

**Kingston Public Library: Local History Room
Manuscript Collection Finding Aid
September 10, 2002**

**Hannah Thomas Brewster Adams (1796-1858)
Diary Collection
(1817-1836, 1841-1858)**

Manuscript Collection, MC-3

3 Box (15 linear inches)

Biographical sketch: Kingston resident Hannah Thomas Brewster Adams was born on September 11, 1796, daughter of Thomas and Mary Brewster. She married George Adams on June 6, 1819. She had four children: George Thomas, Frederick Cook, Hannah Thomas, and Horatio, born in 1820, 1821, 1822, and 1823 respectively. She died on August 11, 1858.

Scope and Content Note: Fourteen volumes of diaries spanning the dates 1816-1836 and 1841-1858. Evidently no diary was kept between January 1837 and March 1841. The diaries cover a variety of different topics including day-to-day work and recreational activities, the weather, comments on sermons that she heard in local churches, concerns about the health of her children, and periodic evaluations of her interior life.

Hannah Adams diaries:

Vol.	Type	Dates Covered	No. pages
Vol. I	Daily	1816	80 pages
Vol. II	Daily	1817-1818	89 pages
Vol. III	Daily / weekly	1819-1820	55 pages
Vol. IV	Weekly	1821-1823 (Nov.)	35 pages
Vol. V	Weekly	1823 (Nov.)-1826 (Aug.)	35 pages
Vol. VI	Weekly	1826 (Aug.)-1830 (Nov.)	72 pages
Vol. VII	Weekly	1830 (Nov.)-1836 (Dec.)	91 pages
Vol. VIII	H. Adams Journal ¹	1838-1841	
Vol. IX	Daily	1841 (Apr.)-1845 (Dec.)	64 pages
Vol. X	Weekly	1841 (Jan.)-1849 (Dec.)	84 pages
Vol. XI	Weekly	1850 (Jan.)-1858 (Feb.)	47 pages
Vol. XII	Daily	1852 (Jan.)-1856 (Mar.)	96 pages
Vol. XIII	Daily	1856 (Apr.)-1858 (Mar.)	46 pages
Vol. XIV	Daily	1846 (Jan.)-1851 (Dec.)	80 pages

During the years 1816-1819 entries were made daily. Subsequently, in 1820-1836, entries were made on a weekly basis (apparently on Sundays). During the years 1841-1858 Hannah T. Adams maintained separate diaries for daily and weekly entries.

¹ This is not part of the Hannah Adams diary set, but was numbered in sequence with the Hannah T. Adams diaries.

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Box and Folder list:

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	Hannah Adams Diary, book I, 1816
	2	Hannah Adams Diary, book II, 1817-1818
	3	Hannah Adams Diary, book III, 1819-1820
	4	Hannah Adams Diary, book IV, 1821-1823
	5	Hannah Adams Diary, book V, 1823-1826
	6	Hannah Adams Diary, book VI, 1826-1830
	7	Hannah Adams Diary, book VII, 1830-1836
	8	Horatio Adams Journal, book VIII, 1838-1841
	9	Hannah Adams Diary, book IX, 1841-1845
	10	Hannah Adams Diary, book X, 1841-1849
	11	Hannah Adams Diary, book XI, 1850-1858
	12	Hannah Adams Diary, book XII, 1852-1856
	13	Hannah Adams Diary, book XIII, 1856-1858
	14	Hannah Adams Diary, book XIV, 1846-1851
	15	Hannah Adams Letters
2	16	Helen Adams notes re: Hannah Adams Diaries (books I – VI)
	17	Helen Adams notes re: Hannah Adams Diaries (books VII – IX)
	18	Helen Adams notes re: Hannah Adams Diaries (books X – XIV)
	19	Helen Adams notes re: Weddings mentioned in Hannah Adams Diaries
	20	Helen Adams quotations re: various topics in Hannah Adams Diaries
	21	Archivist (Joyce Miller) notes re: Hannah Adams Diaries
	22	Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book I
	23	Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book I
	24	Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book II
	25	Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book III
	3	26
27		Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book V
28		Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book VI
29		Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book VII
30		Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book IX
31		Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book X
32		Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book XI
33		Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book XII
34		Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book XIII
35		Photocopy of Hannah Adams Diary, book XIV
36		Story Paddle-wheels to Bangor by Ethel Shiverick, based on Hannah Brewsters diary and letters re: a journey to Maine
37		Biography of Mary Bearce Hall (Hannahs mother), information on Hannahs house (85 Summer Street), letter / poem to Eveline, information on burials

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