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**TITLE:** Diaries (Miscellaneous) collection

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** An artificial collection of diaries relating to Connecticut and other states and regions in the United States. Topics including farming, religion, military life, student life, travel, and the weather are documented.

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## Administrative Information

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The Michael F. Campbell diary is also available on microfilm (290 frames on 1 reel, 35 mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost. Order no. HM212.

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## **Separated Materials**

The Earless Porter Arvine (1846-1914) diary formerly in Box 10, Folder 319 was transferred to Yale Miscellaneous Manuscript Collection, MS 1258, Series I, Alphabetical.

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## **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of miscellaneous diaries which are not part of any other collection.

All diaries, except those by anonymous writers, are catalogued. Cards are filed in the catalogue under author, subject, and geographical location.

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## **Arrangement**

The diaries are arranged alphabetically by diarist name, beginning with anonymous entries, and assigned sequential numbers which appear in the folder column for boxes 1-18. The remainder of the diaries are also assigned sequential numbers, however, there is no alphabetical order.

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