

Collection #
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**MAY LILY BROWN HITE
DIARIES AND FAMILY MATERIALS, CA. 1830-1990**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 5 manuscript boxes, 6 bound volumes, 1 PAA photo album, 5 folders black and white photograph, 2 folders color photographs

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1830-1990

PROVENANCE: Carol R. Andersen, Arlington Heights, IL

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Lorenzo Dow Brown, Journals and Transcriptions, M 0789

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2011.0234

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

May Lily Brown Hite (1874-10 November 1960) was born to Lorenzo Dow Brown, a farmer and inventor, and Mary Robinson Brown in Montmorenci, Indiana. In 1892, the Brown family moved to Elkhart, Indiana. May Lily Brown married Enos Marion Hite, an Elkhart native, on October 12, 1897. The Hites had two sons, John and Marion. May Lily Brown Hite lived in Elkhart for the rest of her life.

Sources:

Material in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains thirteen original diaries written by May Lily Brown Hite, as well as transcripts of the diaries she kept faithfully from 1904-1960. The diary entries are generally very short and comment on the day's activities, which included such things as caring for sick children, sewing, attending church, and farm chores. Also included in the collection are some original documents belonging to May Lily Brown Hite's father, Lorenzo Brown, who was a teacher, farmer, and inventor. These documents include a teaching certificate, political ephemera, and receipts. There are also photocopies of some of Lorenzo Brown's journals, as well as correspondence and legal documents regarding patents on his inventions.

Genealogy notes and supplemental materials for the Robinson, Hite, and Moore families can also be found in this collection, as well as two memoirs of Elkhart, Indiana.

Visual materials in the collection include snapshots of family gravestones and homes for genealogical purposes, as well as an album of family photographs.

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Genealogy Notes, John D. Robinson Family, n.d.

Supplemental Materials, John D. Robinson Family, n.d.

A Comprehensive Pronouncing Dictionary of the Bible by William Smith, 1873

Montmorenci 1881 Name Change

Will, John D. Robinson, 1881

Manual of Elkhart, 1889

Elkhart: A Pictorial History by George Riebs, 1990

Robinson Family History, 1991

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CATALOGING INFORMATION

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 1058).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.