well. He has got the scurvey and is not able to do anything. He is better to-day. We passed the fort and six-hundred and fourty \$640) miles on our road to California. Almost one-third of the way.It is _____ five-hundred and nine miles (509) to Salt Lake City,

which if nothing happens , we will get their about the last of June. the last of June. the road their is several trading establishments. Everything that we buy is very

high. I saw whiskey sell for sixteen (16) dollars per gallon. Their is a great travel on this road. You can if you stay here see hundreds of teams ad A great many are going to Oregon but most of the immigrants is for California. Their is a great many dies on the drive with the cholera and small-pox. This is a poor country. Nothing but vast plains and-bluffs. Destitute of lumber with the exception of a few cedars on the bl For firewood of many miles, we had to cook everything with

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(Information: Lewis Huntington was John A.'s younger brother. Mortimore Henderson was John A's brother-in-law)

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Buffalo chips, which served very well for fuel. The water is the worst for it is so strong with ______ or Alkali , that it is bad to use except springs along the bluffs. Passed by Scotts Bluffs yesterday, which was very beautiful. The reason they are called Scotts Bluffs is they resemble the fortification in taking Verra Chruze. The great ______ in this country is immense.

To-day I saw two Indians graves buried on a scaffield , eight or ten feet high, and made with forks and poles.

The first fifteen (15) days of our travel ,it rained every dayand night. The balance of the month has been dry.We have traveled up PLATT RIVER about three-hundred and fifty miles

My dear, I want you to enjoy yourself as well as you can. Take the world easy, take care of our family and I will be at home as soon as I can. As soon as I get to California, I shall write' to you again soon as I get their. I write in great haste.

JOHN A. HUNTINGTON to Mrs. CATHERINE HUNTINGTON

INFORMATION: Scotts Bluffs are in eastern Nebraska. According to what is told now Scotts Bluffs are named after a fur trader that became ill and his fellow companions left him behind in the Bluffs.

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WISCONSIN BAR OCTOBER the 21st ,1852

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well. Hoping these few lines will find you and the family enjoying good health.

I have been in the mines in California ever since the 16th day of August. At that time we went into the mining business on the Mocosmus River(Cosumnes ?) and we failed to make anything so we left them diggings & since that time we have been making some money. For my part ,I am satisfied & calculate to stay in this country ab out two years from this fall. This is a great place for business and plenty of money. I consider this is the place for a poor man to make money provided he takes care of it and stays away from gambling houses.

This is a barren country this time of year, although as soon as the rainey season commences, which is likely to be about the first of December, it is said to be the most beauti in the world. To see the Mountains and Valleys covered with a new growth of vegetation, while the old has long since withered away is splendid in the winter season.

Our journey across the plains was a long and tedious one. After traveling 108 days delighted with many curiositys. We came into the settlements of California enjoying good health. (Next Page)

Wisconsin Bar con't Oct.21,1852

for my part,I can say that I have extra health having lost but one breakfast since I left home.Lewis Huntington has had good health all bhe while except two or three days.Mortimore Henderson has had his health with the exception of about two weeks traveling down the Humbol when he had a severe attack of the Mountain Fever. G.W. Reding had considerable sickness. H had two sevier attacks of the Mountain Fever. All of us have our health at present and doing very well.

I am rather at loss in writing as I have wrote some three letters to you. Two at St. Joseph, Mo. and one at Ft. Laramie directing you to write to me by the first of June and having waited some two months impatiently, sending every week to the post-office and getting no word from you and no one else, I take this opportunity to address you as my dear wife, it, would be a great pleasure to have a few lines from you, written by the direction of your own mouth, giving me a general history of things at home. I would like to hear from the the c hildren & Williwm W. Johnson & them pretty little girls. It would be a great favor to get one letter every week from someone that will choose to write.

