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CHASE, ALEXANDER WELLS, 1843-
Diaries, 1866-1869

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of three holograph "private journals" of Alexander Chase, written during his service with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey from 1866 to 1869. Chase described his impressions both of his work with survey teams in California and Oregon, and of life in San Francisco and other towns. Notable events described in the diaries include: the explosion of the Wells Fargo office in San Francisco (April 16, 1866), the Cosmopolitan Hotel fire (April 22, 1867), a widespread forest fire near Newport, Oregon (August 29 to September 1, 1868), and an Indian attack (September 12-23, 1868).

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Alexander W. Chase, surveyor, was born on September 24, 1843 at Stubenville, Ohio. In 1862, Chase joined the U.S. coast and Geodetic Survey office in San Francisco. He served on various survey teams along the Pacific Coast before leaving the Coast Survey in 1878.

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