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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1846-1848

Language

English

Creator

Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Extent

30 items

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Oversized case 9

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 30 original military maps owned by Robert E. Lee. The bulk (28 items; 1846-1848) were used by Lee in Mexico when he was serving as a Captain in the United States Army Engineers Corps. Two of the maps were drawn by Lee and bear his signature. These maps comprise one of the most comprehensive cartographic resources for the study of the Mexican War.

In addition to the Mexican War material, the collection contains two Crimean War era maps, Sevastopol and Kronstadt, which Lee likely received through his correspondence with Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, circa 1854.

Keywords

Military maps

Maps

Mexican War, 1846-1848

Custodial History

This collection was donated to VMI in the 1890s by G. W. Custis Lee, General Lee's son and a Professor of Engineering at VMI from 1865-1870.

Description of Subordinate Components

Port of Veracruz, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5443

Unit Date 1825

Language Spanish; Castilian

Extent 23 inches x 18 inches

Keywords

Maps

Mexico—History

Topographical plan of the Federal District, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5456

Unit Date circa 1840

Language Spanish; Castilian

Extent 2 items

Extent 29 inches x 22 inches

Keywords

Maps

Port and city of Veracruz, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5450

Unit Date circa 1840

Language Spanish; Castilian

Extent 35.5 inches x 25 inches

Keywords

Maps

maps

Mexico—History

"Derroteros del Saltillo"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5439

Unit Date circa 1840

Language Spanish; Castilian

Extent 37 inches x 27 inches

Keywords

Maps

Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5463

Unit Date 1846

Language English

Creator Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Extent 22 inches x 17.5 inches

Scope and Contents

"Sketch of the Plan of the Town of Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico. Monclova, 14 Nov. 1846. R. E. Lee, Capt. Engrs"

Keywords

Maps

Vera Cruz, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5435

Unit Date circa 1847

Language French

Extent 8.5 inches x 6 inches

Scope and Contents

"Plan de la Vera Cruz"

Keywords

Maps

Castle of San Juan d'Ulua, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5437

Unit Date 1847

Language English

Extent 11 inches x 9 inches

Keywords

Maps

North of Mexico City, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5438

Unit Date circa 1847

Language Spanish; Castilian

Extent 12.5 inches x 16.5 inches

Keywords

Maps

Mexico—History

Plan for Monterey, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5441

Unit Date circa 1847

Language English

Extent 39.5 inches x 24.5 inches

Keywords

Maps

Plan for the Battle of Buena Vista, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5442

Unit Date 1847

Language English

Extent 23 inches x 19 inches

Scope and Contents

Map created "by Bvt. Maj. Jos. K. F. Mansfield, Corps of Engineers."

Keywords

Military maps

Maps

"Plan of the City and Country around Monterey," Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5446

Unit Date 1847

Language English

Extent 35.5 inches x 23 inches

Keywords

Maps

Battlefield at Cerro Gordo, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5447

Unit Date 1847

Language English

Extent 19.5 inches x 14 inches

Keywords

Maps

Military maps

Castle of San Juan d'Ulua, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5448

Unit Date circa 1847

Language English

Extent 40 inches x 25 inches

Keywords

Maps

"Valley of Mexico and the Surrounding Mountains"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5451

Unit Date 1847

Language English

Extent 22 inches x 17.5 inches

Keywords

Maps

Roads and country west of Puebla, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5452

Unit Date 1847

Language English

Extent 19 inches x 26 inches

Keywords

Maps

Santiago and Tlaxcala, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5454

Unit Date circa 1847

Language Spanish; Castilian

Extent 22 inches x 15 inches

Keywords

Maps

"The 2nd Division of Regulars as Drawn-Up at Cerro Gordo," Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5455

Unit Date circa 1847

Language English

Extent 28 inches x 22 inches

Keywords

Military maps

Maps

Saltillo Valley, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5457

Unit Date 1847

Language English

Extent 36 inches x 24 inches

Scope and Contents

"Map of Saltillo Valley, sureyed and drawn by Lieut. J. P. Mccown, 4th Arty"

Keywords

Maps

Environs of Puebla, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5458

Unit Date 1847

Language English

Extent 35 inches x 26 inches

Keywords

Maps

Port of Ahorcado and Capulin Rancho, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5459

Unit Date circa 1847

Language Spanish; Castilian

Extent 17.5 inches x 10 inches

Keywords

Maps

Battle grounds of Contreras, San Antonio, Churubusco, Molino del Rey, and Chapultepec, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5460

Unit Date circa 1847

Language English

Extent 24 inches x 19 inches

Scope and Contents

Drawn by Julio Pinal.

Keywords

Military maps

Maps

Cerro Gordo Field, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5461

Unit Date 1847

Language Spanish; Castilian

Extent 24 inches x 19 inches

Keywords

Maps

Northern defenses, Mexico City, Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5462

Unit Date 1847

Language English

Extent 49 inches x 17 inches

Keywords

Military maps

Maps

"Plan of the Citadel at Monterey," Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5445

Unit Date 1847 June

Language English

Extent 33 inches x 26 inches

Scope and Contents

"Surveyed and drawn, with some assistance from a previous survey by Lt. Scarritt, and a drawing by Bvt. Major Mansfield, by William D. Fraser, Capt. Engrs, June 1847."

Keywords

Maps

"Sketch of the Country and Roads Around the City of Mexico," Mexico

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5449

Unit Date 1847 July

Language English

Creator Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Extent 26 inches x 19 inches

Scope and Contents

"Puebla, July 1847, R. E. Lee, Capt. Engrs."

Keywords

Maps

"Battles of Mexico"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5453

Unit Date 1847 August

Language English

Extent 34 inches x 27 inches

Scope and Contents

"Survey of the line of operations of the U.S. Army under the command of Gen. Winfield Scott on the 19th and 20th of August 1847. Made by Major Turnbull, Capt. McClellan & Lieut. Hardcastle, Topo. Engineers. Drawn by Lieut. Hardcastle"

Keywords

Military maps

Maps

Kronstadt fortifications

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5436

Unit Date circa 1854

Language French

Extent 10.25 inches x 8 inches

Scope and Contents

Crimean War era map showing the city of Kronstadt and its fortifications. This map was likely received by Robert E. Lee through Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte.

Keywords

Military maps

Maps

Sevastopol fortifications

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5434

Unit Date circa 1854

Language French

Extent 10.25 inches x 8 inches

Scope and Contents

Crimean War era map showing the city of Sevastopol and its fortifications. This map was likely received by Robert E. Lee through Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte.

Keywords

Maps

Military maps