Tell William W. Wells, M.M.Henderson, J.W.Henderson, Charles W. Henderson: A to write to me and then I will be under obligation (con't on next page)

(Information: Mary Ann Henderson married William W. Wells. She was John A's sist in-law. Milton Moon Henderson,brother-in-law,Joshua W. Henderson, brother-in=law and their was a William C. Henderson,brother-in-law Maybe this was the C harles W. Henderson. Lewis was John A's brother,Mortimore Henderson, brother-in-law.

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DIAMOND SPRINGS, CAL.

January 26th, 1853

Dear wife, I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and enjoying good health at the present time and I hope that these few lines will be read by your own fireside, the children all present and enjoying good health, peace and plenty.

On the 13th ,I received a letter from my father and read it with great pleasure to hear that my family and friends and connections was all well ,it being the first news that I have received since I left home. It was a blessing although it would be more pleasing to have a few lines from you. I hope that I shall have the pleasure of having a word if no more as I have not had a sentence from your hand or lips, since I left home. I should very much like to see you and the children and I hope that I shall have the pleasure next fall , if nothi happens.

"."I will tell you what I am doing, I have been mining here this winter and I calculate to stay here until sometime in the spring. I came to the above named place, the first day of last November and the next day I voted for Franklin Pierce for President.

I have been boarding at the Tavern till this week . I bought me a house and have commence boarding myself. My house is just above

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(INFORMATION: John A's father was Silas Huntington born 1798/1800 in Greene County, Penn., son of Abner HUntington & Nancy John A's mother was Cynthia Moffett Huntington. Silas died in Ripley County, Ind. Aug. , 1864. John A's siblings were-Sarah, Lewis, Jerome, Cleopatra, and William Wayland Huntington)

Diamond Springs Jan. 26th, 1853

the city ,on a beautiful ridgeof land where we can have a clear view of the city and of the scenery around. The lofty peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains are usually covered with everlasting snow and the vines in the flatts and ravines around is truly grand at this time.

We have had about two weeks of pretty weather as I ever saw in Aprille. The balance of the winter has been very disagreeable. It came near raining forty days and forty nights and snow together as could possibly be without drying out.

I should like to hear from home often. Cynthia Ann ,I have learned is married to a gentleman by the name of John Mulford and Milton to Miss Jane Legg. Give them my best respects. I wish them success and hope that they will realize great comfort and satisfaction. The next letter that I write ,I think I will send it to Charles W. Henderson. Tell

the boy's that I should like to see or hear from them very well.

Mortimore and Lewis are both well. G.W.Reder, Lewis and I are boarding together. We have our biscuits and butter regular and other things occasionally. We pay 87 cents for butter,45¢ for bacon, and 30¢ a pound for flour,40¢ for coffee,25 to 30¢ a pound for beans and 25¢ for potatoes. Cabbage 25 or 30¢

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INFORMATION: Cynthia Ann Henderson born April2, 1833. Sister-in-law of John A. Milton Moon Henderson born Aug. 17, 1827 was brother-in-law of John A. Mortimore Henderson was brother=in-law and Lewis Huntington was younger brother.

Diamond Springs Jan. 26th, 1853

fresh beef is 50¢ a pound, fresh pork about 45¢ a pound. If nothing happens I think that I will send some money home next spring. Their is hundreds of people that came here this year that are strapped and would like to work for their board. The mines of California is very different. Some are making their hundred dollars a day. Some are making fifty, some five and two and three dollars a day. I am doing as well as most of the minersand think I shall continue the business while I stay in California.

I have a beautiful present for you, worth about one ounce. It is a ring and some pretty specimens which I calculate to bring home with me , if I have luck. I think I shall try the mining business on some of the rivers this year if I have my health ...

I want you to write to me and give me a history of things at home. How is old Prattsburght WEICHBER along and then on grassy run and what is the news of the day.etc. . Time is fast passing away. It will soon be a year since I left home and if I have my

health it won't be long till you will see me at home.

Take good care of yourself and the children . Live in good faith.

Write to PLACERVILLE, California.

