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Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 097, Item 081
Creator: Creator unknown.
Title: Philadelphia weather diary
Inclusive Dates: 1836 June 1–1842 July 31
Extent: 1 v. (124 p.) ; 20 cm.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

The unknown author of this diary lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the period 1836 to 1842 and made weather observations from a location in the vicinity of 4th and Market streets.

Sources:

Biographical information derived from the collection.
Scope and Content Note

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The daily entries in the bound, 124-page diary are arranged in the form of a chart recording, from left to right, the month, day of the month, day of the week, temperature readings at 9 am, 12 pm, and 3 pm, brief comments on the weather, and wind direction. After 1838, wind direction is recorded in its own column as opposed to being part of the weather commentary. After the entries end in 1842, there is a chart recording the rainfall in inches for each month of the years 1825 through 1842. The readings were obtained from the rain gauge kept at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. The back of the book contains news clippings dating from January 28, 1839, pasted onto the pages and laid into the diary documenting a particularly violent and destructive storm. There is also an entry dated July 13, 1841, copied from a book kept by a Josiah Coates and describing a thunderstorm in which there were lightning strike fatalities.
Selected Search Terms

Topical Terms

Weather--Observations--Philadelphia (Pa.)--19th century--Sources.

Geographic Names

Philadelphia (Pa.)--History--19th century--Sources.

Form/Genre Terms

Clippings (information artifacts)

Weather diaries.

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