

Guide to the Mary Lee Hosbrook diary, 1871-1872

Title: Mary Lee Hosbrook diary

Creator: Hosbrook, Mary Lee

Creator Dates: circa 1848-

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ABSTRACT

Diary of this young woman from Madeira, Ohio, whose entries include descriptions of ice skating, visits with family and friends, daily life, and art school classes

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Mary Lee Hosbrook was born around 1848 in Ohio, the second of three children born to John and Deborah Hosbrook. She had an older brother named Daniel and a younger brother named Asaph. In the early 1870s Mary lived at home in Madeira, Hamilton

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County, Ohio, where her father, a surveyor and farm owner, was a wealthy and prominent member of the community. Mary lived a comfortable life filled with recreational activities such as ice skating and visits with friends and relatives. In addition, she took art lessons in 1872. She had a beloved pet dog named Brick Pomeroy, presumably named after her contemporary Marcus "Brick" Pomeroy, a journalist known for his sensationalism and satire. Mary Hosbrook married Milton Pritchett, an architect, sometime between 1879 and 1880.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

The ninety-five page diary spans the years 1871-1872 in the life of this young woman living in Madeira, Ohio. Diary entries reveal that she took great joy in outdoor winter activities such as ice skating and riding in sleighs. Her diary for this short time period shows an intelligent, educated, witty young woman who spent only a minimal amount of time engaged in domestic duties. Most of her short entries describe leisure time spent with friends and family. She received many male callers in this short time period and corresponded with several. The latter portion of the diary includes many entries describing her time at art school, perhaps in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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