Finding Aid to the Frank Lecouvreur Manuscript and Papers MS.589

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**Abstract:** Frank Lecouvreur was a German immigrant who came to California by ship around Cape Horn. His travels begin in 1851. This collection contains correspondence in German and English, an English translation by Julius C. Behnke of Frank Lecouvreur's book *From East Prussia to the Golden Gate*, and an advertisement for the published translation. Materials are from 1848-1906.  
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**creator:** Lecouvreur, Frank, 1829-1901  
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**Biographical Note**  
Frank Lecouvreur (1830, June 7 - 1901, January 7) was a German immigrant who came to California by ship around Cape Horn. A native of Ortelsburg, Prussia, he came to California in 1851, and to Los Angeles in 1855. He was a civil engineer, and served as County Surveyor of Los Angeles for four years; he also surveyed many ranchos for private parties. At one time during the the 1860s, he served as deputy county clerk, and later was cashier and a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. In June 1877, he married Josephine R. Smith.  
**Scope and Contents**  
This collection contains correspondence in German and English, a hand-written English translation by Julius C. Behnke of Frank Lecouvreur's book *From East Prussia to the Golden Gate*, and an advertisement for the published translation. Materials are from 1848-1906. Correspondence contains drawings and maps.  
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