

The 1863 Diary of Henry Eldred Sackett

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Preface

In October 2025, I visited the Gunn Museum in Washington, Connecticut, with my brother, Mark, and spent time copying multiple diaries of my second great-grandfather Henry Eldred Sackett (1832-1868). He married Marilla Hine in 1857.

One of Henry's diaries at the Gunn Museum covers 1863. It is a small pocket diary, pre-published with dates. He faithfully wrote in it for the entire year. Born in 1832 in Warren, Connecticut to Benjamin Sackett (1799-1885) and Thalia Moulthrop (1801-1885), Henry died at the early age of 35, leaving his wife Marilla and three young children, Clara, Flora (my great-grandmother), and Mary. The year 1863 continued to be eventful for the country, with the Civil War creating on-going conflict and trauma. During this year, Henry and Marilla had their two-year old daughter Clara living with them (they had lost an eighteen-month old son in 1859 while living in Garnavillo, Iowa), and welcomed a new daughter Flora in June (although she hadn't yet received her name by the end of 1863). The diary recounts Henry's daily activities on the farm as a young father, living with his in-laws, Herman Hine and Rebecca Pond, his short stint as a schoolteacher, and the challenges of farming, sickness, and the ongoing war. The 1863 diary ends in the middle of a trip to Garnavillo, Iowa, with Henry staying with relatives in the Ohio area in late December.

This book contains the entire transcription of the 1863 diary. I have included reference materials in Footnotes and Endnotes to help the reader have context for family members, friends, and events he references in 1863. He frequently used one-letter abbreviations for both people and places, and I spell these out where possible for the benefit of the reader. The diary provides many insights into a person's daily life in 1863 America.

As a key to reading, here are a few pointers. In cases where the writing is illegible or indeterminable, I have used brackets [...]. I have also bracketed names of people or places where I was unsure of the spelling. If there is no Endnote for a person's name, it is either because they were referenced earlier or else I have not been able to

positively identify them. Also, my objective is to stay true to his grammar, writing style, and spelling, although in some cases I have spelled words correctly where he had obvious mistakes. I have included the text of Biblical references in the Endnotes when Henry references scripture chapters and verses from Sunday sermons. At the end of the dated diary pages, there was a Memorandum section. In this section, Henry wrote in further detail about experiences he had over the course of the year. He wrote the dates when he recorded these, and I have referenced these “Memoranda” entries in the dated section of the diary, so the entries can be read together. As an added bonus, he captured the names of all of the students he taught during his stint as a teacher, which is included as an Endnote when he refers to his scholars.

As with the other diaries, I am glad to bring this diary to light and share it with others, especially those whose ancestries include Randall, Sackett, and Moulthrop surnames. Henry is the only child of Benjamin and Thalia who survived to adulthood and had children. I express my thanks to Corrine Tabolt of the Gunn Museum, who made the materials available for our visit, my brother Mark, who helped in digitalizing the pages, and to my wife Alison, for supporting my continued passion for seeking out and bringing to life my ancestors. I of course am grateful that Henry was so consistent in capturing events of his life in a diary, that past family members had the foresight to preserve these diaries for well over a century. I also need to recognize Ancestry.com for providing many of the tools and resources used in research, including Newspapers.com, from which I have shared multiple news clippings in the Endnotes.

Jeffrey Behm Randall – second great-grandson of Henry Sackett

Sample Diary Pages

		MOON'S PHASES.			
		D.	R.	3	7
		● Last Quarter,	17	50	27 evening.
		● New Moon,	16	30	evening.
		● First Quarter,	17	50	morning.
		● Full Moon,	24	9	evening.

D	M	CHRONOLOGICAL, ETC.	rises	sets
1	W	11 Siege of Quebec, 1758.	7	54 10 29
2	W	Battle Newbury, 1780.	7	54 33 11.23
3	T	Flight of James II, 1688.	7	54 33 11.23
4	T	Ship Island occupied, '61.	7	54 32 24
5	F	Bay of Islands taken, 1782.	7	54 32 1.19
6	S	Rhode Island taken, 1776.	7	54 32 2.26
7	S	May shot '15.	7	54 32 3.30
8	T	Vitus Behring died, 1741.	7	54 32 4.36
9	W	Father Matthew died, '98.	7	54 32 5.44
10	T	W'lna taken, '12.	7	54 32 6.52
11	F	Indiana admitted, '16.	7	54 32 7.57
12	S	Charles XII. killed, 1718.	7	54 32 8.67
13	S	Bat. Camp Allegany, '61.	7	54 32 9.11
14	M	Washington died, 1799.	7	54 32 9.23
15	T	Wayne died, 1776.	7	54 32 10.33
16	W	Great fire in N. York, '33.	7	54 32 11.42
17	T	Battle Mumfordsville, '61.	7	54 33 1.08.
18	F	Bat. near Martinsburg, '61.	7	54 33 2.14
19	S	Bourne died, 1776.	7	54 33 3.24
20	S	N. Carolina seceded, '60.	7	54 33 4.35
21	M	Pilgrims landed, 1621.	7	54 33 5.45
22	T	W. Hoack died, '53.	7	54 33 6.55
23	W	Xerxes destroyed, A.D. 480.	7	54 33 8.05
24	T	Treaty of Ghent, '14.	7	54 33 9.15
25	F	CHRISTMAS.	7	54 33 10.25
26	S	Fort Sumter occupied, '60.	7	54 33 11.35
27	S	Fort Moultrie taken, '60.	7	54 33 12.45
28	M	Suspension of Banks, '61.	7	54 33 13.55
29	T	Floyd resigned, '60.	7	54 34 1.05
30	W	Buffalo burnt, '13.	7	54 34 2.15
31	T	Battle of Quebec, 1775.	7	54 34 3.25

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Henry Sackett's Family and Relatives

Immediate Family in 1862

- Wife - Rebecca "Marilla" Hine (1834-1880) m. 1857
- Son - Henry Hine Sackett (1858-1859)
- Daughter – Clara Achsah Sackett (1861-1927)

Parents (married 1827)

- Benjamin Sackett (1799-1885) – Garnavillo, IA
- Thalia Moulthrop (1801-1885) – Garnavillo, IA

