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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

Access: Advance notice required.

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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

Sawyer, Asaph