This is a typescript of a diary by Henry Beeson Flanner describing his travels between Mount Pleasant, Ohio, and Lake Spring in Dent County, Missouri, where he purchased land. There is also a pamphlet, ca. 1936, by Anna Flanner Buchanan concerning the Flanner family.

Henry Flanner arrived at Lake Spring with his father, Jacob, on 2 May 1856. After examining several tracts of land, he purchased six hundred acres near Lake Spring and then returned to Ohio to bring his family to Missouri. There is no indication in his diary why he chose to locate at Lake Spring. He later became the headmaster of the short-lived Union Independent Academy at Lake Spring, and it may be that his employment there was assured prior to his move. In reminiscences about her family, Anna Flanner Buchanan said only that her father desired to spread knowledge and appreciation of the finer things in life, and he had settled on Dent County as a suitable field for his labors. After the Academy failed, Flanner remained at Lake Spring until the Civil War broke out. A staunch Union man, Flanner returned to Ohio after having been delivered an ultimatum by secessionists in Dent County. He joined the Union army as a bandmaster and died shortly thereafter from disease due to exposure.

Flanner commented in his diary about the Missourians he met on his travels, described the flora and terrain of the Ozarks, and noted the advantages of settling in the area. He also mentioned the Hyer family, John Arthur, and David Lenox, who were the leading citizens of Lake Spring.
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