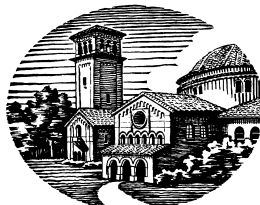


# Frank Asbill Papers

## MSS 135



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### Collection Summary

#### Title

Frank Asbill Papers, 1827-1913

#### Call Number

MSS 135

#### Creator

Frank Asbill

#### Language of Materials

English

#### Extent

Items: 6 folders

Linear Feet: .33

#### Abstract

Typescript of Frank Asbill's: "The Last of the West", "The First and Last of the West", and "The End of the Last of the West." Some of the typescripts are incomplete.

# Information for Researchers

## Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research without restriction.

## Usage Restrictions

No restrictions.

## Publication Rights

The library can only claim physical ownership of the collection. Users are responsible for satisfying any claimants of literary property.

## Alternate Form of Material

None

## Acquisition Information

Source unknown.

## Processing Information

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## Preferred Citation

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## Online Catalog Headings

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

[Asbill, Pierce -- Biography](#)

[Wailaki Indians](#)

[Yukian Indians](#)

[Frontier and pioneer life -- California -- Round Valley.](#)

[Mendocino County \(Calif.\) -- History.](#)

[Round Valley \(Calif.\) -- History.](#)

[California -- History](#)

## Related Collections

“The last of the West: a manuscript/ written by Frank Asbill, annotated by Rowland Choate” available at Humboldt State University. “The last of the West” by Frank Asbill and Argle Shawley available at San José State University.

## Biographical/ Historical Note

Pierce Asbill, Frank Asbill, father and uncle of the author, and friend Jim Naphus entered Round Valley, California May 15, 1854. They came out west from Missouri in quest for land. The three men were known in the area as Indian hunters.

## **Scope and Content/Collection Overview**

The collection consists of six folders of Frank Asbill's typescripts: The Last of the West, The First and Last of the West, and The End of the Last of the West. Some of the typescripts are incomplete or are copies. In these accounts Frank Asbill describes the trek out west from Missouri of his family. The Asbill family settled in Bodega, while his father Pierce, uncle Frank and friend Jim Neafus headed to the mountains of Mendocino, Humboldt and Trinity Counties, entering Round Valley, California May 15, 1854. The author describes his family meeting the Donner Party, gold miners, hunting, ranching, buckskin trade, outlaws, murder, cattle stealing, Indian hunting, Wailuku Indians, Yukian Indians, Sacramento and Hettenshaw Valleys, Yolo Bolly and Trinity mountains, Island Mountain, Covelo, Ulysses S. Grant; trading post of George Kingsley which later became the town of Red Bluff; Squaw capture and trade for horses with the Mexican vaqueros.

### **Arrangement**

Chronological

### **Material Cataloged Separately**

No material cataloged separately.

### **Detailed Description of the Collection**

Folder 1

'The First and Last of the West'

Pages 20-67 (original)

Folder 2

Preface "The Last of the West" (original)

Folder 3

Preface "The Last of the West" (original)

Folder 4

"The Last of the West"

Chapters 1-9 (original)

Folder 5

"The End of the Last of the West" by Frank M. (copy)

Folder 6

Letter from E. S. Beard to Aida Shuey (copy)

Beard discusses the issues of manuscript, Asbill and Azbill and Henry Keola Azbill.

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