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**RYNO, Margaret (1835- ), diary. 1 v.**

**Abstract:** Margaret Ryno came to Roslyn, WA with her husband and family in 1900. She was a housewife and he a carpenter. A son worked in the coal mines.

**Biography:** Margaret Ryno, with her husband, Addis, and their son, Wallace, left Nowata, Oklahoma Territory in January 1900. Traveling by train, they arrived in Roslyn, Kittitas County, WA, a few days later. Addis engaged in carpentry, and Wallace went to work in the coal mines. Margaret began setting up housekeeping.

**Scope and content:** Ryno's diary begins with the preparations for the move from Indian Territory to Roslyn, WA. The diary contains nearly daily entries detailing life in this small coal-mining town. There are, of course, the frequent descriptions of the weather, but she also writes about her own apparently serious health problems as well those of her family—the son's injuries in the coal mines, the husband's drinking problems—and the doctor's remedies. The tasks of everyday life—canning, sewing, cleaning, and cooking—are described. The prices of produce and dry goods are frequently quoted. Fires, deaths, social, and other events in Roslyn and Cle Elum are also included. There is the occasional comment on national events, such as the death of President William McKinley in 1901.

**Inclusive dates:** 9 October 1899-8 February 1904

**Restrictions:** Fragile, original may not be photocopied

**Volume:** 1 v. (200 p.)

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**Folder**

- 1 Diary of Margaret Ryno, 1899-1904 (Original)
- 2 Diary of Margaret Ryno, 1899-1904 (photocopy)