

# Finding aid for the Dora Spring diaries and letters Collection 217

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Spring, Dora
<b>Title:</b>	Dora Spring diaries and letters
<b>ID:</b>	Collection 217
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1852-1928
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.7 Linear Feet Seven boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Forming the bulk of this collection are the diaries of Dorothea Sophia Rector Spring, generally known as Dora Spring. She was a Michigan farm woman, recording her daily life from 1867 to 1928 in the documents found here. Also included are letters to her husband, Albert Jared Spring, and other correspondence. Some additional manuscript items include copies of death certificates, birth announcements, and newspaper clippings. Subjects of the original photographs, and copies of photographs, include her parents & siblings, as well as her husband, daughter and grandson.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Dorothea Sophia Rector was born November 22, 1852 in Yates County, New York. Her parents were Jeremiah Rector and Artemisa Shaw Rector. In 1879, she married Albert Spring and moved to Michigan. In 1867, when she was fourteen, she began to record information about her daily life in a diary, and continued her yearly diaries for 62 years. She died on February 20, 1928.

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## Scope and Contents

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The primary documents in this collection are Dora's diaries. Yearly books were used, with only a brief space to record daily activities. Often the information was routine and redundant, such as weather, trips, ...

Tucked in the back pocket of many of the diaries were ephemera items, such as receipts, lists, membership cards, clippings or other notes. These items have been removed and foldered, with documentation of the year where found.

Some letters were occasionally found in the pockets, but most of the letters included in this collection were received from the donor in their original envelopes, in addition to the diaries. The letters have been mostly transcribed by volunteer processor Bobbie Schirado.

The 1928 diary, begun by Dora Spring during the year of her death, was continued by her daughter from February 20 through August 31, 1928. From 1867 through 1883, Dora lists those in her family who are born, die and are married, first in Benton Center and then in Michigan. Most diaries have an account of money she received and a list of what she purchased.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- letters (correspondence)
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- diaries
- Spring, Dora

## Collection Inventory

### Series I. Biographical

#### Subseries A. Documents

Box 1

#### Subseries B. Photographs.

#### Family (4)

Title/Description	Instances
1. Albert Jared Spring	Box 1
	Folder 1
2. Dorothea Sophia Rector	Box 1
	Folder 1
3. Dora and willis	Box 1
	Folder 1
4. Dora Spring (photo found in the back of 1922 diary)	Box 1
	Folder 1

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### Series II. Diaries, 1867-1928

Title/Description	Instances
1867-1885	Box 2
1886-1904	Box 3
1905-1919	Box 4
1920-1928	Box 5

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)**Series III. Correspondence, 1873-1879.**

Title/Description	Instances
1. Monday, Dec. 28, 1879.From Jeremiah Rector. No envelop. [Copy available]	Box 6
2. Apr. 11, 1873.To: Miss Dora S. Rector, Rockford, Kent Co., Mich. From: Nelson. [Copy available]	Box 6
3. Two items found in one envelop. Envelop addressed to Jeremiah Rector, Penn Yan, Yates Cor., N.Y. a. Feb. the 18. 1875. "Brother George. ... [Signed] Dora. b. Rockford. Jan. 6th 1875. From Dora S. Rector. [Copies available]	Box 6
4. Three items found with one envelop. Envelop addressed to Miss Dora S. Rector, Rockford ... Dec. the 27, 1874. Brother George. ... Write soon. Dora and Miner; March 7th, 1875. Dear Dora. ... From Carrie to Dora. [2nd section from Carrie to Miner] Sunday, March 4(?) Write soon. From L'M(?) [Perhaps Love Mother]; March 14th 1875.Father, Mother and George. ...From Dora S. Rector. [copies available]	Box 6
5. No envelop. Benton, April 1, 1875. [signed] George Rector. [copy available]	Box 6
6. Torn envelop, hardly legible. Nov. 29 postal date. Sunday, Nov. 24/78. My Dear Friend ...[signed] Albert.	Box 6
7. Envelop address to Mr. Albert J. Spring, Rockford, Kent Co., Mich. Postal stamp: Oct 22. Penn Yan. Benton. Oct. 21st, 1878. My Dear Friend ... Your True Dora.	Box 6
8. Envelop to Dora in N.Y. Sept. 30. Cannon Sept. 29,78. From Albert.	Box 6
9. Envelop to Albert.Sept. 10. Benton, Sept. 8th, 1878. My Dear Friend ... Dora.	Box 6
10.Envelop to Dora. Aug. 29.Cannon, Aug. 28th, 1878. Has as start and "extra special" penciled on front (author unknown). From Albert.	Box 6
Envelop to Albert. Aug. 21. Benton, Aug. 19th, 1878. From Dora.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Aug. 7. Cannon Aug 4th, 78. From Albert	Box 6
Envelop to Albert. July 24. Benton July 17, 1878. From Dora.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Jun 29. Sunday, June 23, 78 From Albert.	Box 6
Envelop to Albert. Jun 11 Sunday, June 9th, 1878. From Dora.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. May 27. Sunday, May 26, 78. Good by from your Ture Friend, Albert.	Box 6

