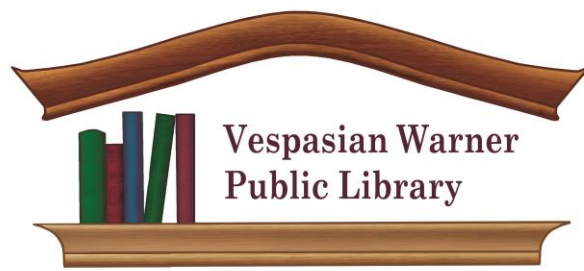


## COLLECTION SUMMARY

<b>Collection title:</b>	Diaries
<b>Dates:</b>	1852-1938
<b>Size:</b>	3 boxes
<b>Shelf location:</b>	M 3.3 – 3.4
<b>Creator/Collector:</b>	Various
<b>Acquisition info.:</b>	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.
<b>Accruals:</b>	None
<b>Custodial history:</b>	Unknown
<b>Language(s):</b>	English
<b>Repository:</b>	Vespasian Warner Public Library District
<b>Processed by:</b>	Various
<b>Conservation notes:</b>	Back cover of Stephen K. Carter day book is detached; first two pages of Conklin book are detached. Clasp on Kent journal detached.



## **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**

None

### **Technical access restrictions**

None

### **Publication rights**

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## **INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

### **Preferred citation**

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### **Related collections**

None

### **Separated material**

None

### **Published descriptions**

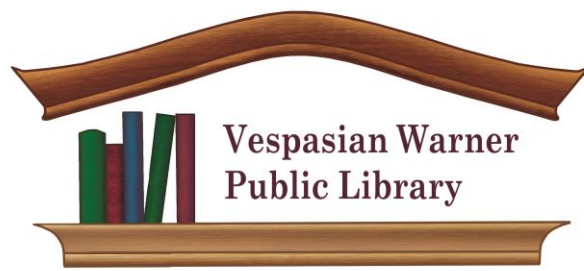
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### **Location of originals**

Not applicable

### **Location of copies**

Not applicable

**Publication note**

Not applicable

**Subject headings**

Autograph albums.

DeWitt County (Ill.) – History.

Illinois Central Railroad Company.

Railroads—Illinois—History—19th century.

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865.

Public librarians – Clinton (Ill.) – Biography

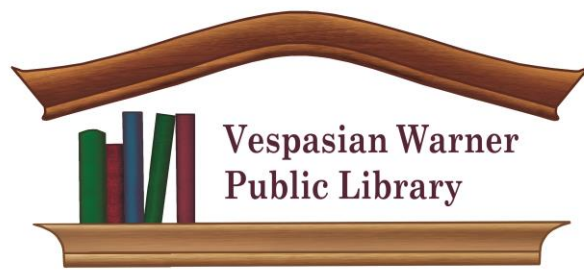
Travel writing.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

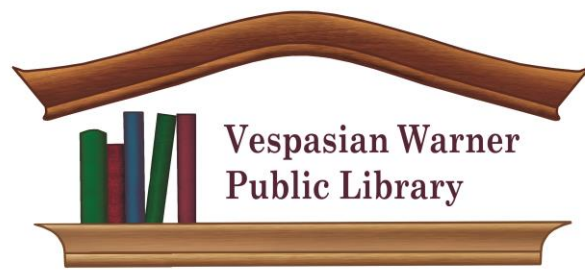
Includes the diary of Illinois Central Railroad worker James G. Boswell (entries from 1852-1888), the day book of Stephen K. Carter, kept during the Civil War (dating from 1861-1862), autograph books belonging to Nellie Keys (1891-1894), Lucille Richey (1900-1906), and Marie Strange (1936-1938), the 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.



<b>Diaries Collection Inventory</b>		
<b><u>Folder Title</u></b>	<b><u>Box Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
John G. Boswell Railroad Diary (1852-1888)	1	1
Nellie Keys Autograph Book (1891-1894)	1	2
Lucille Richey Autograph Book (1900-1906)	1	3
Marie Strange Autograph Book (1936-1938)	1	4
Nellie Conklin Autograph Book ca 1889	1	5
Abraham Swearingen Hymn Book (1853)	2	1
Abraham Swearingen Hymn Book – exhibit label and letter	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
American Legion membership card, Belonging to Glen A. Dale, 1936	2	6
Geneva [?] Autograph Book (1926)	2	7
Lillian Kent travel journal, England and Scotland, 1930	2	8
Personal Notebook ca 1875	2	9
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
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