

# Abrams, William

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
<b>Creator:</b>	Abrams, William P.
<b>Title:</b>	William P. Abrams diaries
<b>ID:</b>	MSS.0005
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1839-1848
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.03 Linear feet (3 items)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Diaries of travels from New Hampshire to Alabama; to Havana, Cuba; and to the midwestern United States. The majority of entries were written in Gainesville, Alabama, where this New Hampshire native settled.

### Preferred Citation

William P. Abrams diaries, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama

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## Biographical/Historical note

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William Penn Abrams was born in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, in 1820. In 1839 he left New Hampshire and travelled to Boston, New York, Chicago, and then down the Mississippi River, finally settling in Gainesville, Alabama, where he worked at a sawmill. He returned to New Hampshire in 1842, where he married Sarah Phelps. The couple moved to Gainesville, where three of their children were born. They lived in Gainesville until the late 1840s, when they moved west, settling in Oregon. Conflicting sources date his death between 1851 and 1876.

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### Provenance

Unknown

### Restrictions

None

### Conditions Governing Use note

None

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Alabama
- Alabama--History--To 1819
- Black Belt (Ala. and Miss.)

- Cuba
- Sumter County (Ala.)
- Travel and Tourism

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Diaries	Box 1
	Box 1
	Folder 4
Diary of William P. Abrams, 1839-1841 <u>Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0000005_0000001</a></u>	
Diary of William P. Abrams, 1847 <u>Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0000005_0000002</a></u>	
Diary of William P. Abrams, 1848 <u>Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0000005_0000003</a></u>	