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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Whipple, Hannah

Title: Hannah Whipple Journal

Dates: 1790-1795

Quantity: 0.2 cubic feet (1 box)

Abstract: Manuscript journal containing expressions of religious thought, possibly written in Hamilton, Massachusetts.

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Biographical Note

According to the journal, Hannah Whipple's birthday was April 28th, but no other information is available.

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Scope and Content Note

The journal is devoted exclusively to the expression of religious thoughts, and provides an excellent example of the morbid religious sentimentality of the period. It consists of 152 pages, bound in original homemade stiff paper covers, and begins: "Having for some time been exercised with a grievous and distressing bodily disorder, and having likewise been much exercised in mind, I have in compliance with the advice of friends and my own inclinations, taken up a resolution to keep a Journal or in other words to note down the daily thoughts and exercises of my mind, hoping that it may hereafter be advantageous to future ages. Hannah Whipple, Ipswich Hamble, December 2, 1790."

"Ipswich Hamble," may be Ipswich Hamlet, Massachusetts, which was renamed and incorporated as Hamilton in 1793. The entries run from 2 Dec 1790 to 21 June 1795.

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Subject Headings

Subjects:

- Women and religion
- Women--Diaries

Places:

- Hamilton (Mass.)--Religious life and customs

Document Types:

- Diaries

VCL Categories:

- Religion

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Encoding Information

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Administrative Information

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Processing Information

Original processing date unknown.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Amy Reed (VC 1892), 1913.

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