

Williams, Alexander (1814-1900)

Diary, 1835-1858; incomplete. Deerfield, MA; Bangor, ME;
Kirtland, OH.

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Williams, son of Thomas and Nancy (Hawks) Williams, was born in Deerfield. He was a farmer and fruit grower and, like his father, moved to Kirkland, OH, about 1838. In 1841, he married Martha G. Cummings; after her death in 1857, he married Mary (Goodwin) Williams in 1878.

The diary begins with a description of a trip from Deerfield to Bangor in July 1835. William traveled with his cousin, Charles Williams, whom he assisted with surveying in Maine until Nov. Most of the diary concerns farming and weather observations, but Williams also notes lectures attended in Deerfield. In July 1838 he and his parents removed to Kirtland, Ohio, where he farmed and grew fruit. Gaps in the diary occur between July 1838 and May 1853, and July 1853 and April 1855. At the rear of the volume are scattered financial accounts, 1835-1860.

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