

**Finding aid for the Harlan P. Colby
recollections of the Village of Grand Rapids
Collection 013**

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator - Author	Colby, Harlan P., 1841-1925
Title	Harlan P. Colby recollections of the Village of Grand Rapids
Date [inclusive]	1833-1855
Extent	0.5 Linear feet One folder
Language	English
Abstract	Harlan P. Colby (1841-1925) was a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan. This collection contains an original manuscript written by Colby in 1855. He records a history of Grand Rapids from 1833 through 1855, describing people, places and events and providing some statistical data on the village's development. The manuscript details the daily hardships in a mid-19th century frontier community.

Harlan P. Colby

Harlan P. Colby (1841-1925) was a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1865, along with James McKee, Colby opened Colby, Sons & Company, a carriage maker. Shortly afterward, the firm became Colby, Wood & Company, with Wood buying out the partners on 1 February 1868. Thereupon Colby opened his second carriage shop, Colby, Craig & Company.

Scope and Contents note

Contains the original manuscript, written in 1855, and one copy, on acid free paper, of Colby's recollections of the Village of Grand Rapids. It provides descriptions of people, places, events, and some statistical data on the village's development. It details the daily hardships in a mid-19th century frontier community.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- personal papers

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- 19th Century

Subject(s)

- Frontier and pioneer life -- Michigan -- Kent County

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Recollections 1855	1	1