Finding Aid of the T.R. Church Passport C057758

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Title: Church, T.R. Passport
Identifier/Call Number: C057758
Contributing Institution: Society of California Pioneers
Language of Material: Spanish; Castilian
Physical Description: 1.0 folder (1 passport, 1 envelope)
Date: January 28, 1852
Abstract: Cuban passport, dated January 28, 1852, for T.R. Church, who appears to have been traveling from New Orleans.
creator: Church, T.R.
Conditions Governing Access note
Collection open for research.
Conditions Governing Use note
There are no restrictions on access.
Preferred Citation note
Donor
Gift of George L. Buckingham
Biographical/Historical note
Resources did not have biographical information on T.R. Church. The folder containing his passport is labeled “Passport from Mexico 1852.” However, there are indications on the passport that it was, in fact, a Cuban passport and that the passenger (Church) was coming from New Orleans (see Scopes and Content note). Therefore, it is unclear whether Church was an American traveling to Cuba, or a Cuban who was returning from the United States.
Scope and Contents note
Envelope: Original envelope in which the passport arrived to the Society.
Passport (Habana, January 28, 1852): Although the envelope, donation card, and folder label this as a passport from Mexico, the seal indicates that it is from Cuba, and next to the date is written the word: “Habana” (Havana). The passport is in Spanish, although on the back, there is a list of regulations that is translated into Spanish, French, and English. On the front, it is written that Church was a passenger of the "Empyre City" coming from "New Orleans" (translated from the Spanish). It appears as though he was traveling from New Orleans into Cuba.
Existence and Location of Originals note
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Havana (Cuba)
New Orleans (La.)