

## **Box 18: Emma Bray Cohen: 1881 Diary of East Coast trip; Small notebooks with lists & expenses dates 1879-1940**

1. Small leather diary dated 1881 with handwritten entries by Emma Bray, age 23, chronicling her trip to the East Coast for several months. Many cousins, aunts, and Uncles are mentioned.
2. Typewritten transcription of the above diary with explanatory notes by Kate McAnaney Jan 2026
3. Two letters from Alfred H Cohen to Emma before she embarked on her trip. They were dating but not engaged and the Bray family sent Emma away for a break in the relationship
4. Small leather notebook 2.5 W x 4.25 L with embossed design on front and brass metal clasp at top; maroon satin interior frontispiece; gold edged pages. Lists of names of 'calls to make' Oakland and Alameda. List of names with addresses in SF and check marks for calls made starting 'Jan 1 '87' Oakland calls with addresses. Back page says 'Emma Bray from Mrs Perrine' [a neighbor]
5. Brown spiral-bound paper address book with indented letter tabs 3.75 " W x 6.25" L In black ink on front says 'Emma Bray Cohen Dec 1940 Xmas card list'
6. Black hardback notebook 4"W x 6.25"L Opens on short end. Handwritten on sticker on front says 'Emma Bray Correspondents'. Pages inside have one person's name at top and the dates for letters received and dates answered. Earliest date 1879, latest date noted 1882. Notebook is halfway full.
7. Red leather notebook 3.25"W x 5"L with snap clasp. Embossed gold letters on front say 'E.B. Cohen'. Flyleaf says 'The Excelsior Diary 1901' Has several introductory pages with including calendar, Presidents, Poisons and Antidotes, Routes of Travel in California. Last entry Feb 28 says "17th Anniversary"
8. Tan colored Paper notebook 3"W x 5"L with 'Personal 1886' handwritten on front however pencil entries on inside say 1885. List of Emma's personal expenses for each month.
9. Light brown small paper notebook 3"W x 4.5"L Handwritten on front lightly in pencil says 'E.B.Cohen' Only 4 pages inside, some shopping list, two are drafts for thank you note and sympathy note
10. Tan colored hardback notebook 4"W x 6.5"L Pasted paper on front of notebook says 'Cash Book E.B.D 1887 1888' Lists of expenses for each month of 1887 & Jan-Jul 1888

