

Collection #  
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**JANE L. HINE  
NOTEBOOK, CIRCA 1890**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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**NOTES:**

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jane L. [Brooks] Hine was born 2 April 1831 in Erie County, Ohio. Her father Lonson Brooks was a deacon in the Congregational Church. Her mother Mary [Smith] Brooks taught school. As a young adult, Jane attended Oberlin College. In 1857 she married her sister Cynthia's widower, Horatio S. Hine. Jane and Horatio raised their three children as well as the three that Horatio had fathered with Cynthia on a homestead in Sedan, DeKalb County, Indiana.

After her children were grown, Jane Hine spent much of her time observing birds and writing about their habits. She became well-known for her informative and charming writings about native birds, earning the informal title "The Indiana Bird Woman." An adept writer, she wrote articles for ornithology publications and poems for popular audiences. For thirty years she made required bird reports for the Indiana state government. She regularly shared her expertise at meetings of ladies' clubs and public libraries.

Ms. Hine considered herself a mother first, and a student of nature second. After her death at the age of 84 in 1916, she was remembered as a bright and cheery optimist who liked people, especially the young.

### Sources:

"Mrs. Jane L. Hine Died Early Friday Morning," *Waterloo [Ind.] Press*, 17 Feb. 1916

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of one notebook containing eleven handwritten sketches of different species of birds attributed to Jane L. Hine. They are written in the first person, usually from the male perspective. The notebook is not signed, nor is there anything in it written in any other voice than that of the bird in question. The language is very descriptive, and like this excerpt from the "Crow" sketch, sometimes contains vivid similes: "No lady's black dress was ever more lustrous than the plumage I wear; and when I walk about on the ground my tail sweeps out behind me like a lady's silken trail."

Species included are: Blue Bird, Robin, Crow, Goldfinch, Wood Thrush, Cedar Waxwing, Phoebe Bird, Catbird, Ruby-Throated Hummingbird, Blue Jay, and Barn Swallow.

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“Students Note Book” attributed to Jane L. Hine

### CONTAINER

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