Envelop to Albert. May 13. Benton, May 12, 1878.From Dora.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Apr. 27. No interior date on letter. "Dear Friend" ... "Albert". This one has a bird at the beginning and at the end, each with a sprig of something in its beak. Also included are 5 of his visitation cards, in various colors and decorations, some using "Albert J. Spring", others just "Albert Spring".	Box 6
Envelop has in pencil "April 1878   Proposal." Yellow envelop. To Mr. George S. Rector. Penn Yan, Yates Co., N.Y. Dec. 14. Includes 3 items. Dec. 13th, 1874. George. From Dora S. Rector.; March 6th, 1875. Father, Mother and George. From: Dora S. Rector the family; March 6th, 1875. Father, Mother and George. From: Dora S. Rector the family	Box 6
Envelop to Albert Apr. 15. Benton, April 13th, 1875. From Dora.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Sunday, Sep. 2d, 1877. From your eve true friend , Albert Spring. 2nd ps: "I have got to go to Rockford after our hired Gift. Good knight."	Box 6
Envelop to Albert. Aug. 9. Benton, Aug. 5th, 1877. Dora S. Rector.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Cannon, July 8, '77. "From your ever true frience, Albert, hoping to hear from you soon. I still remain Spring."	Box 6
Envelop to Albert. Jun 13. Benton, June 12th, 1877. From Dora.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. May 30. Cannon, May 27th '77	Box 6
Envelop to Albert. Benton, May 15th, 1877	Box 6
Envelop to Dora, Apr. 30 Cannon, April 29, '77	Box 6
Envelop to Dora, Apr. 2 Cannon, March, 31, '78	Box 6
Envelop to Albert, Mar. 15 Benton, March 12, 1878	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Feb. 23. Cannon, Feb. 23, 1878.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Feb. 1 Benton, Feb. 12th, 1878	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Jan. 31. Cannon, Jan. 27, 1828.	Box 6
Envelop to Albert. Jan. 16. Benton, Jan. 14th, 1878.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Jan. 2. Cannon, Dec. 30, '77. Friend Dora ... Includes a pencil sketch on a business type card of a gentleman, standing by a table, with a book "Your humble servant, AJS" below image. Verso appears to be the printed card with a bird in a tree. The back of the envelop has "Potograph".	Box 6
Envelop to Albert. Dec. 22. Benton, Dec. 21st, 1877. Friend Spring.	Box 6
Envelop to Dora. Cannon, Dec. 2d, '77	Box 6
Envelop to Albert. Nov. 19? Sunday, Nov. 18th, 1877	Box 6



Envelop to Dora. Cannon, Nov. 4th, '77	Box 6
Envelop to Albert, Oct. 8 Benton, Oct. 4th, 1877.	Box 6

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## Series IV. Ephemera, 1863-

### Scope and Contents

In folders by the diary year where found, chronologically.

Included in the back pocket of Dora Springs diaries were ephemeral items such as lists, newspaper clippings, notes, receipts, membership cards, and other paper miscellanea. These items have been removed from the diaries and placed in acid free folders. Volunteer processor Bobbie Schirado has made extensive descriptions of the contents of this ephemera.

### 1867

Title/Description	Instances
A list of clothing she purchased from 1 November 1866 – 1 November 1867)	Box 7 Folder 1

### 1868

Title/Description	Instances
Paper listing eight births	Box 7 Folder 2

### 1870

Title/Description	Instances
Newspaper clipping of a marriage announcement for Mr. B.M. Hart and Miss J. Townsend	Box 7 Folder 3

### 1872

Title/Description	Instances
Poem about "Affection" written by "a friend"	Box 7 Folder 4

### 1873

Title/Description	Instances
Joke taken from a newspaper	Box 7

## Folder 5

**1875**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Newspaper clipping about the "Language of the Handkerchief	Box 7 Folder 6

**1879**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Piece of blue tissue paper with fringed edge. Paper describing Seward's pig and J.R. Garwood's calf	Box 7 Folder 7

**1880**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Small gold fabric bookmark	Box 7 Folder 8

**1881**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Lottery ticket for one of 13 prizes from Parkhurst's Free Distribution in Rockford, Michigan.	Box 7 Folder 9
List of Sulpher and Fetty ingredients.	Box 7 Folder 9
Page with addition and subtraction of numbers.	Box 7 Folder 9

**1882**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Membership cards for Dora and Albert in the Rockford Grange.	Box 7 Folder 10
Invitation to a Social Party at Tryon's Hall in Edgerton, Michigan.	Box 7 Folder 10
Small red, white and blue bookmark.	Box 7 Folder 10
Receipt from Alex Wilkenson regarding a hog)	Box 7

