Summary

Creator: Merrill, Charles Benjamin

Title: Charles Benjamin Merrill diary

Date: 1844-1847

Size: .21 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: Charles Benjamin Merrill kept this diary from April 14, 1844-July 22, 1847 while he was a student at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and during vacations at home in Portland, Maine. Entries refer to lectures and teachers; sermons, often mentioning names of preachers; fraternity activities; social life; part time library work; sports; concerts; weather conditions; trips to Boston, Cambridge, Concord, Hanover, and other locations; commencement exercises; politics, including a mention of President James K. Polk’s visit to Portland on July 2, 1847; and other topics

Access: Advance notice required.

Preferred citation: Charles Benjamin Merrill diary, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

Key Terms

Geographic Names
Brunswick (Me.) -- Social life and customs
Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs

Subjects
College students -- Maine -- Brunswick -- Diaries
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Genre/Physical Characteristic
Diaries
Names
Merrill, Charles Benjamin
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849
Bowdoin College