

RASBECK DIARIES
MSS COLLECTION # 86

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Rasbeck family was among the first settlers of Hermon NY. From the time he was a child Bill Rasbeck loved the woods, and as adults he and his brother Harrison (Has) became guides at Cranberry Lake starting in the late 1880s. They guided many well-known people, including Frederic Remington.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of 28 diaries of William Rasbeck, one for each year from 1887 through 1916. The diary entries most concern the weather for each day and the routine happenings and chores of the day. The first few pages of the 1887 diary include several recipes, both hand written and clipped from newspapers. The collection also contains a register book for the New Columbian Park Hotel in Cranberry Lake for the summers of 1910-1917.

PROVENANCE

This collection came to St. Lawrence University on loan from Floyd Rasbeck in 1963. The collection was donated to the University's permanent collection in 1997 by Katrina R. Howe, executrix of the Rasbeck estate.

DIARIES

1887	1894	1901	1908
1888	1895	1902	1909
1889	1896	1903	1910
1890	1897	1904	1911
1891	1898	1905	1912
1892	1899	1906	1915
1893	1900	1907	1916

ADDITIONAL READING

For additional insight into William Rasbeck and his life as a guide, see the following:

Cranberry Lake Collection, MSS #31, folder marked Cranberry Lake Clippings.

Atwood Manley Collection, MSS #67, boxes 2, 3, 14 (photos) & 19