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Adoniram J. Underwood Diaries, 1852-1862

Adoniram Judson Underwood was born in Clymer, New York, on May 26, 1832. When he was three years old, his parents moved to Western Reserve, Ohio, where he attended school and learned the printer's trade on the *Western Reserve Chronicle*. In 1854, he moved to Minnesota, eventually working for the *St. Paul Pioneer* and the *St. Anthony Express*. Later he moved to Ohio, where he was married to Nancy Ann Folsom in April, 1857. Eventually, they had five children. Underwood served in Company E, First Minnesota Volunteers and Company L, Berdan's First Regiment of U.S. Sharpshooters. After the war, he moved to Long Lake, Minnesota, served in the state legislature, and published two newspapers. He died at Fergus Falls on December 21, 1885, at the age of fifty-three.

The small, hand-written pocket diaries of Adoniram Judson Underwood (1832-1885) and his wife Nancy Folsom Underwood, which are photocopies, chronicle life in Ohio and Minnesota and the Underwood's experiences during the Civil War. Descriptions of the battles of Antietam, Fair Oaks and Seven Pines, and Hanover Court House are included. Other topics covered in the diaries are: the printing business, religious activities, spiritualist meetings, sugar camps, and the Winnebago Indians. One diary by Nancy contains descriptions of daily activities near Warren, Ohio. Some financial records are also in the diaries.
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