

Allen, Caleb (1809-1862) and Catherine (1812-1889)
Diary, 1853-1862; 1862-1864 Deerfield, MA

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Diary of Caleb Allen – Son of Eliel and Electa Allen.
Married Catherine E. Bardwell in 1842. They lived in the
Allen House in Deerfield that was later inherited by their
nieces Frances and Mary Allen. The Allen sisters moved
there about 1895 with their mother, and lived there to their
death, in 1914.

The diary consists of short, nearly daily entries. These
entries typically cover but are not limited to visits/visiting
other people, notes on the weather, social events, farming
notes, and other chores.

Catherine Allen took over the diary after Caleb's death in
November 1862 and kept it until May 15, 1864. Same terse
daily entries.

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