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Guide to the Samuel Harper Diaries 1849-1903



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Descriptive Summary

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Title Harper, Samuel. Diaries

Date 1849-1903

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Abstract Samuel Harper (1823-1905), father of William Rainey Harper. The collection consists primarily of Harper's diaries from 1864 to 1903, along with notes, clippings and receipts enclosed in the diaries. Also included in the collection is an expense book for the year 1862.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Harper, Samuel. Diaries, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Father of William Rainey Harper. Born April 29, 1823 in the vicinity of Canonsburg, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Moved with his family to a farm near New Concord, Muskingum County, Ohio about 1830. Married Ellen Elizabeth Rainey of Cambridge, Ohio. Five children were born to them, William Rainey, Samuel, Robert Francis, James and Mary. He died in Chicago at the home of his son William in July of 1905.

Scope Note

The collection consists primarily of Harper's diaries from 1864 to 1903. Found in the pockets of the diaries were concert programs, advertisements, news clippings, correspondence, tax receipts, and notes. Also included in the collection is an expense book for the year 1862.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

Subject Headings

- Harper, Samuel, 1823-1905
- Harper, William Rainey, 1856-1906

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Expense account book, 1862

Box 1

Folder 2

1864

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1864
- Tax receipts, 1864
- Ticket for drawing, undated

Box 1

Folder 3

1865

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1865
- Programs, ticket, notes, 1965

Box 1

Folder 4

1866

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1866
- Check, 1866
- Programs for Muskingum College, 1866-1868
- Correspondence about the Golden Dwarf Peach, 1866
- Business card for Alexander Caskey, "Presbyterian Witness," undated
- Business card for Anderson and Bronson, "Water Elevators," 1866
- Reward of Merit for Samie Harper, undated
- Report card for William R. Harper, 1867
- Cucumber seed packet, undated

Box 1

Folder 5

1867

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1867
- Notes, undated
- Concert programs, undated
- Advertisement for Magic Paste, undated
- Newspaper clipping, undated

Box 1

Folder 6

1868

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1868
- Notes, undated
- Programs for Muskingum College, 1868

Box 1

Folder 7

1869

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1869
- Tax receipts, 1869
- Programs for Muskingum College, 1869
- News clippings, undated
- Cucumber seed packet, undated
- Business card for Aaron McNeil, Attorney at Law, undated

Box 1

Folder 8

1870

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1870
- Tax receipts, 1870

Box 1

Folder 9

1871

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1871
- Tax receipts, 1871-1872
- Music program, undated

Box 2

Folder 1

1872

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1872
- Tax receipts, 1872

Box 2

Folder 2

1873

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1872
- Tax receipts, 1873
- Concert program, undated

Box 2

Folder 3

1874

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1874
- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-March 19, 1874
- Tax receipts, 1873
- The Index, 1874
- Business card, G.W. Perkins, undated
- Notes, undated

Box 2

Folder 4

1875

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1875
- Tax receipts, 1875
- Calling card, undated

Box 2

Folder 5

1876

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1876
- Tax receipts, 1875
- Notes, undated

Box 2

Folder 6

1877

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1877
- Correspondence and notes, 1877

Box 2

Folder 7

1878

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1878
- Advertisements, 1878
- Tax receipts, 1878
- Program from Muskingum College, 1857
- Notes, undated
- Newspaper clippings, undated

Box 2

Folder 8

1879

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1879
- Tax receipts, 1879
- Notes, undated

Box 2

Folder 9

1880

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1880
- Tax receipts, 1880
- Notes, undated
- Legal information, undated

Box 2

Folder 10

1881

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1881

Box 3

Folder 1

1882

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1882
- Tax receipts, 1882

Box 3

Folder 2

1884

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1884
- Tax receipts, 1884
- Postcard, undated

Box 3

Folder 3

1885

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1885
- Tax receipts, 1885
- Correspondence and notes, undated

Box 3

Folder 4

1887

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1887
- Tax receipts, 1887
- News clippings, undated

Box 3

Folder 5

1888

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1888
- Tax receipts, 1887
- News clippings, undated
- Notes, undated

Box 3

Folder 6

1889

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1889
- Tax receipts, 1887
- News clippings, undated
- Correspondence, 1887
- Calling card, undated

Box 3

Folder 7

1890

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1890
- Tax receipts, 1890
- News clippings, undated
- Correspondence, 1890

Box 3

Folder 8

1891

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1891
- Tax receipts, 1891
- News clippings, undated
- Correspondence, 1891

- Concert program, undated

Box 4

Folder 1

1892

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1892
- Concert program, undated
- News clippings, undated

Box 4

Folder 2

1895

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1-Dec 31, 1895
- A note (possibly by Maime) dedicating the pocket diary which was a
- Christmas gift, undated
- Correspondence, 1896
- Receipts, 1895

Box 4

Folder 3

1896-1897

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1, 1896-Dec 5, 1897
- Notes, undated

Box 4

Folder 4

1897

- Pocket Diary for Feb 24, 1897-Dec 5, 1897
- Notes, undated
- News clippings, undated
- Programs and advertisements, 1901

Box 4

Folder 5

1898, 1899, 1901

- Pocket Diary for Dec 5, 1898-Jan 18, 1901
- News clippings, undated
- Program and advertisement, undated

Box 4

Folder 6

1899-1900

- Pocket Diary for Jan 13, 1899-Dec 22, 1900
- News clippings, undated
- Advertisements, undated
- Notes, undated

Box 4

Folder 7

1901

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1, 1901-Feb 27, 1901
- News clippings, undated
- Notes, undated

- Invitation, 1901

Box 4

Folder 8

1903

- Pocket Diary for Jan 1, 1903-Nov 10, 1903
- News clippings, undated
- Blank bank draft, undated

Box 5

Folder 1

Journal, May 1, 1849-December 27, 1863