

**TITLE:** Andrew Belcher Gray collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1839-1976 (bulk 1839-1876)

**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1250

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear ft. (4 boxes)

**PROVENANCE:** Assembled and donated in 1979 by Mrs. W. Edwin Gledhill, granddaughter of Andrew Gray.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Andrew Belcher Gray was born July 6, 1820 in Norfolk, Virginia and later served briefly in the Texas Navy. Appointed surveyor to mark the boundary between the United States and Mexico after the Mexican War, Gray later was recalled over a dispute with John R. Bartlett, the United States Boundary Commissioner. In 1849, he surveyed and laid out the town of San Diego, California. Five years later he surveyed the 32<sup>nd</sup> parallel in search of a suitable railroad route for the Texas and Western Railroad.

During the Civil War, Gray served as a captain in the Confederate Army defending the Mississippi River. In 1862, he was killed by an accidental gunshot wound, leaving a wife, the former Apolina Leacock, and three daughters.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** The bulk of the collection consists of material tracing Andrew Belcher Gray's activities as surveyor of the Mexican Boundary following the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and later for the Great American Southern Pacific Railway. Most of the documents found here are copies of material found in collections located elsewhere, but this collection does contain a few original documents and letters.

Arranged in five series.

**Series I - Correspondence** contains incoming and outgoing correspondence dealing with Gray's activities as surveyor, military experiences and miscellaneous Gray family records. Letters from Gray's sister, Lina Gray, are originals.

**Series II - Printed Material** contains copies of a variety of publications dealing with A.B. Gray's activities. Most of this material may easily be found elsewhere.

**Series III - Reports, Journals, and Miscellaneous** contains a wide variety of material dealing primarily with Gray's surveying activities and military service.

**Series IV - Workbooks** contains workbooks or notebooks assembled to trace Gray's activities in organized fashion. Much of this material is duplicated elsewhere in the collection. Apparently, the workbooks were intended to serve as a research vehicle for some kind of publication regarding A.B. Gray

**Series V - Miscellaneous Artwork** contains two photographs of A.B. Gray (one oversize) and several interesting drawings of Comache Indians.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1</b>	1	<b>Series 1: Correspondence</b> - A.B. Gray's appointment	1847-1849
	2	A.B. Gray's death	1862
	3	Boundary Commission	1844-1850
	4	Boundary Commission	1851-1853
	5	Civil War	1861-1862
	6	Davis, Heath	1851-1852
	7	Gledhill family	1951-1976
	8	Gray Lina (originals)	1856-1919
	9	Miscellaneous	1840-1911
	10	Texas Navy	1839-1843
	11	<b>Series 2: Printed material</b> - Ames, John Judson, "A Pioneer Newspaper and Its Editor"	undated
	12	Annual Class Day Ceremony Memorial	1957
	13	Arguments of Mexican Commissioner (Gen. Conde)	Dec. 20, 1850
	14	Brady, "Frontier Days, 1853-1854"	undated
	15	Extracts: books	undated
	16	Extracts: magazines/newspapers	undated
	17	Extracts: War of the Rebellion series	undated
	18	Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper (copies) - see originals in Box 4, Folder 19	1855
	20	Gold and Silver in Arizona	undated
	21	Haley, J. Evetts, "Fort Concho and the Texas Frontier"	1952
<b>2</b>	22	Maricopa Consolidated Mining Company	1880
	23	Mexican Boundary Reports, U.S. Senate	1852-1853
	24	Senate Document no. 17	undated
	25	Survey of a Route for the Southern Pacific RR	1856
<b>3</b>	26	The San Diego Union	July 14, 1974
	27	<b>Series 3: Reports, Journals, and Miscellaneous</b> - Andrew Gray's biographical data	undated
	28	Andrew Gray's estate	undated
	29	Andrew Gray's reports (incomplete)	1851

	30	Andrew Gray's report relative to the Mexican Boundary (incomplete)	undated
	31	Annual Report, Secretary of the Interior (extract)	1859
	32	Commissions	undated
	33	Deeds	undated
	34	Gray to Secretary of the Interior	May 1853
	35	Journal of the U.S. Surveyor (incomplete)	undated
	36	Miscellaneous documents, Civil War	undated
	37	Miscellaneous notes	undated
	38	Miscellaneous Texas Navy records	undated
	39	<b>Series 4: Workbooks</b> - Andrew Gray notes, Part 1 (pp. 1-60)	undated
	40	Andrew Gray notes, Part 2 (pp. 61-141)	undated
	41	Andrew Gray work notes, Part 1 (inside covers, pp. 1-5)	undated
	42	Andrew Gray work notes, Part 2 (pp. 1-59)	undated
	43	Andrew Gray work notes, Part 3 (pp. 60-111)	undated
	44	Andrew Gray work notes, Part 4 (pp. 112-161)	undated
	45	<b>Series 5: Artwork/Photographs</b> - Miscellaneous artwork	undated
	46	Photograph, A.B. Gray (by M. Brady)	undated
<b>4</b>	47	Photograph, A.B. Gray (by M. Brady) - oversize	undated
	19	Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper (originals) - see copies in Box 2, Folder 18	1855