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Guide to the

**Asaph Sawyer diary**

1852

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## Summary

**Creator:** Sawyer, Asaph

**Title:** Asaph Sawyer diary

**Date:** 1852

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 volume)

**Abstract:** Diary in the form of letters to his wife, etc., on a journey from Maine to California by boat. Account begins at Aspinwall (now Colon), Panama, resumed at city of Panama where first dated entry appears. Describes manners, dress, worship, etc. of natives; cost of commodities at ports, life aboard the ship, etc., from Acapulco, Mexico, to San Diego. References disillusionment of gold seekers, etc

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## Key Terms

### Geographic Names

Central America -- Description and travel -- 19th century

Central America -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

### Subjects

Ocean travel -- Personal narratives

Travelers -- Diaries

Voyages and travels

### Names

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