Mabel Cogswell Papers
(R0517)

Collection Number: R0517

Collection Title: Mabel Cogswell Papers

Dates: 1877

Creator: Button, Mabel Cogswell, 1857-1919

Abstract: The Mabel Cogswell Papers is a typescript of the diary of Mabel Cogswell, a young woman whose father was superintendent of the Hazard mining property at Mine La Motte in Madison County, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla. If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Harold Lieberman on June 4, 1992 (Accession No. RA0541).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Mabel Cogswell Papers can be found in the following collections:

Mine La Motte Records (R1347)
Rowland Hazard Papers (R0141)

Biographical Note:

Mabel Cogswell Button, the daughter of chemical engineer and industrialist William Brown Cogswell and Mary Naomi (Johnson) Cogswell, was born on July 20, 1857, in Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. Her father was superintendent of the Mine La Motte mines in Madison County, Missouri, owned by Rowland Hazard, from 1874 into the 1880s.

After moving on from the management of Mine La Motte, the family returned to Syracuse, New York, where William B. Cogswell, with funding from Rowland Hazard II, and patent rights from Belgian chemists Ernest and Alfred Solvay, founded the Solvay Process Company, bringing the Solvay brothers’ process to America. The company later was acquired by Allied Chemical Company in 1920. Hazard served as president of the company, and Cogswell served as vice president in its early days.

Mabel Cogswell married Herbert Button in 1892 in Jamesville, New York. She preceded her husband in death in 1919 in Cazenovia, New York.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The diary contains entries that include notes on the weather and comments daily life, social events, and sickness in the community at Mine La Motte, January 1 through July 25, 1877. They include notations on the high and low temperatures for the day, followed by brief notes on the activities of the day. The entries also note the sickness of Mabel’s mother, Mary Naomi Cogswell, who died at Mine La Motte on July 28, 1877. The diary ends three days prior to Mrs. Cogswell’s death.

The administration folder includes biographical information on the Cogswells supplied by the donor of the diary.

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