

Cochran, Martha (1808-1872)

Diary, January-February, 1854; October 1859. Northampton and Boston, MA

1 vol. mss. 24 cm.

Cochran was born in Boston, the eldest child of William and Mary (Fletcher) Cochran. About 1835 she moved with her mother and sisters, Mary Ann and Elizabeth, to Northampton, MA. She was very active in local affairs, in spite of ill health, and prepared supplies for soldiers during the Civil War. She and Mary Ann moved to Springfield, MA, a few years before Martha's death.

Cochran, a single woman, lived with her sister Mary Ann while keeping the diary. In it she records family matters, social events, and local news. She describes the marriage of her pregnant servant and mentions lectures she attended in Boston. At the rear of the volume are random notes, dated 1841, 1852, and 1872, on books read lectures attended, and conversations.

Shelved in the Fuller-Higginson Family Papers, Box 115, Fol. 2.