

Margaret Galbraith diary

Ms. Codex 1978

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Galbraith, Margaret, 1803-1885
Title	Margaret Galbraith diary
Call number	Ms. Codex 1978
Date [inclusive]	1866-1869
Extent	1 volume
Language	English
Abstract	A volume comprising the diary of Margaret Galbraith in Barnet, Vermont spanning the years from 1866-1869.

Cite as:

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Biography/History

Born in Barnet, Vermont to Marion Somers and Elder William Galbraith, who was a farmer. Margaret

wast the second of six girls. Her sisters were Agnes, Mary, Janet, Ellen, and Marion. She attended the Presbyterian Church of Barnet, also known as the Covenanter Church. Margaret lived with here sister Mary.

Scope and Contents

A small, leather-bound book comprising the diary of Margaret Galbraith. Entries were made at irregular intervals spanning the years from 1866 to 1869. A few entries are dated 1881. Galbraith chiefly wrote devotions to God, attending sermons, and reading the Bible. She petitioned God throughout the diary for the guidance, forgiveness, and well-being. Margaret noted sermons she attended Bible passages she has read. She mentioned her health. Some entries discussed deaths including family members and pastor. In one entry Galbraith described a dream of her own death. Galbraith was probably a teacher. She mentions dismissing students from class. There are account notes at the beginning and end of the diary of payments made and received. A list of Margaret's expenses is at the end of the volume. Included in the volume is one recipe for lavender water. There is a possibility the diary was written by Margaret's sister Mary Galbraith. Some entries are signed M. Galbraith. The signature of William Galbraith is on the inside back cover.

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Custodial History note

Inside back cover: William Galbraith, Day book 1853.

Source of Acquisition

Sold by De Wolfe and Wood (Alfred, Maine), 2018.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Codices (bound manuscripts)
- Diaries
- Manuscripts, American--19th century

SUBJECT(S)

- American diaries--19th century--Specimens
- American diaries--Women authors--19th century

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