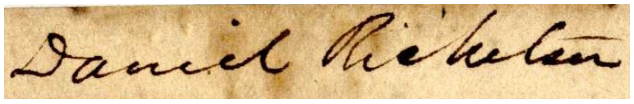
THE WALDEN WOODS PROJECT

DANIEL AND LOUISA RICKETSON ALMANACS

A GUIDE TO THE COLLECTION



© The Walden Woods Project 2025
[Updated: Sept. 2025]

DANIEL AND LOUISA RICKETSON *ALMANACS*

Creator: Daniel (1813-1898) and Louisa Ricketson (1813-1877)
Title: Daniel and Louisa Ricketson *Almanacs*
Extent: 0.5 linear foot (1 archival box).
Abstract: This collection consists of *The Farmers Almanacs* owned by the Ricketsons.
Access and Use: This collection is open to the public.
Language: Materials are entirely in English.
Source of Acquisition: Donated to The Walden Woods Project

Copyright: The Walden Woods Project does not hold copyright on all materials in its collections. Researchers who obtain permission to publish from the Curator are responsible for identifying and contacting the persons or organizations that hold copyright.

Permission to Publish: Requests for permission to publish material from the collection should be directed to the Curator: curator@walden.org

Preferred Citation: The Daniel and Louisa Ricketson *Almanacs* at The Walden Woods Project

Collection Description

Biographical Note

Daniel Ricketson became friends with Henry David Thoreau in 1854. Thoreau visited Ricketson, his wife Louisa, and their children Arthur, Anna, Walton, and Emma Louise in New Bedford, MA. Ricketson had a small house, called Brooklawn, similar to Thoreau's Walden House. After the *Walden* author's 1862 death, Daniel Ricketson continued corresponding with Sophia Thoreau until her death in 1876.

Scope and Content

The Daniel and Louisa Ricketson Almanacs consists of 63 issues of *The Farmers Alamanac* from 1834-1896. Most have a notation of which Ricketson called the issue theirs and some have notations about the weather on various pages. Due to age, these issues are fragile and require delicate handling.

Materials are arranged in chronological order.

DANIEL AND LOUISA RICKETSON *ALMANACS*

1. 1834 Signed by Louisa Ricketson
2. 1835 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
3. 1836 Signed by Louisa Ricketson (in pencil)
4. 1837 Notes and initialed by Daniel Ricketson
5. 1838 Faint notation on top of cover
6. 1839 No visible notations
7. 1840 Notations within, hand similar to Daniel Ricketson
8. 1841 Notations within, hand similar to Daniel Ricketson
9. 1842 Notations within, hand similar to Daniel Ricketson
10. 1843 Notations within by Daniel Ricketson
11. 1844 Notes throughout
12. 1845 Signed by Louisa Ricketson
13. 1846 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
14. 1847 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
15. 1848 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
16. 1849 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
17. 1850 Pencil notes throughout
18. 1851 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
19. 1852 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
20. 1853 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
21. 1854 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
22. 1855 Pencil notes throughout
23. 1856 Notes throughout
24. 1857 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
25. 1858 Pencil notes throughout
26. 1859 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
27. 1860 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
28. 1861 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
29. 1862 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
30. 1863 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
31. 1864
32. 1865
33. 1866 Pencil notations throughout
34. 1867 Pencil notations throughout
35. 1868 Pencil notations on page 16
36. 1869 Missing cover, pencil notation of “Monthly” on last page
37. 1870 Faint notation in pencil on front page, missing cover
38. 1871 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
39. 1872 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
40. 1873 Initialed by Louisa Ricketson
41. 1874 Initialed by Louisa Ricketson

42. 1875 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
43. 1876 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
44. 1877 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
45. 1878 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
46. 1879 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
47. 1880 Third Series. Signed by Daniel Ricketson
48. 1881 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
49. 1882 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
50. 1883 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
51. 1884 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
52. 1885 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
53. 1886 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
54. 1887
55. 1888
56. 1889 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
57. 1890 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
58. 1891 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
59. 1892 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
60. 1893 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
61. 1894 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
62. 1895 Signed by Daniel Ricketson
63. 1896 Signed by Daniel Ricketson

The Walden Woods Project
44 Baker Farm
Lincoln, MA 01773-3004

781-259-4730

curator@walden.org