Laura Sikes Smith Journal (R1420)

Collection Number: R1420

Collection Title: Laura Sikes Smith Journal

Dates: 1878-1881

Creator: Smith, Laura Sikes

Abstract: The collection consists of the journal of Laura Sikes Smith. It records her daily duties, comments on the weather, and the goings on of neighbors and acquaintances.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(2 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri.

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla. If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Laura Williams Sikes Smith was born March 13, 1850, the daughter of William Washington Sikes (1814-1853) and Lydia Stallcup Sikes (1828-1863). In 1868, she married Henry Anderson Smith (1844-1883) and together they had six children: William Strother Smith (1869-1947), Cora Lee Smith Crowe (1871-1952), Frank Hardin Smith (1874-1962), Annie Laurie Smith (1876-1877), Handy Linn Smith (1878-1968) and Harry A. Smith (1881-1935). Laura Williams
Sikes Smith passed away on December 12, 1940, at the age of ninety. She is buried in Sikeston City Cemetery.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order in two folders.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The journal records Laura Smith’s daily activities. She also comments on weather conditions and the activities of neighbors and friends.

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