

Howe, Estes, 1746-1825
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Account of a Belchertown physician; action in eastern New York, from Saratoga to White Plains.
Shaw & Doubleday's *Belchertown*, p. 32
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Note: Howe's journal is valuable as a medical record and for its insights into life among the officers in the Continental army. It records outbreaks of smallpox and other diseases and various forms of medical treatment – emetics, cathartics, etc. The journal was kept among other places at Peekskill, Albany, Stillwater, Fort Edward, Fort Miller, West Point and White Plains. Provides a first-hand account of the First Battle of Stillwater, and the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga. Describes Indian atrocities, and army discipline, and the general discontent with General Schuyler. Howe knew many officers including Gen. Gates, Gen. Nixon, Col. Putnam and others. Capt. Daniel Shays served in the same regiment. The journal concludes with personal and military accounts and a description of the death of Capt. Nathaniel Dwight of Belchertown on Mar. 22, 1784.