

MILDRED COVELL LLOYD COLLECTION

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Mildred Louise Ward Covell Lloyd.
- Title:** Mildred Covell Lloyd Collection.
- Dates:** ca. 1974, 1979, 1995-1997.
- Abstract:** Photocopies of two volumes of recollections by Mildred Louise Ward Covell Lloyd (b. 1904) of farm life and schools, mainly in Queensbury, Warren County, New York. She was born in Fort Ann, Washington County, New York and taught in one-room schoolhouses in both Fort Ann and Queensbury. The volumes also include some photographs, newspaper articles, documents, and family charts compiled or collected by her. In 2011 an additional volume was added to the collection. It recounts Mildred Covell's trip to Guatemala in February and March of 1979.
- Quantity:** 1 cubic foot (1 oversize box).
- Identification** Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mildred Louise Ward was born on June 14, 1904 in Fort Ann, N.Y., and lived in Kingsbury, Washington County, N.Y. until age four. She moved to Westfield, located between West Granville and Fort Ann. She attended school in Westfield. At age 12 or 13 she decided to become a teacher, which required her to go to high school in Fort Ann and board there. She graduated second in her class from Fort Ann High School in 1921. From 1922-1924 she taught at District 6, Fort Ann. In 1924 she married Harry Milo Covell. Until 1928 the Covells lived in West Hartford, but in that year moved to a farm on Haviland Road in Queensbury, Warren County. From 1928 to 1948 she taught at Bay Road School (District 15, Queensbury), a one-room schoolhouse. After 1948 she taught in the Queensbury school system until her retirement in 1966. In 1955 the Covells bought the former District 15 schoolhouse where Mildred Covell had previously taught, remodeling it into their home. Harry Covell died in 1978 and in 1979 Mildred married Edmund Lloyd. He died in 1983.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The photocopies of two volumes that form the bulk of the Mildred Covell Lloyd Collection consist mainly of her manuscript recollections. The volumes also include some photographs, newspaper articles, documents, and family charts compiled or collected by her.

The first volume, "Fifty Year Diary of Harry (narrator) and Mildred Covell (recorder), 1924-1974," begins with an account of the marriage of Harry Milo Covell and Mildred Louise Ward, April 18, 1924. Each year Mildred Covell describes life on their farm, her teaching activities, family events and travels; and records births, marriages, and deaths of the extended families of her and her husband, Harry Covell. The volume is in Mildred Covell's hand, but both Harry and Mildred Covell shared authorship. It was probably written about 1974, but it includes numerous photographs, documents, and newspaper clippings from earlier years. There are also charts regarding the Covell, Ward, Brayton, Chapin, and related families.

The second volume entitled, "The Life of Mildred Louise Ward Covell Lloyd begun May 1, 1995," describes Mildred Ward's childhood. Much of this volume is a manuscript written by Mildred Ward Covell Lloyd, but it includes some photographs and photocopies of documents and newspaper articles. The volume also contains much information about her teacher education, especially extension courses taken while she was actively teaching. Included are profiles of grandparents and other family members, along with genealogical information. Much information is supplied about her children and grandchildren.

This collection was featured in an exhibition at the Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs of Crandall Public Library entitled, "Memory Art of Mildred Louise Covell Lloyd," 1997-1998. Mounted reproductions of photographs and labels from the exhibition are included in the collection.

In 2011 an additional volume was added to the collection. This handwritten journal recounts Mildred Covell's trip to Guatemala in February and March of 1979. It includes some photographs, maps, drawings and clippings.

PROVENANCE

Original volumes in the possession of Mildred Covell Lloyd.

Photocopied by Crandall Public Library, June 1997.

The Guatemala diary was a gift from Eleanor Oudekerk of South Glens Falls on 5/2/2011.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

Volume 1: Fifty Year Diary of Harry and Mildred Covell, 1924-1974

Volume 2: The Life of Mildred Louise Ward Covell Lloyd, Begun May 1, 1995.

Journal of Mildred Covell's trip to Guatemala, February-March 1979.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Family farms—New York (State)—Queensbury.
Farm life—New York (State)—Queensbury.
Rural families—New York (State).
Rural schools—New York (State)—Queensbury—History.
Travel
Schools—New York (State)—Fort Ann—History.
Women—Employment—New York (State)—Biography.
Women teachers—New York (State)

Places: Washington County (N.Y.)—Genealogy.
Guatemala

Important People: Brayton family.
Chapin family.
Covell, Harry Milo, (d. 1978)
Covell, Mildred.
Covell family.
Lloyd, Mildred Louise Ward Covell, (1904 -)
Lloyd, Edmund, (d. 1983)
Ward family.
Ward, Mildred Louise.

Form/Genre: Diaries (xerographic and original)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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