

***CW/VFM-49: Edwin Harrison Keith***

A diary with entries dating from 1 January 1865 through 7 September 1865. Titled “Journal of Bay Point Life”.

A note taped in the front of the diary indicates, “This diary was written by Edwin Harrisin Keith of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. It was given to Gettysburg College in April, 1963 by Saba Keith Pearse of New Bedford, Massachusetts, grand niece of Edwin Harrisin Keith.”

The Edwin Harrison Keith listed as living in the Bay Point area had two sons—Joseph H. Keith, who joined the Army in 1863 and R. Harrison Keith, an engineer in the Union navy. The manuscript is difficult to read, but mentions lots of naval activity and personages involved in the Civil War Era Union Navy. The diarist does not indicate his own name.

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