

Williams, Eliza Dawes (1827-1910)
Diary, 1853 Deerfield, MA

1 vol. mss. 25.5 cm.

Daughter of Ephraim and Rebecca (Jackson) Williams. She apparently lived at home with her family and never married.

The front cover states: A record of thoughts feelings &c – of a forlorn maiden in the 26th year of her age who bereft of her sisters, seeks consolation as most spinsters do, in thinking of herself.

Includes poetry, plant specimens, and newspaper clippings with poems, a piece titled “Blue Fish,” and a notice for an 1867 ball in Greenfield in honor of George Washington’s birthday. Local and domestic news. Mentions visits from her uncle Stephen West Williams’s family and her sisters.

Shelved in the Williams Family Papers, Box 15, Fol. 5a.