



## Pleasant Tilman Gentry Diary C4416

**Collection Number:** C4416

**Collection Title:** Pleasant Tilman Gentry Diary

**Dates:** 1876-1896

**Creator:** Gentry, Pleasant Tilman, 1813-1897

**Abstract:** Diary of a Baptist minister from Audrain County, Missouri, includes farm and livestock records, as well as records of marriages performed in Audrain, Boone, Monroe, Randolph, and Howard Counties. Also includes transcription with biographical information.

**Collection Size:** 0.1 cubic feet  
(2 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Pleasant Tilman Gentry Diary can be found in the following collections:

[Gentry Family Papers](#), (C4026)

[North Todd Gentry Papers](#), (C1401)

**Processed by:** Processed by Isabelle Graves on January 27, 2021.

**Historical Note:**

Pleasant Tilman Gentry was born in Clark County Kentucky on July 21, 1813, and died in Audrain County, Missouri in 1890. He spent the first part of his life in the millwright trade as his father had before him. He also bought a mill and briefly entered the lumber trade before becoming a Baptist minister. He worked as a minister up until 1855. He then moved and spent the latter half of his life on a farm in Audrain County, Missouri, until his death. Gentry was married to Mary Quisenbury on December 25, 1839, and together they had ten children.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been maintained in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The diary of Pleasant Tilman Gentry dates from 1876-1896 while he was living in Audrain, Missouri. The diary contains accounts of his livestock breeding and bee swarming, a description of a new apple orchard location, and remedies for common ailments of farm life including ear aches and poison ivy rashes. The latter half of the diary retain accounts of Gentry's personal expenses, his church's expenses, and a list of people he married as a minister in Missouri. These accounts are all very brief without much detail but offer a broad picture of his church and farm life. The transcription was done by Mary Helen Allen.

**Container List:**

- f. 1                    Diary, 1876-1896
- f. 2                    Transcription

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