In-Laws (married 1832)

- Herman Hine (1782-1865) – Washington, CT
- Rebecca Pond (1800-1887) – Washington, CT

Other Selected Family Members (and place of residence in 1863)

- Aunt Orpha Sackett (1801-1885), m. Daniel Elliot Brinsmade (1792-1863) in 1837 – Washington, CT
- Aunt Jennet Pond (1802-1892), m. Jonathan Newton Hine (1803-1881) in 1825 – Washington, CT
- Justus Sackett (1784-1846), m Mary Polly Bradley (1787-1867) 1812 - Warren, CT
- Erastus Moulthrop (1815-1899), m Mary E Wetmore (1817-1892) in 1845 – Litchfield, CT
- Brother-in-law Herman Clark Hine (1818-1909), m. Ellen H Beecher (1828-1901) in 1862 – Winsted, CT
- Cousin Myron Sackett Hine (1808-1872) – Warren, CT
- Edward Judson Pond (1806-1875), brother of Marilla's mother, m. Sarah Ford (1806-1886) – Washington, CT.

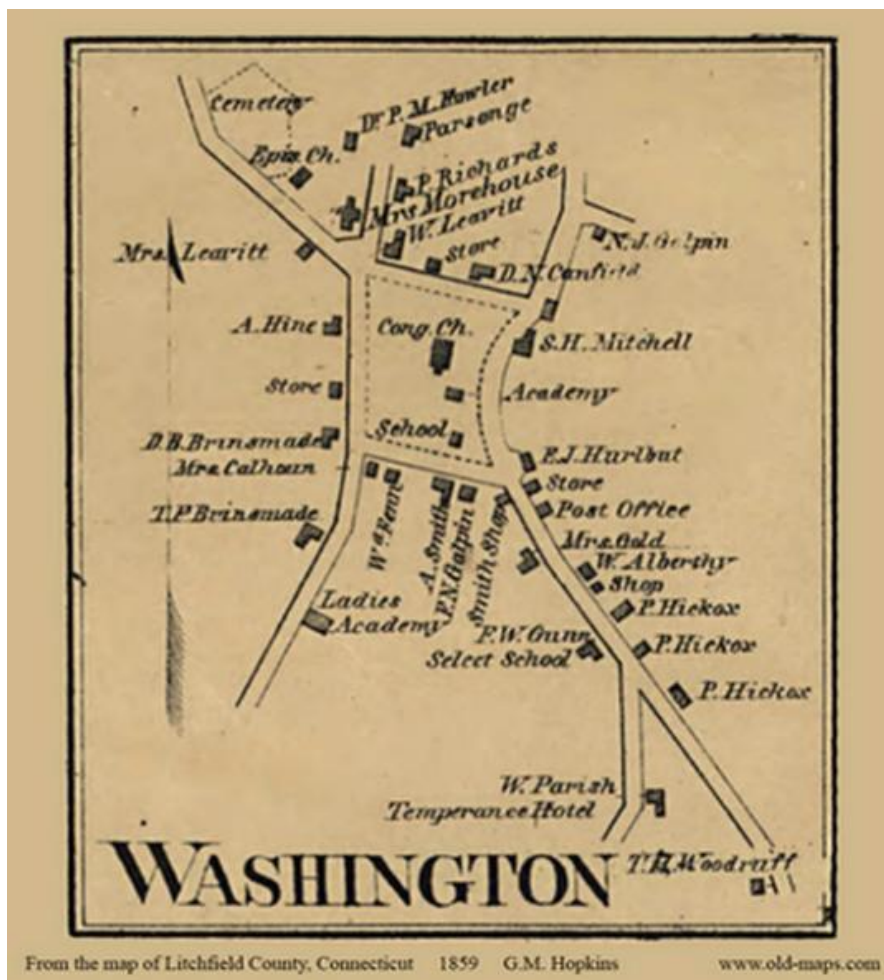
Washington, Connecticut in the 1860s

Washington, Connecticut, named after General George Washington, was incorporated in 1779. Situated in the Litchfield Hills of Northwestern Connecticut, the town hosted a population of 1,659 residents in 1860. Washington has a picturesque landscape, surrounded by rolling hills, lush forests, and lakes, offering residents natural beauty, including areas like Steep Rock, which today is a 998-acre preserve, the Shepaug River, and Lake Waramaug. This environment provided opportunities for outdoor activities like hiking, fishing, horseback riding and picnicking. The center of town, the town green, was a place for the community to connect and transact. I have included two detailed maps of the buildings and businesses surrounding the Washington green (dated 1860 and 1867) to provide additional information on the green, which Henry visited frequently.

Agriculture played a vital role in the lives of Washington's residents. The fertile soil and favorable climate allowed for successful farming, making agriculture the backbone of the local economy. Farmers cultivated crops such as corn, wheat, and potatoes, while also raising livestock like cattle and sheep. This agricultural focus fostered a strong sense of community as neighbors often worked together during planting and harvesting seasons. This is depicted in many of Henry's entries. Early in the 1800s, small mills and factories also began to crop up along the Shepaug River.