## Folder 10

**1883**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
List of purchases including \$45.27 for seed wheat.	Box 7 Folder 11
Statement from C.E. Thornton, Rockford, Michigan for tools and nail	Box 7 Folder 11

**1884**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Receipt from H.O. Sarbes, M.D. Embroidery silk -card which held four yards	Box 7 Folder 12
Series IV. Ephemera, 1863-	Box 7 Folder 12

**1887**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Receipt from Will Hessler,Druggest.	Box 7 Folder 13
Small colored seal saying, "With my Love."	Box 7 Folder 13
Two tax receipts from Cannon Township.	Box 7 Folder 13
Note from Cary Harris.	Box 7 Folder 13
Two Warrantees for Improved Low Down Binders	Box 7 Folder 13

**1888**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Purchase order for Hoopes, Bro. Thomas of West Chester, PA., for 40 Peach Trees.	Box 7 Folder 14
Note payable from Volney Spring	Box 7

## Folder 14

**1889**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Five memberships in the Silver Lake Association.	Box 7
	Folder 15
Black yarn.	Box 7
	Folder 15
Five lists of food and goods.	Box 7
	Folder 15
Tax receipt from Cannon Township.	Box 7
	Folder 15

**1890**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Additional pages covering January 1 through January 19 of diary entries.	Box 7
	Folder 16
Purchase order for Hoopes, Bro. Thomas of West Chester, PA., for 50 Peach Trees.	Box 7
	Folder 16
Advertisement for Grandpa's Wonder Soap with lists of numbers on it.	Box 7
	Folder 16
List of the Cannon Republican Ticket.	Box 7
	Folder 16
Memberships for Dora and Albert in the Silver Lake Association.	Box 7
	Folder 16
Three pieces of paper with lists and costs.	Box 7
	Folder 16
Two Cannon Township Tax receipts. Paper doll cut out by Dora's daughter Catha.	Box 7
	Folder 16
Address for Miss H.E. Matthews and her corset parlor.	Box 7
	Folder 16

**1891**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Paper with Catha's attempt at printing.	Box 7

	Folder 17
Receipt from Charles F. Sears Dry Goods and Groceries.	Box 7
	Folder 17
Ad for Non-buckle Suspenders by C.O. Cain of Rockford.	Box 7
	Folder 17
Receipt for the Grand Rapids Herald. Receipt from E. W. Giles.	Box 7
	Folder 17
Membership for Dora in the Silver Lake Association.	Box 7
	Folder 17
Purchase order for Hoopes, Bro. Thomas of West Chester, PA., for 50 Peach Trees with the kinds of trees listed on the back.	Box 7
	Folder 17

## 1892

Title/Description	Instances
Recipe with numbers on the back.	Box 7
	Folder 18
Recipe for Nervous headache power.	Box 7
	Folder 18
Receipt from Hunting and Kelsey Grocery and Provisions. Receipt from Spring and Company for one jacket.	Box 7
	Folder 18
Series IV. Ephemera, 1863-	Box 7
	Folder 18

## 1893

Title/Description	Instances
Letter from Vermontville from Royal Cronk. On the back of this letter are notes from Levi and Lucy Cronk and Ella and Royal.	Box 7
	Folder 19
Second note: newsy note from Levi and Emeline Barnhart.	Box 7
	Folder 19
Receipt from the Evening Press. Price list fro the Commercial Union listing prices for boots, shoes, slippers, rubber goods, etc.	Box 7
	Folder 19
Three statements from Rockfor B	Box 7
	Folder 19
Bill from Spring Company Dry Goods. Red floss thread wrapped around a label for cross stitch floss.	Box 7

## Folder 19

**1894**

Title/Description	Instances
Newspaper article describing the death of William Rector in Potter Center, New York.	Box 7 Folder 20
Hand drawn map of South America, with a listing on the back of farm tasks completed in May and June.	Box 7 Folder 20
Receipt from DuBois Conklin.	Box 7 Folder 20
Receipt from H.C. Hessler.	Box 7 Folder 20
Paper with Zahm's Special Circular on the front and the name H.W. Saunders, and addition on the back.	Box 7 Folder 20
Note from Nathaniel Rice regarding three pigs.	Box 7 Folder 20
Business card for Crozier Bros. Double Shoe Store.	Box 7 Folder 20
Creamery Contract receipt.	Box 7 Folder 20
Listing of 13 at the Garwood Table –May, Arch and Addie Steele; Catha Spring; Marion Ray; Arthur Enwood; Ola Terry; Edd Miller; Edith Waite; Wilbur Coats; Minnie Berry; Nettie Tiffany; and Vera Weller.	Box 7 Folder 20
Receipt from the Evening Press.	Box 7 Folder 20
Note to Catha from Cornelia A. Moffitt.	Box 7 Folder 20
Membership in the Fruit Growers Association.	Box 7 Folder 20
One page with numbers written on it.	Box 7 Folder 20
Pink paper with list.)	Box 7 Folder 20
Series IV. Ephemera, 1863-	Box 7

