

**James Pyatt Risler Pocket Diaries
(1876-1946)**

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Creator:	James Pyatt Risler
Title:	James Pyatt Risler Pocket Diaries – 1876-1946
Collection Number:	91
Date of Process:	2011
Volume:	2 linear feet in 4 containers
Restrictions:	None
Access:	During open library hours of the Society (12 PM to 4 PM) every Thursday; 10 AM to 4 PM every 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month; and by appointment.
Abstract:	The collection contains 60 pocket diaries kept by J. P. Risler for the following years: 1876-1878; 1885-1892; 1895-1944; 1946.
Biographical Notes:	James Pyatt Risler was the son of Sarah Pyatt Rittenhouse and Cyrus Risler. He was born in Locktown, NJ on January 24, 1863 and died March 30, 1946, aged 83 years. He married Sarah Catherine Stout and had two children: Huldah Hyde and Grover Cleveland.
Scope and Content:	The James Pyatt Risler Diaries contain 60 individual diaries. The diary entries chronicle the daily and seasonal life of a farmer. He most often noted the weather and the farm work he had done for each day. He also noted visitations from various people and traveling to surrounding Hunterdon County towns. The diaries were received by Clark B. Risler, James' nephew on August 9, 1995. Correspondence from Clark Risler is located in Folder 29 in which he identifies members of the family who are mentioned in the diaries.

Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: Diaries 1876, 1877

Folder 2: Diaries 1877, 1885

Folder 3: Diaries 1886, 1887

Folder 4: Diaries 1888, 1889

Folder 5: Diaries 1890, 1891

Folder 6: Diaries 1892, 1895

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Folder 8: Diaries 1898, 1899

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Folder 9: Diaries 1900, 1901

Folder 10: Diaries 1902, 1903

Folder 11: Diaries 1904, 1905

Folder 12: Diaries 1906, 1907

Folder 13: Diaries 1908, 1909

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Folder 15: Diaries 1912, 1913

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Folder 16: Diaries 1914, 1915

Folder 17: Diaries 1916, 1917

Folder 18: Diaries 1918, 1919

Folder 19: Diaries 1920, 1921

Folder 20: Diaries 1922, 1923

Folder 21: Diaries 1924, 1925

Folder 22: Diaries 1926, 1927

Folder 23: Diaries 1928, 1929

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Folder 24: Diaries 1930, 1931, 1932

Folder 25: Diaries 1933, 1934, 1935

Folder 26: Diaries 1936, 1937, 1938

Folder 27: Diaries 1939, 1940

Folder 28: Diaries 1943, 1944, 1946

Folder 29: Notes by Clark B. Risler, 1995