

DIARIES AND JOURNALS COLLECTION

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Diaries and Journals CollectionBassler, J. H., Pine Grove, Pa., 1868, Notebook

Notes on Iron working, irregular diary entries and accounts

Boyd, Jo^s, A Journal Kept by Jo^s Boyd, on a Journey to the westward, in the Year of 1808.

Day-by-day account of a journey through Pa., Ohio & Virginia, May 2 - June 30, 1808.

Brobson, W. P., Diary and Journal, 1825-28, ~~1825-28~~ (S.P.W.)

The diary and Journal of W. P. Brobson, Wilmington, Delaware, Second Lieutenant in the War of 1812 and a member of the House of Representatives. It records personal observations made in Washington, Philadelphia and Wilmington; the subjects deal with the depression following the War of 1812, slavery, industrial development along the Brandywine, the Monroe Doctrine, quotations of Commodore Barron concerning his advocacy of building naval ships of large tonnage; his comments on prominent political figures in Washington, including Edward Randolph, John C. Calhoun, Edward Everett, James Buchanan, Daniel Webster and Governor Bell of New Hampshire.

Brubaker, Francis F., Diary-Account Book

Small book kept by Francis T. Brubaker (Strasbourg Borough, Lancaster Co.), containing lists of orders for rings (apparently by members of a military organization); letters written in German, Jan. 12, 1879; diary of Civil War service in 97th Regt. P. V. April 8 - Sept. 16, 1862 in Florida and South Carolina; ledger (apparently members of a military organization) ca. 1847-1853

Disney, Hardie, Journal 1884-1938

Journal of Hardie Disney (b. 1875) from West Fairview, containing his record of approximately 15,000 wild fowl bagged over the Susquehanna River, chiefly in Dauphin and Cumberland counties, with dates and species listed; information on ducks shot prior to 1898 is summarized in the introduction. Included is a typed tabulation by Dr. Harold B. Wood, listing scientific names and number of each species killed, and 21 photographs of various species of wild fowl, 1901-17; also newspaper clippings of interest to sportsmen, pertaining to weather conditions and river stages and some items of local interest

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<u>Eagle, Wm. H., Journal, July 14, 1863-July 15, 1865</u> Daily journal of Wm. H. Eagle of Harrisburg, Penna., Surgeon in the 47th Regt., Penna. Militia. Includes clipping of poem "The Marching Song of Uncle Sam's Black Boys."	1	1
<u>Ewing, John, Dr., Memorandum Book, May 31 - Aug. 27, 1874</u> Survey notes and narrative account kept by Dr. John Ewing /1732-1802/ during a journey in connection with the settlement of the southern boundary lines in Penna., with brief descriptions of the physical aspects of the territory traversed.	1	1
<u>Fairchilds, John, Diary, Jan. 20 - July 4, 1863</u> John Fairchilds was a private, Company D, 61st Regiment, P. V., Army of the Potomac, diary begins with Burnside's Mud March and goes through Gettysburg, unbound vol. 10pp. Also a printed tract, 1863 and photograph of John Fairchilds.	1	
<u>First Pennsylvania Regiment Diary, April - July 1861</u> Description of formation of the 1st Pa. Regt. in 1861 (First Defenders) in Bethlehem and subsequent service until mustered out.	1	1
<u>Heisley, J., Dr., Meteorological Journal, 1843-50</u> Daily meteorological observations in Harrisburg including measure of rainfall, velocity of wind, records of temperature and barometer.	1	1
<u>Hopkins, D. S., Reminiscence, Feb. 26, 1864-July 11, 1865</u> D. S. Hopkins, Hopkins Mills, Greene Co., Penna., wrote a detailed account of his experience as a member of Co. A, 140th Regt., P. V., 1st Division, 1st Brigade, 2nd Army Corps., commanded by General Winfield S. Hancock. He described troop maneuvers and battles of Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Milfred Bridge, Ann River, Polapotomy River, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, James River, Deep Run and Haches Run. 18pp. Badge of 1st Div., II Corps. 1 item Newspaper article: "The Deadliest Battleground on Earth" describing the area around Fredericksburg, Va., n.d. 1 item	1	1
<u>Hurst, Templeton Brandon, Diary, 1864-65</u> Diary of Lieutenant Templeton B. Hurst (1838-1911), 7th Regt., P. R. V. C., presents a vivid description of his 10 months incarceration in confederate prisons with details of daily activities, living quarters, food and clothing prices. He was captured at the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, sent to a camp near Macon, Georgia.	2	1