Folder 20

**1895**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Two receipts from Tompsett Peters Meats.	Box 7 Folder 21
Receipt from H.C. Greiner Groceries and Provisions.	Box 7 Folder 21
Booklet describing the Cyclone Fanning Mill built in White Pigeon, Michigan.	Box 7 Folder 21
Four ads for Jaxon Anti-Washboard Soap with numbers or grocery lists on the back.	Box 7 Folder 21
Medicinal recipe using aconite, brichu, and lobelia.	Box 7 Folder 21
List of aunts and uncles.	Box 7 Folder 21
Page from an 1895 calender showing the month of May.	Box 7 Folder 21
Listing of purchases made from May through June by W.W. Forrest.	Box 7 Folder 21
Receipt for a cistern by F.J. Potter.	Box 7 Folder 21
Five grocery lists.	Box 7 Folder 21

**1896**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Additional diary pages for the month of January.	Box 7 Folder 22
Purchase order for fruit trees at Monroe Nursery with listing of specific varieties on the back. Receipt from B. F. Yerden, Groceries, etc.	Box 7 Folder 22
Receipt from P. R. Shafer for \$65 to put on account for an organ.	Box 7 Folder 22
Receipt from H.O. Sarber, M.D.	Box 7

	Folder 22
Small envelope with the words "Iodide of Potassium" written on it.	Box 7 Folder 22
Receipt from the Evening Press.	Box 7 Folder 22
Two receipts from Spring Company; one lists two vests and two suits on the back.	Box 7 Folder 22
Receipt from Chas. F. Sears, Dry Goods and Furnishing Goods.	Box 7 Folder 22
Letter and envelope from S.H. Duley requesting additional time to pay on a note; there is also a card with the address of W.S. Taylor at 122 Winter, St.	Box 7 Folder 22
Three small pieces of paper with numbers written on them. )	Box 7 Folder 22
<b>1897 (bent)</b>	Box x Folder x
<b>1898</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Receipt from Wurzburg's Department Store. Receipt from Silverlake Grange for membership.	Box 7 Folder 23
<b>1900</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Receipt for post office box rent in Rockford.	Box 7 Folder 24
Receipt from Silverlake Grange.	Box 7 Folder 24
Torn paper outlining shipping requirements for the G.R.R.I. with numbers on the back.	Box 7 Folder 24
Three pieces of paper with numbers or addresses on them.	Box 7 Folder 24
<b>1901</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>



Hand written contract between Albert Spring and Frank and Eugene Baker. Albert is renting land to them for crops. Brown paper with dates and numbers on it.	Box 7 Folder 25
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## 1902

Title/Description	Instances
Two receipts from L.H. Edyleston for the purchase of a buggy.	Box 7 Folder 26
Receipt from Continental Credit Company.	Box 7 Folder 26
Card announcing revival Services at the M.E. Church in Rockford.	Box 7 Folder 26
Premium list from Fleischmann Company's Compressed Yeast.	Box 7 Folder 26
Newspaper clipping regarding Peter Goldswart's house, shots fired and a chiveri.	Box 7 Folder 26
Paper with the poem, "An Old Valetine," dated 23 February 1902 and the words Purlin's Valentine.	Box 7 Folder 26

## 1903 string attached, no pocket.

Title/Description	Instances
Receipt from an insurance company.	Box 7 Folder 27

## 1904

Title/Description	Instances
includes newspaper clipping attached in rear, concerning a trial in which Minor Rector was involved.	Box 7 Folder 28
Premium list from Fleischmann Company's Compressed Yeast and red printing.	Box 7 Folder 28
Paper with the following three addresses: Mrs. James Davis of Sand Lake, Michigan; Ora Lewis of Cedar Springs, Michigan; and, Mrs. Lottie Miller of Saratoga Springs, New York.	Box 7 Folder 28
Paper listing the goods sold at the Boston Store in Grand Rapids.)	Box 7 Folder 28

## 1905

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Two Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway Co. shipping receipts.	Box 7 Folder 29

Recipe for Burlington Fruit Cake; also called Clara's fruit cake.	Box 7 Folder 29
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## 1906

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Receipt for taxes from Cannon Township.	Box 7 Folder 30

Receipt to W.H. Hyde.	Box 7 Folder 30
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Receipt from Dr. A. C. Huebuer.	Box 7 Folder 30
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Piece of a newspaper clipping with numbers written on it.)	Box 7 Folder 30
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## 1907

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Receipt for taxes from Cannon Township.	Box 7 Folder 31

