Finding Aid to Myer J. Newmark Journal, 1852-1853 MS.725

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Abstract: The journal titled, "Incidents of a Voyage from New York to San Francisco around Cape Horn in the good ship Carrington, F.B. French Commander. Commenced Dec 15, 1852. Ended April 20th 1853," was hand-written by Myer J. Newmark when he was approximately 12 years old. Myer J. Newmark was the cousin of Harris Newmark, author of Sixty Years in Southern California.
creator: Newmark, Myer Joseph, 1838-1911
Access
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Biographical note
Myer Joseph Newmark, 1838-1911, was the cousin of Harris Newmark, author of Sixty Years in Southern California. Born in New York in 1838 to Joseph and Rosa (Levy) Newmark, Myer was the second of six children. His father, an observant Jew, came from a long line of rabbis in Poland and Germany. Myer was educated in New York and England, where he lived with his maternal grandparents, attending grammar school and later New York's Columbia College for a short time. He celebrated his bar mitzvah a year before making the voyage to California. In California, Myer Newmark lived in both San Francisco and Los Angeles. In 1859 he became a practicing lawyer in Los Angeles at the age of twenty-one, returning in 1863 to San Francisco, where he entered a law partnership with Henry J. Labatt and Robert T. Payne. Moving back to Los Angeles in 1871, he went into business with Harris Newmark. In June of 1874, Myer Newmark married Sophie Cahen, a recent French emigrant. Together they had three children. Newmark died in 1911 in San Francisco.
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Scope and contents
The journal is a hand-written account by Myer J. Newmark, "Incidents of a Voyage from New York to San Francisco around Cape Horn in the good ship Carrington, F.B. French Commander. Commenced Dec 15, 1852. Ended April 20th 1853."
A note by Maurice H. Newmark, a relative of Myer's, was written on the inside front cover of the journal noting that Myer was about twelve years old when "he came around the Horn and wrote this diary".
The original journal pages have been pasted onto linen and tipped into a leather-bound volume. The linen is pasted over written pages.
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