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**MS 1286
Eugene C. Tidball Research Papers
1853-1890/1950****DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of research papers associated with Eugene C. Tidball's book, *Soldier-Artist of the Great Reconnaissance: John C. Tidball and the 35th Parallel Pacific Railroad Survey*. Included in the collection are photocopies of a portion of Lt. Whipple's journal, a copy of a diary by D. S. Stanley, copies of documents related to John Sherburne (both members of the Whipple Expedition), and copies of sketches and lithographic drawings used in the Whipple report and in Tidball's book. In addition, the collection also contains a masters thesis by Rosal Mangiante titled "History of Fort Defiance, 1851-1900" and a copy of a 250 page memoir written by John C. Tidball titled, "Itinerary." Two rolls of microfilm contain the Whipple Journal (original at Oklahoma Historical Society) and Ft. Defiance post returns.

1 Box, 1 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Lt. Amiel Weeks Whipple was born in 1817 in Massachusetts, attended Amherst College, and was commissioned from West Point in 1841 to the Topographical Engineers. In 1849 he was assigned to assist in the boundary survey between Mexico and the United States. He was next assigned to carry out the Pacific Railroad Survey along the 35th parallel in 1853. He participated in the Civil War and was killed in the Battle of Chancellorsville. Lt. John C. Tidball graduated from West Point in 1848 and received orders to join the surveying party under the command of Lt. Whipple. Although assigned in a military capacity he began sketching and soon became a recognized artist for the expedition, which also included German artist Heinrich Balduin Mollhausen.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Eugene C. Tidball in 2005.

TRANSFERS - Two roles of microfilm transferred to library microfilm collection.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING - The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in August 2006.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1	Diary of D. S. Stanley with the Whipple Expedition	1853-1854
f.2	Photocopies of a portion of Whipple's Journal	1853-1854
f.3	Photocopies of documents related to John P. Sherburne as a member of the Whipple Expedition	1856-1881
f.4	Copies of sketches and lithographic images of Whipple Expedition (some used in Eugene Tidball's book)	
f.5	Thesis: "History of Fort Defiance, 1851-1900" by Rosal Mangiante	1950
f.6	Memoirs by John C. Tidball titled "Itinerary" Original in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Collection Yale University Library)	ca.1890

Outside Items

1	Role Microfilm on Post Returns for Fort Defiance, NM (Film Located with AHS Microfilm in Military Post Returns)	1851-1861
1	Role Microfilm on Journal of Amiel Whipple from Oklahoma Historical Society (Film Located with AHS Microfilms)	1849-1853/ 1854-1863