

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.



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

Not applicable

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.



COLLECTION INVENTORY

Folder Title	Box <u>Number</u>	Folder <u>Number</u>
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," Dewitt County Genealogical Society Quarterly (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 John J McGraw Diary no. 1, 1867 & note from 'mom' about the diaries, undated	2	8
	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 Small biography of John J McGraw and his wife Jemima Lane	3	4
McGraw written by their great grandchild, undated	3	5