

Nelson, Clara D., commonplace book

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c.1873

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Mixed Materials

BW 51 (box)

Container

1 (folder)

Language

English

Creator

Nelson, Clara D.

Extent

0.03 Cubic Feet 1 letter folder

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Clara Danforth Sargent was born on September 26, 1845 to Daniel Sargent (1816-1887) and Mary W. Chase (1822-1920) in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. She married Harris Burpee Nelson (1843-1928) on November 17, 1868. She had 3 children, George E. Nelson (1870-1900), Eugene L. Nelson (1871-1955), and Carl Harris Nelson (1874-1971). She and her husband were farmers in New Hampshire. She died on March 15, 1932 in Sutton, New Hampshire of influenza.

Content Description

This collection contains one notebook filled with poems and some loose newspaper clippings of printed verse. The inside front cover is signed, "Mrs. Clara D. Nelson's book." The book is full of poems copied down by Clara. Some of the poems included are "The golden side," by Mary Ann Kidder, "The old, old home," [Reverend Henry Brown], "Peace," by J.G. Whittier, and "Watching and waiting," by Marianne Farningham.

Additionally, there are thirteen poems on newspaper, eight of which have been pasted together. Lastly, a shopping list is included.

Keywords

Commonplace books

Women's Scrapbook/ Commonplace Book Collections (University of Virginia)

Kidder, Mary Ann, |d 1820-1905

Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892

Farningham, Marianne, 1834-1909