

Hawks, Dwight Allis (1848-1928)

Journal of farm labor, weather, social events, auctions. Deerfield, Mass., June 1867 to January 1875.

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Journal kept by a young farmer living in the Wapping section of Deerfield. Initially begun as a diary "to put in writing my doings and etc that are worth the time and trouble," Hawks quickly reverts to brief journal entries that principally record his agricultural activities (e.g., planting, hoeing, spreading manure, stripping tobacco, mowing, harvesting, etc.). He also mentions attending dances, spiritualist meetings at Lake Pleasant, picnics in a variety of locations, dining at the Pocumtuck Hotel, playing "ball" (baseball?), going to see the Hoosick Tunnel, and attending numerous auctions. Includes an account of personal expenses, June through November 1867, at end of volume.