Give your mother my best respects and tell her I would be glad if she would write. J.A.Huntington to Catherine Huntington

INFORMATION: Catherines mother was Mary (Richards) Henderson ,wife of Edward Henderson, first preacher of Ripley county. They married Dec. 28, 1809 in Jessamine county, Kentucky. The Henderson family consisted of== James Pierce, John A., Caroline, Elizabeth Ann, CATHERINE J., William C., Martha H., Mary Ann, Joshua W., Milton Moon, Mortimore M., Cynthia Ann, Infant deceased, and Helen M. The first 9 were born in Ky. The last 5 were born in Ind. Ripley county.

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NICOLAS, CAL.

June 19th, 1853

Dear and affectionate wife. I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and enjoying good health.

Mortimore was well two or three weeks ago. Lewis is well and all the other Ripley boys as far as my knowledge extends at the present. I hope you and the children is enjoying good health and blessed withe richest of blessings.

I have received two letters from you, the last one dated February the 12th, which stated that you and the family was well except Maretta. I hope she is well. You wrote that when you dined that Diantha would wish that papa was there to take a share. I hope that the time will soon arrive that such may be the case. I know that you must have a flard and lonesome time of it. The time appears long since I left home, but I am in good spirits and look forward to that day with great joy when we shall meet again in the family circle of life. I shall be at home as soon as possible and think we will immigrate to California, provided you are willing. This is fine country and very productive. In the valleys, we have had vegetables this long time. Cucumbers, beets, radishes, onions, corn, cabbage and melon. Harvest commenced about the 15th of May and mostly done excepting haying and oats.

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INFORMATION: Mortimore Henderson was John A's brother-in-law Lewis Huntington was John A's brother

Marietta age 2, and Diantha age 4 were John A's daughters His wife was Catherine J. Henderson Johnson Huntington

Nicolas, Cal.

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June 19th, 1853

This is a great country for all kinds of small grain. Wheat and barley good.

I have written to C.W. Henderson and W.W. Wells and have had no answer from either of them. Write to me regular and tell how you are getting along and the children and our connections, for nothing is as great or satisfaction to me as to have a few lines from you occasionally. Live cheerfull , read your bible, take it for your guide and you will be happy. Let nothing trouble you.

Coming home, 0 how the heart Thrills at the very sound And feelings long of grief apart With exultation bound Our hearth is very gay to-night Our hearts are full of joy No shadow shall our future blight No fear our hope destroy

John A. Huntington to Catherine J. Huntington

Write to Nicolas, California

, Excuse me for writing this short letter and not writing oftener, if you please

INFORMATION: Mary Ann Henderson married William W. Wells. C.W. Henderson *ব*

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PLACERVILLE, CAL. DEC. 11TH, 1854

Dear and affectionate wife:

I once more to inform you that I am well and hope that you and the children enjoy the same blessings.

I received a letter from Mortimore Henderson December the 3rd stating that you and the children was well and also stating that times were hard and a great scarcity of provisions.

I have no doubt but you have had a hard time of it and shall have assistance if not this mail it will be the next.

(in answer) I have not forsaken my family yet and I think of trying to get back on the Atlantic side of the picture again as soon as things will permit.

If I have Luck I will be at home by the first of July next at the farthest, although I hope it will be sooner.

Times are tolerable good. Everythings is plenty and at a low price for this country.

Flour is worth from 7 to 8 cts a pound. Potatoes 4 cts per 1b. Cabbage 6 cts. Beef 25. Bacon 22. I know that I have not written as often as I should have done. Write an answer immediately to

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JOHN A. HUNTINGTON PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

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I am mining at Placerville and expect to while I stay in this country.

I am doing tolerable well. I have two claims. One of them is paying very well.

The hill claim on Tunnel is not paying much but I think will pay well when we get into the hill about one or two hundred feet.

Further, I think of you all and would be glad to see you all. Tell William Wallace to write to me again as he has written me some of the best letters that I have received in California.

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John A. Huntington to Catharine J. Huntington

INFORMATION: JOHN A. HUNTINGTON is 30 years old at this time

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May The 30th, 1855 Placerville, California

Dear and affectionate wife:

I once more take the opportunity to inform you all how I am getting along.

