

**A guide to the
William Hartman (1820-1890)
Diary Collection**

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I. Collection Summary

Title	William Hartman (1820-1890) Diary Collection
Collection No.	C120
Extent	1.5 cubic feet; 2 boxes
Date Range	1860-1932
Abstract	This collection comprises 49 diaries of William Hartman (1820-1890) and son William H. Hartman (1851-1937) of Dansville, New York. The collection includes personal diaries about farm work and life, personal financial accounts, and receipts, which form a fairly complete sequence, with some gaps.
Arrangement	Records are arranged chronologically in acid-free and lignin-free archival envelopes.
Languages	English.
Access and Restrictions	<p>Use of the documents in the collection is for serious research and by request and permission of the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the material in publications must be cited as follows, "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York." Additionally, all documents should be handled with care.</p> <p>To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact the Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955, or by e-mail at Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov.</p>
Copyright	There are no items subject to copyright.

II. Biographical and Background Information

William Hartman was born in 1820 in Dansville, Livingston County, New York. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hartman, came there from Pennsylvania. He was educated in the district school and married Catherine D. Driesbach in 1850. William was left the farm upon his father's death in 1890 and became a prominent and successful farmer.

William H. Hartman, son of William and Catherine, was born on September 30, 1851, at Dansville. He married Ella C. Green, daughter of Calvin Green of West Sparta, in 1881; she died in 1929. Their only son, Herbert G. Hartman, died in 1928 at the age of 40.

William H. was, like his father, in the business of agriculture after he completed school at the district school and Dansville Seminary, and operated a nursery on his farm until his death in 1937. The farmhouse that served as his residence was built in 1827 by Alexander McCartney and rebuilt by William H. in 1893, and was a landmark in Dansville. Involvement in the community included serving as a director of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Dansville, a member of the Union Hose Company, and a long-time member of Dansville Phoenix Lodge, F. & A. M.

The collection was donated by Jane Schryver of Dansville, who likely purchased the diaries via Elizabeth Marlowe of Scottsville, c. 2009.

III. Contents List

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| Box 1 | William and William H. Hartman diaries, 1860 through 1898 (33 items) |
| Box 2 | William and William H. Hartman diaries, accounts, and receipts, comprising years 1899 through 1932 (16 items) |