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WILLIAM PIKE, PARK FARM JERICHO

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1 Crop record May 1838 - Oct. 1846

Records date of sowing of field crops and garden produce, type, place and result (ie. 'good', '40' B per acre', 'fine feed for pigs', 'saleable crop'). Garden crops are entered at the back of the book and include carrots, onions, cabbage, turnips, cauliflowers, peas; some are marked as eaten by grubs or grasshoppers or destroyed by frost, others 'good for table'.

(1 paper booklet)

2,3 Weather record 1826 - 1839

State of the weather at Park Farm, Jericho.

(2 paper booklets)

4 Weather tables 1826 - 1840

A tabular view of the state of the weather: monthly tables in columns headed: rain, snow, frost, with figures entered below (? number of days affected per month?)

(1 paper folio)

5 Journal of William Pike 14 Aug. 1822 - 12 July 1823

The journal begins in England with preparations for departure, farewells and descriptions of Hythe, Dover, Deal. On 30 October 1822 W. Pike boarded the ship 'Thalia' (Capt. Munk) at Gravesend, with his wife, Nancy and five children (Lindly, Sarah, Eliza, Emma) and were seen off by his brother John. He describes the voyage and mentions fellow passengers including Mr & Mrs Graham and Mr Cruze, 'a pious man'. In Hobart he lodged at Mr Rayner's in Bridge Street in two large rooms for 20/- per week and visited Mr Rayner's mill. Other people mentioned include: Mr Mather, Mr Hopkins, T. Gregson, Rev. Orton, Capt. Orton, Mr. Bromley and Mr Evans the Surveyor at New Town. He records his attempts to choose land and his Journey with Mr. Leake to Jericho where he settled.

The diary is entered in pencil or pen in a pocket notebook. At the back are pencil sketches of Porto Santo, Palma and Peak of Tenerife.

Spare pages at the back have been used for a modern inventory of household goods, furniture and ornaments, including pictures and photographs. Items include a gas stove, gas heater, gasoliers and gas light brackets. ND (? 1900-20)
 (pocket notebook, leather bound)