I have been sick for the last two weeks but I am on the mend at present and will be able to work again in a day or two.

I have not been very sick. I have been able to be stirring about all the while.

I received your kind letter stating that you was all well except William Wallice and that he had the mumps.

I hope that these few lines will find you all well and friends and relatives.

I have been trying to get my business so that I could come home this Spring but I have not sold my claims, nor have not had a chance to sell them without sacrificing considerable but if I can make a disposal yet in time to start home in June I shall be off.

If not, I shall stay till next September.

'You want to know Lewis and Wash was doing. Lewis is doing very well and in good health. Wash is doing well. About two weeks ago he was at my house and was in good health.

Money matters are rather dull. Otherwise times are good. Provisions are cheaper then they have been since I have been in the country. Potatoes. <u>Old</u> 2 cts. per (M) <u>New</u> 7 cents. Turnips 3 cents per (M). good cabbage 6 cents per ---. Flour 6 to 8 cents per (M). pickle pork. 16 cts per 1b. Bacon 18 cents per 1b.

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good butter 50 cents per (M). Eggs 1.00 per dozen.

WILLIAM W. JOHNSON -

Dear Sir-

I have received several letters from you since I have been in this country. Which has been very interesting.

You have given me a general sketch of things which has been a great satisfaction to me.

I wish for you to write to me as often as you can conveniently.

If I should come home, I will not get them but write anyway. I hope that it won't be long till I shall see you all which will be more agreeable.

JOHN A. HUNTINGTON, yours truly

I wish I was at home. I know that's your desire. I think it . cannot be long till we shall meet again.

> JOHN A HUNTINGTON, yours truly My respects to all.

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Good Butter 50 cents por U. Eggs. 100 togen William M. Munson & Dear sind have received general littler from you gence I have his in This bainting Which thas his very interesting you have given me a general skech of Things Which has been agrate satisfacture to ma wish for you the warte to me a often as you can benvenenty of I should bome home power I will not get the in in but write anyway. I have That it wont be long This I shall See you all which will be more agreally Alm Blinknigter Lours truly I wish it low not be long till we shall meet a goin my gopetts to all 1 . .

Placerville, Cal. August 12th, 1866

Dear and affectionate wife. I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and in the enjoyment of good health and hope that you and the family enjoy the same blessing. I want to be home and would be if it was not for making a great sacrifice of my interest in California, although I shall not tarry long let things go as they may. I have been at a great expense in prospecting a Tunnell Claim on Spanish Hill' Placerville. I have run a tunnell into the hill 6 feet high and 5 feet wide, about 600 feet and a prospect of getting good pay. Everything is favorable for making considerable money.

Lewis is well and doing well at present.

Times are not so good as they have been. Everything is higher than has been for sometime and a prospect for everything to be higher.

I shall try to see old Ripley this fall and my little family in the enjoyment of peace and print at home by our own fireside. I would give a good price to see Mariette, for I know she is a good little girl and Diantha is just as good. Give my best respects to W.W.Johns ,Mortimore, Milton, Joshua William and Jane, W.W.Wells and all inquiring friends.

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INFORMATION:Wife is Catherine J. Henderson Johnson Huntington
W. W. Johnson is step-son age26
Mortimore Henderson brother-in-law
Milton Moon Henderson brother-in-law
Joshua W. brother-in-law
Mary Jane Henderson sister-in-law married William W. Wells
John A. Huntington would be 42 years old at this time

Placerville, Cal. Aug. 12th, 1866

Write to me soon as this comes to hand. The next time I will try and set the time when I shall start home.

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J.A. Huntington to Catherine Huntington.

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May 13th ,1867 Miss Diantha Huntington Sticklerville, Missouri

Dear daughter,

I received your kind favor dated January 27th. Oh what a blessing to hear from one that is most dear to me. To one that was so small when I left home that you could not have the faintest recollection, therefore, accept my most sincere thanks.

I was glad to hear that you were well and that Etta was as fat as a China pig.God bless her. I hope that she will enjoy the same blessings.