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<u>Kerr, Jonathan Williams, Diaries, 1864-65</u> 2 volumes depicting army life by J. W. Kerr, York County, who served in the 200th Regt., P. V., attached to the 1st Brig., 3rd Div., IX Corps., Army of the Potomac.		1	2
<u>Koerper, John F. Diaries, 1862-64, 1871</u> John Koerper, Harrisburg, enlisted in the 127th Regt., P. V. for 9 months, served his time around the Washington fortifications in 1862-63. The rest of the diaries is personal life in Harrisburg and an account of a trip to California and return in 1871.		1	4
<u>Lambdin, James Reid, (1807-1889) autobiography (to 1841)</u> Personal journal narrative of childhood, education and subsequent life as painter in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Ohio, Kentucky and Mississippi. Included are such figures as Thomas Sully, John Meaglt, Henry Clay and Martin Van Buren. (typewritten transcripts)		1	4
<u>Langdon, William T. (b. ca. 1828) Diaries</u> William Langdon was apparently born in Clearfield County, worked as a rafter, carpenter, lumberman and in the oil fields. He mentions mostly weather in his diaries. These are dated: 1855 1872-73 1880-82 1882-84		1	1 1 1 1
<u>Legal Memorandum Book, Anonymous, 1842-43</u> Memorandum book kept by an unidentified Harrisburg lawyer, containing his notes on various legal cases; included are some personal financial accounts, home remedies, list of travel equipment and notes on a trip to the west.		1	1
<u>McCaleb, W. S. B., Notebook, 1882-1895</u> Of Altoona, Pa. Notes on the cost of Penna. R. R. Engineering work and the pay of employees.		1	1
<u>McCullough, John MS</u> An account of a boy who lived in captivity among the Delaware Indians from July 26, 1756-December 1764. 1 original copy, 1 typed copy, photostats of pages 1 and 5		1	
<u>Memorandum Book, Anonymous, 1763-64</u> Private memorandum and pocket book record of two transactions "at this tavern" with owner's stepfather Ludwig (Diyer), written in German with attached translation.		1	1
<u>Memorandum Book, Anonymous, 1832-1833</u> Contains religious and moral observations, attendance at sermons, lectures, etc. Includes notes on expenses.		1	1
<u>Miller, Jacob, Diary, ca. Sept. 10, 1812-Jan. 22, 1813</u> War of 1812 diary of Lieutenant Jacob Miller of the Huntingdon (Pa.) Volunteers about his march from Huntingdon to Buffalo, New York, and his experiences while there.		1	1

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<u>Murray, Samuel A., Diary, 1861-62</u> Diary kept by Samuel A. Murray (Philadelphia) from Aug. 30, 1861 - Sept. 18, 1862 in service as a musician in the band of the 28th Regt., P.V., Served in the Shenandoah Valley.		1	1
<i>GM-0191</i> <u>Painter's Diary, Anonymous, 1867</u> The diarist, a painter (signs mostly), lived at Leesport, Berks County, and worked in Reading. He was married and a daughter, Gertrude, was born on March 11. He moved to Indianapolis, Ind. but returned to Reading.	3	1	1
<u>Personal Accounts, Anonymous, 1860-1878</u> Accountant not identified, but appears to have been a son of Benjamin Miller (1771-1824) and his wife Elizabeth (1768-1840) of Donegal Township, Lancaster County.		1	1
<u>Porter, John A., Diary, 1863-64</u> John A. Porter, Clintonville, Venango Co., Penna., was a Private, Co. F, 102nd Regt., P. V., VI Corps., Army of the Potomac. He was captured on May 4, 1863 and paroled, sent north on the 15th for Camp Parole in Annapolis, Md. More about furlough and further service until Jan. 23, 1864.		1	1
<u>Postmaster's Record of Newspaper Postage, 1870-75</u> Book devised by Postmaster of Annville, Pa., possibly kept at Lebanon.		1	1
* <u>Schultz, John R., Journal, Dec. 9, 1846 - Jan. 8, 1848</u> John Schultz was a Private, Co. C, 1st Penna. Regt., Mexican War. He served under Gen. Winfield Scott and writes in depth about his service and his personal observations.		1	1
<u>Shunk, W. F., Diary, "My Trip Abroad," May 10 - July 4, 1899</u> ← Diary of W. F. Shunk, Harrisburg, Pa., which describes his her trip to Europe in 1899.		1	1
<i>Nellie Findley Shunk!</i> <u>Squires, A. N., Diaries, 1864-96</u> A. N. Squires lived in Pompey, N. Y. and writes about personal life in 1864, also an account of working on railroad in Tennessee during the summer of 1864. 1885, 1887, 1889, 1892, living in Eldred, McKean County, Penna., more personal life.		2	5
<i>GM-0191</i> 1893, 1895, 1896, living in Eldred, more on personal life Photographs, Gas Well west of Kane, Pa., n.d. (3 items) Tidioute & Economy Bridge, n.d.	4	1	3
Unidentified, n.d.		1	1
<u>Strickland, William, Note and Receipt Book, 1787-1854</u> William Strickland of Philadelphia, Pa., receipt book, 1814 report of Topographical engineers to Gen ^l Jonathan Williams on the defense of Philadelphia		1	1
<u>Taylor, Edward, Diary of Travels through Pa. and Ohio, 1817</u> Edward Taylor lived in New Jersey, began his trip Sept. 29, 1817 through Penna. into Ohio and returning ca. Dec. 4, 1817. Description of mileage traveled, route taken, places stayed, weather and condition of roads. 1 vol. original and 3 copies		1	
* <u>Potts, Stacy Jr., Diary, 1798-9</u> A colorful narrative of Stacy Potts' travel by stage coach across Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh and from there to New Orleans by boat. The Diary begins with an entry for Oct. 9, 1798 and concludes with his journey to Providence on Aug. 20, 1799.	3	1	1

