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1887

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Biographical Information:

Mabel Towne was born on December 25, 1873. At the time she began writing her diary she was 13. She lived in Norway, Oxford County, Maine. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Mabel_Towne.

Scope and Contents

Diary of Mabel Towne (b. 1873), of Norway, Maine, for the year 1887. In brief daily entries, Mabel records weather, family life and social activities.

For a more detailed description, provided by the seller, see finding aid link below.

Keywords

Diaries

Maine--Social life and customs--19th century

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Physical Characteristics or Technical Requirements:

Fragile nature of the diary may limit handling.

Description of Subordinate Components

Diary

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Container 1 (folder)

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The following description was provided by the seller: "Mabel writes of her daily activities and local news, such as playing cards with her friends, going to school, her father going to Boston and to Portland, going to the toboggan chute, going to a dance, attending a Masquerade Ball, going to the Fair, her parents going to the Silver Grays Ball, a minstrel show, an excursion to Peaks Island, playing croquet, receiving an Indian Blanket as a gift, having ten "May Baskets", attending church, etc. Some of the names she mentions in the

diary are: Lizzie Mason ~ Bertha Stahl ~ Jessie Pulsifer ~ Hattie Wilkins ~ Mary Wiley ~ Jennie Cole ~ Gene Bartlett ~ Fred Drake ~ Johnnie Hatches ~ Grace Never ~ Carrie Bennett ~ Kitty Caine ~ Harry Chase ~ Eddie Coles ~ Lizzie Whitmarsh ~ Nettie Fuller ~ Ella Cummings ~ Jennie Cole ~ Grace Huntington. Some of the places she mentions in the diary are: Portland ~ South Paris ~ Camp Brockton ~ Peaks Island ~ Bethel ~ Middleboro ~ Coles Island."