J. Ross Browne Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: J. Ross Browne collection
Dates: 1851-1861
Bulk Dates: 1858-1878
Collection number: MSS 108
Creator: J. Ross Browne
Collector: Albert Shumate
Collection Size: .25 linear feet
Repository: University of the Pacific. Library. Holt-Atherton Dept. of Special Collections
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Abstract: The collection consists of J. Ross Browne's correspondence, biographical material, and published reports on mining, irrigation, Native American affairs, railroads and California history.
Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
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Biography / Administrative History
J. Ross Browne (1821-1875) was born near Dublin, Ireland and immigrated with his family to America in 1833. He was a nineteenth century author, adventurer, artist, and government agent. Browne was considered to be one of the most widely traveled and versatile writers of his time. He also illustrated many of his own works. It is said he influenced the work of Mark Twain. In 1849, Browne came to California to report the proceedings of California's Constitutional Convention. He became an agent for the Treasury Department and surveyed custom houses and mints, reporting on irregularities. He also looked into Indian and Land Office affairs.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of J. Ross Browne's correspondence, biographical material, and published reports on mining, irrigation, Native American affairs, railroads and California history. The bulk of the material is from 1858-78.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Indians of North America - California - Social conditions
Biographical Material


Correspondence


Publications