

**Register of the**  
**Julia Anne Corliss**  
**Diary**  
**Collection 285**

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# Julia Anne Corliss Diary

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### Scope and Content

#### Biographical

Julia Anne Burgess was born July 22, 1843, in Ohio. At the age of 12 she moved with her parents to Michigan where she remained until 1875. During this time in Michigan, she began teaching school at age 14 and continued teaching for 10 years. At that point, 1868, when she was 25, she married John Orr Corliss. From that point, she gave "her life to the work in which her husband was engaged."

John with his wife Julia, served as follows:

1868	Superintendent and chaplain of the Western Health Reform Institute, Battle Creek Michigan
1871-1875	Public evangelism in Michigan
1875	Public evangelism in Maine
1876-1877	Public evangelism in Virginia
1879	Public evangelism in Colorado
1881-1883	Public evangelism in Michigan
1884	Public evangelism in California
1885-1887	Public evangelism in Australia with Stephan N. Haskell
1887-1893	Editorial and Religious Liberty work in California
1893-1896	Public evangelism in Australia
1897-1898	Bible teacher, Battle Creek Sanitarium
1898-1899	Minister in Canada
1899-1902	California
1902-1904	Public evangelism in England
1904-	California.

Through these years, John and Julia had five children with three of them dying as children:

Fred, born Feb 4, 1873. Dies Oct 24, 1873.

Louie, born ???. Died Aug 23, 1876.

Lou, born Jan 18, 1875. Died as a child

Lula, born Mar 21, 1877.

Burr, born Jan 3, 1882.

This information taken from the diaries is somewhat incomplete. The dates given come from entries by Julia marking the anniversary of these events.

Julia died quite suddenly of pneumonia while at camp meeting in southern California on Aug 16, 1912.

## Content

This diary is simply that, a diary where Julia recorded events and anniversaries in her life and that of her family. You can follow John's work through the various places they lived. Julia records a wide range of activities.

Someone typed a transcript of the 1863 to 1869 and 1883 to 1891 diary entries. This transcript, however, is "selected." A complete transcript is available for the 1863 to 1869 and the 1883 to 1891 diary entries. This complete transcript was transcribed by Juliette Johnson in 2017 and 2018.

The early years are a challenge to read, but the later years are easier. These problems are exacerbated by the fact that our copy of the diary is a photocopy.

## Arrangement

Being a diary the arrangement is chronological. During processing divider sheets of paper were inserted. The year break was not always neat, so the divider is at the page where the division of years happens. See the register below for a clear understanding of the arrangement.

## Provenance

In 1977-1978, the diaries were in possession of Mildred C. Martin, a granddaughter of Julia Corliss through her father, Burr Corliss. At that time she allowed Sam Croft to make this photocopy. Mildred then moved and the original diaries were lost as far as we know.

In 1996, Sam Croft allowed Merlin Burt of the Loma Linda University Heritage Room, to review the diaries. Croft eventually gave the diaries to Burt as a personal gift. In 2010, Burt placed the diaries in the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research. Croft planned to publish the diaries or do something else with them, but never did. From what we know, Croft has died so the Center feels free to make them available to the public.

## Use

All users of this collection will complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and observe the regulation specified in the "Patron's Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. There was a note that portions of the Chamberlain documents may not be fully open, but there was no notation as to which portions.

Suggested citation for this collection:

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### I. General Information

- Folder 1      Articles on:  
                  Obituary for "Mrs. J. O. Corliss," from the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, Sep 9, 1912.  
                  "John Orr Corliss." *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, volume 1, page 410  
                  "John Orr Corliss and Julia A. (Burgess)." *Ellen G. White Encyclopedia*, page 349.
- Folder 2      Portrait of John Orr Corliss and of Julia Anne Corliss.  
                  Photocopy.

### II. Diary

- Folder 3      Mar 8, 1863 to Aug 2, 1869.
- Folder 3a     Full transcript, 1863 to 1869.
- Folder 4      Jan 1, 1883 to Dec 31, 1891.
- Folder 5      Selected transcript, 1863 to 1869 and 1883 to 1891.
- Folder 6      Full transcript, 1883 to 1891.  
                  [Odd pagination where pages 110 to 117 appear to be missing. They are followed immediately by ten pages numbered 117b. The text, however, appears to flow normally.]
- Folder 7      Jan 1, 1897 to Dec 31, 1903.
- Folder 7a     Full transcript, 1897 to 1903.
- Folder 8      Jan 1, 1904 to Dec 28, 1908.

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