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Name of collection:

Little, David P., Diary, 1861-1869; 1870

Location:

Octavo volumes "L"

Size of collection:

1 octavo volume (72 leaves)

N.U.C.M.C. number:

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Sources of information on collection:

Little, George Thomas. *The Descendants of George Little ...* (Auburn, Maine: Published by the Author, 1882).

Source of collection:

Gift of Marie Saylor, 1990

Collection description:

David Poor Little (1808-1872) was born, on 1 November 1808, at Hampstead, N.H., the son of Jonathan Carleton Little (1769-1856) and Phebe (Poor) Little (1775-1841). He married, on 3 September 1833, Martha Ann Ham (1812-); they had nine children. He died, on 8 December 1872, at Epping, N.H.

This volume contains Little's diary for the period 11 January 1861 through 21 April 1869. There are four pages of accounts towards the end regarding the production of shoes. The diary also contains a child's writings, scribbles, and drawings.

The diary contains Little's activities as head of a large household in Epping, N.H. (e.g., planting and harvesting in his fields and garden, chopping and stacking wood, mowing, and other news of the farm). In addition to running his farm, Little and family also made shoes and slippers in their "shop."

The entries include family and local news (and some news regarding the war), church attendance, visits made and visitors received, weather, and mentions of marriages, births, deaths, anniversaries, and birthdays. There are also remarks of men enlisting into the service, including his son Jay Plummer Little (1845-1875) on 11 August 1862.