

# Abel D. Helman papers, 1850-1892

## Overview of the Collection

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| <b>Creator</b>             | Helman, Abel D., 1824-1910   |
| <b>Title</b>               | Abel D. Helman papers  |
| <b>Dates</b>               | 1850-1892 (inclusive)<br>1850 1892   |
| <b>Quantity</b>            | 0.1 linear feet, (4 folders)   |
| <b>Collection Number</b>   | A 048  |
| <b>Summary</b>             | The Abel Helman Papers comprise four folders that include a diary of Helman's overland trip from Ohio to California, a list of travel expenses, detailed description of weather reports of Ashland, Oregon, and a photostat copy of the journal of the Mountain Rangers from 1863 to 1866.   |
| <b>Repository</b>          | <a href="#">University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.</a><br>UO Libraries--SPC, 1299<br>University of Oregon<br>Eugene OR<br>97403-1299<br>Telephone: 541-346-3068<br>Fax: 541-346-3485<br><a href="mailto:spcarref@uoregon.edu">spcarref@uoregon.edu</a> |
| <b>Access Restrictions</b> | Collection is open to the public.<br><br>Collection must be used in Special Collections & University Archives Reading Room.  |
| <b>Languages</b>           | English  |
| <b>Sponsor</b>             | Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.   |

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## Historical Note

Abel Helman was born of April 10, 1824 in Ohio. On October 23, 1849, he married Martha Jane Helman, who was born March 3, 1826 in Pennsylvania. The couple had 8 children. In 1850, Martha and Abel made the overland trek from Ohio to California then later Oregon. The family eventually settled in Jackson County, Oregon.

## Content Description

Collection consists of a typed copy of a diary and expense account of a voyage to California in 1850, and to Oregon in 1851; expense account of an overland trip from Oregon to Ohio and return, 1853; a diary, Oct. 7, 1858-April 11, 1859, Feb. 1, 1883-July 30, 1892; a table of weather data, Ashland, Or., Feb. 1, 1883-July 31, 1892. There is a photostat copy of the journal of the Mountain Rangers, Company

A, 1st Regiment, 1st Brigade, Oregon Militia, 1863-1866. The Rangers were a marching and social organization. The originals of the Helman papers are privately owned.

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Collection is organized into four folders by subject matter of material: personal journals, weather records, and Ranger journals.

### Processing Note

Collection processed by staff.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

| Container(s) | Description                  | Dates                       |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Folder       |                              |                             |
| 1            | Diaries and Expense Accounts |                             |
| 2            | Diary with Weather Reports   | February 1883-<br>July 1892 |
| 3            | Weather Reports              | 1883-1892                   |
| 4            | "Mountain Rangers" journal   |                             |

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Pioneers--Oregon--Jackson County

Travel costs--West (U.S.)

Voyages to the Pacific coast

### Personal Names :

Helman, Abel D., 1824-1910--Archives

Helman, Abel D., 1824-1910--Finance, Personal

Helman, Abel D., 1824-1910--Travel--West (U.S.)

### Corporate Names :

Oregon. Militia. Regiment, 1st. Brigade, 1st. Company A (1863-1866)--Diaries

### Form or Genre Terms :

Account books

Diaries

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