Finding Aid of the Cudsworth, Abel W. Journal C058781

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Title: Cudsworth, Abel W. Journal
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Abstract: Abel W. Cudsworth's journal is handwritten in ink and provides daily entries covering the 7 month voyage aboard the Brig "Triumph" from Boston to San Francisco around Cape Horn. The "Triumph" left Boston on November 11, 1849, arrived in Rio de Janero on Jan 17, 1850, reached Juan Fernandez on March 30, and sailed into San Francisco on June 6th, 1850. Cudsworth lists the 45 Passengers and 12 crew by name. The journal provides good descriptions of life aboard ship. Toward the end of the entries, Cudsworth sums it up, "Impatiently waiting the termination of this long tedious, and somewhat unpleasant voyage."
creator: Cudsworth, Abel W

Scope and Contents note
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Days are spent reading novels, gambling, playing music, singing, and playing checkers, chess and backgammon. There are disputes among the passengers. One crewman is swept overboard and lost at sea. He provides a description of both Rio de Janero and the Juan Fernandez Islands (off the coast of Chile). The passage around the Horn is long and rough with continual headwinds slowing their passage.

The last 2 pages of the journal summarize Cudsworth's employment in San Francisco from 1850 to 1867. He only spent 2 months up at the mines.

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Brotherson, Samuel
Brown, Leonard B
Brownell, Chas E
Burt, Henry
Burt, Hiram, Captain
Chace, Nathan H
Coggshall, Henry
Coggshall, Hezekiah
Comely, Wm.
Crane, Thomas B
Cummings, D T
Cummings, Leonard B
Cummings, Sylvester
Curtis, James
Cutworth, Abel W
Danforth, D Bowers
Davis, A G
Doloff, Franklin
Edson, Daniel
Edson, William
Emery, C H
Fisk, John
Hathaway, John
Hathaway, Levi
Hoxie, David
Kimball, S P
Libbey, Rueben
Libby, Neilson, 1st Mate
Liscomb, John
Loring, G
Lynn, Orin H
Mason, Naham
Maynard, Norman
Menlery, Thomas
Moulton, Charles
Nichols, Walter
Philips, James O
Philips, John M
Pitts, Charles
Rice, C
Roberts, John W
Sherman, Edwin
Sherman, John T
Staples, Jacob C
Sullivan, John
Thrain, John
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Walker, B
Walker, James E
Wentworth, John P
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