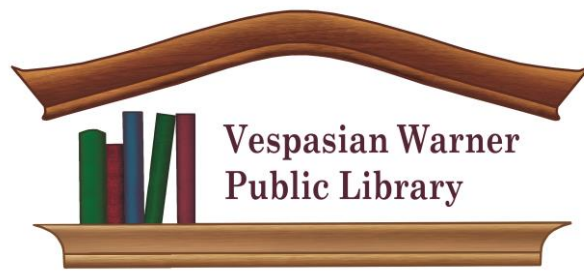


COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection title:	Diaries
Dates:	1852-1938
Size:	2 boxes
Shelf location:	M 3.3 – 3.4
Creator/Collector:	Various
Acquisition info.:	Nellie Keys and Lucille Richey autograph books donated; Nellie Conklin autograph book donated by Mark Woods ; Geneva [?] autograph book donated by Paula Nelson ; Lillian Kent travel journal donated by Virginia Peverley Erickson ; rest unknown
Accruals:	None
Custodial history:	Unknown
Language(s):	English
Repository:	Vespasian Warner Public Library District
Processed by:	Various
Conservation notes:	Back cover of Stephen K. Carter day book is detached ; first two pages of Conklin book are detached. Clasp on Kent journal detached.



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RIGHTS AND ACCESS

Access restrictions

Collection is open for research. The collection or parts of the collection may not leave the library building.

Physical access restrictions

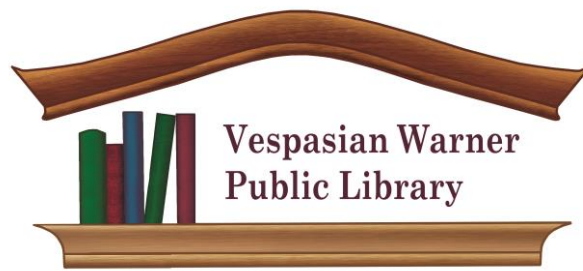
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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

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Related collections

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Separated material

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Published descriptions

Not applicable

Location of originals

Not applicable

Location of copies

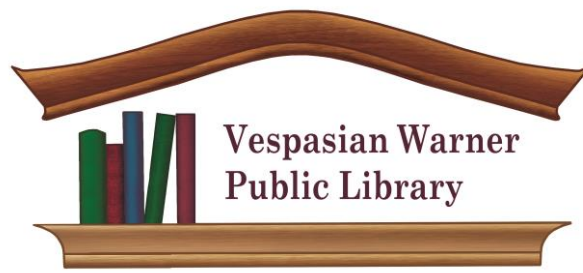
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Subject headings

Autograph albums.
DeWitt County (Ill.) – History.
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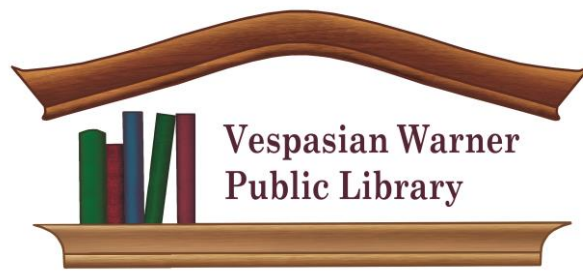


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Includes the diary of Illinois Central Railroad worker James G. Boswell (entries from 1852-1888), the day book of Stephen K. Carter, kept during the Civil War (dating from 1861-1862), autograph books belonging to Nellie Keys (1891-1894), Lucille Richey (1900-1906), and Marie Strange (1936-1938), the last of whom was a nursing student at Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois. Also included are a hymn book (1853) carried by Wapella native Abraham Swearingen during the Civil War; and diaries belonging to John Fletcher Miller (1910-1917), and James Rolofson (1909, 1913).

BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL NOTE

Stephen K. Carter was an attorney from Clinton. Born in 1855, he served in Company E of the 20th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. After the war, he was superintendent of the DeWitt County schools before entering law in 1870, and serving terms as County and City Clerk. He married America R. Madden in 1867, and had four sons. Carter died in 1901.

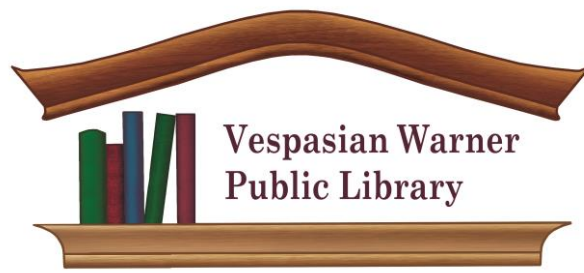


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COLLECTION INVENTORY

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John G. Boswell Railroad Diary (1852-1888)	1	1
Stephen K. Carter Day Book (Civil War Diary) (1861-1862)	1	2
Stephen K. Carter Biographical Information	1	3
Nellie Keys Autograph Book (1891-1894)	1	4
Lucille Richey Autograph Book (1900-1906)	1	5
Marie Strange Autograph Book (1936-1938)	1	6
Abraham Swearingen Hymn Book (1853)	2	1
Abraham Swearingen Hymn Book – exhibit label	2	2
John Fletcher Miller Diary (1910-1917)	2	3
James Rolofson Diaries (1909, 1913)	2	4
“The Diaries of James Rolofson,” <i>Dewitt County Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> (Winter 2000)	2	5
Nellie Conklin Autograph Book (1889)	2	6
Geneva [?] Autograph Book (1926)	2	7
Lillian Kent travel journal, England and Scotland, 1930	2	8
John J McGraw Diary no. 1, 1867 & note from ‘mom’ about the diaries, undated	3	1
John J McGraw Diary no. 2, 1875	3	2



John J McGraw Diary no. 3, 1881	3	3
John J McGraw Diary no. 4, 1885	3	4
Small biography of John J McGraw and his wife Jemima Lane McGraw written by their great grandchild, undated	3	5