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## **Wolcott (Nanny Pearl) Narrative**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	California State Railroad Museum Library & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Nanny Pearl Wolcott narrative
<b>ID:</b>	MS 647
<b>Date:</b>	1905
<b>Physical Description:</b>	.01 Linear Feet (1 folder)
<b>Physical Location:</b>	Statewide Museum Collections Center
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	This file contains a narrative describing cross-country train travel in 1905.

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## Biography

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Nanny Pearl Wolcott was born in August 1896 in a log cabin in Iron Mountain, Michigan. Her father, Frederick Jacob Wolcott was born in Gold Run, California in 1870 and was a ship's captain on the Great Lakes. He died from Bright's disease in Alameda, California in August of 1905. Nanny's mother, Pearl Lenox, was born in 1869 in Michigan. Nanny had two older siblings, Faye and Jack. Faye was born August 28, 1893 in Illinois and Jack was born in California. Jack died in Port Huron, MI on April 15, 1955. On April 6, 1918, Nanny Pearl Wolcott married Winfield Jacob Flagg. Nanny [Wolcott] Flagg died June 1977 and Winfield died August 1966. Both are buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron, Michigan.

In October 1905, widow Pearl Lenox Wolcott, traveled by train from Illinois with her children, Faye, Jack and Nanny. They were invited to live with Fredrick's mother (Victoria Holland Wolcott) in California where Victoria Wolcott ran a boarding house.

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## Scope and Contents

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This file contains a hand-written narrative describing cross-country train travel in October 1905 written by nine year old Nanny Pearl Wolcott. The document describes the features of the United States countryside as seen through the eyes of a nine year old as the family traveled by train from Chicago, Illinois to San Francisco, California.

Wolcott does not write about how she felt being on the train or features of the train trip (such as sleeping or eating on the train). She does write that they "*crossed the Straits of Carquinez on on the largest fairy [sp] boats in the world the Solana.*"

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## Arrangement

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- Train travel