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Scope and Contents

Diaries of Benjamin Franklin Walker of Bristol County, Massachusetts from 1870 - 1873 and 1875 - 1904. Includes Walker's income from all sources, including farm and shop labor, household work, as well as his expenses, such as food, clothing, musical instruments, concert tickets, and home furnishings. There are also daily entries, which include information about the weather, personal contact with a wide range of acquaintances, work done on the property, social events attended, music lessons both taken and taught, his wife, Lavira Williams, and his sons, Ernest and Clinton Walker. Collection also includes a diary by his son, Ernest Walker, for 1894 and a diary by his other son, Clinton Walker, for 1896.

Related Materials

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Box 1

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Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Language English

Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475812**Unit Date** 1870**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Weather, timber, courting Lavira F. Williams. Ben's birthday June 9th? Making cider. Sunday school. Traveling to Westville, N. Rehoboth, Dighton, and Providence.

Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475813**Unit Date** 1871**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents****Diary****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475814**Unit Date** 1872**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Weather, timber. Mentions "my wife" on Nov. 29.

Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475815**Unit Date** 1873**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Weather, transporting people. Warren Burt got shot through his hand. Reported fire at the hotel on May 7th. Purchasing furniture in Boston. Moving to Attleboro. Plays violin in a band. Going to "Negro meetings."

Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475816**Unit Date** 1875**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Weather. Notes "1842 Elvira" on May 4th. Working in shop.

Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475817**Unit Date** 1876**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Weather. December 5th, mentions Brooklyn theatre fire and over lives lost.

Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475818**Unit Date** 1877**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Weather.

Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475819**Unit Date** 1878**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Weather. January 30th, Vira gives birth to boy, 8 lbs. Ernest/Ernie.

Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475820**Unit Date** 1879**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Weather, planting, trading.

Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475821**Unit Date** 1880**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Weather. June 25th, Vira gives birth to boy, 9 lbs.

Diaries**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475822**Unit Date** 1881 and 1882**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Language** English

Scope and Contents

Weather; neuralgia.

Diary

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475823

Unit Date 1883

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

On June 4th, says 37 years. Working on the house. Going to Providence for work.

Diary

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475824

Unit Date 1884

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Mentions Vira is 42 years old on her birthday.

Diaries

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475825

Unit Date 1885 and 1886

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Many days are empty for both years.

Diary

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475826

Unit Date 1887

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Work.

Diary

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475827

Unit Date 1888

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Notes on work and farming. In memorandum, listing of deaths in the Burt family: 1867, 1883, two in 1888, and 1892.

Box 2

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475828

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Language English

Diaries

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475829

Unit Date 1889 and 1890

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Work and life.

Diaries

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475830

Unit Date 1891 and 1892

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English

Diaries

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475831

Unit Date 1893 and 1894

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English

Diary, Ernest Walker

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475832

Unit Date 1894

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Ernest Walker Diary.

Diary

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475833

Unit Date 1895

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English

Diary

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/475834

Unit Date 1896

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English

Diary, Clinton Walker**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475835**Unit Date** 1896**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Clinton Walker Diary

Diaries**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475836**Unit Date** 1897 and 1898**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Language** English**Diaries****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475837**Unit Date** 1899 and 1900**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Language** English**Diaries****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475838**Unit Date** 1901 and 1902**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Language** English**Diaries****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/475839**Unit Date** 1903-1904**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Language** English