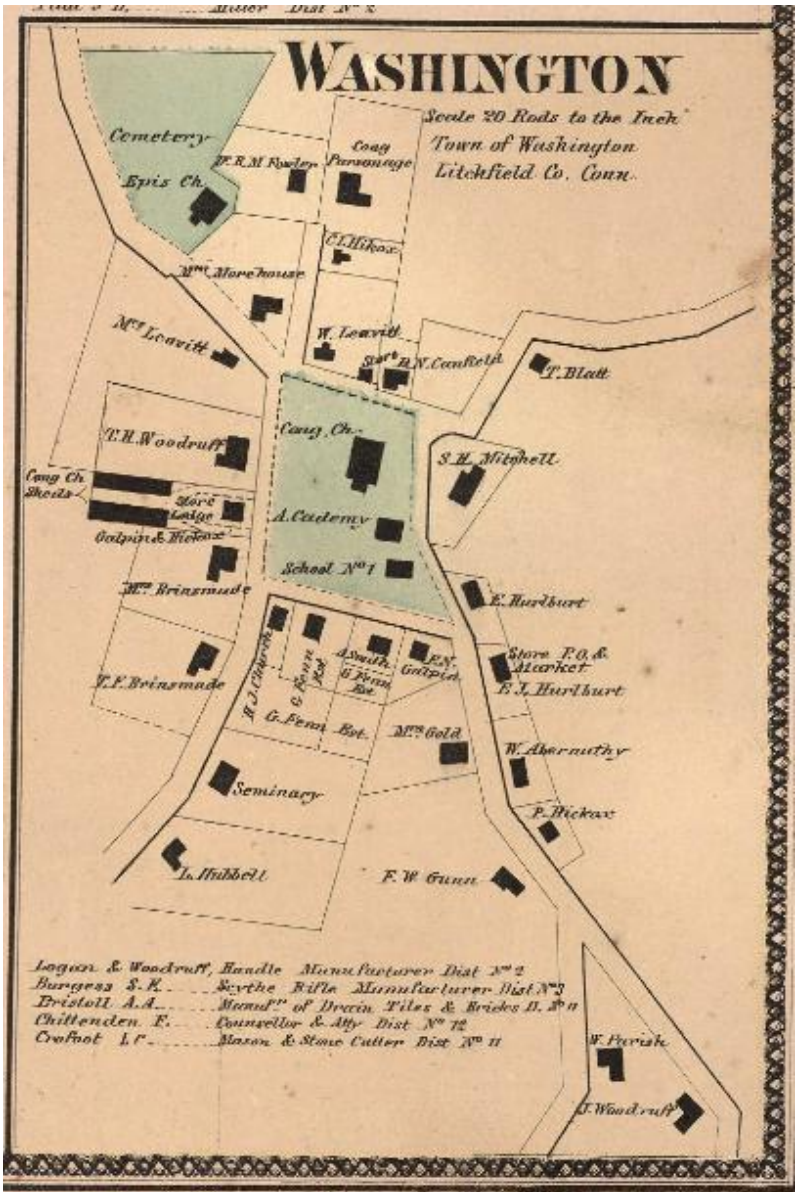
The Civil War, which began in 1861, had a significant impact on the residents of Washington. Many young men from the town enlisted in the Union Army, leaving behind their families and livelihoods to fight for the United States. The war brought about a sense of uncertainty, as families awaited news from the front lines. Henry recounts attending several funerals in 1863 of young men who died during Civil War service, many of whom enlisted and left in September of the prior year. The community rallied together to support the soldiers, organizing fundraisers and other events, such as sewing societies, to provide aid to those affected by the conflict.

1859 Map of Washington, Connecticut Town Center and Green¹



¹ From map of Litchfield Country, published in 1859 by G.M Hopkins, Jr.

1867 Map of Washington, Connecticut Town Center and Green¹¹



¹¹ From map of Washington published in 1867 by Frederick W Beers

Diary Daily Pages

January

Thursday, 1. Today we welcome a New Year. We have had a bright and beautiful day. Father¹ went to mill this forenoon and I rode down to Aunt Orpha's² with him. He came and brought me home toward night. Sleighing not very good. Some bare places. May we have grace and strength given us of God to do His holy will so long as we do live.

Friday, 2. We have had another beautiful day. The funeral of Henry Calhoun³ was attended today at eleven o'clock at the church. Mother and Marilla went. I stayed at home with Clara. After we had supper, Clara and I took a ride. We went on to the green over bell hill⁴ and back the other way.

Saturday, 3. We have had another clear, warm, and beautiful day. Such weather seems quite uncommon for the time of year. I went on to the green and took Clara with me. Today we called at Aunt Orpha's a few minutes. Sarah Hine⁵ has been here for a visit today. Mr. Bronson⁶ came in about the school.

Sunday, 4. Warm and pleasant through the day. This evening cloudy and foggy. Mother and Marilla have been to church today. I stayed at home with Clara. Ann⁷ has been over this evening and I have written a letter for her to her brother in New Haven. Botsford⁸ called this evening.

Monday, 5. Have commenced my school again. Had eleven scholars⁹. My throat has served me very today better than I expected. Wish that I might be able to keep my time. I shall if it is best I should. We have had another beautiful day. This is fine spring weather. Uncommon.

Tuesday, 6. Two days of this school week have passed. Have got along very well with my throat today. Have had another warm though cloudy and foggy day. It is raining a little this evening. Botsford gave me a composition to read tonight that he had written. Very good.

Wednesday, 7. Our rain last night turned into snow and this morning we find quite different weather from last evening. What little snow we had last night has been blowing around today with a strong north wester behind it. Mercury ten above zero this afternoon. My throat does not feel quite as well today. Have taken a little cold, and Aunt Orpha.

Thursday, 8. Last night I wore a cloth wet in salt and water around my throat. Think perhaps it has done my throat good for it has felt better today than yesterday. When I came home to dinner found Marilla and Clara gone to Michael's¹⁰ to make a call. Not so cold today as yesterday.

Friday, 9. Today has finished another week in school. Have got through the week much better than I expected to when I began. We have had a cold chilly day as well as cloudy. Father has had his old sow killed. She weighed 550. Looks like snow.

Saturday, 10.^{III} This forenoon I walked onto the green. Called at Mr. Aspinwall's¹¹. Paid him for mending my boots. Went from there to Mr. Griswold's¹² had some heels put on Clara's shoes and my slippers fixed. Then went to Aunt Orpha's. Took dinner and stayed awhile. Then came home. Found Samuel Tanner¹³ here, but he did not stay long. He went from here to Mr. Augustus Smith's.

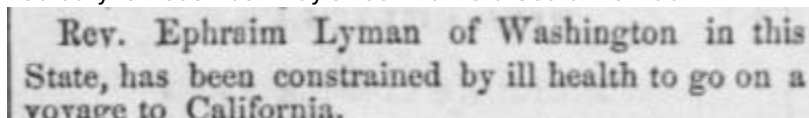
Sunday, 11. Marilla and I have been to church. We had an excellent by Mr. Lyman¹⁴ from Colossians 1:10¹⁵. He said his sermon was made up from some of his meditations on this text while absent from home on his California tour^{IV}. This has been a pleasant day. It cleared off last night after the rain.

