

Fuller, Mary Williams Field (1863-1951)
Diaries; Deerfield, MA, 1936; 1940-51.

Fuller Family Papers, Box 46a

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Diaries kept by a long-time Deerfield resident in the latter part of her life. Mary W.F. Fuller descended from the line of Williams physicians in Deerfield, and married George Spencer Fuller, son of Deerfield artist George Fuller, in 1889. She studied in Boston and travelled in Europe as a girl, returning to Deerfield where she lived in the Fuller family homestead, The Bars, after her marriage. Mary W.F. Fuller was an accomplished vocalist and musician, wrote numerous articles on local history, and authored *The Story of Deerfield, 1630-1930* (Brattleboro, Vt., 1930).

Her diaries record local and national events, family matters, books she read, her various travels in the area, and cultural activities she participated in. Fuller attended concerts regularly, and constantly listened to the radio. Her diaries describe the flood of 1936, discusses her involvement in the unsuccessful campaign of John Haigis of Greenfield for governor in 1940 (the "Haigis Club"), and mentions the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, and other war news.