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Guide to the

**Jabez Fitch diary**

1776-1777

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## Summary

**Creator:** Fitch, Jabez, 1737-1812

**Title:** Jabez Fitch diary

**Date:** 1776-1777

**Size:** 1 v. (ca. 500 p.), 18 cm; 1 v. (ca. 500 p.), 18 cm; 1 item (photocopies in case), 34 cm; 1 item (photocopies in case), 34 cm

**Abstract:** Jabez Fitch (1737-1812) of Norwich, Connecticut and Hyde Park, Vermont, served as a soldier in the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War. The Jabez Fitch diary, from 22 Aug. 1776 to 15 Dec. 1777, reflects his service as a lieutenant in the American army, and his experiences as a British prisoner during the Revolutionary War. Fitch was taken prisoner by the British at the Battle of Long Island, 27 Aug. 1776, and exchanged 15 Dec. 1777, after fifteen months and fifteen days in captivity, most of which time he was quartered at New Lots, Kings County, Long Island.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Conditions Governing Access:**

Photocopies must be used in lieu of original volume.

**Preferred citation:** Jabez Fitch diary, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

**Related Materials:**

Related collections include the Asa Fitch Transcripts of Jabez Fitch Narrative and Diaries, and the Fitch Family Manuscripts; Manuscripts and Archives Division; New York Public Library

## Creator History

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### **Key Terms**

#### **Geographic Names**

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Personal narratives

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#### **Names**

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