
Antelope (steamship) receipt book

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Antelope (steamship) receipt book

Dates: 1852-1853

Collection Number: SFH 100

Creator/Collector: Antelope (Steamer)

Extent: 1 volume

Repository: San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco History Center
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Abstract: Receipt book for steamer Antelope

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Purchase.

Biography/Administrative History

Built in New York in 1847, this 425-ton sidewheel steamer of the U.S. Mail Steamship Company ran passengers between Panama and San Francisco through 1851, then was sold to the Union Line. The Antelope, "thoroughly repaired and made new" started carrying passengers from Pacific Wharf, San Francisco to Sacramento on February 21, 1852. During the gold rush, so much treasure was brought to San Francisco aboard this vessel that its express messenger's department was known as "the gold room" and its floor was braced against the weight of heavy shipments. Antelope carried the first mail from the Pony Express terminus in Sacramento to San Francisco on April 14, 1860.

Scope and Content of Collection

Receipts for payments, first to Pacific Mail Steamship Company, then to Daniel Knight, and later to Page, Bacon & Company, by Samuel Barrell and Daniel Knight. Barrell was purser for the Antelope; his entries comprise February 26, 1852 through September 23, 1852, followed by Daniel Knight, October 2, 1852 - January 11, 1853. Knight was receiving the payments himself from September 4-23, 1852.

Indexing Terms

Steamboats - California - San Francisco.

Steamboats - History - 19th century.

Pacific Mail Steamship Company--History

Page, Bacon & Co.--History

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