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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection: McPherson, A.M., Diary, 1871-1874	Location: Octavo volumes "M"
Size of collection: 1 octavo volume, 185 leaves	N.U.C.M.C. number: N.A.
Finding aids: None	
Source of collection: Gift of Ross W. Beales, Jr., 1981	
Collection Description: <p>A.M. McPherson (1802-) was born in Iredell County, North Carolina, and settled in Perryville, Missouri, during the latter part of the nineteenth century. He owned and operated a farm and was a surveyor and notary public.</p> <p>From 1871 to Feb. 1874, McPherson kept a diary containing concise daily entries, with a small section of cash accounts for 1873. McPherson included comments on the weather, his health, farm chores performed for himself and for others, the birth of a son to his second wife, Elizabeth (-), in 1871, and occasional traveling to St. Louis and neighboring towns. He referred to plantings and harvests, hauling wood, and surveying. He was elected County Surveyor for Perry County in 1872.</p> <p>McPherson also provided occasional legal services, such as appraising estates. The entries also contain lists of daily purchases and their prices.</p>	
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