DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of one bound manuscript, which includes a typescript and the original letters from Ben Swain to his parents. The letters describe driving a cattle train from San Antonio, Texas to California in 1854. He describes the outfit as well as stops along the way. In Arizona, he describes the Apaches, the Pimas, trading cattle at Warner’s Ranch and San Xavier Del Bac Mission.

1 box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

All that is known of Ben Swain is that he was the son of Lyndon Swain, editor of the Greensboro, N. C. Patriot. Ben was a native of Greensboro.

ACQUISITION

This collection was donated to the Arizona Historical Society by W. J. Holliday at an unknown date (sometime in the 1940s or 50s).

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

Finding aid completed in April 1997 by Riva Dean, Library/Archives Co-Manager.