

**A guide to the
John Milroy Donnan (1858-1939)
Diary Collection**

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I. Collection Summary

Title	John Milroy (1858-1939) Donnan Collection
Collection No.	C158
Extent	.3 cubic feet
Date Range	1893-1906
Abstract	This collection comprises a short series of diaries by John Milroy Donnan (1858-1939) of York, Livingston County, New York, who generally went by J. Milroy Donnan. The diaries are typical of the era, being small with brief entries related to agriculture and farm laborers.
Condition and Arrangement	The diaries are arranged chronologically in a single archival-quality box. Each diary is enclosed in an acid- and lignin-free envelope and labeled. Diaries are in good condition, with leather covers; some are slightly fragile and should be unwrapped with care.
Languages	English.
Access and Restrictions	<p>Use of the documents in the collection is for serious research and by request and permission of the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the material in publications must be cited as follows, "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York." Additionally, all documents should be handled with care.</p> <p>To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact the Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955, or by e-mail at Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov.</p>
Copyright	There are no materials subject to copyright.

II. Biographical and Background Information

The author of the diaries in this collection was John Milroy Donnan of York, Livingston County, New York. He was born about 1858 in York to a Scottish pioneer family, his grandfather being Alexander Donnan of Galway, Scotland. He married Lizzie Bow in 1885, and both lived their entire lives in the town of York. Their children included John W. Donnan and Arthur B. Donnan. John Milroy died in 1939 at his home on the Craig Station Road in York. Lizzie lived to the age of 91, and passed away in 1953.

John's son, Arthur B. Donnan, who became the York Town Historian, donated this collection of diaries to the Livingston County Historian's Office in 1945.

III. Contents List

J. Milroy Donnan diaries, 1893-1906 (11 items)

IV. Related Materials

York Town Historian's Office
York, Livingston County, NY