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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Creator: Smithsonian Institution, Topographical Data Project
Title: Topographical Data Project
Dates: circa 1873-1882
Quantity: 1.4 linear meters.

Administrative Information

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Access Restriction
Maps cannot be reproduced.

Descriptive Entry

The Smithsonian Institution and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey collaborated in collection of data of relative elevations over the surface of the continent of North America, intending ultimately to publish a hypsometrical map. The collection of data was entrusted to Walter L. Nicholson, topographer of the Post Office Department, but in about 1882 the project and apparently most of the records were transferred to the Survey. The present records contain data accumulated by Nicholson and several railroad elevation maps. Dates of the collection are uncertain.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
Topographical surveying

Types of Materials:
Maps
Container Listing

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