

A Study In Local Farm History The Gorham Example

In preparation for the Town Meeting Lesson, we studied some local history using old photos and primary resources from the historical society. We were not able to reproduce the document here, but have attached the worksheets that we used with it as examples of what might be created from local resources in other places.

There are many wonderful photos, documents and lessons available online through the Maine Historical Society website and the Maine Memory Network.

The resource that we used to create the following worksheets was a copy of some pages from Sarah Sadie Richardson's diary and accounts book, which she kept on her family farm through the late 1800s and into the 1900s. It had very brief, dated entries that the students could easily read, and we used guiding questions to create discussions and draw out information about farm life and economy.

Directions for Reading the Journal [Attach:DirectionsforreadingthejournalofSarah.doc](#)

The question worksheet for the students [Attach:QuestionsforSarah.doc](#)

Answers to go with the worksheet [Attach:AnswerstothequestionsaboutSarah.doc](#)