

**LIDLAW DIARIES
COLLECTION #24
3.25 LINEAR FT.**

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mabel Sprague Laidlaw was born in 1876 in Fowler, New York. She married Dr. C. D. Laidlaw in Gouverneur, NY in 1902. The couple later moved to Canton and had three children, including a daughter, Helena, whose diaries are included in this collection. Mrs. Laidlaw died in 1953.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

This collection is made up of the diaries of Mabel Sprague Laidlaw. The earliest diary is dated 1898, shortly before her marriage to Dr. C. Dean Laidlaw, a doctor in Canton. They cover a 52 year period and chronicle her life in Canton, providing an excellent daily log of domestic life in the area.

In addition to the daily diaries there are separate diaries for each Christmas in which are listed the gifts given and received, cards sent and received, guests entertained and house decorations for each year. There is also a separate diary for their camp on the St. Lawrence River, Elmanstone, in which is listed all the persons who visited each season and the fish caught.

Also included are three diaries of her daughter, Helena, which cover the years 1933, 1935, and 1936; a book which records the automobiles owned by the couple, when they were purchased and the operating costs for each; a household expense book; three autograph books a scrap book and miscellaneous material.

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SERIES NOTE

- I. Diaries-Mabel Sprague Laidlaw
 - Daily Diaries
 - Account Book
 - Auto Records
 - Camp Diary
 - Christmas Diary
- II. Diaries-Helena Laidlaw Livermore
- III. Autograph Books
- IV. Scrap Book and Miscellaneous material

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

I. MABEL SPRAGUE LIDLAW DIARIES

Box 1 1893
 1902
 1905
 1908-1912
 1913-1917
 1918-1922
 1923-1927
 1928-1932

Box 2 1932
 1933

1934
1935
1936
1933-1937
1938
1939

Box 3 1940
1941
1943
1945
1947-1950
1949
1951-1953
1952
1953
Automobile Records, 1920-1939
Christmas Records, 1913-1923
Christmas Records, 1923-1943
Christmas Records, 1944-1948
Camp Diary, 1923-1939
Account Book, 1953

II. HELENA LAIDLAW LIVERMORE DIARIES

Box 4 1926-1930
1933
1935
1936

III. THREE AUTOGRAPH BOOKS

“The Hendschel Album” - the album contains seven pictures, four stickers and four entries dated: December 31, 1885 // November 7, 1886 // January 1, 1887 // March 20, 1888

Autograph Book contains 13 entries - a variety of signatures, notes of good wishes etc. dated from May 1, 1893 - October 18, 190?.

Autograph Book contains a variety of signatures, quotes and notes dated from July 13, 1881 - January 16, 1914.

IV. SCRAPBOOK AND MISCELLANEOUS

Box 5 Scrapbook contains poems that have been cut from various sources and glued into the scrapbook.

Miscellaneous folder contains clippings, notes, letters and photographs which were found in the diaries (this material is not on microfilm.)