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Thomas Chamberlain diary

1835-1860

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Summary

Creator: Chamberlain, Thomas, 1814-1891

Title: Thomas Chamberlain diary

Date: 1835-1860

Size: 2 v

Source: Purchase, Myrtle Chamberlain Cammerata (granddaughter), 11/09/1934

Abstract: Thomas Chamberlain (1814-1891) was an immigrant from England who worked as a printer in the United States. He married Deborah Ann Bugbee in 1845 and became a U.S. citizen in 1859. Chamberlain's diary describes his departure from Portsmouth, England to New York, Franklin (Delaware County), Utica, Niagara, Montreal, Quebec, New York, Philadelphia, London and return to New York. He discusses the food and comforts of second class passengers on shipboard, localities, waterfalls, plays and actors in New York and London, current events, rural life at Franklin, spelling school, apple bees, employment as a journeyman printer at Oxford, Unadilla, Saratoga, and New York, costs of travel, courtship, marriage and family life in New York City.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.) -- Description and travel

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