

PECKHAM, HARRY JOHN, 1841-1922.

Harry John Peckham diaries, 1875-1922

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Peckham, Harry John, 1841-1922.
Title: Harry John Peckham diaries, 1875-1922
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 027
Extent: .35 cubic ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Contains six diaries kept by Rev. Harry John Peckham from 1875 to 1922.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Harry John Peckham (1841-1922) was born in Nyton, England to Sybella Jane and Charles Peckham-Peckham. He attended Balliol College, Oxford. Ordained into the ministry in 1871 he held positions at several parishes during his career including positions in Coventry, Henfield; Compton, Sussex; Biddendon, Kent; Nutley, Sussex; and finally as a licentiate preacher at the Diocese of Chichester in 1915. Peckham and his wife Edith had three sons, Walter, Arthur and a third referred to as R. P. Peckham died on February 4, 1922 at the age of 81.

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Scope and Content Note

The collection of diaries of Harry John Peckham (1875-1922) consists of six bound volumes recording the day to day activities of Reverend Peckham during most of his adult life. Missing, however, is a volume covering the period from May 1, 1880 through December 30, 1884. It was during this period, in 1882, that Peckham left Biddenden, Kent to assume the vicarage of Nutley, Sussex. The diaries provide an intimate and personal look at the life of an Anglican minister and his family. It was his habit to clip announcements of births and deaths from newspapers and to paste them in his diaries in addition to slipping in photos and notes. All additional items have been left where they were found. Three days before Peckham's death the daily entries were made by another unknown author. The author, probably Peckham's son, writes in the first person of Peckham's rapid decline and death. Taped at the end is Peckham's obituary clipped from the newspaper.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Peckham Diary. This bound volume includes notice of the birth of a son in 1877 accompanied by a picture, a notice of the death of a son born premature in 1879 accompanied by a poem and notice of the death of his mother Sybella Jane, six days later. Also included is the advertisement of a position at Biddenden and a list of the rectors who had served there, 1875 January 1-1880 April 30.
1	2	Peckham Diary, bound, 1885 January 1-1894 June 30.
1	3	Peckham Diary. Included in this bound volume are notices of his son Walter's achievement of Senior Scholarship at Corpus Christi in 1902 and to the second class in Honor School of Greek and Latin Literature. In addition is a notice of the appointment of his son R.P. to the South African yeomanry, 1894 July 1-1907 August 17.
1	4	Peckham Diary, bound, 1907 August 18-1914 December 31.
1	5	Peckham Diary. In this volume Peckham records the death of his son Arthur on February 14, 1918 while serving in India and the death of his wife Edith the following month, 1915 January 1-1920 December 31.
1	6	Peckham Diary. The death of Peckham is recorded in this volume, 1920 January 1-1922 February 4.