Tag with metal edge and faded pink string from the Leak Fur Mfg. Co., in Gloversville, N.Y., with size 46 and a price of \$19.	Box 7 Folder 31
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Paper from the Boston Store folded with a ticket in it dated April 9, 1907, size 38, \$29.75.	Box 7 Folder 31
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Three receipts for post office box rental. Note from the post office for 1 penny due on a package.	Box 7 Folder 31
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Paper saying, "Return in 10 days to the Grand Rapids Sanitarium."	Box 7 Folder 31
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Membership receipt for Mrs. Spring and Catha in the Silver Lake Grange.	Box 7 Folder 31
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Newspaper clipping showing quilt designs.	Box 7 Folder 31
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Receipt from the Rockford Register and Evening Press.	Box 7
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	Folder 31
Two unidentified lined cards with receipts for seeds.	Box 7
	Folder 31
<b>1908</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Bill of Lading from the Grand Rapids Indiana Railway Co. for a sewing machine.	Box 7
	Folder 32
Receipt for taxes from Cannon Township.	Box 7
	Folder 32
Receipt for sidewalk tax.	Box 7
	Folder 32
Four receipts for post office box rental.	Box 7
	Folder 32
Four unidentified lined cards with receipts for various things.	Box 7
	Folder 32
Three receipts from the Citizen's Telephone Company.	Box 7
	Folder 32
Two receipts for water rent.	Box 7
	Folder 32
Receipt from Foster, Stevens Co. to Wm. Rector for one set of stove bricks.	Box 7
	Folder 32
Receipt from Wm. Rice for "u ings on sidewalk."	Box 7
	Folder 32
Money order receipt.	Box 7
	Folder 32

<b>1909</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Recipes for Six Egg Angle Cake and Applesauce cake.	Box 7
	Folder 33
Page showing the March 1909 calendar.	Box 7
	Folder 33
Receipt from d. Baline Coal and Wood for coal.	Box 7

	Folder 33
Two lines cards with receipts for coal.	Box 7
	Folder 33
Two receipts from the Citizens Telephone Company.	Box 7
	Folder 33
Receipt from Wm. Bush Co.	Box 7
	Folder 33
Receipt from the Silver Lake Grange.	Box 7
	Folder 33
Three receipts for post office box rental.	Box 7
	Folder 33
Receipt from Farmer's Review magazine.	Box 7
	Folder 33
Pink receipt from Squires Co., Rockford.)	Box 7
	Folder 33

## 1910

Title/Description	Instances
Receipt from Wm. Bush for water rent.	Box 7
	Folder 34
Receipt from Dockeray Bros. Wholesale Produce for 30 rods of fence and barbed wire.	Box 7
	Folder 34
Three receipts from Cannon Township for taxes.	Box 7
	Folder 34
Three receipts for post office box rental. Page dated July 24, 1891 with a list of names and numbers.	Box 7
	Folder 34
Paper with information about Vienna Pressed Yeast and numbers on the back.	Box 7
	Folder 34
Lined paper with the beginning of a letter dated Oct. 29, 1910 to "Dear Cousins." Receipt from the Rockford Register and two from the Grand Rapids Evening Press.	Box 7
	Folder 34
Prescription for Salugen with the name of Willis A. Young on the bottom.	Box 7
	Folder 34
Deposit slip from the Rockford State Bank.	Box 7

	Folder 34
Order form from the new Prague Flouring Mill Company in New Prague, Minn.	Box 7 Folder 34
Six receipts from the Citizens Telephone Company.	Box 7 Folder 34
Torn piece of paper listing potatoes and costs.	Box 7 Folder 34
Small red and green stamp with St. Nicholas on it.	Box 7 Folder 34
Grand Rapids Press clipping of May 13th listing Court Notes.	Box 7 Folder 34
Four small clippings with Cards of Thanks, settlement of will in the estate of Mrs. Mary Stockdale, and one about a the operation of a Blind Pig.	Box 7 Folder 34
<b>1911</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
(Letter from Closterhouse Woolston Real Estate regarding the sale of Spring family land in Cannon Township for a fish and game preserve.	Box 7 Folder 35
Receipt for water rent.	Box 7 Folder 35
Receipt from D. Bellows Son for coal.	Box 7 Folder 35
Newspaper article about "Old fashioned Mothers."	Box 7 Folder 35
Receipt from Hunting Co. Newspaper clipping about "A Re-enforced Stocking."	Box 7 Folder 35
Business card for Prof. E. E. Felt, doctor of optics, eye sight specialist and chiropractor.	Box 7 Folder 35
Receipt from Grand Rapids Monument Co.	Box 7 Folder 35
Three receipts for taxes from the treasurer's office for the Village of Rockford.	Box 7

