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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SC 0216

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Unit Date

1883

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1891

Language

English

Abstract

Diary and recipes kept by Eleanor McCartney, of the Winchester, Virginia area.

Creator

McCartney, Eleanor

source

Stickley, Dan

Extent

0.17 cubic feet 1 box

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

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Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

Donated by Dan Stickley in April 2009 with the Peyton Dagg ledger.

Processing Information

The recipes were originally housed inside an accompanying envelope labeled "Recipes, etc.".

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in 2017-2018. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 5042.**

Bio/Historical Note

Little biographical information can be gleaned from McCartney's papers. A one-page diary entry - in an otherwise blank notebook - dated January 26, 1883, reads, "Today my dear son Edgar has left home for the west." This single entry does not appear to have been written by the same hand as Eleanor's 1891 diary. There is frequent mention of Eleanor's uncle and aunt, Phillip and Annie Sheaff of Warren County, Virginia in the 1891 diary.

Scope and Content

The Eleanor McCartney Papers, 1883, 1891, consist of a personal diary, handwritten recipes, and other items belonging to Eleanor McCartney of the Winchester, Virginia area. The diary spans nearly all of 1891, and includes daily entries describing Eleanor's activities, updates related to family and friends, and religious musings. Her religious beliefs are prominent, as she discusses Bible verses and debates theological ideas in almost every entry. She frequently discusses the weather and community members. Visits by her and her family to Middletown, Winchester, and Front Royal are described. Accompanying the diary is a postcard from Bridgewater, Virginia, a small notebook with a single entry, and an envelope with three recipes.

Keywords

Frederick County (Va.) -- History

Virginia -- History, Local

Diaries

Recipes

McCartney family

McCartney, Eleanor -- Diaries

Stickley, Dan

Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Diary

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/15298

Unit Date 1891

Mixed Materials [1000886201] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Personal items

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/15299

Unit Date 1883, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886201] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

Notebook; Bridgewater, Virginia postcard of "Longest single span wooden bridge in the world 250 ft."; recipes for grape wine, "insects on roses," and directions for scrubbing furniture.