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Pines Hotel (South Hadley, Mass.) Register

1925-1939

1 vol. (0.25 linear feet)

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Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

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