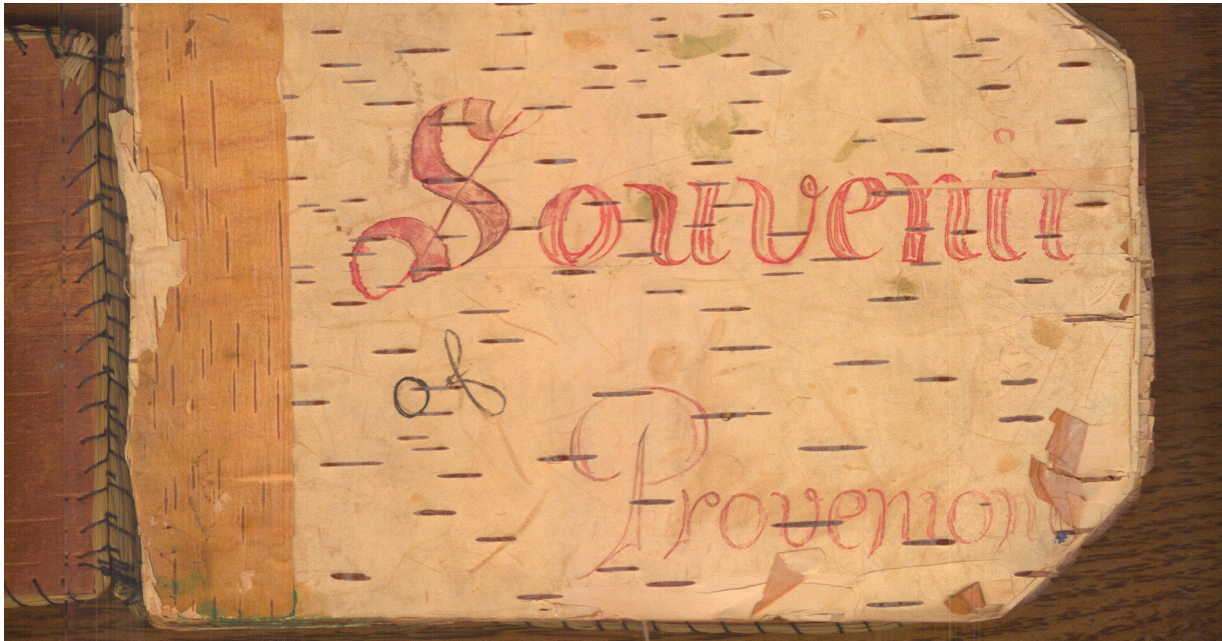


This is an excerpt from the transcribed diary written by Rosa V. Smith in the summer of 1896. She was a young lady of fourteen years on vacation in Provemont, Michigan (on the Leelanau peninsula) with her Grandpa Koch. The diary was written on a birch bark souvenir album.

It is interesting to note that while she was vacationing in the Traverse City area in 1896, Grover Cleveland was president; the first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece; and it would be seven years before Orville Wright would make his famous flight on the dunes of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.



Inside cover of birch bark album (shown 75% of actual size).

- July 20th Came to Provemont with Grandpa Koch ...
- Aug 2nd It was Sunday. I went to church in Suttons bay, came to Provemont and went to high mass and after mass I went to the Keller's and stayed until Tuesday. Mrs. Reynolds, Father, Doctor, and Robinsons were also there. The Keller family consists of two young ladies and men and a little girl not quite as old as myself. The whole family (were quite entertaining). The apples on the ground were quite numerous and we amused ourselves by throwing them at Dr. Rondot and of course he returned the compliment and we had quite a lovely time...
- Aug. 8th ...I made birch bark album in the afternoon. It cleared up and we had beautiful weather. Mrs. Reynolds and I went bathing. In the evening Father and I went boating. I rowed half a mile to Fountain Point without stopping. Coming back I learned how to paddle. First time I used oars.
- Aug. 9th In the morning Mrs. Reynolds and I went to the upper lake and went in bathing. We had dinner in the woods and after dinner we sat in the shade and read Mrs. Reynolds the Home Journal... At three o'clock we started for home. Got half way when we met some boys who made fun of our rowing. In the evening Father and I went rowing. Later I wrote a long letter to Papa, Miss Edwards and to Louise A...