Finding Aid to the Benjamin D. Moore Papers MS.645

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Abstract: Benjamin Davies Moore (1810-1846) was a soldier in the United States army who died in the Battle of San Pasqual, California. This collection includes a letter from Benjamin, dated 1846, and a leather-bound notebook shared by Benjamin and his brother Matt Moore. Entries in the journal are dated 1829-1839 and include remarks on board the U.S. Ship Erie, as well as lists of naval statistics, poems, and notes from friends.
creator: Moore, Benjamin Davies, 1810-1846
creator: Moore, Matt
Biographical note
Benjamin Davies Moore (1810-1846) was a soldier in the United States army who died December 6, 1846 in the Battle of San Pasqual, California. Previous to that, Moore was a midshipman from 1829-1833, a 1st Lieutenant in the Mounted Rangers in 1832, 1st Lieutenant with the 1st Dragoons in 1833, and was made a Captain in 1837.
Scope and contents
This collection includes a letter from Benjamin, dated 1846, and a leather-bound notebook shared by Benjamin and his brother Matt Moore. Entries in the journal are dated 1829-1839 and include remarks on board the U.S. Ship Erie beginning in 1829, a list of U.S. ships, a list of deaths in the U.S. Navy in 1828, 1829, and 1830, a list of resignations from 1827-1830, dismissals of 1829, the number of each rank of officer in 1829 and 1830, vessels of war in the U. S. Navy in 1830, estimate of provisions in 1830, as well as poems, and notes from friends. This collection also includes a newspaper clipping from 1960 regarding the donation of the materials to the Southwest Museum by Moore's descendants.
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Historical note
The Battle of San Pasqual, also spelled San Pascual, was a military encounter that occurred during the Mexican-American War in what is now the San Pasqual Valley community of the city of San Diego, California. On December 6 and December 7, 1846, General Stephen W. Kearny's US Army column, along with a smaller force of Marines, engaged a small contingent of Californios and their Presidial Lancers, led by Capt. Leonardo Cota; eventually joined by Major Andrés Pico. After US reinforcements arrived, Kearny's troops were able to reach San Diego.
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