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Guide to the

Susan Speed diary

1861-1865

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Summary

Creator: Speed, Susan

Title: Susan Speed diary

Date: 1861-1865

Size: .21 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: Diary of Mrs. Susan Speed (née Mosby), great-grandmother of actress Beverly Sittgreaves, maintained in Virginia from 1861-1865. Entries primarily describe her sorrow at the death and destruction caused by the Civil War, along with her hopes for her country; the enlistment of her husband, John H. Speed - and, eventually, her son, John M. Speed - along with other friends and neighbors. Also prevalent are reflections on her Christian faith and sermons heard; notes on daily activities; and reports of births, deaths, illnesses, and marriages

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Geographic Names

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives, Confederate
Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives

Subjects

Women -- Confederate States of America -- Diaries
Women -- Southern States -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

Names

Speed, Susan