Taylor, Isadore Pratt (1850-1943)

Diaries and notebooks, 1890-1943.

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Diaries and notebooks kept by Isadore Pratt Taylor, detailing events in the artist's active life. Taylor was a jewelry designer who lived in Greenfield and Shelburne, Mass. The diaries detail her various jewelry projects, as well as painting and embroidery that she did. Taylor was active in the arts and crafts movement and many civic groups, including the Greenfield Garden Club, Greenfield Women's Club, and a drama club. The Deerfield Valley Art Association features prominently in later diaries. Taylor also reports on family and friends, local events, such as the opening of the Mohawk Trail in 1929, world events (e.g., the war in Europe), and her travels. Marie Alexander, a local painter and friend, is mentioned frequently.

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