Monday, 12. I have been teaching again today. My throat troubles me more than is comfortable. We have had another pleasant day. Fred¹⁶ has been to Litchfield with Marilla. They found the traveling good. I received a letter from Sherm tonight. Not much success.

Tuesday, 13. We have had another pleasant day, though the sun has not shone very bright. Have had fifteen scholars today. I joined with the boys in a game at ball a little while this noon. Mr. and Mrs. William Smith have been here for a visit this afternoon. John Black¹⁷ brought a top for Clara today.

^{III} See Memorandum entry dated January 10.

^{IV} As noted in Henry's 1862 diary, Revered Lyman visited California from February to December. May 3 1862 Hartford Courant extract:



Rev. Ephraim Lyman of Washington in this State, has been constrained by ill health to go on a voyage to California.

Wednesday, 14. It has been cloudy and foggy all day as part of the day there has been a little mist. Do not think we are going to get much of a storm this time. The winter is passing rapidly away. It will not be but a few days before spring will open upon us. The seasons come and go in quick succession.

Thursday, 15. It began to rain last evening and continued through the night and most of the day. I had twelve scholars notwithstanding the rain. It is cloudy and foggy this evening. My throat holds out very well so far this week. Wish it might get well.

Friday, 16.^v This has been another rainy day. Nevertheless, have had eleven scholars. It has rained very hard most of the day. Took my dinner with me today and it was well I did for it would not have paid to have gone after it in the rain.

Saturday, 17.^{vi} After Father had been on to the green after his quarter of beef, Marilla and Clara and myself rode onto the green. Called at C and W Stores^{vii}, then went from there to Uncle Jonathan's¹⁸ and spent the afternoon. It is rather cold today. The ground is frozen up hard.

Sunday, 18. Mother and I have been to church. It has been quite a cold day. It was cold in the church. We stayed to Sabbath school. Mr. Lyman gave us an excellent sermon from the third epistle of John, 4th verse.¹⁹ I like Mr. Lyman very much better and better.

Monday, 19. This has been a beautiful day. A bright sun all day. Went down at noon where the scholars were skating and sliding. I helped to increase the number of boys by joining with them. I got an occasional kick at the football by the boys now and then, giving it a kick towards me. Got a letter from Mr. P tonight.

Tuesday, 20. This has not been as bright a day as yesterday, though it has not been cold, but quite mild. I played ball a while this noon with the little boys. The larger boys were skating. Gunn's school²⁰ have been over on the swamp skating this afternoon.

Wednesday, 21. We have had another cloudy day and some snow has fallen, though but little. There has been a strong northeast wind

^v See Memorandum entry dated January 16.

^{vi} See Memorandum entry dated January 17.

^{vii} Have not been able to identify this store on the maps of the green or in other research.

blowing all day, and this evening it is blowing harder than it did through the day. School has passed off as well as usual.

Thursday, 22. We had a very hard wind through the night. There was a little sleet which made it a little slippery this morning, but the ice is gone tonight. It remains cloudy, yet but does not storm, thus it is not going to. The boys have been skating today at noon and since school.

Friday, 23. Cloudy this morning, but has cleared off quite pleasant this afternoon. Another week of school has passed. Such weather as we do have this winter is very remarkable. It has been a very open winter thus far. I carried Clara up to the barn tonight when I went up to feed Dolly^{VIII}.

Saturday, 24. We have had another very mild day, though the wind has been in the east. I took Mother, Marilla and Clara up to Mr. A Smith's^{IX} this forenoon, then went down and made Aunt Orpha a visit. She rode up to Mr. [A Hidepitt's] with me when I came away. I stayed a while at Mr. Smith's this afternoon.

Sunday, 25. It has been quite mild today. It was cloudy in the forepart of the day but cleared off this afternoon and is very pleasant this evening. Marilla and I have been to church. Mr. Lyman preached from Ephesians 4:6.²¹ The funeral of William Dains²² was attended in the Episcopal church^X this afternoon.

Monday, 26. This morning was very bright, but the clouds came over and it began to rain about noon and it has rained most of the afternoon, though very moderately. Mother, Marilla and Clara have been down to Mr. Titus Bryan's.²³ Have had but twelve scholars today. Broke my pencil up to the barn tonight.

Tuesday, 27. This has been a stormy day. It rained all the forenoon and snowed this afternoon, but most of the snow melted as it fell or very

^{VIII} Family horse referenced in 1862 diary.

^{IX} An A Smith is also reference in Henry's 1862 diary, but he is not identified. There is an A Smith shown on the Washington Green maps, south of the Congregational church.

^X The Episcopal church location is shown near the cemetery on the Washington Green map. The church currently there is made of stone and was built in 1917.

soon. My scholars were all at school today, fifteen. Took dinner at the Colonel's^{xl} today.

Wednesday, 28. This forenoon was cloudy but did not storm, but about noon it began to snow and still continues to. The wind is blowing quite hard this evening. Received a letter from E B Wakeman²⁴ tonight, also the January and February no. of the Albany Cultivator²⁵ with the map of the Southern States.²⁶

Tuesday, 29. It was considerable blustering this morning, the wind blowing the snow that was falling. It snowed most of the forenoon. This afternoon we have had some squalls. A good deal of the snow that has fallen today has melted. Not much sleighing yet.

Friday, 30. Today has been quite pleasant and our poor sleighing has grown poorer from the effects of the sun. Have had pieces and composition in school this afternoon. They passed off very well. Feel quite at liberty again till Monday. The weeks get away fast. Time flies.

Saturday, 31. Marilla and I have been to the Ville²⁷ today. We found the wagoning very good. It has been a very pleasant day. Since coming home from the Ville have been to the mill and got a keg of oysters on the green. I feel better out in the open air than in the schoolhouse.

February

Sunday, 1. Mother and I have been to church today. Mr. Lyman preached from Isaiah 59. This is the third sermon that he has given us on the duties of parents. This was a very beautiful morning, but it clouded up about noon and has been quite chilly this afternoon.

Monday, 2. Another day is numbered with the past. Yesterday today was not, but now is gone and tomorrow will soon be like today. Thus glide the days along, and with them we pass on till time doth drop us off her car, and leave us with the dead. Has been a pleasant day. Had twelve scholars.

