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## Abstract

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# Scope and Contents

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The larger part of her diary regards time spent in San Francisco from May, 1909 to June, 1910. Although San Francisco had 'recently' suffered from the earthquake of 1906, there is no apparent evidence in her diary regarding the status of recovery efforts. There is documentation of people she knew and places she visited in California, but no detailed record of observations. She liked California and stayed on several months longer than she originally intended.

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Topics documented by the diary include:

People:

Archibald W. Campbell, her brother (2/14/1910, 4/4-5/1910, 'In Memoriam' in back of diary).

Theodore Campbell, concerns for her son (1/15/1909, 9/18-19/1910).

Mr. Dawson, concerning her long deceased husband (7/23/1909).

Thomas Campbell, her recently deceased brother (5/16/1915).

Rebecca Harding Davis, author and friend (1/7/1910; news clipping regarding death, 9/29/1910).

Mary, her recently deceased friend (11/19/1913).

Health:

Circumcision of baby (4/28/1910).

Vaccination of baby (4/28/1911).

Vaccination against small pox (1/4/1910).

Culture:

German songs performed at the piano (1/11/1910).

Stage drama 'The Music Master' by Klein (1/11/1910).

Italian band in park in Oakland, California (4/28/1910).

Travel:

Trip from St. Louis, Missouri to San Francisco, California, including references to scenery (from 5/11/1909).

Trip from San Francisco, California to Chicago, Illinois on the ""Overland Limited"" railroad, including references to salt breezes in the vicinity of the Salt Lakes, snow in the mountains, and the good quality of service (from 6-1-1910).

Trip from Chicago, Illinois to St. Louis, Missouri on the Chicago and Alton Railroad (6-5-1910).

Trip from St. Louis, Missouri to Detroit, Michigan by train (7-1-1910).

Trip from Detroit, Michigan to Point Huron, Michigan and Huronia Beach by trolley (7-2-1910).

Miscellaneous:

Celebrating the Fourth of July, including fireworks, cake, and ice cream (7-5-1910).

Viewing Halley's Comet (5-27-1910).

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## Keywords

San Francisco (Calif.)

Campbell, Archibald W., 1833-1899.

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