

Childs, Jonathan Root, 1822-1857
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Note: Highly descriptive account of social, cultural and religious life in Deerfield. Childs was a clerk at Charles Williams's store, and the diary offers some insights into store operations, the Boston to Cheapside route for wholesale purchases, etc. Vivid description of a trip to Boston for the dedication of the Bunker Hill Monument, an event at which George Sheldon was present. Diary really brings many of the characters in the village to life. Concludes with Childs removal to Chicopee where he opened his own store, attended with minimal success.