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Miscellaneous Journals

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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : The Miscellaneous Journals are an artificial collection of 19th century diaries and account journals kept by three Lincoln residents.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Archives/Special Collections of the Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, Massachusetts.

Provenance : In part provenance unknown. In part donated to the Lincoln Historical Society by Alice Smith Cornish, 1998.

MARC Access: Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Lincoln (Mass.) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century.

Accounts -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. aat

Diaries. lcsh

Teachers -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln -- Diaries.

Men -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln -- Diaries.

Goss, Mary M., 1822-1849.

Chapin, James Lorin, 1824-1902.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Journals, both account books and diaries are placed in this artificial collection. The account book is unclear as to owner, but appears to be in part accounts of Ogden Codman, although it is attributed to Francis Jones. The diary of Mary Goss, a Lincoln resident and teacher, was begun in 1846 and most entries are of that year. Undated religious writings and poetry follow the diary entries. Miss Goss died in 1849 at the age of 27. The journal of James Lorin Chapin runs from 1848 to 1850. Chapin was born on 1824 and died in 1902. He served as a Lincoln Selectmen, Town Clerk, and in other official capacities.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises primary source materials relating to the Town of Lincoln and the authors of the journals. The collection comprises a diary of Mary W. Goss mostly written in 1846, a journal of James Lorin Chapin, written from 1846 to 1848, with a bound copy. Also included is an account book of uncertain origin, with farm accounts and records of cattle bought and sold from 1862 to 1878.

### **Series Description**

Series 1: Journals, 1846-1878. (4 items)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
BV		2004.005.1.1	Diary of Mary W. Goss, with daily entries from January 7, 1846 through February, and scattered entries for March; with poetry and religious writings through the last half of the volume : manuscript, unpaginated / ca. 1846.
BV		2004.005.1.2	Account book, with accounts of Ogden Codman (p. 1-5), followed by lists of cattle bought and sold, and lists of other expenses (6. 6-43) : ledger, 212 p., manuscript / Ogden Codman (in part?), also attributed to Francis Smith, 1862-1878.
BV		2004.005.1.3	Private journal of James Lorin Chapin, with daily entries from July 19, 1848 to November 26, 1850 : ledger, 425 p., manuscript / 1848-1850.
BV		2004.005.1.4	Private journal of James Lorin Chapin, with daily entries from July 19, 1848 to November 26, 1850 : ledger, 425 p., manuscript, bound photocopies of the original / 1848-1850.