



Elijah Backus Diary (C0214)

Collection Number: C0214

Collection Title: Elijah Backus Diary

Dates: 1777

Creator: Backus, Elijah, 1759-1811

Abstract: Diary kept by a Yale student during 1777. Revolutionary War, rumors of battles, counterfeiters, the housing problem for students, smallpox vaccination, and General Arnold. The last third of the diary is written in Latin.

Collection Size: 0.08 cubic feet
(4 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English and Latin.

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-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Elijah Backus was born on May 2, 1759 to parents Lucy Griswold and Elijah Backus. He was receiver of public monies in Kaskaskia, Illinois, and died there in 1811.

Arrangement:

The collection has been kept in its original arrangement.

Scope and Content Note:

Administrative Records

This collection contains a diary kept by a Yale College (New Haven, Connecticut) student during 1777. Subjects covered include the Revolutionary War, rumors of battles, counterfeiter, the housing problem for students, smallpox vaccination, and General Benedict Arnold. The last third of the diary is written in Latin.

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