A Guide to Manuscript Diaries and Journals in the Special Collections Department, Rutgers University. Compiled by Donald A. Sinclair.

Presented here are entertaining descriptions of 359 diaries and journals in the Rutgers collection, mostly originals, but including photocopies of a few located elsewhere. Some are short, some long (one covers seventy-three years). Some are full and informative; others spotty and thin.

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The arrangement of the descriptions is chronological, 1743-1957, by date of initial entry. In each case there is an indication of size and scope, with sufficient analysis for potential users to judge the diary's value.


Books, Pamphlets, and Broadsides Printed or Published in New Jersey, 1801-1819, Not Recorded in Shaw and Shoemaker's American Bibliography. Compiled by George C. Rockefeller, edited by Donald A. Sinclair.

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