

# Elizabeth Goltra papers, 1853

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Goltra, Elizabeth
<b>Title</b>	Elizabeth Goltra papers
<b>Dates</b>	1853 1853 1853
<b>Quantity</b>	0.1 linear feet, (1 folder)
<b>Collection Number</b>	A 034
<b>Summary</b>	Elizabeth Goltra traveled with her husband to Oregon from Missouri in 1853. This collection contains copies of the journal she kept during their overland crossing. Pages dealing with the history of the Goltra family are also included.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.</a> UO Libraries--SPC, 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 Fax: 541-346-3485 <a href="mailto:spcarref@uoregon.edu">spcarref@uoregon.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Collection is open to the public.  Collection must be used in Special Collections & University Archives Reading Room.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Historical Note

Elizabeth Julia Ellison married Nelson Goltra in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1851. In 1853 the couple journeyed west from Missouri to Oregon. Having graduated from "a college for young ladies," Elizabeth assumed the task of recording the events of the trip, which were to be sent back to friends planning to make the trip later. Nelson built his own mill in Corvallis and was a builder of the Lebanon Academy. He died in a boiler explosion that occurred in his mill, leaving Elizabeth with three small children and one child expected. Elizabeth later married a widower named Keeler Farrington, who had a daughter. They moved to a farm in the hills south of Eugene and eventually had three more children. Elizabeth and members of her family were buried in Eugene's Pioneer Cemetery.

## Content Description

The collection includes copies of Goltra's journal, kept during the journey she and her husband made from Missouri to Oregon in 1853. One copy is a photocopy of the manuscript itself and the two others

are photocopies of a typed transcription of the journal. Also included is a three-page typescript that presents information on the history of Nelson Goltra's family.

## Use of the Collection

### Alternative Forms Available

Partially available in microfilm as part of: *Women's lives. Series 3, American women missionaries and pioneers collection* (MICROFILM BV3703 .W66 2006, reel 92); Primary Source Microfilm, 12 Lunar Dr., Woodbridge, Conn. 06525.

*Journal Kept by Mrs. E. J. Goltra of her travels across the plains in the year 1853.* Lane County Historical Society, 1970. This booklet can be found in the Oregon Collection, call number F593. G65 1970.

### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Location of Collection

Collection is located with other small manuscript collections.

### Processing Note

Collection processed by staff.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

Description	Dates
The Generations of Oliver Goltras (Typescript) 3.0 pages	
"Journal kept by Mrs. E. J. Goltra of her travels across the plains in the year 1853" (typed photocopy) 19.0 pages	
"Journal kept by Mrs. E. J. Goltra of her travels across the plains in the year 1853" (typed photocopy 2) 19.0 pages	
"Journal kept by Mrs. E. J. Goltra of her travels across the plains in the year 1853" (photocopy) 21.0 leaves	1853

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Frontier and pioneer life--West (U. S.)

Overland journeys to the Pacific

Women Pioneers--West (U. S.)

### Personal Names :

Goltra, Elizabeth--Diaries

Goltra, Elizabeth--Travel--West (U. S.)

### Family Names :

Goltra family

### Form or Genre Terms :

Overland journals

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