

A Guide to the Central Virginia Farmer's Diary, 1899 SC 0284

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1899



Title Statement

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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

1899

Language

English

Abstract

The Central Virginia Farmer's Diary, 1899, documents the activities of an unidentified farmer in central Virginia.

source

Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates

Extent

0.12 cubic feet 2 folders

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

The diary was acquired at Jeffrey S. Evans and Associates' Winter Americana and Variety Auction on February 16, 2019.

Processing Information

Loose documents in the back pocket of the diary were removed and housed in a separate folder.

Preferred Citation

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Bio/Historical Note

While the specific identity of the diary's creator is unknown, it is speculated that the diarist owned land near or around Gordonsville in Orange County, Virginia during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century. Names mentioned in the diary include Miller, E. P. Cason, George, Thomas Cason (1873-1936), Cora Miller Cason (1877-1943), Richard "Dick" Crittenden Booton (1866-1911), and John Robertson Coons (1866-1929). It is assumed that Miller, E. P. Cason, Thomas Cason, George, Booton, and Coons were employed by the diarist.

Scope and Content

The Central Virginia Farmer's Diary, 1899, is a mass-produced diary consisting of three sections. The first section reads like a basic Farmer's Almanac, with a calendar, dates of the phases of the moon, interesting laws of different states, tide tables, currency exchange rates, and other general information. The second section comprises the bulk of the diary, with daily entries written by the farmer on affairs such as plowing fields, weather reports, who worked that day, and church matters. The last section consists of blank pages for names and addresses and an account book. Loose items include business cards and what is assumed to be a map documenting where different families lived in the area.

Keywords

Diaries

Weather diaries

Farmers -- Virginia -- Diaries

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Arrangement

The materials are housed in two folders.

Description of Subordinate Components

Central Virginia Farmer's Diary

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Unit Date 1899

Mixed Materials [1000886406] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Loose Documents

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Unit Date undated

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Container 2 (folder)