

**A guide to the  
Kimball W. Russ (1829-1902)  
Diary Collection**

**Livingston County Historian's Office**  
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## I. Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Kimball W. Russ (1829-1902) Diary Collection
<b>Collection No.</b>	C159
<b>Extent</b>	.9 cubic feet, 3 boxes
<b>Date Range</b>	1857-1902
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection comprises thirty-seven diaries by Kimball W. Russ of York, Livingston County, New York. They record daily agricultural and personal activities, and the series is fairly complete, though some years are not represented, especially in the earlier years of the series. The collection is arranged chronologically and each book is housed in an acid-free paper envelope.
<b>Languages</b>	English.
<b>Access and Restrictions</b>	<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 <a href="mailto:Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov">Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov</a>.</p>
<b>Copyright</b>	There are no items subject to copyright.

## II. Biographical and Background Information

Kimball W. Russ was born on March 20, 1829, the youngest son of John Russ (1788-1861), who was the second white man to settle in York, and Kezia Russ (1794-1868). Kimball was a farmer, and for some time was engaged

in growing hops, as well as wheat and vegetables; according to the diary of Moses Long, he married Beulah Smith (1825-1863) on June 17, 1852. She was a native of Attica, Wyoming County, New York. He married secondly to Agnes Russ (1831-1896). Kimball was also postmaster at York at one time. He and his family are buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in York, Kimball having passed away in 1902.

Kimball's children with Beulah included three daughters: Mrs. Emma A. Davis, Julia A. Russ, who died in infancy, and Lizzie L. and Clara A. Russ, who did not marry. Lizzie Russ was possibly a teacher in one of the York district schools, while Clara was employed at the post office.

The collection was donated to the Livingston County Historian's Office over a period between 1993-2003 by Arthur B. Donnan, the former York Town Historian.

### **III. Contents List**

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| <b>Box 5</b> | Kimball W. Russ diaries, 1857-1877 (14 items) |
| <b>Box 6</b> | Kimball W. Russ diaries, 1878-1896 (18 items) |
| <b>Box 7</b> | Kimball W. Russ diaries, 1987-1902 (5 items)  |

### **IV. Related Materials**

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York, Livingston County, NY