

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG1224.AM: Mead, Mary Eliza (Dexter), 1840-1928

Manuscript, etc.: 1926-1927
Chadron, Dawes County, Neb.
Size: 1 folder

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born May 5, 1840, at Argyle, New York, Mary Eliza (Dexter) Mead was the daughter of Herbert and Harriet (Boutwell) Dexter. She married John Groot Mead in Connecticut in 1867. They moved to Otsego, Michigan, in 1867 and had one child, Hudson D. Mead. The Meads moved to the Pine Ridge area of South Dakota in 1870, where John ran a trading post and general store. The Meads then moved to Chadron, Nebraska, in 1882. John Mead died in 1920. Mary Eliza Mead died January 13, 1928, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Chadron, Nebraska.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of one folder containing a manuscript reminiscence written by Mary Mead concerning frontier and pioneer life in Dakota Territory and the Indians of the Pine Ridge Indian Agency. A typescript of the reminiscence with an introduction by Bishop George Allen Beecher is also included. The reminiscence was published in *The Western Nebraska Churchman*, April and May, 1927. Also included are two letters from Hudson D. Mead, 1926-1927, to Bishop George Allen Beecher, containing genealogical information about the Mead and Dexter families.

INVENTORY

Manuscript, etc., 1926-1927

Subject headings:

Beecher, George Allen, 1868-1951
Bison hunting
Bonhomme (S.D.) -- History
Choteau Creek Ranch
Dexter, Harriett (Boutwell)
Frontier and pioneer life
Ghost dance
Indians of North America -- Rites and ceremonies
Mead family
Mead, Hudson D., 1868-1950
Mead, John Groot, 1838-1920
Mead, Mary Eliza (Dexter), 1840-1928
Pine Ridge Indian Agency (S.D.)
Reminiscences
Santee Indian Reservation (Neb.)
Siouan Indians
Sun dance -- South Dakota