DESCRIPTION

Twenty-five pencil drawings of scenes in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah drawn by Joseph Heger while he served in the army from 1857 to 1860. Included are views of a Rios Mimbres copper mining camp, the Gila River, Taos Pueblo, Canyon de Chelly, Fort Union and Fort Defiance. Also present is a drawing of the Battle of the Gila, 1857, during the Apache Campaign.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Artist and soldier; born in Germany in 1835, Joseph Heger came to the United States with his parents. He served as a private in Company K of the First Regiment of Mounted Riflemen along with John Van Deusen Du Bois. Their campaigns against the Indians included the Gila-Apache campaign of 1857, the Utah war of 1858, and the Navajo campaign of 1859.

RELATED MATERIAL

Twelve of these drawings were published in Campaigned in the West 1856-1861; the journal and letters of Colonel John Van Deusen Du Bois; with pencil sketches by Joseph Heger, Tucson, Arizona Pioneers Historical Society, 1949.

ACQUISITION

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