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Quesse, Louis
Papers, ca. 1858-1870

DESCRIPTION

Three letters and the upper part of a fourth, in German and not yet translated, sent to Louis Quesse, and a prayer book and memorial card for his wife, Hermana Manuela Otero de Quesse. One letter, written from Cerro Colorado mines by F. Brunckow, mentions Tubac and the blacksmith shop.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Blacksmith; Louis Quesse was born in Prussia, Germany in 1823 or 1827. He left Germany at the age of 14 and traveled through Mexico eventually arriving in what is now Arizona. According to the census, he resided at Tubac in 1860, Tucson in 1864, and Tubac in 1870. He entered the blacksmith business in Tucson with John Sweeney in 1858. Later at Tubac, he raised cattle and when the United States soldiers arrived he rented them his house. He established a brewery, and served the officers and soldiers. When the troops moved to Fort Buchanan he supplied them with dairy products. He married Manuela Otero at the San Agustin chapel within the presidio in 1859 and they had two daughters. He died in between 1870 and 1877 in Tubac. Manuela died in May 1897 at the age of 52.

ACQUISITION

Gift of Mrs. Juan Maldonado in 1946.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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