Title: William H. Hilton's Account of a Government Trip from San Diego to Yuma in 1852

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Abstract: This is a typed copy of a letter from William H. Hilton written to Major E. A. Sherman on 1906 October 1, recounting a pack, or wagon, train trip Hilton made for the U. S. Government from San Diego to Fort Yuma in 1852.

creator: Hilton, William H.
creator: Sherman, E. A., Major

Biographical note

In San Diego, military supplies were unloaded from ships onto the wharf and transferred to the New San Diego Depot, where they were then transported by pack or wagon train to Fort Tejon, Fort Mohave, San Luis Rey, Chino, Santa Ysabel, San Bernardino, Fort Yuma, and other places. A line of pack trains across the desert was successfully established in 1851 by William H. Hilton, who carried supplies from San Diego to Fort Yuma for some time, under contract.

Scope and Contents

This is a typed copy of a letter from William H. Hilton written to Major E. A. Sherman on 1906 October 1, recounting a pack, or wagon, train trip Hilton made for the U. S. Government from San Diego to Fort Yuma in 1852. The letter mentions an earthquake in Fort Yuma, Kearny's expedition, Spanish missions, and the influence of Jesuit fathers on the Native Americans.

The date reflects when the original letter was first written, not the date the copy was created.

Preferred citation


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