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Abstract
In 1848, David R. Lamson, published his account of the Hancock Shaker Village community, Two Years' Experience Among the Shakers. Although written by a man who had turned against the Shaker community in which he had once lived, Lamson’s book presents accurate detail about life in a community at the height of the Shaker movement. This reprinting of Lamson’s classic account includes a biographical essay about this enigmatic Jacksonian Era reformer and his experiences. Also, it collects for the first time the entire corpus of his writing from the time of his membership in the Hopedale Community. Frequently referenced by Shaker scholars, Lamson has, until now, remained in the shadows; the present work brings the contradictory figure of David Rich Lamson in the light.

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