

ALICE MONTGOMERY DIARY, 1879-1883

Collection #
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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1879-1883

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Alice Montgomery (born Alice Johnson, fl. 1879-1883) was the adopted daughter of John and Julia Ann Montgomery. From 1879 to 1882 the family lived in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, just east of Shoals. In 1882 they moved by covered wagon to Nebraska, settling first at Schuyler and then at Ulysses in Butler County. The Montgomerys were a farm family, very much interested in the activities of the Methodist church.

About 1884 Alice Montgomery married Charles Shaner Brown.

Source; Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling two folders, contains the diary of Alice Montgomery from 23 April 1879 to 9 July 1883. Folder 1 contains the original diary. Folder 2 contains a bound transcript, prepared by Prof. Dale Miller of Drake University. The transcript is carefully annotated and indexed, with an historical account on the cover. (Note: this account says that the original diary is in the Fort Wayne library; this statement is no longer true.)

The diary describes daily activities, both on the farm and in nearby churches. The writer has original ideas about phonetic spelling. She treats the diary as something of a confidante. Sample entries:

"Washed and killed bed bugs today."

"The Dunkards had a foot warshing."

"The black whiskered preacher preached today. He done better than the old one."

"Oh so cool and cloudy. We had to ware our shalls to the doings."

"Well I am better satisfied with Neb now...We have a very nice house. It has two rooms down staires and one up staires. It isent finished up stais."

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Brown, Alice Montgomery

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Brown, Alice Montgomery--Diaries

Farm life--Indiana--Martin County

Women--Indiana--Martin County--Religious life

Women--Indiana--Martin County--Diaries

Methodists--Indiana--Martin County

Halbert (Martin County, Ind. : Township)

Martin County (Ind.)

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