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John Cornwell Journal  
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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Creator: John Cornwell

Title: John Cornwell Journal “To and From California”

Date: 1852-1856

Abstract: Cornwell’s journal covering his trip to California during the first gold rush.

Quantity: 1 book

BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN CORNWELL

According to Foster Cornwell (great grandson of John), John Cornwell was born May 17, 1812 in the village of Hollwell, now Picton, Prince Edward County, Canada. He died in Athens, Ohio in 1883. He was the son of David Cornwell (born August 11, 1778 in Massachusetts and died near Gallipolis, Ohio on October 13th, 1819) and Phoebe Gilbert Goldsmith (born October 3, 1786 in Piscataway, Union county, New Jersey and died November 8, 1842).

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The journal covers the years 1852 through 1856 when Cornwell went to California during the gold rush. The journal is approximately 250 pages long and also contains a drawing of Cape Horn by Samuel Webber and a tipped in certificate naming John Cornwell a member of the “Sons of Temperance.”

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The journal is in one leather-bound book.
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University Libraries.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to cite the collection name, collection number, and the Ohio University Libraries, in all footnotes and bibliographical references.

Accession Number: NA

Provenance: The Ohio University Archives appears to have received the journal in 1991 from Foster Cornwell.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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The journal is a leather-bound book containing the narrative of John Cornwell’s trip to and from California during the gold rush. The journal spans the dates of March 16, 1852 through August 19, 1856. In addition, there are several expenditure lists and a series of missives relating to temperance issues.

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