

Williams, Abigail (Davenport) (1696-1766)
Diary, 1756-1757 [Longmeadow, Mass.]

1 vol. manuscript 31 cm.

With this is a transcript copy. Sheldon II:379; *New England Hist. and Gen. Register*, IX:198

Note: Diary of the first wife of the Reverend Dr. Stephen Williams of Longmeadow. Essentially a diary of pious, religious reflection and meditation; prayers and supplications to preserve her community from disease (small pox and throat distemper), the French and Indians, earthquakes, etc. Sharing her husband's theological views she prayed to God to "make us sensible of our perishing need of Christ, of his all sufficiency to help to relieve us in our deadly case as descendants from apostate Adam." She records sermon texts and does refer to her immediate family, Nathan (at Yale), Warham, etc., also to the afflictions of members of the Longmeadow Parish.

Williams Family Papers, Box 1, folder 11