

# Guide to the Arnold More Knight Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1386

**CREATOR:** Knight, Arnold More

**TITLE:** Arnold More Knight papers

**DATES:** 1845-1854

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot

**LANGUAGE:** The papers are in English and Panjabi.

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of nine journals documenting the military career of Arnold More Knight in India and South Africa. Also included is a volume of Sikh scripture, written in Panjabi, and captured by Knight after the Battle of Aliwal.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Conditions Governing Access

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## Biographical / Historical

Arnold More Knight purchased his commission in the British army in 1845. As a lieutenant in the 16th Lancers, he was posted to India and served under Sir Harry Smith. At the Battle of Aliwal, Knight captured the Sikh volume which is found in the papers. In 1846 he returned to England.

Knight's two subsequent tours of duty took him to South Africa. In 1847 he commanded Sir Harry Smith's Cavalry Escort. Knight accompanied Smith to Port Elizabeth, King William's town, and Fort Beaufort. After journeying back to England, Knight returned to South Africa in 1851, serving with the Cape Mounted Rifles during the Kaffir War. Following the war, Knight was stationed at the frontier and in Cape Town.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers consist of nine journals documenting the military career of Arnold More Knight from 1845 to 1854 in India and South Africa. The journals contains entries of a personal nature but there are also eye-witness accounts of the Battle of Aliwal in India, Sir Harry Smith's interview with Chief Macomo at Port Elizabeth in South Africa, and the Kaffir War of 1851 to 1852. Also included is a volume of the first part of the Holy Scripture of the Sikhs, written in Panjabi, and captured by Knight at the Battle of Aliwal.

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## Collection Contents

### Journals

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b. 1, f. 4	1847 Sep to 1848 May	
b. 1, f. 5	<a href="#">1851 May to Nov</a>	
b. 1, f. 6	<a href="#">1851 Nov to 1852 Jul</a>	
b. 2, f. 7	<a href="#">1852 Jul to 1853 Feb</a>	
b. 2, f. 8	1853 Mar to 1854 Jun	
b. 2, f. 9	1854 Jun to Dec	
b. 2, f. 10	Sikh Scripture	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Sikhism -- Sacred books  
Sikh War, 1845-1846

### **Geographic Names**

South Africa -- History -- Frontier Wars,  
1811-1878

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Occupations**

Soldiers

### **Names**

Knight, Arnold More