

Farnsworth Family Diaries

(Collection 182)

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Scope and Content:

The roots of the Farnsworth family are in Washington, New Hampshire. They belonged to the Washington Christian Church, which became known as the first church where a group of adventists observed the seventh-day Sabbath beginning about 1844. Thus the family is famous for being the first of the Sabbatarian adventist believers that kept the seventh-day Sabbath.

There were at least two sets of Farnsworth families in Washington, N.H., William and Cyrus. The writers of these diaries may be children (or grandchildren) of Cyrus Farnsworth. Internal evidence in the diaries may help to answer this question, but it was not determined in the course of processing this collection. One of the accompanying books was owned at one time by Cyrus. Alternatively, these could be diaries written by children or grandchildren of William Farnsworth. However, from a list of his children, none of the names represented in these diaries were his children.

The Farnsworth family diaries collection consist of two kinds of materials: 1.) annual diaries of different members of the Farnsworth family and 2.) several other materials belonging to the Farnsworth family. The diaries extend from 1867 to 1923 and represent the life of several generations of the Farnsworth family. The family members who have a diary represented in this collection are:

E. G. Farnsworth
Elgin G. Farnsworth
Ida D. Farnsworth
Roy E. Farnsworth
Solon A. Farnsworth
Vieva S.(?) Farnsworth
Waldo Farnsworth

Arrangement:

The arrangement was imposed by the Adventist Heritage Center. The diaries are in order by the writers name.

Provenance:

William C. Gillaspy of Peoria, Arizona donated the collection to the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in November 1986. In December 1995, the Arizona Conference donated the Farnsworth's collection to the Adventist Heritage Center at Andrews University.

Extent:

1 Hollinger box (5 inches/0.40 linear feet – 13 cm/0.12 linear meter)

Use:

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INVENTORY

I. Diaries from varies members of the Farnsworth family (alphabetically arranged).

	E. G. Farnsworth
Envelope 1	1922
Envelope 2	1923
	Elgin G. Farnsworth
Envelope 3	1873
Envelope 4	1876
	Ida D. Farnsworth
Envelope 5	1871
Envelope 13	1881 [Likely Ida D. Farnsworth]
	Roy E. Farnsworth
Envelope 6	1902
Envelope 7	1903
Envelope 8	1904
	Solon A. Farnsworth
Envelope 9	1867
	Vieva S. Farnsworth
Envelope 10	1902
Envelope 11	1905
	Waldo Farnsworth
Envelope 12	1906
	No name
Envelope 14	1903
Envelope 15	1909

II. Other Materials (belonging to members of the Farnsworth family)

Envelope 16 “A Prayer notebook,” (Dated from 1907 to 1920). It is uncertain to whom it belonged. (The names of Henry Bumford, Croll and Waldo Farnsworth appear in the beginning of the notebook). There is a personal letter found in the pocket of the notebook.

Envelope 17 *The Christian Psalmist: Being a Collection of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs Compiled from the Most Approved Authors, and Designed as a Standard Hymn Book, for Public and Social Worship* (Philadelphia: James Kay, Jun & Brothers, 1840).

This hymn-book belonged to Cyrus K. Farnsworth.

Envelope 18 *The New Testament* (and the book of Psalms). NY: American Bible Society, 1855.