DESCRIPTION

One bound, typewritten (180 p.) manuscript of Ayer’s reminiscences. The reminiscences include sections on his Overland Journey in 1860, service in the army, trips to the Grand Canyon in 1883 and 1884, trips to Mexico in 1886 and 1887. It also includes reminiscences of other trips around the world and some letters concerning his work with the Field Museum.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ayer, a native of Illinois, traveled overland to California in 1860 and was stationed in Arizona as a member of the 1st California Volunteers during the Civil War. After the war, he pioneered in the lumber business near Flagstaff and was later a founder of the Field Museum in Chicago.

ACQUISITION

Donated by W. J. Holliday in 1945.

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