Finding Aid for My first Christmas in Nevada manuscript, undated MS.566

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Abstract: Presumably the account is of the author's own experience. Manuscript includes 21 pages of an incomplete and handwritten account. The account is about a girl, presumably the author, growing up in England and going to America after the death of her mother to live with her sister and brother-in-law. The manuscript ends with her on a train before her arrival to Nevada on Christmas day. The name of the author is unknown.

creator: anonymous

Biographical note

Presumably the account is of the author's own experience. The account is of a young woman born and raised in England. Her father died when she was a baby and her mother was in delicate health so she was largely raised by her sister Edith who was ten years older than the author. She also had a brother Edwin who married when the author was ten and moved to Scotland.

Edith married when the author was 15 and moved to America - somewhere west of the Rocky Mountains says the author - possibly California. Her mother died when the author was 18. The author decided to go to America to live with her sister and brother-in-law. She describes leaving the old home, taking a steamer from Liverpool, resting with friends in New York and then taking the train for the West.

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