Mother you say was not well. I hope that these few lines will find her in the enjoyment of health (with my love) 1.12 1.12

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INFORMATION: Sticklerville is in Sullivan County, Missouri or was. It no longer exists.

May 13th, 1867 Sticklerville, Missouri

Address Doner Lake Nevada County, Cal.

> Your Father, John A. Huntington

P.S. Diantha and Etta as soon as it is convenient send me your photograph

May 13 7 1867 Mijs Dinnthe Huntington Stickleswill Mo. Dear Daughter I I meccined your kind favor dated lanuary 27 the What An delessing To Thear the from me. That is most dear to me to · an That now is small when I left thim That you could not have The faintest recollections Atterefore except only most sincer. Whanks . J. Was glad & hear That you was well and That, Etter. this as par arachina Dig God tim herd hope That she will always may The fame blusings illither you gay was not will & deepe That Then few line, will find her in The informent of health (with my love)

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lhampions n Truckce Miraculous Escape. John A. Huntington keeps the tollhouse that is situated five miles from Truckee, on the road that leads to Taboe City. While the storm was in its fury Wednesday evening and sapplings were being twisted in all conceivable shapes, he left his house for an armful of wood. While thus engaged he saw Before him a fearful revelation-something that made his blood creep. Not a moment's time was to be lost; for amid the appaling tempest an avalanche a mile wide was rushing down the steep mountain sides with lightning velocity. Taking the situation in at a glance he made an effort to reach the house which was only a few feet off, momentarily expecting to be carried down into the Truckee river which runs swiftly by but a short distanco below the house. However, luckily for him, the slide broke a short distance from him, the piece of slide that broke off striking the house with such violence as to cause it to move quite a distance. Amid terrible noises caused by the strong wind in the treetops, John locked his house to seek for a more healthy situation.

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A Rough Trip.

Mr. Jas. Miller, the cattle man, has a fine lot of cattle in Sierra Valley which he wishes to got to market) Wednesday, he telephoned to have them started this way and he and Sol Rosson the mati-

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A New Bridge.'

John Huntington, proprietor of the Tahoe turnpike, last Sunday replaced the bride across the Truckee river, about 8 miles above town, with a new one. The work was done on Sunday, so as not to interfere with travel. The Tahoe stage left Truckee immediately on the arrival of the train from San Francisco, and did not return till 9 o'clock that evening. The new bridge is said to be a substantial one, and will last for years. The im provement was much needed, for the timbers had become so rotten and rickety. that it was unsafe for any but light vehi-The work on the road is now fincles. ished, and we doubt if a smoother or better road can be found in the mountains than that from Truckee to Tahoe.

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ain S. B. Husselman, traveling agent for rs. the Resources of California is now wisit.

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TRUCKEE, Nevada county, California August 19th, 1894 Mrs. I.J. Lafaver

Dear Daughter,

Received postal card from you and Etie from Ogden and Stanberry and your.muchesteemed and instructive letter of July 29th. It was a great relief to me when I received your Stanberry card to know that you got home with so little trouble. Please let me thank you a thousand times for your visit.

There never was a time that I enjoyed myself better while you and Ettie was here. Was sorry we had to part. The next morning after you left ,I waited for the West bound train and was informed by the conductor that your train was going right along. So I was satisfied that you would not have any trouble after you got out of Nevada.

I would have written before this but have been sick since you left. I am feeling much better to-dayand think I am allright now. The first day I worked ,I overworked myself. I have done mothing until the 16th

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INFORMATION; Stanberry is in Gentry County, Missouri.Marrietta Huntington Gunter Lived their until 1900's when they moved to Minot, N. Dakota where Marietta died Jan.6,1902. Marrietta married Henry W. Gunter on Aug.23,1867 in Sullivan county, Missouri The Ogden mentioned is possibly Ogden, Utah.

TRUCKEE, Nevada county, California Aug. 19th, 1894

Travel to the lake is light but better than I expected. The "Strike" demoralized busine of this coast this year and cannot expect any improvement for the present.

