Guide to the Mary Freeman Crabbe Diaries

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BIOGRAPHY
Mary Freeman, from Woodland, California, attended Stanford University from 1893 to 1897, when she graduated with an a.b. in English. She lived in Roble Hall and, judging from the Stanford Quad, was not particularly active in student organizations. In 1908 she married John Hammond Crabbe.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
These diaries were recorded during two separate periods in Mary Freeman's life. There are three volumes written as a teenager from January 1, 1890 to December 31, 1891. Entries concern her daily activities such as school, visiting with friends, family matters, attending church, playing piano for church groups, and a summer visit to Nevada in 1891. These volumes also include various lists of parties attended, books read, and miscellaneous social events.

The second set of eight volumes was written between January 1, 1894 and December 31, 1895, during her second and third year at Stanford. These entries largely concern her social life as a student, with some mention of classes, exams, and study habits. She also mentions lectures attended, including those by David Starr Jordan, Benjamin Harrison, Harriet Hosmer, Helen Campbell, Walter Camp, and Susan B. Anthony. Other subjects of note include a "bachelor party" in Roble, a fraternity or club stunt at night outside Roble, a basketball game between Stanford women and the prep girls, a Halloween Dance at Roble Gym, and jokes among audiences before lectures began.

Access Terms
Anthony, Susan B., (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906.
Camp, Walter Chauncey, 1859-1925
Campbell, Helen, 1839-1918.
Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901
Hosmer, Harriet Goodhue, 1830-1908
Jordan, David Starr, 1851-1931
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College students.
Diaries.
Women.
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talk by Jacob Voorsangerpage 30
talk by David Starr Jordanpage 32
lecture on Hull House by unnamed woman; comments on Stanford's lack of social life, in particular dancingpage 54
"bachelor party" -women came dressed as men, smoked, drank "beer" (sarsaparilla), and imitated college menpage 60-64
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Founders' Day service with Benjamin Harrison and Horace Davispage 107-108
basketball game between Stanford women and "prep" girls [probably Castilleja School]page 120-121
Stanford Glee Club concert in Woodland and reception at the Freeman homemarch 27
talk by Benjamin HarrisonApril 15
her friend Blanche votes for student body president (Mary is not in favor of woman suffrage)April 24
lecture by Helen Campbell on college womanMay 8
David Starr Jordan visits Roble and reads poetryMay 13
Memorial Exercises with talks by studentsMay 15
David Starr Jordan talk, mentions Stanford's financial troublesSept. 25
Reading by a Miss Calhoun; electric lights failed; jokes and songs in crowd while waiting for her to arrive -mentions Shirley Baker singingOct. 9
Halloween party at Roble Gym, with visit of 50 ghosts (presumably male students) dancing on tennis courts and then trying to get into the gymOct. 30
Lecture by Walter Camp on college athletics; reports on the jokes made prior to the talkNov. 13
Football rally; band played music; boys danced but not the girlsNov. 23
Attended church services in new church in Palo AltoMar. 10
Three lectures: Dr. Jordan on evolution; Jenkin Lloyd Jones on Emerson; Dr. Jordan on his trip to MexicoMar. 19
Talk by Susan B. Anthony and Miss ShawMay 21
Faculty/Senior baseball gamemay 24
Graduation exercisesMay 29