Guide to the Joseph C. Ives Personal Correspondence

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Summary Information

Creator: Ives, J. C.
Title: Joseph C. Ives Personal Correspondence
ID: MS-00079
Date [inclusive]: 1857-1858
Physical Description: 0.2 Linear Feet (1 folder (shared box))
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Joseph C. Ives Personal Correspondence consists of 17 letters (photocopies) between United States Army Corps of Topographic Engineers Lt. Joseph C. Ives and his wife, Cora Semmes Ives, between September 1857 and June 1858. Ives was in command of a U.S. Army expedition whose mission was to explore the region of the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon, and to establish the limit of navigation of the Colorado River. The correspondence is largely personal in nature, however, it is a useful supplement to the official report documenting the voyage, "Report upon the Colorado River of the West; Explored in 1857-1858."

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Biographical Note

Soldier and explorer Joseph Christmas Ives graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1852. From 1857 to 1858, Ives commanded an expedition to explore up the Colorado River to the lower end of the Grand Canyon. He then crossed the desert to Fort Defiance in Colorado. The Ives expedition produced one of the important early maps of the Grand Canyon.

Ives served in the American Civil War for the Confederate Army and was promoted to aide-de-camp, with the rank of colonel. After the war he settled in New York City, New York where he died November 12, 1868.
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Arrangement

Papers are in original order.

Administrative Information

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Names and Subjects

- North America -- Colorado River
- Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico)
- Grand Canyon (Ariz.)

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