I am alarmed about your being sick. Please do not overwork yourself. Try and take care of yourself by proper care you can build up your health again and be allright. Do not fail to try.

Please give my kindest regards to all

From your father

John A. Huntington

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P.S. I received the photographs. Will send them the first time that I go to Truckee J.A.H.

INFORMATION: John A. Huntington had a dreying business where he delivered food, mining supplies and people to Lake Tahoe. The strike was Gold and other minerals found in Nevada.

> Photographs were taken of John A., Diantha, and Marietta in Auburn California , when the ladies visited.

John A. was 70 years old at this time

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gravel to The Lake is light but better Man & expected The Stock demoralised buisiness of This Coast for This year and can not expect any improvement for the present . I am alarmed about you berny sick Aplease do not overwork yourself in in Try and Take case of ythoself by poper Case you can build up your health again and be all might Do not will the Man please five my kinders regards to all 42 im your patter Mont A Maintington Aria Send Marm The first Time That 2ax for to Bricken $\{i_1, \dots, i_n\}$ see de président de la company

TAHOE CITY, Placer county, California Oct.1,1901 Mrs. Diantha Lafaver Mystic, Missouri

Dear daughter

Your loving and kind letter of Sept.11th received and contents noted, must have been in Truckee near two weeks.

I am sorry to hear of the failure of crops in your section. It certainly makes hard times and great destitution in your section.

Was sorry to hearof yourlong continued sickness.

Would send you a post-office money order of fifty dollars (\$50) the limit through th mail,I think, at once if I knew that Mystic was a post-office money order office. Please informance at once of a post-office money order office to send it to you or you name bank.

Will send you a hundred: (\$100) as soon as find where to send it to you.

Would like very much to see you and family. I am enjoying fairly good health. Hoping that you and family are enjoying the same blessings.

From your father John A. Huntington

Direct your letters to: John A. Huntington

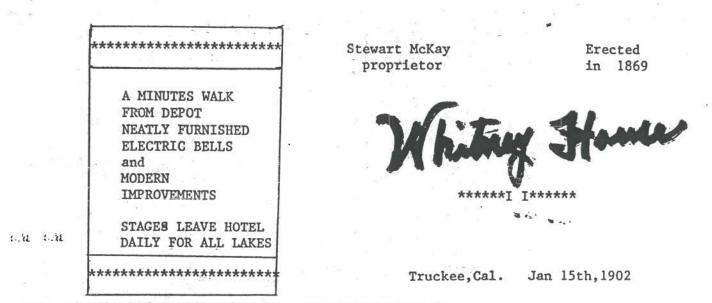
Tahoe City

Placer county, California

Answer as soon as you can.

INFORMATION: Mystic was a small town in Sullivan county that no longer exists. John A. Huntington was77 years old at this time. John A. owned property in Tahoe City

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Mrs. Diantha Lafaver Mystic Sullivan county, Mo.

Dear Daughter received for your receipt for registered letter with check dated Nov.11th,1901 . Also received your letter of Dec.3rd,1901 saying that you thought it was allright. I thought it was allright and instructed you to have the Citizens Bank to look after it for you and make collections.

. Have been sick about five weeks, Thinking that all would come out allright.Having recovered from my sickness to a certain extent. I am not well yet. Please do what you can to have the matter fixed as soon as possible. I am very nervous and have to use a pencil in place of pen.

Would have written long ago ,more or less ,but was not able. Hope you and family is all well

Yours respectfully

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INFORMATION: The Citizens Bank was in Green City, Mo. in Sullivan county. John A. Huntington was 78 years old at this time. Truckee, Cal. Jan. 15th, 1902

John A. Huntington

If required you can send your letter care National Bank of D O. Mills & Co. Sacremento, California

Your banks will certainly give you any instructions required.

