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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

1878-1881

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection includes the diary documenting the life of a Methodist circuit pastor, salesman, and farmer from Washington, Ohio, from 1878 to 1881, including comments on religious practices, death and disease, farming, business, and elections.

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

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Biographical Note

Although no information exists on the author's identity, much biographical data can be gleaned from diary entries. The author lived in Washington, Ohio, was married to a woman named Alice, and had more than one daughter. As a Methodist pastor of the Groveport Circuit and as a salesman, the author often traveled to Groveport, Cincinnati, Columbus, Circleville, Logan, and Yankeetown. The author also practiced a degree of farming and husbandry. After getting involved in a buggy-selling scheme, the author filed for bankruptcy, but later attempted financial gain by selling padlocks. The author was often self-professedly "gloomy."

Scope and Content

The Pastor's Diary documents the life of a Methodist circuit pastor, salesman, and farmer from Washington, Ohio, from 1878 to 1881. The collection includes one handwritten, leather-bound diary. Salient topics cover the weather, milling of corn, raising livestock, church activities, local festivals, funerals, marriages, yellow fever outbreaks, local and national elections, and a hanging. The author also mentions twice attending a sermon at a camp meeting for people of color. Mentioned geographic locations are Cincinnati, Groveport, Rees Station, Yankeetown, Lockburn, Lancaster, Darbyville, and Circleville, among others.

Keywords

Diseases

Folk, historical, and patent medicine

Religion

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Diary

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