

Brockway Diary Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Creator	Brockway, Lucena Harris, 1816-1899
Title	Brockway Diary Collection
Date [inclusive]	1866-1897
Extent	1.19 cubic feet 7 manuscript boxes
Language	English
Language of Material	English
Mixed materials [Box]	1-7
Abstract	Diary collection, 1866-1897, of the Brockway family, including Daniel D. Brockway, his wife Lucena Brockway, J. N. Scott and his wife Mrs. J. N. Scott. It is probable that this last individual is the Brockway's daughter, Sarah L. Scott, one of the earliest white persons to have been born in the Lake Superior region. The majority of the diaries (twenty-seven of the thirty-two items) are by Lucena Brockway.

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Biography

Daniel D. Brockway was born in Morrisville, Vermont on May 2, 1815, and moved with his brother to Washtenaw County in Lower Michigan in 1831. Lucena Brockway was born in May 1816, in Eden, New York, the daughter of Dr. James Harris. The two were married in Kalamazoo County, Michigan on January 21, 1836. In 1843, Daniel and Lucena moved to L'Anse, where he had been appointed government blacksmith and mechanic. It was their hope to assist the Indians in this remote region of Michigan. In May 1846, the Brockways and their three children moved to Copper Harbor and built the town's first house, which was operated as a hotel for many years. For the next two decades Daniel became involved in many different business ventures in what is now known as Keweenaw County. He became agent of the North West Mine (later named the Delaware), discovered and served as agent for the Cape Mine, operated the Phoenix Hotel in Eagle River, operated a store (Brockway and Perry) in Copper Harbor with his son-in-law G.W. Perry, and also had associations with the Atlas Mining Company and the Michigan Mining Company. Daniel moved the family again to Lower Michigan in 1869, only to return in 1872 to start a store (D.D. Brockway and Son) at the Cliff mine with his son Albert Brockway was appointed agent of the Cliff Mine in 1881, and served in this capacity through 1895 (Brockway's relationship with the Cliff Mine was enhanced through the marriage of his daughter, Charlotte, to Oliver Farwell, an earlier agent of the mine). In 1895, Daniel and Lucena retired to Lake Linden. Lucena died on March 3, 1899, with Daniel following two months later on May 9, 1899. The Brockways had four children, Charlotte L. (Farwell), Sarah L. (Scott), Anna B. (Gray), and Albert A. Brockway.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

Diaries, 1866-1897, of the Brockway family, including Daniel D. Brockway, his wife Lucena Brockway, J. N. Scott and his wife Mrs. J. N. Scott. It is probable that this last individual is the Brockway's daughter, Sarah L. Scott, one of the earliest white persons to have been born in the Lake Superior region. The majority of the diaries (twenty-seven of the thirty-two items) are by Lucena (Lucinda) Brockway. The large portion of the collection centers on Lucena's diaries and, on one level, they provide valuable insights into her husband's business activities and the people and events of her time. On another level they reflect one woman's perspective on the many challenges of life in a remote, rural region.

Arrangement

MS-010 is arranged into three series, which have been further arranged chronologically. The three series are:

1. Diaries of Daniel D. Brockway, 1868, 1887
2. Diaries of Lucena Brockway, 1866-1897
3. Diaries of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Scott, 1896, 1877

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Diaries and photographs belonging to members of the Brockway family were donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections by Jerry Gardner on May 29, 1990.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

MS-016: Daniel Brockway Family Collection

MS-019: Brockway Photograph Collection

MS-636: William H. Brockway Research Papers

MS-799: Oliver A. Farwell Papers

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Cliff Mining Company.
- D. D. Brockway & Son.

Genre(s)

- Diaries

Geographic Name(s)

- Copper Harbor (Mich.)
- Eagle River (Mich.)

Personal Name(s)

- Brockway, Daniel D., 1815-1899
- Brockway, Lucena Harris, 1816-1899
- Scott, John N., 1838-1881
- Scott, Sarah L., b. 1844

Subject(s)

- Copper mines and mining--Michigan--Keweenaw Peninsula
- General stores--Michigan--Clifton

- **Women--Social life and customs--19th century--Michigan**

Series I, Diaries of Daniel D. Brockway

Collection Inventory**Series I, Diaries of Daniel D. Brockway 1868, 1887****Scope and Contents**

This series contains two diaries belonging to Daniel D. Brockway.

	Box	Folder
D.D. Brockway 1868	1	1
D.D. Brockway 1887	1	2

Series II, Diaries of Lucena Brockway 1866-1897**Scope and Contents**

This series includes diaries belonging to Lucena (Lucinda) Brockway.

	Box	Folder
Lucena Brockway 1866	1	3
Lucena Brockway 1867	1	4
Lucena Brockway 1869	1	5
Lucena Brockway 1871	1	6

Series II, Diaries of Lucena Brockway

Lucena Brockway 1872	2	1
Lucena Brockway 1873	2	2
Lucena Brockway 1874	2	3
Lucena Brockway 1875	2	4
Lucena Brockway 1876	2	5
Lucena Brockway 1878	3	1
Lucena Brockway 1879	3	2
Lucena Brockway 1880	3	3
Lucena Brockway Vol. A 1881	3	4
Lucena Brockway Vol. B 1881	3	5
Lucena Brockway 1882	4	1
Lucena Brockway Vol. A 1884	4	2
Lucena Brockway Vol. B 1884	4	3
Lucena Brockway 1885	4	4

Series III, Diaries of Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Scott

Lucena Brockway Vol. A 1886	5	1
Lucena Brockway Vol. B 1886	5	2
Lucena Brockway 1887	5	3
Lucena Brockway 1889	5	4
Lucena Brockway 1890	6	1
Lucena Brockway 1891	6	2
Lucena Brockway 1892	6	3
Lucena Brockway 1893	6	4
Lucena Brockway 1897	7	1

Series III, Diaries of Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Scott 1869, 1877**Scope and Contents**

This series contains the diaries of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Scott. Mrs J.N. Scott is presumed to be Daniel D. Brockway's daughter, Sarah L. Scott.

	Box	Folder
J.N. Scott 1869	7	2

Series III, Diaries of Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Scott

Mrs. J.N. Scott 1877

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