



Joseph Barton and his cousin Lewis Martin left for the California gold fields in August 1852. The trip is documented in a series of six letters that Joseph sent home and which his son Everett Barton saved and transcribed.

**August 30, 1852 Philadelphia, Pa. Saw ships at wharf

**August 31, 1852 Philadelphia, Pa. Walnut St. Theater on Tuesday evening.

**September 1, 1852 Philadelphia, Pa. Left for New York at 8 am.

September 5, 1852 New York Letter to Mother (Catherine Umberger Barton). Info preceded with ** is information from this letter.

**September 6, 1852 New York Board the ship Great Ohio at 2 o'clock.

*September 20, 1852 Left Panama

*September 27, 1852 Arrived Acapulco

*October 6, 1852 Arrived in San Francisco

October 7, 1852 San Francisco Letter home.

Complete information about the fascinating California Gold Rush adventure of Joseph Barton, II (1832-1871) is found at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~klondike98/california.htm>

Joseph's son Everett (1868-1955) followed the lure of gold in his own Klondike Gold Rush adventure nearly fifty years later which is described in its own History at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~klondike98/klondikeadventure.htm>