

C Mahan, Garland Jefferson, Diaries, 1864-1873, 1961
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INTRODUCTION

The collection contains diaries detailing a trip taken by ox train in 1864 from Cole County, MO, to Virginia City, MT. Also chronicled, although to a lesser extent, is the return trip by steamboat down the Missouri River in 1866. Diaries also include drafts of letters, notes, and lists of students. A typescript of the diaries, plus photos of some of the sites along the route taken in 1961, complete the collection.

DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by M.E. Barker on 17 July 1970 (Accession No. 695).

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 The first diary details a trip taken by ox train to Montana, April to September 1864, while the second describes the return trip down the Missouri River by steamer in July 1866. The diaries include descriptions of towns, the weather, the surrounding land, plants, animals, the voyage on the river, encounters with Indians, and other steamers. The descriptions are detailed enough to retrace the routes taken. The distance travelled each day and lists of supplies purchased are mentioned as well. The first diary also includes lists of students from 1869, prayers, and promissory notes from 1873. The second contains a letter detailing the changes that have taken place in Montana in the previous two years due to mining plus drafts of letters on subjects such as politics, medicine, taxes, education, and agriculture. **[DIGITIZED]**
- f. 2 Typescript of 1864 diary. Included are ten photographs of sites along Mahan's route taken by M.E. Barker in 1961 and a listing of money earned by Mahan while sluicing for gold.
- f. 3 Partial typescript of 1866 diary. Also included is a microfiche copy of the Jefferson family genealogy.

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