Overview of the Collection

Creator: Bennett, Clarence Edmund, 1833-1902
Title: Clarence Edmund Bennett papers
Dates: 1852-1906 (inclusive)
Quantity: 1 reel microfilm
Collection Number: Mss 039

Summary: Clarence Bennett was a West Point graduate and career Army officer who served in the frontier West. The collection contains his correspondence, diaries kept at West Point, and other materials.

Repository: University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections
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Languages: English

Sponsor: Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Biographical Note

Clarence Edmund Bennett was born in 1833. He entered West Point Military Academy in 1851 and graduated in 1855. He was a career Army officer and saw duty almost exclusively in Western frontier assignments. He spent time in California, Minnesota, Texas, and the Dakota Territory. By 1880 Bennett and his wife, Siotha, had four children, Willie C., Irvine E., Ida, and Daisy. Bennett retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1897 and died in 1902 of apoplexy.

Content Description

The collection contains Bennett's correspondence relative to his military career, the diaries he kept at West Point, and miscellaneous materials, which include lists of West Point classmates and whether they were living or dead in 1898, and his wife's application for a widow's pension.
Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series:

Series I: Correspondence, 1859-1905
Series II: Diaries, 1852-1855
Series III: Miscellany, 1898-1906

Location of Originals

Location of originals unknown.

Acquisition Information

Loaned for microfilming by Hayes Otoupalik, 1970.

Processing Note

The original processor arranged, microfilmed, and described the materials. In 2004, the finding aid was encoded with minimal revisions.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Correspondence, 1859-1905

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Series II: Diaries, 1852-1855
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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
- Frontier and pioneer life --West (U.S.)
- Military cadets--New York (State)--West Point
- Military cadets--New York (State)--West Point--Diaries

Corporate Names:
- United States.--Army--Officers--Correspondence
- United States Military Academy--Students
- United States Military Academy--Students--Diaries

Geographical Names:
- West (U.S.)--History, Military--19th century

Form or Genre Terms:
- Diaries--New York (State)--West Point

Occupations:
- Soldiers--United States

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