	Folder 35
Three unidentified receipts. Four receipts from either E.L. Pritchard Co. or H.B. Elhart for groceries. Two receipts from the Citizens Telephone Co. Four receipts for post office box rental.	Box 7 Folder 35
Two long distance telephone bills.	Box 7 Folder 35
Two cards about the Kent County Sunday School Convention: One states that Miss Zelma Atkins and the other that Miss Grace Mc Kensie have been assigned to Dora Spring for entertainment.	Box 7 Folder 35
Also a printed announcement of the Algoma-Courtland Township Sunday School Association meeting at the Rockford Baptist Church on Sunday, November 19, 1911)	Box 7 Folder 35

### 1912 (Unidentified, water damaged evidence, items in pocket)

Title/Description	Instances
Account sheet from Hardie and Dutcher general hardware store in Rockford, MI.	Box 7 Folder 36
Receipt from Grand Rapids Monument, Co., for gravestone for Albert J Spring.	Box 7 Folder 36
Coupon from Martin the Photographer for low cost cabinet photographs.	Box 7 Folder 36
Receipt for water rent.	Box 7 Folder 36
Note from Earl Brown to C Zimmerman for 45 bushels of potatoes.	Box 7 Folder 36
Three receipts from Dockery Brothers.	Box 7 Folder 36
Receipt from Citizen's Telephone Company.	Box 7 Folder 36
Receipt from William Moore showing Dora paid him ten dollars for work on a barn.	Box 7 Folder 36
Four receipts for rental on post office box 121.	Box 7 Folder 36
Business card for Prof ED Felt, OD, DC Dr of Optics, Eye Sight Specialist, Chiropractor in Grand Haven.	Box 7 Folder 36
Receipt from D Bellows Son for Hard Coal.	Box 7

	Folder 36
Bill for beans and oats from Mrs Clark.	Box 7
	Folder 36
Receipt from Sears' Cash Store.	Box 7
	Folder 36

### 1913 [Had adhered to 1914 and both show water damage.]

Title/Description	Instances
Four receipts for rental of post office box 121.	Box 7
	Folder 37
August 18th newspaper announcement that Mizpah temple, No 6, Pythian Sisters will meet at the home of JA Teevin.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Miss Alfreda Rector will entertain the following Monday afternoon.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Newspaper article on the non-marriage of Charles Fisher and Carrie Richie.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Receipt from Earl Brown for beans and wheat.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Receipt from the Rockford Water Board.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Note regarding purchase of groceries.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Description of a strip quilt from Mrs Walls.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Three receipts from the Rockford Register.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Receipt from Hardie and Perry Hardware.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Receipt from Wegner Bros for carpeting.	Box 7
	Folder 37
Official Certificate from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows certifying that Dora Spring has paid to the Rockford Rebekah Lodge No 145 IOOF one dollar.	Box 7
	Folder 37

### 1914 [Some water damage]

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Newspaper article regarding extreme cold weather.	Box 7 Folder 38
Receipt from Rockford Register.	Box 7 Folder 38
Receipt from George Weber.	Box 7 Folder 38
Receipt from D. Bellows for hard coal.	Box 7 Folder 38
Receipt from Dockery Bros. for clover.	Box 7 Folder 38
Three receipts for rental of post office box 121.	Box 7 Folder 38

## 1915

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Receipt from D Bellows for hard coal.	Box 7 Folder 39
Hand written note regarding cost of hay corn and wheat.	Box 7 Folder 39
Calling card from Mrs George Rector wishing you a Merry Christmas; the back of the card lists taxes for 1914.	Box 7 Folder 39
Receipt for Clarence Spring for clover and timothy.	Box 7 Folder 39
Receipt from the Rockford Register.	Box 7 Folder 39
Receipt from Hardie Perry.	Box 7 Folder 39
Four receipts for the rental of post office box 121.	Box 7 Folder 39
Two receipts for repair of kettle and plumbing equipment.	Box 7



	Folder 39
Newspaper notice for the death of Volney Spring.)	Box 7
	Folder 39
<b>1916 [water damaged, adherence]</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Receipt from Rockford Water Board.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Listing of costs for a variety of articles from furniture to kitchen pots and utensils to clothing.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Business card for Chas Bloodgood MD Receipt from Dennis Bellows for hard Coal.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Two tickets for the IOOF Fall Festival for the raffle of a 1917 Ford Automobile.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Weight certificate for beans from Fairbanks Scales.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Subscription receipt for Woman' World and Plain and Fancy Needlework.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Receipt from the Rockford Register.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Receipt from Arland Christmass for Fred Davis for cleaning closet.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Recipe from Aunt Calista for gravel or kidney trouble.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Listing of women and what they will bring to a function.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Nine receipts for the Press.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Four receipts for the rental of post office box 121.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Three receipts for red beans, wheat and rye, and shingles.	Box 7
	Folder 40
Four pages with addition and subtraction of numbers.	Box 7

