Frances Fuller Victor papers., 1874-1899

Overview of the Collection

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<td>Summary</td>
<td>A small collection of papers of an Oregon historian and author, including correspondence with pioneers Jesse Applegate and Jessy Q. Thornton, typescript of a poem, and scrapbook of reviews of Victor's works.</td>
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Historical Note

Oregon historian and author Frances Fuller Victor was born in 1826 in Oneida County, New York. Her family moved to Ohio when she was in her teens, but she and her sister Metta returned to the east to pursue literary careers. In New York City they published poetry and became associated with the writer Rufus Wilmot Griswold. After a return to Ohio and her first marriage to Jackson Barritt, she married naval engineer Henry Clay Victor in 1862. The couple moved to San Francisco the following year, and Frances returned to her literary endeavors. After moving to Oregon in 1865, she focused her energies on northwest history and published several books, including River of the west (1870). When her husband was killed in a ship wreck in 1875, she was forced to earn a living from writing, and she soon became one of the principal authors of Hubert Howe Bancroft's multi-volume history of California and the west. She is best known for the History of Oregon (1886-1888), published under Bancroft's name. Her later years were marred by economic hardship, but she continued to write history, fiction, and poetry. She died in Portland in 1902.

Content Description

This small collection of Victor's papers includes correspondence with Oregon pioneers Jesse Applegate and Jessy Q. Thornton, most of which concern Oregon history. Also included is a long poem in
typescript, and a scrapbook of reviews of Victor's works, along with her hand-written notes on the items.

Use of the Collection

Alternative Forms Available

Letters from Jessy Q. Thornton to Frances Fuller Victor also available on Mss 1199 Microfilm, Oregon Historical Society Research Library.

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in one series.

Acquisition Information

Origin of the collection is unknown.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Fairmount Lake. 34 pp. Original and copy with comments by Mrs. Frances Victor.
Thornton, J.Q., to Frances Fuller Victor, September 8, 1865. Refers to Dr. McLoughlin and his treatment of settlers.
Fairmont Lake. 8 pp. Original and copy with comments by Mrs. Victor.

2 "The poppies of Wa-ii-lat-pu" [sic] (poem, typescript)
For authorship, see letter to Eve Emery Dye, Mss 1089, Oregon Historical Society Research Library. undated

3 The women's war with whisky : or crusading in Portland
(pamphlet) 1874

4 Scrapbook of newspaper reviews of Bancroft volumes, with comments by Frances Fuller Victor circa 1886-1889

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Temperance--Oregon--Portland--History.
Women authors--Oregon.
Women--Oregon--History.

Personal Names:
Applegate, Jesse A., 1811-1888 --Correspondence.
Crowninshield, Walter--Correspondence
Thornton, J. Quinn (Jessy Quinn), 1810-1888--Correspondence.
Victor, Frances Fuller, 1826-1902--Correspondence.
(creator)

Geographical Names:
Oregon--History--To 1859.

**Form or Genre Terms:**
Letters (correspondence).
Scrapbooks.

**Titles within the Collection:**
The women's war with whiskey: or, crusading in Portland / by Mrs. F.F. Victor.

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