

## NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG0899.AM: Cowgill, William H., 1859-1910

Diary, 1910

Lincoln, Lancaster County, Neb.: Railway Commissioner

Size: 1 item

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William H. Cowgill was born at Salem, Iowa, in 1859. The family came to Nebraska in 1870 and settled at David City. He married Jessie Dibble at Western, Nebraska, on September 12, 1884. Cowgill was active in various business and civic activities, having served as postmaster at Tobias, Nebraska, and then in 1890, going into the real estate, loan and commission business in Holdrege, Nebraska. He was a Mason and a Shriner and was elected the the Nebraska State Railway Commission in 1908. William H. Cowgill died in Lincoln, Nebraska, on October 16, 1910.

See Morton and Watkin's *Illustrated History of Nebraska*, Vol. IIIA, 1913, p. 639.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains one item, the diary of William H. Cowgill. Diary entries date between January 1-April 5, 1910. The entries are short and record observations of daily life, including the weather, his health, visitors received, etc. Obituaries for Angie F. (Thurston) Newman are pasted into the diary. Newman was an author and lecturer and was the sister of Nebraska Senator John M. Thurston.

### DESCRIPTION

Diary, 1910 and clipping

### Subject headings:

Cowgill, William H., 1859-1910

Domestic life

Lincoln (Neb.) -- History

Newman, Angelia "Angie" Louise (Thurston), 1837-1910

Weather