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| <p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Bliss, Alexander, Journal, 1825</p> | <p>Location:</p> <p>Folio volumes "B"</p> |
| <p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 Folio volume, 134 pp.</p> | <p>N.U.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p> |
| <p>Finding Aids:</p> <p>For a brief sketch of Bliss, see John Homer Bliss, comp., <u>Genealogy of the Bliss Family in America</u>, (Boston: Privately printed, 1881), pp. 159-60.</p> | |
| <p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Purchased of E.P. Korecz, 1947</p> | <p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic and microfilm copying available, subject to limitation.</p> |
| <p>Collection Description:</p> <p>Alexander Bliss (1792-1827) graduated from Yale in 1812, studied law in Hartford with Dr. Strong, and became a law partner of Daniel Webster. He married Elizabeth Davis of Plymouth in 1825, and died in Plymouth in 1827. His widow later married George Bancroft.</p> <p>This diary evidently records a honeymoon trip (from June 7 to July 29) taken by Bliss and his bride to Niagara Falls, by way of western Massachusetts, the Mohawk Valley, and the Finger Lakes region. The couple continued on to Montreal and Quebec, before returning to Boston through Plattsburgh, Saratoga Springs, and Deerfield. There are also copies of poetry and prose, touching on themes of death, prayer, the family, etc., perhaps compiled by Elizabeth Davis Bliss Bancroft (1803-1886).</p> | |