

Archives & Manuscript Collections
National Sporting Library
Middleburg, VA

Mary Cochran Diaries

Name: **Mary Catherine Powell Noland Cochran** **MC0055**

Materials: Photocopies

Dates: 2001

Volume: 0.5 cubic feet

Donation: Barbara M. Hawley, 2001

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Biographical Note

Mary Catherine Powell Noland Cochran (1814-1895) was a resident of Middleburg who resided in Vine Hill, today the Museum of the National Sporting Library & Museum. Vine Hill was constructed by Richard Cochran in 1804. Mary was married to William Bailey Cochran, a physician.

Mary Cochran kept a Civil War diary to record events during the war, chronicling the many visits of the Union army to the town of Middleburg. For a time during the War, Cochran and her family lived in Richmond.

Following the war, Vine Hill passed to the Noland family until its sale to Fanny Dudley Woodward in 1898. It was sold to George L. Ohrstrom, Jr. in 1969 to house the *Chronicle of the Horse* and the National Sporting Library.

Collection Description

The Mary Cochran Diaries collection consists of photocopies of two diaries kept by Mary Cochran of Middleburg from 1861 to 1865. The memoir offers descriptions of life in Loudoun County under Union occupation, the exploits of John S. Mosby, and the impact of the war on the local economy. Also included is a typed transcript of the diaries. Original diaries and accompanying clippings are held the Virginia Historical Society (Manuscripts Mss5:1 C6433:1-2).

Series and Subseries

- I. Diaries** **2 folders**
 Photocopies and typed transcripts of two original diaries and
 clippings by Mary Cochran, dated 1861-1865.

Container List
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I. Diaries

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K01	12	Photocopies of Original Diaries	2001
K01	13	Typed Transcripts of Original Diaries	2001

This collection was processed by John Connolly, October 2016.