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Diary of William Stickney

1786-1789

Biographical Background:

William Stickney was born at Ridgmont, Holderness, on 20th September 1764 and died in 1848. In May 1789 he entered into a partnership with his step-father Thomas Parkinson and ran the farm at Ridgmont until he died. William married twice, all, except one, of his nine children living to adult-hood. He wrote the diary when he was in his early twenties. He was buried at Owstwick.

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William Stickney 1764-1848 of Ridgemont Holderness by H. Alison Kay [L 631.1(6)]

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| U DX89/1 | Photocopy of the diary of William Stickney of Ridgmont
Large coil bound photocopy of William Stickney's diary. Begins with the Stickney family tree. Some days he writes little or nothing at all, often noting the normal events of everyday life. The two main themes of the diary are his work on the farm and related business and his thoughts on his religiosity. He appears to have a great sense of sinfulness and weakness in the face of temptation. There is a note about a business partnership between an Elizabeth Turner and an Ambrose Stickney and a 'Copy of the praisement of the stock of Ridgmont and Hestam'. There is also a section for cures or treatments for different conditions such as 'for a burn or scold' and a small account for wages paid in 1788. The diary also covers events such as the death of his mother and the birth of his first child. All references in the diary to his father are actually refering to his step-father.
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This item has been removed from our collections, as a copy of the diary is already contained within the papers of Fred Fletcher. This can be found at U DFF/8/10.