

Higginson, Annie Storrow (1834-1913)

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Note: Vol. 1 records the social, recreational, and romantic life of the teen-age daughter of a merchant, living in antebellum Boston. Volumes 2 and 3 afford insights into the social life of a young woman in Deerfield in the 1850s. The Higginson's seemed to limit their associations in Deerfield to a few families—the Williamses, Wares, and most particularly the Henry Stebbins family living on Lot No. 5. They tended to have more friends in Greenfield where they frequently attended theater and lectures. Activities in town included skating, bowling, dances, boating on the river (with tea and lemonade), "table-tipping," parties at Stillwater, Sugarloaf and "the Rock." [cf. diary of Agnes Higginson Fuller for these years]. Vol. 2 contains a library list of Annie's reading interests. Vol. 4 provides more mature insights into Deerfield social life in 1870 and some sensitive descriptions of the countryside. She also describes the visit to Deerfield of Professor and Mrs. Louis Agassiz who stayed at the Pocumtuck House. Vol. 4 concludes with memoranda of personal and household expenditures and expenses for "Horses and vehicles, etc."