

Willard, Samuel (1776-1859)

Diary, Dec. 11, 1806-Jan. 28, 1808. Deerfield, MA

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Rev. Samuel Willard, son of William and Katherine (Wilder) Willard, was born April 18, 1776 in Petersham, MA. He graduated from Harvard in 1803 with a Doctor of Divinity degree, and became a teacher and tutor. In 1807, after much debate in the community, he became the pastor of the First Church of Deerfield a position he held until 1829. Willard, who wrote school books, sermons, hymnals, and pamphlets, went blind in 1819.

The first section of this diary details Willard's experience as the ministerial candidate in Deerfield.

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