

Higginson, Stephen II (1808-1870)

Diary, Jan. 1-Aug. 14, 1870. Cambridge, Mass.,
and other New England locations.

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Diary kept by a successful merchant in the final months of his life. The son of Stephen and Louisa Storrow Higginson, Stephen II pursued a career in business like his father, and traveled widely early in his career. Higginson owned land in Deerfield where he and his wife had lived in the 1850s, and traveled there with some frequency. Mentions visits with George Fuller and other relations, and taking tea with his sister, Martha, and brother, Waldo. Often commented on the weather and pasted newspaper clippings in his diary noting the terrible heat. National and international news noted, and local events such as the dedication of the soldiers' monument in Cambridge.

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