## Folder 40

**1917**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Tax receipts from Algoma Township, Cannon Township and the City of Rockford.	Box 7 Folder 41
Two receipts from Dockery Brothers for shingles.	Box 7 Folder 41
Three receipts for plumbing supplies from Hunting Co.	Box 7 Folder 41
Receipt from Dick Kimm Furniture Co.	Box 7 Folder 41
Receipt for post office box rental.	Box 7 Folder 41
Receipt from FN for \$15.00.Receipt from Mrs EL Giles for \$22.00.	Box 7 Folder 41
Receipt for shingles.	Box 7 Folder 41
Receipt from the Rockford Water Board.	Box 7 Folder 41
Receipt from hardware store.	Box 7 Folder 41
Receipt from LV Wall for contribution.	Box 7 Folder 41
Receipt from Dennis Bellows for hard coal.	Box 7 Folder 41

**1918**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Receipt from Hardie and Perry.	Box 7 Folder 42
Receipt for contribution to the American Red Cross.	Box 7 Folder 42

**1919**

Title/Description	Instances
Receipt from Dockery Bros for chest coal.	Box 7 Folder 43
Three weighing slips for "Chest."	Box 7 Folder 43
Four receipts from Harold Burch for the Press.	Box 7 Folder 43
Three receipts from the Citizens Telephone Company.	Box 7 Folder 43
Three long distance bills listing the names of those called.	Box 7 Folder 43
Notice from the Telephone Company regarding rates.	Box 7 Folder 43
Receipt from Beulah Earle for \$2.00 from Dora for the minister's salary.	Box 7 Folder 43
Receipt from Grand Rapids Oil Co.	Box 7 Folder 43
Receipt from HE Earle for drugs and sundries.	Box 7 Folder 43
Tax receipts from Algoma Township and Village of Rockford.	Box 7 Folder 43
Six receipts from Cecil M Burch for the Grand Rapids Herald.	Box 7 Folder 43
Two receipts for post office box rental.	Box 7 Folder 43
Receipt from the Hunting Company for labor.	Box 7 Folder 43
Receipt from the Rockford Water Board.	Box 7 Folder 43
Paper with handwritten list of seeds and their costs.	Box 7 Folder 43
Receipt for purchase of sugar.	Box 7

	Folder 43
Card with listing of costs for mulehide, galvanized steel, etc.	Box 7
	Folder 43

## 1920

Title/Description	Instances
Three Cannon Township Tax receipts and one each for Algoma and the village of Rockford. Playbill for "The Old Peabody Pew," a play presented by the Dorcas Society of the ME Church.	Box 7 Folder 44
Notice from the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., listing those who suffered losses.	Box 7 Folder 44
Receipt from Rockford Register.	Box 7 Folder 44
Receipt from Rockford Water Board.	Box 7 Folder 44
Receipt from the Hunting Co.	Box 7 Folder 44
Listing of various types of food and their costs, indicating, "What Aunt Mary paid." Pink charge slip to Dr C Young.	Box 7 Folder 44
Two receipts from the Dick Kimm Furniture Hardware Co.	Box 7 Folder 44

## 1921

Title/Description	Instances
Sown in insert listing deaths and marriages.	Box 7 Folder 45
Three receipts for loads of chest coal.	Box 7 Folder 45
Three pieces of paper with numbers and/or amounts written on them.	Box 7 Folder 45
Three purchase receipts showing Dora sold rye, beans and wheat to Dockeray Bros.	Box 7 Folder 45
Receipt from Rockford Water Board.	Box 7 Folder 45
Weigh slip from Dora to DG Bellder for 4,268 pounds of potatoes.	Box 7

	Folder 45
Business card for John N Stevens of 1063 Bridge St.	Box 7
	Folder 45
Grand Rapids representing the Shafer Mfg Company of Toledo, Ohio.	Box 7
	Folder 45
Receipt from the Citizens Telephone Company.	Box 7
	Folder 45
Receipt for Mrs C Young from the Deyo-Hessler Drug Co.	Box 7
	Folder 45
Three receipts from the Rockford Register.	Box 7
	Folder 45
Two property tax receipts from Cannon Township and one each from Algoma and the Village of Rockford.	Box 7
	Folder 45
Two receipts from the Hunting Co.	Box 7
	Folder 45
Five receipts from unnamed businesses.	Box 7
	Folder 45
One small card with a colored bell saying, "A Right Merry Christmas," with the handwritten notation, "To Willis."	Box 7
	Folder 45

## 1922

Title/Description	Instances
Three tax receipts from Cannon Township, and one each from the Village of Rockford and Algoma Township.	Box 7
	Folder 46
Three receipts from the Citizens Telephone Company.	Box 7
	Folder 46
One insurance policy notice from an unknown company.	Box 7
	Folder 46
One receipt for the Morning Herald.	Box 7
	Folder 46
Three receipts from the Rockford Co-Operative Elevator Company.	Box 7
	Folder 46
One receipt from the Dockeray Brothers.	Box 7

