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Clothier, Cecil M 1886-
Diaries. 1905-1965.
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Forms: Cecil M. Clothier collection.
Microfilm of originals in private hands.
Farmer, stockman; of Sylvia, Kan.

Events in the lives of immediate and extended family members. The volumes are more a chronicle of family members' activities than a personal diary. Topics routinely mentioned include the weather, daily farm activities, visits with neighbors, trips to town, community events, births & deaths, and domestic chores. There is some question as to the writer of the 1905-12 incomplete volume.

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Volumes arranged chronologically.
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This microfilm contains ten volumes of the Clothier family diaries, 1905--1965, kept by Cecil M. Clothier of Sylvia, Reno County, Kansas. (There is some question as to the writer of the 1905--1912 incomplete diary.) Two of the books titled Hayes Township Reno County Treasurer's Records, 1880-1917 and Reno School District #72, 1876-1903 were loaned to the Archives Department of the Kansas State Historical Society (Topeka) for microfilming. The original volumes were loaned to the Manuscripts Department of the Kansas State Historical Society (Topeka) for microfilming by Cecil M. Clothier's son, Grant Martin Clothier, in 1991.

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The ten volumes of Cecil M. Clothier's diaries describe events in the lives of immediate and extended family from 1905 through 1965. The books are actually more of a chronicle of family members' activities than a personal diary of Mr. Clothier, though occasionally his personal feelings are mentioned. They seemed to be a close family, but not too demonstrative. For example, the birth of a son might precede the sale of cattle in an entry.

As a religious family, many occasions involved socializing with the minister and church-related activities. Often the preacher was invited to dinner on the sabbath.

Daily entries are generally short and precise. Topics routinely mentioned included the weather; daily farm activities; visits with neighbors; trips to town; community events; births and deaths; and domestic chores. Cecil M. Clothier, although a farmer, seemed to prefer the duties of a stockman with its sales background. Daily entries tended to reflect this fact.

DIARIES

1905--1912

(Incomplete, writer unknown)

Contains references to food and clothing purchases with prices.

Contains references to farm equipment and produce with prices.

Brief description of family members. For example, on Dec. 20, 1905, Ben was married. May 26, 1906, Viness was married. 1905, Elbert shot his arm off.

May, 1912--September 3, 1914

Daily entries pertaining to farming operations and some descriptions of weather conditions.

Brief references to family members' activities. For example, Earl started to school Monday, Sept. 16, 1912. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1912, Pa hurt his eye.

February 8, 1918--December, 1925

Various references to daily family and farm activities are included in this book. Of special interest to researchers, one finds Bible verses, produce accounts, and children's nonsense sayings and scribblings.

Newspaper clippings and receipts were left in the diary, as they were found.

January, 1926--December, 1935

This diary contains daily accounts of family and farm activities interspersed with weather conditions and a recipe for tomato catsup.

Various billing receipts were left in the diary, as they were found.

The personal property statements of 1936 and 1939, plus a state tax form for 1936 were left in the diary, as they were found.

Various newspaper clippings were interspersed in the diary, and left as they were found.

January, 1936--July, 1941

Personal accounts of basketball games and family marriages are found in the entries of this book.

There is a public sale flyer for February 21, 1936, left as found in the diary.

August, 1941--August, 1949

Personal accounts of such activities as baptisms are found in this diary.

Discussion about World War II, defense bonds, and draft notices of sons for the service were entries in this book. Jay, January 1, 1941; Grant, August 10, 1942; Dorcie, December 9, 1943; and Gale, May 7, 1944; all were in the navy.

September, 1949--December 1955

Contains personal family accounts in the book, such as attending sales and doing washings.

January, 1955--April, 1962

Personal family accounts in the book, such as dentist and doctor appointments, family dinners, and planting gardens. An advertisement flyer was left in the diary where it was found.

May and June, 1962

Just five pages of notes in this book which relate to personal family accounts and weather conditions.

May, 1962--April, 1965

Daily personal accounts of family happenings, such as hair cuts, laundry days, and sale of home.

CLOTHIER COLLECTION

Artemas Clothier

- b. - New York
- Lived his entire life there
- Son was Chauncy Clothier

Chauncy Clothier

- b. - December 25, 1818 d. April, 1897
- m. - Priscilla (Sherman) Clothier, who died leaving two sons, Nelson W. and Newton S.
- m. - Mary Jane (Hull) Clothier
- b. - 1828 d. January 30, 1908
- c. - James Byron (J.B.), Samantha, Millard, Nina Viola, and Eddie Lula. Chauncy was a preacher and farmer. In 1874, Chauncy and his family came to Kansas with his son, J.B. and family.

James Byron (J.B.) Clothier

- b. - August 13, 1848 d. February 3, 1933
- m. - Anna Elizabeth (Marshall) Clothier, December 24, 1868
- b. - March 15, 1851 d. December 20, 1948
- J.B. was a Civil War veteran who came to Kansas with his family in 1874.
- J.B. was a Reno County farmer for 58 years, justice of the peace, township trustee, and member of the school board.
- c. - There were 17 children born to J.B. and Anna Elizabeth. Two sons died in infancy. One son, Wiley A. died in 1916. One daughter, Gertrude (Gertie), died in 1908. The remaining children who lived to adulthood were Clarence W., Charles M., Ulessus V. (U.V.), Elbert M. (twin), Benjamin L., *Cecil M., Albert M., Delbert W. (twin), James E., Perry O., Sarah Agnes (Mrs. H.E. Duer), Melvina (Mrs. H.W. Prior), and Grace F. (Mrs. A.W. Passmore).

*Cecil M. Clothier

- b. - 1886
- m. - Louise (Grub) Clothier
- b. - 1887

Cecil was a stockman and farmer who operated produce store (Peace Creek).

- c. - There were six children born to Cecil M. and Louise. Dorcie Byron, Lucy, who died in infancy, Audrey Jane (Clothier) Dunlap, Jay B., Grant Martin, and Gale Joseph were their children.

***Grant Martin Clothier**

b. - March 1, 1924

Wrote Memories Of A Country Childhood, in 1988, copy in
Kansas State Historical Society.

Lender of the diaries and reports to the Kansas State
Historical Society for microfilming

*Direct lineage of lender