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Information found at Truckee library in 1993 by Jean Bone & Ida M. Leszczewski TRUCKEE, CALIFORNIA

In 1873 John A. Huntington drove the stage with six fine horses. (John A. was 49 years old)

In 1860 John A. Huntington constructed the Tahoe-Truckee Toll Rd. (John A. was 36yrs.old)

A 1876 a six horse stage-coach driven by a man named Hanscomb decided to get ahead of another stage=coach driven by a man named Campbell by using the Huntington road. (John A. was 52 years old)

Advertisement in paper: Truckee Republican Wednesday June 27,1877'

CARSON to TRUCKEE

Through Stage Line

MOODY & HUNTINGTON, proprietors

Daily line running to Carson via Tahoe City, thence by steamer to Glenbrook, where connection is made with Benton's line of stages for Carson and Virginia .

Leave Truckee Hotel every morning at 7 o'clock ,arriving at Tahoe at 10 o'clock A.M. The only regular line for tourists to Tahoe City.

Carriages also kept by the company, and always ready when desired. First class stable connected with the Truckee Hotel, where all trains stop, and with which this line is connected. Parties wishing to come in large assemblys can have accomodations by car loads. Fine Scenery :

Splendid roads :

Cool Drives : Are among the inducements to travel this route. One manager to the leading hotel of Truckee or Truckee leading stable, Grand Hotel at Tahoe and the Route. Special inducements for the season

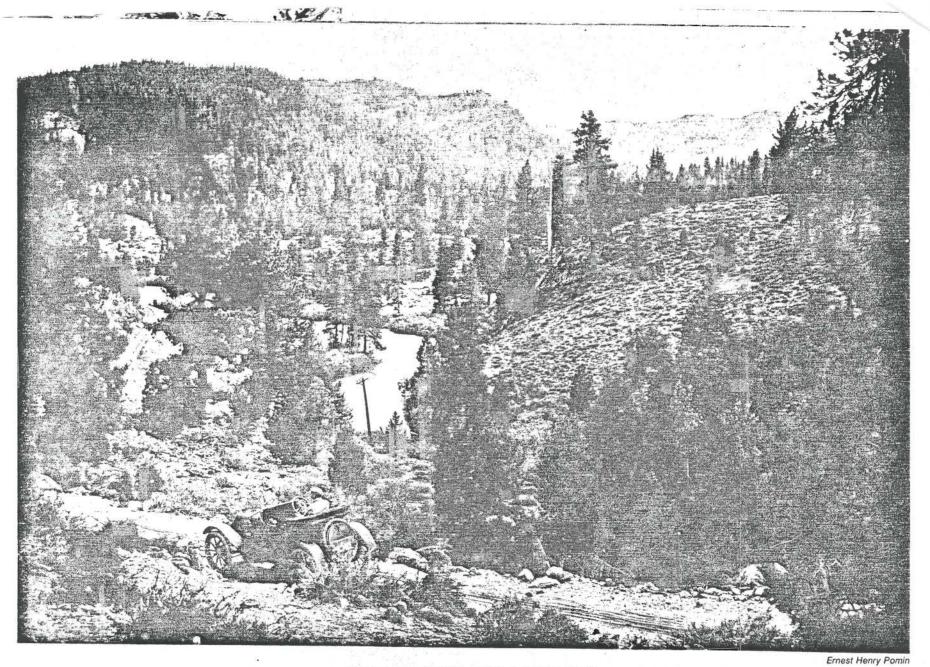
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(NOTE: John F. Moody was proprietor of Truckee Hotel) (John A. was 53 years old at this time)

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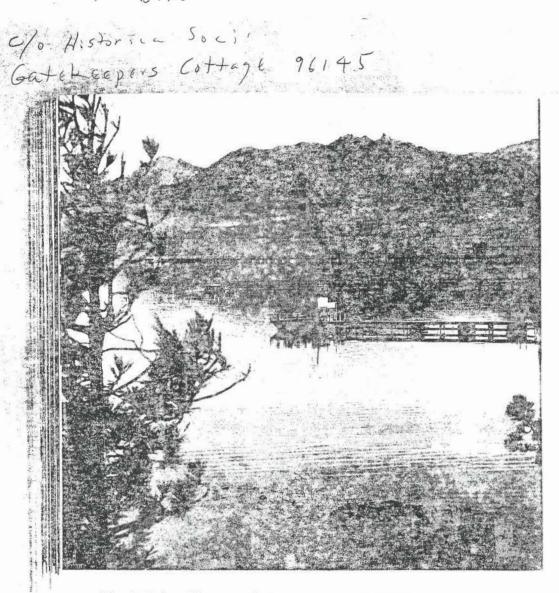
JOHN HUNTINGTON who use to keep the toll house on the road to Tahoe Lake was brought to town Monday evening from Tahoe City with a bad case of erysipelas (?) (John A, was 78 years old at that time)

