

# MARY E. NICHOLS NOTEBOOK

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.  
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,  
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Mary E. Nichols (1892-1948)
- Title:** Mary E. Nichols Notebook
- Dates:** unknown
- Abstract:** One school composition notebook belonging to Mary Nichols.
- Quantity:** one folder
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts; Personal and Family Collections

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mary E. Nichols was born July 9, 1892 in Horicon, NY. She died February 2, 1948 in Kingsbury, NY. She was the oldest child of Valentine D. Nichols and Nettie A. Galusha. Her father's family owned a farm, overlooking Valentine Pond near the hamlet of Adirondack. The family lived in Horicon until 1910. Sometime before 1920 they re-located to Addison, VT, where Valentine had a dairy farm. In 1925, the family, including married son Park V., had moved to Reed Street on Pruyn's Island in Glens Falls. Mary was living with her parents and youngest brother George, next door to Park V. A few years later her other married brother, Harry, moved onto the same street. In 1929 Valentine Nichols died and the family scattered. In 1930 only Mary appears in the City Directory. She is working as a domestic and living in, at the home of Mrs. Eva Fletcher at 4 Hovey Street. Only Park re-appears in the City Directory, listed in 1935 and 1946. According to Mary's grand-nephew, Ken Perry, Mary spent the later part of her life with her brother George and his family on Lower Dix Ave. Mary died in 1948 and is buried in Moss Street Cemetery in Kingsbury, Washington County, NY.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

Mary's notebook is a school composition notebook. It has a tan cover, with the word *Endeavor* printed on the front. On the top of the front cover and on the inside of the front cover appears the same hand-written label: "S S Kresge Co. Detroit Michigan U.S.A.". On the back cover is a rectangular frame with spaces for Name, Grade,

School and Class. "Mary Nichols" and "Addison" have been written in, leaving Grade and Class empty. On the inside of the back cover are a series of addition problems written in pencil. The notebook is 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  " x 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  " and has 26 complete lined pages. There are several pages missing and/or torn. It is probable, given the label on the back cover, that Mary used, or at least started, the notebook while living in Addison, VT but it seems unlikely that she was attending school as she was at least 18 years of age when the family moved to Addison.

## INDEX TERMS

**Places:** Kingsbury, Washington (NY)  
Glens Falls, Warren (NY)

**Important People:** Mary E. Nichols

**Form/Genre:** Composition Notebook

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Preferred Citation:** Mary E. Nichols Notebook  
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,  
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

**Accession Information:** Kenneth A. Perry of Greenwich, NY donated the notebook to Crandall Public Library on February 27, 2008. Perry is a grand-nephew of Mary Nichols.

**Processing Information:** Arranged and described by Caitlin Johnson, October 2008.  
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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

The first 26 pages consist of descriptions, written in pencil, of animals. Subsequent pages contain verses of poems or songs. These are written either in a different hand or at a very different time. Further on there is a page about the painter Anthony Van Dyke, written in the first hand, followed by more poems in the second hand. At the end there is an index to the first part of the book. Whether these were school assignments, copies, or Mary's own compositions is unknown.

In the top margin of p. 12 "Miss M.E. Galusha, Adirondack." Top margin of p. 13 "Harry M. Nichols Pottersville." Harry Nichols is a brother of Mary. Top margin of p. 29 "Miss 'Jack' Galusha, Adirondack, N.Y. (something illegible) Henry Hayes."