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MS 1332 Joseph Smith Collection 1847 - 1848/1852 - 1854/1877 - 1883

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of one personal notebook, one \$1,000 Confederate bank bill, and two photographs believed to be of Joseph Smith. The notebook was the property of Smith in which he recorded the unit history of the Westmoreland Guards from Westmoreland County of western Pennsylvania when they enlisted for the Mexican-American War in 1847. Included are the names of individuals mustered, a listing of those killed and wounded, and a short diary of the travels and activities of the unit. A later section contains a summary of casualties of the American Army while participating in the fighting near Mexico City from August 13 to September 14, 1847. In addition the book also lists an account of work performed by Smith in his blacksmith shop from 1877 to 1883 and a listing of preachers at the local Union Church from 1852 to 1854. The two photographs depict Smith one in a tintype dressed in a uniform of the Mexican-American War period and a carte-de-viste with Smith in an officer uniform likely of the Civil War period with the caption "Co. H, 67th Regiment P. Vol." One last folder contains fourteen postcards, mostly linen, of scenes around Tucson in the 1940s.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Mary Jane Shorey in 2007.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in February 2008.