

Belle Conkling Scrapbook

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Belle Conkling.
- Title:** Belle Conkling Scrapbook.
- Dates:** ca. 1868–1874.
- Abstract:** Belle Conkling assembled the scrapbook probably between 1868 and 1874. She was a resident of Glens Falls. The scrapbook contains poems, stories, inspirational writings, sermons, and news of world affairs, reports of travel to Europe, and other writings clipped from newspapers and periodicals. Women, domestic life, children, romance, religion and morals are the principal subjects.
- Quantity:** 1 volume.
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts: Scrapbooks

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

Belle Conkling assembled the scrapbook between 1868 and 1874. It contains poems, stories, inspirational writings, sermons, and news of world affairs, reports of travel, and other writings clipped from newspapers and periodicals and evidently of interest to her. The principal subjects of this scrapbook are women, domestic life, children, romance, religion and morals. Also included are obituaries of several famous people, and a lengthy travel news story entitled "Sketches of Travel in Europe," which was written by someone with the initials C.W.F. Some of the clippings were extracted from the *Troy Daily News*, *New York Tribune*, and the *Brooklyn Eagle*.

The scrapbook is about half filled with newspaper clippings which were pasted on the blank pages of a ledger book. On the opening page is an inscription stating that Mrs. R.R. West gave the book to Belle Conkling on December 17th 1867. Another inscription on the opening page indicates that she "commenced this scrapbook February 29th, 1868." At the rear of the book, 9 pages from the back cover, Belle Conkling pens one reminiscent paragraph that is entitled "Glens Falls, March 1st 1868." This indicates that Belle Conkling was a resident of Glens Falls at this time. This is confirmed by the 1870 census which lists her as the wife of George Conkling. She was 31 years old and had a son, Willie?, age 13.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Europe—Description and travel.
Family—Religious aspects.
Religious life.
Women—New York (State)—History.

Places: Europe—Description and travel.

Form/Genre: Poetry.
Scrapbooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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