Tuesday, 3. This has been a cold day for this winter. Have had thirteen scholars today. This evening have been writing over my scholars' names in the register. Am preparing for another page to mark attendance. My throat feels rather worse than common tonight. Hope it will feel better in the morning.

Wednesday, 4. This has been the coldest day of the season. Mercury this morning fourteen degrees below zero, six at noon and fourteen

^{xl} The Colonel is mentioned multiple times without context. See entry for Newton on February 17 for possible identification.

again at night. My scholars did not all get to school today. The little ones not being there made less talking for me, which I liked. The less talking, the better throat.

Thursday, 5. We have had another cold day, though not as cold as yesterday. Mercury this morning six below zero. Wind in the east today and this evening snowing some. Seth and Lora²⁸ were here to dinner today. Lora spent the afternoon. I took her over to Uncle Ed's²⁹ this evening.

Friday, 6. Have had a very rainy day. It rained all the last part of the night and most of today. Only six scholars today. It continues to rain yet. Had an easy time of it today in school not having my little ones to drill. The ground was all covered over with water this morning.

Saturday, 7. Marilla, Clara and I have been to Aunt Orpha's this afternoon. After taking them there I went to Mr. Lobdell's³⁰ and Mr. Griswold's³¹ before making my visit. Went to Mr. Lobdell's to see about getting Dolly shod and to Mr. Griswold's to get my boots fixed. Aunt Jennet³² has been here today, spinning thread.

Sunday, 8. This has been a beautiful day, so warm and pleasant. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Lyman preached a sermon to the young today from Ecclesiastes 12:1³³. It was an excellent sermon. Would that it might produce an effect worthy of it through Jesus.

Monday, 9.^{xii} This has been a very comfortable day, though not bright and pleasant as yesterday. Have commenced another week in school. Had twelve scholars. Rufe Leavitt³⁴ was here this morning after I went to school. Have been reading my McGregor paper³⁵ some this evening. It came tonight.

Tuesday, 10. Has been a very comfortable day again. The weather is uncommon, not much like winter, more like November or March than mid-winter. School passes from day to day without much of a variety. Shall feel quite at liberty again when my school closes.

Wednesday, 11. Looks like a storm again tonight. Have had fourteen scholars today. They [...] our school room yesterday some and have been at it again this noon. Aunt Orpha and Fred Carter³⁶ have been here this evening and made us a visit. Mother and I have been down to Uncle Jonathan's for a visit today. And Clara too, I should have said.

Thursday, 12. Has snowed some today and this afternoon and evening. It is raining. Have had only nine scholars today. The Black

^{xii} See Memorandum entry dated February 9.

children^{xiii} stayed at home to attend the funeral of a little cousin³⁷ of theirs. Daniel Baker³⁸ died last night. Marilla put one of Herrick's plasters³⁹ on my breast tonight.

Friday, 13. Today has finished out another week of school. Had thirteen scholars. Had compositions and pieces this afternoon. It has been quite pleasant though cool today. Lucinda⁴⁰ has been up this evening. She brought up three letters for us to read, one from B Bingham, one from Lewis Sackett, and one from H Stoddard^{xiv}.

Saturday, 14. Have been to Litchfield with Aunt Orpha, Lucinda and Uncle Brin. I drove Dolly up with one of Uncle Brinsmade's horses. It has been a beautiful day, not a cloud to be seen till near night. Aunt Orpha, Lucinda, and Uncle Brinsmade went up to get their pictures taken. I had the sick headache⁴¹ coming home. Fred came up with me from their house.

Sunday, 15. It has been a cloudy, foggy day. Have had a little rain too. We have not any of us been to church today. I have felt rather out of tune today from my sick headache yesterday. Hope I feel pretty well tomorrow. This day seems almost lost to me, sitting around as I have.

Monday, 16. It has been pleasant today. Have felt very well today considering my sick headache spell on last Saturday. Have had thirteen scholars today. If my throat was only well should enjoy teaching very much. My school will soon be out.

Tuesday, 17. Looked like a storm this morning, but this evening is quite pleasant. Mother, Marilla, and Clara went over to Mr. Newton's⁴² for a visit this afternoon and I was expecting to go there to tea, but Marilla had quite a poor spell. Was sick all of the time she was there, so we all came home as soon as school was out.

Wednesday, 18. This was a beautiful morning. This afternoon cloudy with a snow squall. Perhaps we shall get a storm. Have had fourteen scholars today. I went in to the Colonel's this morning and sat a little while before school.

Thursday, 19. Have had some rain today, though it has not rained hard at any time. Had but eleven scholars today. Did not come home at noon, but stayed at the school house during the intermission. It is raining considerable this evening.

^{xiii} There were five students with the surname Black in Henry's list of scholars (see January 5 Endnote on scholars).

^{xiv} Have not been able to identify the three the letters were from. Would assume they were relatives living out west.

Friday, 20. This day has finished another week in school. Have had speaking and compositions again today. It passed off very well. Quite an improvement on the last time before this. Do not have these exercises but once more.

Saturday, 21. Have been to the Ville today and also to the Village below. Got my presents^{xv} for my scholars in Woodbury today. Ann went down as far as the Ville with me. Mrs. Calhoun^{xvi} and Helen Ford⁴³ have made a visit here this afternoon.

Sunday, 22. Mother and I have been to church today. We had a snowstorm to come home in. We are having quite a severe storm this afternoon and evening. It has snowed very fast since about noon, and the wind blows quite hard.

Monday, 23. Mr. Lyman's text yesterday was in Ecclesiastes 12:1.^{xvii} A continuation of the same subject that he preached from two weeks ago. A sermon to the young. Has been quite pleasant today. Had some snow drifts to go through getting to school this morning.

Tuesday, 24. Have been in school another day. This evening Simeon Ford and wife⁴⁴ and Jereme Kinney and wife have been here for a visit. They brought the news of Uncle Andrew's⁴⁵ death. It was very unexpected to us. They did not know any particulars. Think he must have died sudden.

Wednesday, 25. This has been a pleasant day. The snow has softened some today. Sleighing is not good, only in places. There are a great many bare places. I went into the Colonel's this morning before school. My scholars were in season this morning, all of them.

