

Diaries of Nathan F. Swan



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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator	Swan, Nathan, 1834-1915
Title	Diaries of Nathan F. Swan
Date	1868-1895
Extent	0.25 Linear feet
Language	English
Collection [Box]	0.25 lf
Abstract	Nathan F. Swan (1834-1915) born in New Sharon, Franklin County, New Hampshire, established a homestead in Elbert County, Colorado. Eleven diaries containing information to his daily activities, places, and personal acquaintances give insight into the life of living on the plains as a rancher from 1868-1895. Never to be married, Swan died at his residence in E. Cache LaPoudre keeping contact with one nephew and his family. In addition to the material found in the eleven diaries, the author Gladys Michel, used these diaries in her introduction to her book <i>The Peaceful Sheriff of Elbert County</i> , published by Johnson Publishing in 1968.

Preferred Citation note

Cite as: Diaries of Nate Swan, Mss.02603 (accession 2012.63) History Colorado.

Biographical Note

Nathan F. Swan (1834-1915) born in New Sharon, Franklin County, Maine is the son of Isaac and Lydia Swan. Soon after his birth Swan moved to Mount Ayr, Ringgold County, Iowa in 1844 and in 1862 registered a homestead in Elbert County, Colorado. During this time Swan was registered as a ranchman according to the Census, the Township-Direction register, and Timber Culture entry. During his life he also was involved in guiding silver prospect parties in Texas and Nevada. Swan registered all throughout his life as single but by 1910 he lived with his nephew and family in Colorado Springs. The family registered Nathan Swan as living in E. Cache LaPoudre where he would later die.

Scope and Contents note

The collection focuses on eleven diaries from Nathan F. Swan where he goes into detail about daily activities, places, and references to specific acquaintances.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Use note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Donor found diaries among her grandmother's belongings with a note that she wanted them given to History Colorado. Diaries used in preface of *The Peaceful Sheriff of Elbert County* by Gladys Michel about Roy Brown published in 1968.

Processing Information note

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Related Materials

Related Material note

See also *The Peaceful Sheriff of Elbert County* by Gladys Petit Michel, R 352.2 M582p.

Indexing Terms

Subjects - Corporate Bodies

- Johnson Publishing.

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Diaries.

Subjects - Places

- Bennett (Colo.)
- Bijou Basin (Colo.)
- Byers (Colo.)
- Castle Rock (Colo.)
- Colorado Springs (Colo.).
- Denver (Colo.)
- Elbert County (Colo.)
- Fort Riley (Kan.)--1860-1870.
- Franklin County (Me.)
- Glen Eyrie (Colo.)
- Manitou Springs (Colo.)
- New Sharon (Me.)
- Sulphur Springs (Colo.)

Occupation(s)

- Cattle trade--Colorado.

Subjects - People

- Michel, Gladys P., 1909-1998

Subjects - Topics

- Cattle
- Ranch life--Colorado.

General note

Accession 2012.63

Collection Inventory

FF1 Diary 1 June 10-July 18, 1868 1.0 Item(s)

FF2 Diary 2 1873 1.0 Item(s)

FF3 Diary 3 March 1874-December 1875 1.0 Item(s)

FF4 Diary 4 Dec. 24, 1875-Nov. 11, 1877 1.0 Item(s)

FF5 Diary 5 1877 1.0 Item(s)

FF6 Diary 6 1880 1.0 Item(s)

FF7 Diary 7 1884 1.0 Item(s)

FF8 Diary 8 1885 1.0 Item(s)

FF9 Diary 9 1887 1.0 Item(s)

FF10 Diary 10 1889 1.0 Item(s)

FF11 Diary 11 May 20, 1894-March 10, 1895 1.0 Item(s)