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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
<b>Title:</b>	John Evans Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 7198
<b>Date:</b>	1854-1856, 1860
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<b>Creator::</b>	Evans, John, 1812-1861
<b>Language:</b>	Language of Materials: English

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

John Evans (1812-1861) joined David Dale Owen's survey of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota following his graduation from St. Louis Medical College, circa 1848. In 1851, he was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to survey the Washington and Oregon territories, and in 1853 joined Isaac Stevens' Pacific Railroad Survey. He was also geologist to the Isthmus of Chiriqui Expedition to Central America in 1860.

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## Introduction

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers include a journal for Evans' tenure with the railroad survey, covering the period July to September 1854. They also include journals for Evans' journeys in the Port Orford region of Oregon in 1855-1856, and one page of Evans' journal for the Isthmus of Chiriqui Expedition of 1860.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Geology  
Railroads -- Surveying

Types of Materials:

Diaries

Names:

Evans, John, 1812-1861  
Isthmus of Chiriqui Expedition (1860)  
Owen, David Dale  
Pacific Railroad Survey of the 47th and 49th Parallels  
St. Louis Medical College  
Stevens, Isaac I.

Geographic Names:

Central America  
Port Orford (Or.)

## Container Listing

### Box 1

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| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 1 Photocopies of Evans journal during journeys to the Port Orford region of Oregon in 1856   |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 2 Page of Evans journal from the Isthmus of Chiriqui Expedition of 1860 and materials documenting the Evans journals and biographical information on Evans |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 3 Evans journals, 1854, 1855-1856  |