Thursday, 26. Today has been quite pleasant with the exception of a snow squall this forenoon, and a little rain this evening. Mother and Father went down to the graveyard to see Uncle Andrew buried⁴⁶. The coffin was opened at the yard. They said so that they had an opportunity to look at the corpse.

Friday, 27. It rained nearly all of last night and a part of the forenoon, but has cleared off pleasant this afternoon. Went out this noon and snowballed with the boys awhile. Did not come to dinner. Today finishes up this week in school.

Saturday, 28. Father and I went down to Mr. H Seeley's⁴⁷ this forenoon. Marilla and Clara rode down with us as far as Uncle Jonathan's and

^{xv} See Cash Account for February, where he spent \$1.35 on presents.

^{xvi} Not identified, but there are several Calhoun families in the area.

^{xvii} Same as on February 8.

stayed there while we were gone to Mr. Seeley's. Father bought a pair of oxen of Mr. Seeley. Have been down to Aunt Orpha's this afternoon. Walked down.

March

Sunday, 1. It has been raining and snowing today. We have not been to church today any of us on account of the storm. It was Communion today. Have been looking over the Geography some this evening.

Monday, 2. This has been a beautiful day. Had my school visited this afternoon by Deacon S S Baldwin,⁴⁸ William Brosnon and wife⁴⁹, Mrs. B Newton, Jane Black⁵⁰ and Susan Pond^{xviii}. My scholars recited very well. Had a headache this afternoon, which terminated in the sick headache. Found myself pretty much down when I got home.

Tuesday, 3. Have closed my school today.⁵¹ Had reading, speaking and compositions this afternoon. Marilla and Clara were over the afternoon after school. We went to Colonel's and made a visit. Mr. F Newton and wife and R Bryan and wife were there. Mother drove over for Marilla and went to Mr. Newton's and spent the afternoon.

Wednesday, 4. Went to mill this forenoon. Waited for my grist. Did not get home till about two. After dinner went over to Uncle Ed's. Took home Helen's books. Stayed there and took tea. This evening have been looking over Colburn's Arithmetic.⁵²

Thursday, 5. Went down to Aunt Orpha's this morning, expecting to go up to Helen Ford's school this afternoon, but Cousin H Comstock⁵³ and wife came there for a visit, so I did not go away from there, but stayed and visited with them. Bought some oysters while there and brought them home for a rest.

Friday, 6. Have spent the day at home indoors this forenoon. It snowed quite hard this afternoon. Cloudy but did not storm. We were expecting to make a visit at Mr. A Mitchell's⁵⁴ this afternoon, but thought the weather unfavorable, so we remained at home. Have been writing to Father this evening.

Saturday, 7. Has been snowing again today. This afternoon we were going to Uncle Jonathan's, but the storm finely prevented us so we stayed at home and I wrote a letter to Sherm. Perhaps we are to have a little sleighing at this late hour.

^{xviii} Have not identified two of the three women, but there were students with the last names of Black and Newton in Henry's class. Susan Pond was Marilla's first cousin, a daughter of Edward and Sarah Pond.

Sunday, 8. We are having another unpleasant day. Has been snowing some again today. We did not any of us go to church today on account of the weather. This evening have been writing to Edwin Wakeman^{xix}. Looks like more snow.

Monday, 9. This has been a pleasant day. We had more snow last night, but it has cleared off this morning. Michael⁵⁵ and I yoked up the new oxen for the first time and broke out the roads this forenoon. After dinner we went to mill. Marilla, Clara and I took a ride on to the green after tea. Went over Bell hill⁵⁶. Came back the other way.

Tuesday, 10.⁵⁷ Came up to Uncle Erastus⁵⁸ this forenoon. Found the sleighing good. This afternoon Uncle Erastus and I have been onto the hill. I saw Doctor Buel⁵⁹. Talked with him about Marilla. He seems to think she will be better next summer if she takes care of herself.^{xx}

Wednesday, 11. The storm this morning prevented Uncle E and myself starting for Goshen. But clearing up about ten, we set out, but did not go, only on to the hill on account of our horse. We stayed in Litchfield a short time, then came back to Uncle 's. I stopped there a short time, then started home. Got here about five.

Thursday, 12. Have been to Warren to the Gilbert's⁶⁰ today. Found excellent sleighing, but it has been a very cold and a good deal of wind. Had the headache when I got home. We went up the east road and came home through New Preston. We brought home a barrel of flour. We paid nine dollars.

Friday, 13. This forenoon have been indoors most of the time. Feel rather worse for wear today. Mother, Marilla, and Clara and I have been to Uncle Jonathan's this afternoon for a visit. The sleighing is beautiful about here. Mercury this morning five below zero. Clear and pleasant today, but cold.

Saturday, 14. We have had another cold day. Was expecting to go to the Ville, but thought it too cold. Have been at home all day and have been in the house most of the time. Hope to get better of this cold and cough soon.

Sunday, 15. Marilla and I have been to church. Mr Lyman preached from Ecclesiastes 12:1. This is the third sermon from that text to the young. He has been very earnest in his appeals to the young since his return from California. May they receive his instruction and live.

^{xix} This is likely E B Wakeman mentioned in Henry's January 28 diary entry.

^{xx} The assumption is he is referring to her pregnancy, given she will give birth to their baby girl Flora in June.

Monday, 16. Have not been out of doors today, only to do my chores. It has looked like a storm all day until just at night the clouds broke away and the sun shone out. It has been a chilly and cold day. R. Ford^{xxi} called here this afternoon.

Tuesday, 17. This has been a beautiful day. Father and I went down to Mr. Olmstead's⁶¹ this forenoon. This afternoon Marilla, Clara and myself have been on to the green. Sleighing is excellent. But two or three days like this will spoil it. Looks very much a storm tonight.

Wednesday, 18. Mother and I have been to Woodbury today. Sleighing was good going down, not as good coming home. We had to face a strong north wind coming home, so that it was cold riding. Samuel Tanner made us a visit this afternoon. Has gone this evening.

Thursday, 19. This morning went down to Orsborn's to see Fred Ward and settle with him about the apples we carried there for cider last fall. This afternoon have been at home. This evening Mr. and Mrs. Bronson^{xxii} have been here.