	Folder 46
One receipt from the Rockford Water Board.	Box 7
	Folder 46
One printed receipt from Sear Cash Grocery.	Box 7
	Folder 46
Three receipts from unknown businesses.	Box 7
	Folder 46
One 3" x 4" black and white photograph depicting an older woman with white hair in a long dress outdoors in front of a house with steps, trees and grass are in the background.[This photograph is now located in Box 1 Folder 1]	Box 7
	Folder 46

## 1923

Title/Description	Instances
Eight receipts from Dockeray Brothers.	Box 7
	Folder 47
Deposit slip from Rockford State Bank.	Box 7
	Folder 47
Obituary for Mrs Eva Daniels.	Box 7
	Folder 47
Newspaper listing of Divorces for Feb 5, 1923.	Box 7
	Folder 47
Three receipts from the Rockford Cooperative Elevator Association.	Box 7
	Folder 47
Receipt from HM Reynolds Shingle Co.	Box 7
	Folder 47
Two receipts from the Morning Herald.	Box 7
	Folder 47
One insurance policy notice from an unknown company.	Box 7
	Folder 47
One receipt for labor on a house from OE Carr.	Box 7
	Folder 47
Two receipts from the Hunting company.	Box 7
	Folder 47
One receipt from the Rockford Water Board.	Box 7

	Folder 47
Three receipts from unknown merchants.	Box 7
	Folder 47
Three property tax receipts from Cannon Township and one from the Village of Rockford.	Box 7
	Folder 47
<b>1924</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
[Three lined pages and one envelope are attached to the diary with string and a thread. They have been left in the book. On them, there is a listing of births or deaths, purchases of food and a list of Willis' football games.]	Box 7
	Folder 48
Newspaper clipping about couple who had three sets of triplets and two sets of twins had been born to them.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Newspaper clipping about four youths who were hurt in an auto crash - one of whom was Dora's grandson, Willis.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Newspaper clipping listing, "Herschel's Weather Table," showing how to predict the weather.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Receipt from the Rockford Water Board.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Receipt for the Daily Herald.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Card from Herpolsheimer Co Receipt for the Rockford Register.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Receipt from Cass Johnson's Quality Store.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Receipt from Rockford Cooperative Elevator Association.	Box 7
	Folder 48
One tax bill from Algoma Township and one from the Village of Rockford.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Receipt from FN Northouse, General Merchandiser.	Box 7
	Folder 48
One recipe for medicine and one for food.	Box 7
	Folder 48
One receipt for a wiegelia bush.	Box 7

	Folder 48
One receipt for rye from Ernest G Hubbel Co.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Seven receipts from Dockeray Brothers.	Box 7
	Folder 48
Three receipts from unidentified businesses.	Box 7
	Folder 48

## 1925

Title/Description	Instances
Newspaper article about snowfall.	Box 7
	Folder 49
Receipt from Dick Kimm Furniture	Box 7
	Folder 49
and Hardware.	Box 7
	Folder 49
Eight receipts from Dockeray Brothers.	Box 7
	Folder 49
Three property tax receipts from Cannon Township, two from Algoma Township and one from the Village of Rockford.	Box 7
	Folder 49
Two notices of assessment from the Michigan Mutal Windstorm Insurance Company.	Box 7
	Folder 49
One Rockford Water Board receipt.	Box 7
	Folder 49
One receipt for the Rockford Register.Receipt from Jas E Corder "for the Lumber" on the back of a blank deposit slip for the State Bank of Vestaburg.	Box 7
	Folder 49
Small lined piece of paper listing names and dates.	Box 7
	Folder 49
Small blue-green receipt for \$3.60 stamped with Rockford Mich.	Box 7
	Folder 49
Receipt from Tompsett Peterson for one pound of sausage.	Box 7
	Folder 49
Checklist for the Searles Laundry with numbers written on the back.	Box 7



	Folder 49
Listing of types of foods and their prices.	Box 7 Folder 49
Receipt from the Hunting Company for a pump.	Box 7 Folder 49
Note from Eugene L Kendall, MD stating there had been \$5.00 enclosed to pay Dora for a quilt.	Box 7 Folder 49
Note to George from "Sis" saying she will be in Sand Lake to see Leon play.	Box 7 Folder 49
Note saying Dr Strong was paid \$12.00.	Box 7 Folder 49
File card with Dora's name on it saying, "May 2-5, Graham, \$.28.	Box 7 Folder 49

## 1926

Title/Description	Instances
Small yellow receipt for \$.09.	Box 7 Folder 50
Small paper listing food and sundry purchases.	Box 7 Folder 50

## 1927 (There were no additional papers in this diary)

## 1928 (There were no additional papers in this diary)

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