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<u>Travel through Central Penna.; Journal, Anonymous, 1794</u>		
Verbal description of a trip from Philadelphia starting 27 June 1794, by an unidentified Englishman. Unique description of the country around the Fork of the Loyalsox.	1	1
<u>Wallace, Stryke A., Diary, Sept. 18, 1862-July 13, 1863</u>		
Wallace was a private, Co. G, 153rd Regt., P. V., was sworn into service in Williamsburg, Pa., Sept. 18, 1862. Served with the Army of the Potomac and was at Gettysburg: note on the diary front cover by Ethan A. Weaver, Phila., Sept. 27, 1903 (Note: Bates, <u>History of Pennsylvania Volunteers</u> , Vol. IV, p. 789, names this man as Stephen A. Wallace.)	1	1
<u>Weather Diaries, 1882-1927 (apparently Chambersburg)</u>		
Comments on day to day weather, crops, flowers over 45 years by an anonymous diarist.		
Jan. 1882 - May 12, 1889	1	1
May 13, 1889-Aug. 23, 1897	1	1
Aug. 24, 1897-March 19, 1907	5	1
April 19, 1907-May 30, 1919	1	1
Oct. 1, 1919-May 5, 1923	1	1
May 1, 1923-Dec. 31, 1937	1	1
<u>Weaver, Josiah B., Diary, Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1863</u>		
A Millersburg area school teacher, interested in teaching, religion, and daily weather conditions.		1
<u>Went, R., Diary, New York, N. Y., 1863</u>		
Recording his trip by train to a convention held in a church temple in Philadelphia. On his return trip he visits Harrisburg and the coal regions. His observations include a coal mine & the Mauch Chunk inclined plane. He also records news he hears of the Rebels such as "Rebels were marching on Harrisburg." 1 original volume and typed transcripts	1	
<u>Werst, Elizabeth, Diary, 1854, 1858, 1865-80</u>		
Description of various trips and personal information by Elizabeth Werst of Mechanicsburg, Penna.	1	1
<u>White, Henry H., Diary, 1863, 1865, 1882</u>	6	
Henry White served as a private, Co. F, 162nd Regt., P. V., 17th Cavalry, from Mountrock, Cumberland Co., Pa. Details war years 1863 and 1865 in 2 volumes and adds notes for the period April 18 - July 12, 1882 as a civilian.	2	1
<u>Wissler Diaries Collection, 1872, 1875, 1878, 1881-94, 1896, 1899-1902</u>		
Aaron B. Wissler, of German-American ancestry and a native of Lancaster County, was a prodigious inventor. Through his diaries he has succeeded in preserving pertinent commentaries upon the conditions and events in his locality during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Each volume contains several pages of cash accounts in addition to other valuable memoranda. The booklet entitled <u>Wissler Family Record</u> (within the accessions folder) described the genealogical data which pertains to Aaron B. Wissler		
1872 Jan. 1 - March 9		1
1875 Jan. 3 - Dec. 31		1

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1878	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31		1	1
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1882	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31		1	1
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1902	Jan. 1; March 22, 24-25, 31; Apr. 3, 14, 17, 26-27, 29; May 2, 28; June 30; July 3, 7, 12.		1	1

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Witherow, John, Jr., Journal, March 1 - Sept. 6, 1814

John Witherow's description of his active service as a militiaman from Fannetsburg, Franklin Co. in Capt. Dunn's Rifle Co., 2nd Bn., 64th Regt. and his notice to report for duty. His journal gives the route of his march to Erie from Fannetsburg, and his further march to Buffalo, into Canada, a description of the results of the battle of , and a description of the march home.

