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Guide to the
Walker diary
1822-1828
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Summary

Title: Walker diary

Date: 1822-1828

Size: .21 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: These diaries (2 vols.) were kept by a man of the surname Walker (given name unknown), a farm laborer. The first diary contains entries from April 5-October 25, 1822, including a record of Walker's journey from Genesee, New York through Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pawtucket, Rhode Island, to Wellington, Massachusetts, where he arrived on October 25, date of the volume's last entry. Walker gives the names of taverns and residences where he stopped and distances traveled. Volume is prefaced by tombstone inscriptions of the Walker and Burt families and concluded by accounts of the sale of charcoal from 1823-1827. The second volume contains entries made between December 17, 1827 and February 1, 1828 which Walker made during a journey from Dighton, Massachusetts to Bristol, Ontario County, New York, and during the return trip. His route took him through Providence, Rhode Island; Hartford, Connecticut; Egremont, Massachusetts; and Albany, Cherry Valley, Cooperstown, Auburn, Geneva, and Canandaigua, New York. Entries include weather observations and descriptive notes. In the reverse of this volume is a diary, also in Walker's hand, of a journey from a place near Pawtucket, Rhode Island to Bristol, New York, by the same route as the previous journey. He undertook this journey between September 13 and 28 in an unspecified year. Appended to this volume are notes on the Burt family.

Access: Advance notice required.

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