

Stowell, Jane Fidelia

Diary, Oct. - Dec. 1868. Macon, Georgia.

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Stowell lived in South Deerfield, MA and was the daughter of Cyrus and Julieatte Stowell. Two brothers, Myron and Cyrus O., served as Union soldiers in the Civil War and were killed in action.

Stowell was employed by the American Missionary Association to educate freed slaves in the South. After sailing from Brooklyn to Savannah, Georgia, she took a train to Macon where she and 10 other teachers lived together. Stowell taught children during the day and adults at night, and was also responsible for Sunday school lessons. She describes church services, meals, the wedding of two freed slaves, a Christmas celebration, and a visit to nearby Andersonville prison. Stowell also recorded the lyrics of a number of songs she heard sung by former slaves.

Shelved in the Stowell Family Papers, Fol. 7.