

Guide to the Edmund C. Spaulding Diaries, 1855-1879, 1942

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Edmund C. Spaulding Diaries, 1855-1879, 1942

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Spaulding, Edmund C., 1838-1915

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

2 boxes ; 0.83 linear feet

Abstract:

The Edmund C. Spaulding Diaries consist primarily of diaries from Spaulding, but also account books, school books, a Mount Washington brochure, and a variety of loose documents dating from 1855 to 1942. These materials detail Spaulding's life beginning in Lancaster, NH, and moving west to Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Edmund C. Spaulding Diaries were a gift of the family of Mayne Spaulding on February 11, 2018.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Megan Mullins in May 2018. The finding aid was written by Megan Mullins in May 2018 and updated by Korrena Cowing in September 2019. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Edmund Cole Spaulding was born on March 12, 1838 in Lancaster, NH, to Samuel F. and Lucy Maria (Cole) Spaulding. Though growing up in New Hampshire, as an adult he moved west to Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. He spent his early adult years as a teacher. Edmund married Caroline Eliza Shepard (1848-1925) in Clinton, WI, on July 21, 1870. Caroline was born at Clinton on June 25, 1848, the daughter of Truman and Eliza (Willis) Shepard. Edmund and Caroline had four children: Roe (1877-1959), Mayne (1886-1958), and twin sons who died in infancy (1884-1884).

In 1881, Spaulding moved to a farm in Scott township, IA, where he lived until 1900, after which he moved to Marble Rock, IA. A successful farmer, Spaulding and his wife owned 270 acres of land in Union, IA, and 320 acres in Scott, IA. He also served as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in 1892, and 1894 to 1896, and as a member of the Senate from 1902

to 1906. Spaulding died at his home in Marble Rock, IA, on December 19, 1915. Caroline died on January 7, 1925 and is buried in Marble Rock.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Edmund C. Spaulding Diaries consist primarily of diaries from Spaulding, but also account books, school books, a Mount Washington brochure, and a variety of loose documents dating from 1855 to 1942. The first box consists of bound volumes, primarily diaries, detailing the daily life of Spaulding from 1855 to 1879. The diaries began in Lancaster, NH, where Spaulding grew up and was attending school, before moving on to his time in Brooklyn, MN; Beloit, WI; Clinton, WI; Charles City, IA; and New Hampton, IA. The diaries consistently include notes on the weather, farming, school, and meetings, such as attending temperance meetings and lectures. There are little to no notes on larger events, such as the Civil War. Transcriptions of most of these diaries are available in the second box.

Loose papers found in folders at the back of the diaries have been removed and filed chronologically in the second box based on the date of the diary they were found in. The variety of loose materials include hair clippings, essays, accounts, receipts, photographs, newspaper clippings, programs, advertisements, etc. Items of note include: instructions on how to play the flute and violin from the 1858 diary, tintypes of unidentified people found in the 1861 diary, an 1863 Confederate States of America 5-dollar banknote found in the 1863 diary, and school regulations found in the 1870 diary. Also included is an undated map of the Mount Washington range printed on cloth.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized by type, then chronologically.

Contents List

Box 1

- Volume 1 School Boys Lyceum and diary, 1855-1856, 1871
- Volume 2 Diary, 1858
- Volume 3 Scrapbook and account book, 1858-1860
- Volume 4 Diary, 1860
- Volume 5 Diary, 1861
- Volume 6 Diary, 1862
- Volume 7 Diary, 1863
- Volume 8 Diary, 1864
- Volume 9 Spaulding Brothers account book, 1864
- Volume 10 Diary, 1865
- Volume 11 Diary, 1866
- Volume 12 Diary, 1867
- Volume 13 Travel diary, 1867
- Volume 14 Diary, 1868
- Volume 15 Diary, 1869
- Volume 16 Diary, 1870
- Volume 17 Diary, 1872

Volume 18 Diary, 1873
Volume 19 Diary, 1874
Volume 20 Diary, 1875
Volume 21 Diary, 1876
Volume 22 Account book, 1876-1878
Volume 23 Diary, 1877
Volume 24 Diary, 1878
Volume 25 Diary, 1879
Volume 26 Mount Washington; Up and Down. Its Past and Present, 1942
Volume 27 Account book, undated
Volume 28 Sheep and Wool, undated

Box 2

Folder 1 Diary transcriptions, 1858
Folder 2 Diary transcriptions, 1860
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Folder 4 Diary transcriptions, 1862
Folder 5 Diary transcriptions, 1863
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Folder 8 Diary transcriptions, 1866
Folder 9 Diary transcriptions, 1872
Folder 10 Diary transcriptions, 1877
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Folder 13 Loose papers from diary, 1858
Folder 14 Loose papers from diaries, 1860-1864
Folder 15 Loose papers from account book, 1864
Folder 16 Loose papers from diaries and account books, 1865-1869
Folder 17 Loose papers from diaries and account books, 1870-1879
Folder 18 Loose papers from account book, undated
Folder 19 Loose papers from unidentified diary, undated
Folder 20 Map of the Mount Washington Range, undated

Subject Terms

People:

Spaulding, Caroline E., 1848-1925
Spaulding, Edmund C., 1838-1915

Subjects:

Account books
Diaries
Maps
Money--Confederate States of America
Photography
Schools

Locations:

Beloit, WI
Brooklyn, MN
Charles City, IA
Clinton, WI
Lancaster, NH
Mount Washington, NH
New Hampton, IA

Occupations:

Farmers
Teachers