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Guide to the

James S. Valk diary

1836-1879

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Summary

Creator: Valk, James S

Title: James S. Valk diary

Date: 1836-1879

Size: .04 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: Diary kept by James S. Valk, 1836-1879. Describes his youth in Hanover, Germany; emigration to New York, and via Isthmus of Panama, to California; mining of gold and platinum at Gold Beach, Oregon; an 1856 Indian attack; slaying of Ben Wright; costs of provisions; Indian customs; and events in San Francisco. Two copies; the second has variations and is partly in the hand of the author

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Subjects

Germans -- United States -- Diaries

Gold mines and mining -- Oregon -- 19th century

Voyages and travels -- 19th century

Voyages to the Pacific coast

Geographic Names

Gold Beach (Or.) -- History -- 19th century

Oregon -- Gold discoveries

Names

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