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**ABSTRACT:**

The Emma Gail collection contains a typed copy of a journal written during the Gail family's move from Waupan, Wisconsin to Mankato, Minnesota in 1855. The first section of the journal contains Gail's accounts concerning the family's trip to Mankato. The second half of the collection contains her description of Mankato and her life in 1881. By this time, she had married Benjamin T. Town in 1860, and by 1874, the couple were raising three sons: Benjamin, Warren, and Ray. The journal is not complete and there are some discrepancies in dates. Additionally, a map of the family's journey is included.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

There are no restrictions on use of this collection for research purposes. The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property and libel laws as they apply.

**COLLECTION CITATION:**

This collection should be cited as:

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**ACQUISITION:**

Marian Town Steinhoff donated this collection in February 1989.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Karyn Nester processed this collection in February 1989.  
Jeff A. Jenson developed the finding aid in February 2002.

**OCLC AND RLIN:**

After checking the OCLC and RLIN national databases in February 2002, it has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about Emma Gail available elsewhere.

**LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Gail, Emma (Emily).  
Town, Emma (Emily).  
Mankato (Minn.)--History.  
La Crosse (Wis.)--History.  
Frontier and pioneer life--Minnesota--Blue Earth County.  
Mississippi River Valley--Description--Views