Frank Asbill Papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Frank Asbill Papers
Dates: 1827-1913
Collection Number: MSS 135
Creator/Collector: Frank Asbill
Extent: Items: 6 folders Linear Feet: .33
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Abstract: Typescript of Frank Asbill’s: “The Last of the West”, “The First and Last of the West”, and “The End of the Last of the West.” Some of the typescripts are incomplete.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research without restriction.
Publication Rights
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Acquisition Information
Source unknown.
Biography/Administrative History
Pierce Asbill, Frank Asbill, father and uncle of the author, and friend Jim Naphus entered Round Valley, California May 15, 1854. They came out west from Missouri in quest for land. The three men were known in the area as Indian hunters.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of six folders of Frank Asbill’s typescripts: The Last of the West, The First and Last of the West, and The End of the Last of the West. Some of the typescripts are incomplete or are copies. In these accounts Frank Asbill describes the trek out west from Missouri of his family. The Asbill family settled in Bodega, while his father Pierce, uncle Frank and friend Jim Neafus headed to the mountains of Mendocino, Humboldt and Trinity Counties, entering Round Valley, California May 15, 1854. The author describes his family meeting the Donner Party, gold miners, hunting, ranching, buckskin trade, outlaws, murder, cattle stealing, Indian hunting, Wailuku Indians, Yukian Indians, Sacramento and Hettenshaw Valleys, Yolo Bolly and Trinity mountains, Island Mountain, Covelo, Ulysses S. Grant; trading post of George Kingsley which later became the town of Red Bluff; Squaw capture and trade for horses with the Mexican vaqueros.
Indexing Terms
Asbill, Pierce -- Biography
Wallaki Indians
Yukian Indians
Frontier and pioneer life -- California -- Round Valley.
Mendocino County (Calif.) -- History.
Round Valley (Calif.) -- History.
California -- History
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