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## **Scope and Contents**

This information was provided by the seller and has not been verified:

"Two diaries, 1913-1914, written by Lillie A. Waterman of Earlville, New York. Her husband was Warren D. Waterman. Lillie Waterman lived in several places in Upstate NY, including Utica, Waterville, and Graycraft. She was about 40 when writing these diaries.

Lillie married Warren on January 5th, 1898. In the early years of their marriage I believe her husband worked at the Utica State Hospital also known as The New York State Lunatic Asylum. As of the 1920 Census, they had nine children living with them: Helen 17, Clara 16, R. Olive 15, Myrtle 13, Dewitt and Duane 11, Leo 9, Adel 7 and Henry 4."

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