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INTRODUCTION

Travel to Wisconsin and Illinois from Newfane, Windham County, VT, 1817-1820; occupations and experiences on frontier; description of Indians, wilderness, logging operations on Mississippi and Black Rivers; travel from Quincy, IL, to New England by stage, boat, and train with itemized account of expenses, 1852.

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| f. 1-2 | June 2, 1818-September 22, 1818 |
| f. 1 | Account, June 2, 1817-December 21, 1817, of trip west of Willard Keyes from Newfane, Vermont, through New York, the Great Lakes, and Wisconsin to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin; settlement in Prairie du Chien and occupation by school teaching and mill work. |
| f. 2 | Operation of grist mill in Prairie du Chien; comments on weather; relationship with Indian neighbors, Menomine and Winnibago tribes; description of Indian religious ceremonies and games; arrivals and departures of boats and inhabitants in Prairie du Chien. |
| f. 3 | September 27, 1818-March 1820; June 16, 1852 |
| f. 3 | Short history of Willard Keyes' life, account of lumbering, floating log rafts down Black River to Mississippi River to Prairie du Chien; departure from Prairie du Chien, April 30, 1818, to float down Mississippi; describes Louisiana, Missouri, Clarksville, Missouri, Salt Prairie, and St. Louis; purchase of land for farming. Journal ends until June 16, 1852. June 16, 1852, journal of trip from Quincy, Illinois to New England by Willard Keyes, wife, Mary F. Keyes, and daughter, Lucy Emily, via stage, steamboat, canal boats, and train; accounts of expenses; "Early History of Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, January, 1855" by Willard Keyes (included in typescript, but not in original journal). |

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