Friday, 20. Have been down to Aunt Orpha's this afternoon. Took down Maggie Black's^{xxiii} lamp, her [...] present. Stayed in the house most of the forenoon. Rome Ford's^{xxiv} steers, those that Father bought of him yesterday, came down today. Uncle Ed has been in here this evening. We received a copy of Uncle Andrew's will tonight.⁶²

Saturday, 21. The Colonel has been drawing some wood here today. Five loads I believe. I have sawed up a little for back logs. This has been a cloudy, chilly day. Father has been to mill. Seth Hollister called in here a few minutes today. Grandmother has been over to Uncle Ed's for a visit today.

Sunday, 22. Mother and I have been to meeting today. Went in a sleigh. It has been a lovely day. Very warm. The snow has melted very fast. Mr. Lyman preached from Hebrews 11:34 and 40.⁶³ How precious the Sabbath with its attendant blessings and privileges.

Monday, 23. The snow has melted very fast again today. Father and I tapped the maple trees on the back road this morning. We have fixed a couple of feeding tubs for the oxen today and begun giving them meal

^{xxi} Potentially Royal A Ford or Royal W Ford (possibly named Rome Ford), all of whom were both involved in the cattle business in the Litchfield area around this time.

^{xxii} William Clark Bronson and Lucy Ann Bronson. He is referenced January 3.

^{xxiii} One of Henry's students, age thirteen. See list of scholars.

^{xxiv} See March 16 entry.

or provender. Aunt Jennet, Sarah and Mary^{xxv} have been here for a visit this afternoon.

Tuesday, 24. Have spent most of the day in the house trying to get over my cold. Carried a little wood into the wood house this morning. This afternoon hitched Dolly onto the old wagon and went after the sap.

Wednesday, 25. It rained very hard this forenoon. Foggy and cloudy this afternoon with a little rain. Silia, Eunice, and Lucinda⁶⁴ have been here for a visit this afternoon. Fred brought them up and came after them. Have been reading the life of Christ some today.

Thursday, 26. Was at home this forenoon doing not much of anything. This afternoon have been down to Aunt Orpha's. Rode down with Mother when she went to prayer meeting. Aunt Orpha was gone to meeting. Silia had gone with her. Lucinda and Eunice were at home.

Friday, 27. Father has been making some ox bows.⁶⁵ I have been helping him about tending them. Have made a bow pin hole in one of them for the steers' yoke. Have given the oxen a new bed of swamp hay this afternoon. I do wish that this cold and cough would leave me.

Saturday, 28. Went to mill this forenoon. Waited for my grist which was provender and then came most of the way home in a snowstorm. It stormed very hard when I got home and has all of the afternoon. Such a pleasant morning as this was does not often make such a stormy afternoon.

Sunday, 29. We have had snow squalls today, but has cleared off this afternoon. Quite pleasant. Have felt pretty much down today. Think I must have taken more cold. We have not any of us been to meeting today. Hope to be well soon.

Monday, 30. Have been at home sitting in the house most of the time today. It has been a bright and beautiful day. Father and Michael have killed the pig Father has been trying to fat all winter. It weighed 107 pounds. Aunt [...] has been here visiting this afternoon.

Tuesday, 31. Another snowstorm today and the snow has fell very fast a good deal of the time. Have been sitting by the fire most of the time. How thankful should I be to enjoy good health, but may I have grace to bear in future what God sends upon me.

^{xxv} Assuming Sarah and Mary Hine, nieces of Marilla through her half-brother Clark Hine.

April

Wednesday, 1. It was very pleasant in the morning, but clouds came over and the wind blew, making it quite cold this afternoon. There has but very little of the snow melted away today. Have been down to the maple trees twice today.

Thursday, 2. Have kept myself in the house most of the time again today. Have fixed the yoke for the steers. Helped about boiling sap some and worked on a plan for a house some. Hope to be well enough to get outdoors to work soon. I like to be out stirring about.

Friday, 3.^{xxvi} This has been a pleasant day. Clara and I went down to the maple trees this morning after what sap ran last night. We got about a keg full. Marilla, Clara and I have been down again this afternoon and got about as much more. Mrs. Newton, Helen and Catharine⁶⁶ called here just before dark.

Saturday, 4. Went over to the Colonel's this forenoon to see Catharine. Stayed there to dinner. After dinner Catharine came home with me and is staying here tonight. It began to snow soon after noon. Is snowing and blowing very hard tonight. Mixed with a little rain.

Sunday, 5. Not very pleasant today. Frequent squalls of snow. We have not been to meeting today. Catharine went with the Colonel's. Have read my chapters in the Bible, some in the Life of Christ in my Commentary on the Gospels and in the news papers. Have puffed^{xxvii} some corn this evening.

Monday, 6. This has been a pleasant day, that is we have had a bright sky if there was plenty of mud under foot. Have been onto the green to vote. Copperheads outnumber the Union men in this town.⁶⁷ Father went over with me. We took over a few apples to Erastus.

Tuesday, 7. This has been another unpleasant day. Rain in the forenoon and some snow this afternoon. Have spent the day most of it in the house. Have read some in the life of Christ. The more I read of this work, the more I like it.

Wednesday, 8. Went down to the sap trees this morning. Called at the Colonel's as I came home. Found Catharine there. The Colonel has taken her up to her Uncle Fred's today. Miss Fanny Smith has been here for a visit today. Marilla, Clara, and I went after the sap this afternoon.

^{xxvi} See Memorandum entry dated April 3.

^{xxvii} A rudimentary form of popcorn.

Thursday, 9. Spent the forenoon about the house. Read some. This afternoon Mother and I have been to prayer meeting. Mr. Lyman made some excellent remarks. Deacon Baldwin arrayed peace with all his eloquence.

Friday, 10. This forenoon, I sowed the piece of ground that we raised potatoes on last year to oats. Michael has been harrowing them in this afternoon. I have been down to Aunt Orpha's this afternoon since coming home. Marilla, Clara and I have been down after the sap.

Saturday, 11. Mother and I have been to Woodbury today. Saw Mr. Thompson⁶⁸ about painting the house and got some paints for the same. After we came home, Marilla, Clara and I went down to the maple trees and brought home the sap dishes. Warm and pleasant.

