J. Heinrich Lienhard papers, 1843-1933

Overview of the Collection

Creator  Lienhard, Heinrich, 1822-1903
Title  J. Heinrich Lienhard papers
Dates  1843-1933 (inclusive)
1843  1933
Quantity  0.5 linear feet
Collection Number  MS 0089
Summary  The J. Heinrich Lienhard papers (1843-1933) consist of a translated portion of Lienhard's diary about his life in California before and after the gold rush, and photocopies of correspondence, certificates, and other items relating to Lienhard and his family.
Repository  University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections.
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Access Restrictions  Twenty-four hour advanced notice encouraged. Materials must be used on-site. Access to parts of this collection may be restricted under provisions of state or federal law.
Languages  English, German, French

Historical Note

Johann Heinrich Lienhard was born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, on 19 January 1822. He lived and worked on his father’s farm until 1843 when he left home to fulfill his ambition to emigrate to the United States. During his first years in the United States, he worked on various farms in Illinois, or as a woodcutter. In 1846, he joined a company of emigrants heading for California. Upon arrival, in order to pay his debts incurred by his western trek, he accepted the bounty offered and joined the United States Army and fought in the war with Mexico. Upon discharge, he went to work for John Augustus Sutter where gold was discovered in January 1848. Increased prosperity prompted Sutter to send Lienhard to Switzerland to escort the remainder of the Sutter family to California. The trip took about six months. Lienhard returned again to Switzerland and married Elsbeth Blumer in 1851. Three years later, he and his family traveled back to the United States and settled in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1856 they moved to Illinois and purchased the home formerly owned by Heber C. Kimball, LDS Church member of the Twelve Apostles. J. Heinrich Lienhard died on 19 December 1903 in Nauvoo, Illinois.

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Overland journeys to the Pacific

Geographical Names:
West (U.S.) -- Description and travel

Form or Genre Terms:
Diaries

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