Gilman, O. W.  Diary, circa 1847-1855. 1 item.
Soldier. A diary that contains an account by O. W. Gilman regarding his experiences in the
Mexican War from May 8, 1847, to December 14, 1847, and diary entries (1855) by Harriet
(“Hattie”) L. Gilman of Buffalo, New York. Gilman’s Mexican War account was most likely
written into this book from his original journal within the few years after his return from the war.
The account comprises approximately twenty pages of entries by O. W. Gilman, who served
with the 10th New York Infantry, and begins by sailing from Fort Hamilton, New York, bound
for Texas and Mexico. Gilman gives numerous details of the march, burning sands and scorching
heat, including incidents of men who either drown in the Rio Grande or are killed by snipers and
unseen assassins. Also included are details of the visit to their camp by General Zachary Taylor.