



Guide to the E. Ireland Illustrated Travel Diaries, 1916-1920

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Summary

Collection Title:

E. Ireland Illustrated Travel Diaries, 1916-1920

Creator:

Ireland, E.

Abstract:

E. Ireland was a mature, unmarried Scottish woman at the time she authored a series of travel diaries from 1916 to 1920. Collection consists of five volumes (686 pages) of an illustrated travel diary kept by E. Ireland, a mature unmarried Scottish woman, between 20 August 1916 and 28 February 1920. The diaries document Ireland's travels throughout the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea, New Britain, the Philippines, Hong Kong, China, Japan, South Africa, and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). Typical entries describe local inhabitants and customs, conversations with fellow travelers, and sites visited. Many entries include sketches, pasted in postcards, photographs, postage stamps, menus, passenger lists, and other ephemera.

Extent:

1 Linear Feet
5 volumes

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

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Background

Scope and Content

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Biographical/Historical

E. Ireland was a mature, unmarried Scottish woman at the time she authored a series of travel diaries from 1916 to 1920.

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Administrative Information

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- Hong Kong -- Description and travel
- Ireland, E.
- Ireland, E.

Collection Inventory

Illustrated travel diaries, 1916 August 20 - 1920 February 28

Physical Description: 5 volumes

Volume 1, 1916 August 20 - 1917 January 7

Volume 1

Scope and Contents note

Entries describe: departure from Edinburgh aboard the S.S. New York; visit to Montreal, Ottawa, and Quebec City; travel to Salt Lake City via Chicago (with enclosed photographs of Native Americans); travel to San Francisco and stay at the St. Francis Hotel; visit to Del Monte, Calif. and Carmel Bay (with postcards and photographs); travel to Honolulu, Hawaii aboard the S.S. Matsonia (with photographs of the ship, dinner menus, and passenger lists); stay in Hawaii (with photographs and sketches of Hawaiian natives, surfers, and fish); travel to Fiji aboard the RMF Niagara; stay in Fiji (with photographs of landscape and dinner menus).

Volume 2, 1917 January-October

Volume 2

Scope and Contents note

Entries describe: stay in Auckland, New Zealand (with photographs of beaches, the city, and landscape); Maori people; visit to Wairakei and the Geyser House Hotel, near the Taupo Volcanic Zone; travel to the Whanganui region and stay at the Meredith House; travel to Wellington, New Zealand and stay at the Midland Hotel; visit to Blenheim and Nelson; stay at the Clarendon Hotel in Christchurch, New Zealand (with photograph of Ireland with a wounded soldier in Rotorua); visit to Lake Wakatipu; travel to Queenstown; visit to the Dunedin botanical garden (with photographs); lecture given by a Dr. Gibbs regarding the religious implications of the war;

travel to Auckland and stay at the Garden Hotel; travel to Sydney, Australia aboard the RMS Niagara; stay in Sydney (with photographs of Sydney Harbor, map of the city, and photographs of Aboriginal peoples); travel to Brisbane; travel to Barron Falls and Cairns (with photographs); travel to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (with photographs of the city and natives); visit to Rabaul; travel back to Brisbane and visit to coral reef; celebration of War Chest Day in Sydney (Sept. 28); visit to Mount Victoria and Jenolan Caves; visit to Katoomba; travel to Melbourne.

Volume 3, 1917 November 10 - 1919 April 16

Volume 3

Scope and Contents note

Entries describe: stay in Melbourne, Australia; visit to Burnie, Tasmania on the S.S. Donah (with photographs and map of Victoria and Tasmania); visits to Stanley, Launceston, and Cataract Gorge, Tasmania; illness; travel from Sydney to the Philippines aboard the S.S. Kitano Maru (with map of journey); stay in the Philippines and visit to Manila (with photographs); travel to Hong Kong and celebration of the Chinese New Year (Feb. 1); visit to Canton Province, China; travel to Shanghai (with photographs of the city and inhabitants); travel along the Canton River, Jialing River, and Yangtze River.

Volume 4, 1919 April 16 - 1920 January 13

Volume 4

Scope and Contents note

Entries describe: travel along the Yangtze River onboard the S.S. Sung Liu (with photographs of the river and harbor); travel to Yichang and Nanking; return to Shanghai aboard the S.S. "Tungchow"; travel to Peking, witness of a public funeral (with photographs), and visit to the Summer Palace and surrounding areas; travel to Mukden; travel to Seoul, South Korea (with photographs); travel to Nagasaki, Japan (with photographs of people, animals, and the city); travel to Hong Kong aboard the S.S. Tango (with photographs of rapids and gorges); travel to Zamboanga, Philippines and a monsoon during the trip; stay in Thursday Island; return to Australia; travel to South Africa (including map of journey and photographs of Durban and natives); visit to Johannesburg; travel to Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and visit to Victoria Falls.

Volume 5, 1920 January 18-February 28

Volume 5

Scope and Contents note

Entries describe: stay at the Victoria Falls Hotel in Rhodesia; travel along the Zambezi River and visit to wildlife reserves (with photographs); visit to Bulawayo; return to Johannesburg; travel to Pretoria; visit to the Kaiman River Waterfall and the Omtini River; visit to Cape Town.

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