

Goodhue, Joseph, 1762-1849

Diary, Sept. 12, 1811-Dec. 31, 1817. [Fort Constitution , Newcastle, N.H.]

1 vol. manuscript 33.5 cm

Sheldon II; 337, 385; Hemenway, *Vermont Historical Gazetteer* V:239.

Note: Diary kept by surgeon at a fort located in Portsmouth harbor. A great deal of weather entries, but also a very good account of a surgeon's life in a war-time military post. Describes agricultural activities and social life at the fort. Several observations on Federalist anti-war and secessionist activities from viewpoint of an ardent Republican. Describes privateer actions along the coast and after the war, and a personal description of President Monroe's visit to Portsmouth and Ft. Constitution. Particularly good in description of medical problems and corresponding treatments.