

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Finkel, J. P.**  
**93**              **Farm diary, 1876-1882.**  
                         **145 pages, photocopy.**

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J. P. Finkel owned a farm near East Ringgold in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. He kept this daily journal (with occasional gaps; see the *Shelf List*) between the years 1876 and 1882. In it he entered accounts of plowing, planting, cultivating, harvesting, and so on, but his major purpose seems to have been to record his troubled relationship with his wife, Louise, and her three sons, George, Frederick, and Ote (Otis?). Finkel was especially distressed by George's dissolute ways and by Louise's efforts to gain financial control of the farm. These activities are described in sometimes painful detail, and the difficulties were unresolved at the close of the journal. In an incidental manner the diary discloses the ambiance and rhythms of a rural lifestyle in late nineteenth-century Ohio.

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## Shelf List

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Daily entries begin on 1 January 1876 and continue through 7 October 1876. After a gap of over two years, the diary recommences on 1 January 1879 and continues through 24 December 1879. Again there is a hiatus, until 23 August 1880, with entries from then until 5 December 1880. After a short pause the entries resume on 13 January 1881 and continue in the journal until 26 August 1881. On separate sheets of paper the diary continues from that point until its final entry on 7 January 1882.

1 January 1876--7 October 1876  
1 January 1879--24 December 1879  
23 August 1880--5 December 1880  
13 January 1881--7 January 1882

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