

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

<p><i>Name of collection:</i> - Cheever, Ellen Tyler, Diaries, 1871-1880, and Cheever Family Cookbooks</p>	<p><i>Accession #:</i> 1979.90 1979.114</p>
<p><i>Collection size:</i> 7 Octavo Vols.</p>	<p><i>NUCMC #:</i></p>
<p><i>Finding Aids:</i> None</p>	
<p><i>Provenance:</i></p>	
<p><i>Description:</i> Ellen Tyler Cheever was the daughter of Rev. Henry T. Cheever, the minister of the Mission Chapel on Summer Street. Ellen apparently lived with an aunt, Oliver Tyler, on Market Street. She attended Worcester schools and later attended Smith College.</p> <p>Volume 1. <u>Diary, 1871-1872, 23 pages:</u> This diary contains entries describing Miss. Souther's school located on Highland and Lancaster Street. She writes in detail of her lessons in Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Deportment, Music, reciting and sewing. Leisure included reading, playing outdoors, and engaging in back-gammon and dominos with her sister. There are also entries about attending the dentist, church, and Sunday school.</p> <p>Volume 2. <u>Diary, 1878-1879, 92 pages:</u> The first part of this diary records activity connected with Ellen Tyler Cheever's last year in high school including descriptions of her teachers, classes, exams, and the graduation ceremony at Mechanics Hall. Social activities are recorded such as teas, visits, and a party at the Green family home on Green Hill. Much of her time was spent at piano practice and drawing. The second part of the diary records her activities at Smith College; classes, teachers, new friends, trips to Amherst, Massachusetts. There is also mention of teas at the President's home and church every Sunday. Piano lessons continued and there were vacations in Worcester. The third part of the diary contains a record of mail sent and received at college. There are seven pages of poetry and quotations at the end of the diary.</p>	

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Volume 3. Diary, 1879, 123 pages: This diary continues the description of life at Smith College. She writes especially about her Latin, Greek, History, and Botany classes, teachers, society meetings, and time spent with friends, especially Miss. Brooks. She often mentions her family in Worcester and her aunts attempt to redecorate their home. She concludes with a brief account of summer vacation.

Volume 4. Diary, January, 1880, 10 pages: This diary contains an account of Ellen Tyler Cheever's Christmas vacation from Smith College. During this holiday Miss. Hersey stays with Miss. Cheever. There is mention of church attendance, concerts, shopping, parties, sleighing on the Boulevard (Park Avenue), and a gift exchange. She also notes her reaction to a smallpox vaccination which includes itching and burning throughout her body. She closes the diary with quotations from letters of Edward Roland Sill, 1890.

Volume 5. Cookbook, 1880, 47 pages: This volume contains recipes of Oliver Tyler, aunt of Ellen Tyler Cheever. There are recipes for biscuit, bread, rolls, muffins, waffles, doughnuts, crullers, cake, snaps, cookies, pie, pudding, ice cream, jelly, soup, and salad.

Volume 6. Cookbook, undated, 29 pages: This volume contains recipes from a Mrs. Cheever and Aunt Mary D.

Volume 7. Cookbook, 1889, 33 pages: This volume contains recipes from Louise Sewall Cheever. There are recipes for veal, fish, salad, bread, pineapple, pickled peaches, cream whips, custard, coffee, jelly, and taffy.