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Thos. Yates Chart of the Susquehanna, 1850

Log of a rafting journey from Oct. 29-Nov. 3, 1850. Supply lists, time tables, places landed, detailed charts of the Susquehanna River from Shepards Landing (North Branch) to Wrights (Chiquies Creek).

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Cont.Hein, Aaron D., Diary & Genealogical Notes, 1881Folders

Vols.

Diary kept by Aaron D. Hein of Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pa., of daily activities for the year 1881, along with handwritten family births, marriages, deaths and other clippings and notes concerning Hein and Sattazohn families from ca. 1872-96.

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Hopper, Harry S., Diary, January 1, 1878-December 31, 1878

Hopper (1858-?) was a Philadelphia born attorney active in Education and Legal Reforms and his family's genealogy. Daily entries record his final year of law school, graduation, and apprenticeship as a law clerk. Also included are observations and opinions regarding social and political events in Philadelphia, the nation and the world. A series of debit-credit accounts appear at the end of the journal.

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Darr, Jacob, Diary, 1861-65

Private, Company I of the 209th Regiment, P.V. Gives scattered remarks connected with army service in the IX Army Corps, 1st Brigade, 3rd Division. Mustered into Service 7 Sept 1864 and mustered out with the company 31 May 1865.

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Snyder, John W. Diary, 1863-64 (xerox copy)

Private, Company F of the 67th Regiment P.V. Enlisted 11 Aug. 1862 at Remersburg, taken prisoner at Winchester, Va. 15 March 1863, paroled 18 July 1863, discharged in March of 1865 on Surgeons Certificate of Disability. Short history of John Snyder on flyleaf; major part of diary describes various health problems, both in camp and in the hospital during 1864.

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Wold, Bertha, Nov. 1918-Feb. 1919

"Impressions of France from Hospital Train '56" 1918-1919." A diary of experiences of an Army nurse in France during a trip by train collecting wounded to send back to U.S.

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Moyer, Calvin, 1862-65, 1869

School teacher, taught in Snyder & Dauphin Counties (Froeburg Academy, Flint Stone Valley, Wetzel's, Moyer's) 1862-65 Volume contains numerous entries of school problems, personal writings, receipts, information on teaching career, pupils names, salary, etc. and 1869 volume has some entries of a philosophical nature.

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Quay, Joseph F., Travel Diary, 1857

Periodical record of a trip by stage from Clinton County to Marion, Ohio, in August and September, 1857. ^{transcribed by John} Towns mentioned include Bellefonte, Tyrone, Altoona, Pittsburgh, Crestline, Marion, Sherida, Nashville, Loudenville, Canton, and Lewistown. A list of expenses for the trip is on the last page.

YOUNGMAN A(NDREW).A., WEATHER OBSERVATIONS, 1889-1905

4 FOLDERS

Twelve notebooks kept by Youngman of Sunbury, PA. Includes daily entries of local & national weather patterns, also some news of local events.

Beyer, Abraham, Diary and Day Book, 1872-1880. 1 Vol.

Farmer who lived near Tyrone, Pa. Reported on weather, farming activities, personal health, neighborhood news, cash payments and receipts. Family Bible filed in MG-8.

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Gates, David, Diary, 20 May - 14 August 1795. 1 Vol.

Surveyor, traveled from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, then to Presque Isle as a member of a surveying party responsible for locating a fort as well as surveying land in the Presque Isle area. Reports on travel conditions, individuals connected with civilian and military parties, incidents with Indians and reports of Indian troubles.

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Harris, Leroy, Diary, 1 Jan. 1902 - 28 Feb. 1903. 1 Vol.

Student at Central High School, Philadelphia with items of interest to high school age student with photos and news clippings. President T. Roosevelt spoke at dedication of new school, 22 Nov. 1902 (clippings included)

1 Folder

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Diary 1884 could be William Vogt Tyrone PA