

## **Primary Source Document (overview)**

**Title:** *Lumber Rafting on Wisconsin River*

**Date:** 1848

**Author:** *Simon Augustus Sherman*

**Type of Document:** *Diary*

**Where was the document located?** *Wisconsin Historical Society*

**Why did someone save it?** *Sherman's son saved it possibly to share the history of what his father did in the early days of lumbering.*

**What is the main idea of this document?** *The diary explains Sherman's adventures on the Wisconsin River and Mississippi with his lumber rafts.*

**Who was the audience for this document?** *Sherman may have wrote the diary to remember what happened during this time, he may have written it in order to help others going through a similar experience.*