John H. Fresh Letter  
(C0501)

**Collection Number:** C0501  
**Collection Title:** John H. Fresh Letter  
**Dates:** 1851  
**Creator:** Fresh, John H.

**Abstract:** To Mary Fresh, Hannibal, Missouri, from Chastey Valley, California, July 6, 1851. Letter to his wife discussing lack of success in the gold fields and plans to get a job before moving elsewhere.

**Collection Size:** 0.02 cubic feet  
(1 folder)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Historical Note:**

John H. Fresh was born on April 2, 1822, in Baltimore, Maryland. He was first married to Mary (Snyder) Fresh. John and Mary had two children, Laura M. (Fresh) Fisher and John William
Fresh. After their divorce John married Margaret Lavinia (Kaylor) Fresh. John H. Fresh died on October 27, 1882, in Newark, Missouri.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been maintained in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains a letter from John H. Fresh, Chastey Valley, California, to his wife, Mary Fresh, Hannibal, Missouri. In the letters John discusses his lack of success in the gold fields and plans to get a job before moving elsewhere.

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