John A. HUNTINGTON died in San Francisco, Cal. April 10,1904. Buried in Mt. Olivet Memorial Park , Colma, Cal. suburb of San Francisco, Cal.



THE OLD ROAD WAS A "CORKER"

Shown in Gabriel Moulin's early study is a fifty horsepower 1910 American Underslung "The Traveller", facing toward Tahoe. Driver Eddie Lathe headed east is following the original Truckee-Tahoe toll road in the vicinity of Deer Park Station, high above L. T. R. & T. Co.'s narrow gauge rail and the Truckee River.



Piers in Tahoe City area. The longest pier projects from the site of the old Tahoe Tavern, now a recreational sub-division. The Tahoe Inn was constructed on the site of William Pomin's historic Tahoe House immediately after the latter structure burned to the ground in 1934. The former SP Depot presently serves as an Episcopalian Church.

Settlement came to Tahoc City shortly after John A. Huntington completed the Truckee-Tahoe Toll Road up the river canyon in 1860. This was a rough track scarcely wide enough to support a stage coach. Beginning in 1862, hay cut in Squaw Valley was shipped from the roadhead to the South Shore on the schooner *Iron Duke*. About this time, Homer D. Eurton's *Edith Batty* began delivering mail around the lake. The little seven-ton sloop required a week to complete the circuit.

Another early enterprise was commercial fishing. But logging was the mainstay of the settlement when M. L. King completed his Tahoe City Hotel in 1864. During dis year, the steamer *Governor Blaisdell* paid its first call to the north shore. The chunky little side wheeler occasionally carried passengers and freight but was mainly used for hauling logs. Regular passenger service was inaugurated shortly after Captain "Billy" Lapham's 92-foot side wheeler, the *Governor Starjord*, was launched in 1872.

Boat tickets were purchased at Tahoe City's Custom House, a 24-hour waterfront saloen with two billiard parlots, one of which was reserved for ladies.

In 1871, the Tahoe City Hotel was enlarged, refurbished, and renamed the Grand Central Hotel. Graced by black walnut furniture and an \$800 kitchen range, for some years it was the most celebrated inn between Sacramento and Virginia City.

The same year the Grand Centrel opened its doors, a billient Russian-born engineer. Alexis W. Von Schmidt, announced his plan to deliver water from Tahoe to the San Francisco Bay Area. Von Schmidt had built a low dam at the Truckee outlet near the site of the present watergate. From here, he proposed

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JOHN A. HUNTINGTON- born OCTOBER 17,1824 in Clermont county,Ohio. Married CATHERINE HENDERSON JOHNSON on NOVEMBER 1,1846 in Ripley County,Ind. He died April 18,1904 in San Francisco California.Buried in Mount Olivet Memorial Cemetery Colma, Cal. suburb of San Francisco,Cal.

Death notice in San Francisco Examiner April 22,1904

Friday-April 22,1904 -- In this city, April 18,1904, John A. Huntington, a native of Ohio . Remains at the parlor of Henry J. Gallagher Undertaking Company, 20"Fifth St. Notice of funeral hereafter

Saturday ,April 23,1904

In this city ,April 18,John A. Huntington a native of Ohio. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend the funeral to-day Saterday, at 10:30 o'clock A.M. from the Parlor of the Henry J. Gallagher Undertaking Company, 20 Fifth St. Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery by 11:30 o'clock A.M. Train from Third and Townsend St.

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