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Guide to the

**Charles Benjamin Merrill diary**

1844-1847

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## Summary

**Creator:** Merrill, Charles Benjamin

**Title:** Charles Benjamin Merrill diary

**Date:** 1844-1847

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 volume)

**Abstract:** Charles Benjamin Merrill kept this diary from April 14, 1844-July 22, 1847 while he was a student at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and during vacations at home in Portland, Maine. Entries refer to lectures and teachers; sermons, often mentioning names of preachers; fraternity activities; social life; part time library work; sports; concerts; weather conditions; trips to Boston, Cambridge, Concord, Hanover, and other locations; commencement exercises; politics, including a mention of President James K. Polk's visit to Portland on July 2, 1847; and other topics

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Key Terms

### Geographic Names

Brunswick (Me.) -- Social life and customs

Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs

### Subjects

College students -- Maine -- Brunswick -- Diaries

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Education -- New England -- 19th century

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

### Names

Merrill, Charles Benjamin  
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849  
Bowdoin College