Sunday, 12. Another pleasant day. Marilla and I have been to church. Mr. Lyman gave us an excellent sermon from James 3:13 to 17.⁶⁹ The peace men as well as women have had a good invitation to first purify themselves or seek for purification in Christ before they cry peace when there is no peace.

Monday, 13.^{xxviii} Picked up the scattering wood in the woodyard and put it in the pile this forenoon. This afternoon, Mother and I have been to Uncle Jonathan's. When we got home, found Uncle Eldred? had just been up to tell us that Cousin David was at their house.

Tuesday, 14. Came home from Uncle Brinsmade's this morning. Charly⁷⁰ and Cousin David⁷¹ started for New Haven between five and six this morning. I swept the dooryard this forenoon. Michael and I yoked up the steers and put them on with the oxen to harrow. We worked them most of the afternoon. We never had yoked the steers before.

Wednesday, 15. This morning sowed the oats the west side of the west barn, then went down into the woods where Uncle Ed was to work getting wood. This afternoon took Mother to the sewing society⁷² to Mr. M. Logan's. Then went up to Simeon's and made a visit. Went to Sam Allen's^{xxix} and got two bushels of the Kansas potatoes.⁷³

Thursday, 16. We have had a very rainy day as well as very windy. Have not been out of doors much today. Have been reading the account of the attack by our gunboats on the Fort at Charleston.⁷⁴ Would that it might have proved a success to our arms.

^{xxviii} See Memoranda entry dated April 13.

^{xxix} Possibly Samuel Allen, a farmer in Washington.

Friday, 17. We have not had any rain today, though it has been cloudy this afternoon. Uncle Brin and Aunt Orpha have made us a visit this afternoon. Have written a letter home. I would like to be there. Hope to return west this season.^{xxx}

Saturday, 18. Have not been doing much today. Wrote a letter to Sherm. Done some chores etc., etc. Has been more pleasant today than yesterday. I wish that I had some business put as thought I ought to have.

Sunday, 19. This has been a very warm and pleasant day. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Lyman preached from Romans 13:14, first clause.⁷⁵ He gave us an excellent sermon. It was very plain and practiced. Have we obeyed the injunction of the text.

Monday, 20. Went to mill and the blacksmith's this forenoon. This afternoon Father, Mother, Marilla, Clara and myself have been to Uncle Brin's for a visit. It is quite chilly this evening and has been through the day. Wind in the northeast.

Tuesday, 21. Worked in the yard trimming the currant bushes and cleaning it. This afternoon have been to the Ville. Went down alone. Has been very pleasant today, though the wind has been in the east. Mr. and Mrs. Newton and Walter^{xxxI} have been in for a visit this evening.

Wednesday, 22. Have been to work about the yard some today. Fixed the gooseberries. Set down crutches and put in poles to keep them off from the ground. Mrs. Phebe and her mother have made us a visit this afternoon. Father has been to Roxbury today.

Thursday, 23. Helped Father plant some potatoes in the garden this forenoon. This afternoon, Mother and I have been to prayer meeting. We had a good meeting. Was very much pleased with Mr. Smith's remarks. He comes out boldly against this secession sympathy.

Friday, 24.^{xxxII} Michael and I yoked up the steers this morning and then went down with them and the oxen to harrowing in the orchard, where we had corn last year. Just as I was ready to commence sowing the oats it began to rain. It rained quite hard till noon and but little since. Have had a pain in my side since today.

^{xxx} This is Henry's first reference in 1863 to wanting to be out west in Iowa, which was also expressed in an 1862 entry.

^{xxxI} See February 17 entry.

^{xxxII} See Memoranda entry dated April 24.

Saturday, 25. This forenoon I dug up some dandelion roots. This afternoon went out into the woods and got some wintergreen and princess pine. I got some dock roots⁷⁶ as well as dandelion this forenoon. I am making preparations to have some beer made.

Sunday, 26. This has been a cold day. The wind has blown very hard. Mother and I have been to church. Supposed we should hear Mr. Lyman preach, but he was not able to preach on account of a hard cold. We have deacon meeting. Deacon Baldwin read of course.

Monday, 27. This morning sowed the piece of oats on the back road. Then helped Michael about harrowing. We had the steers on with the oxen. This afternoon have been driving the oxen to plow planting ground. This afternoon is the first turf plowing this spring.

Tuesday, 28. Was very warm this forenoon. More wind this afternoon and cooler. Drove team for Michael to plow in the forenoon. This afternoon went down on the hill where Uncle Ed was plowing. Mother, Marilla and Clara have been to Mr. Hollister's for a visit. Clara ran away today over to Michael's.

Wednesday, 29. Father and I went down into the woods with Dolly and dug up a bit of sassafras this forenoon. I also got some burdock⁷⁷ over to Michael's. This afternoon we went down to the brook fishing. Caught thirteen trout. We also picked some cowslips⁷⁸ down in [...] swamp.

Thursday, 30. This has been a day set apart for a national fast.⁷⁹ Mother and I went to the meeting. Mr. Parmalee⁸⁰ preached us a sermon on the times this afternoon. We have had two very good meetings. Would that this might be an acceptable fast to God.

May

Friday, 1. Fixed Marilla's plants some this forenoon. This afternoon took Mother down to Aunt Orpha's to the sewing society, then went up to Warren. Stopped at Samuel's. He was not at home, but came in the evening. I milked his cows for him.

Saturday, 2. Went from Samuel's up to H Comstock's this morning. Aunt [Dimis] went with me. I stayed there till afternoon, then started for home. Had a very pleasant visit. Found Aunt Polly⁸¹ better. Got home about four, in time to help do the chores.

Sunday, 3. Father and Mother went to church today. I stayed at home with Marilla, Clara and Grandmother. It was communion today.

Catherine came here after church and spends the night with us. Aunt Orpha and Fred have been here this evening for a call.

Monday, 4. This has been a foggy day and has rained a little. This morning went over to Bethlehem with Catharine, Mary Humphrey, and Robby. They came over afoot Saturday evening. Uncle Ed has been in here a little while this afternoon.

Tuesday, 5. This has been a rainy day. It has rained most of the day. Wind in the northeast.. Have been in the house most of the time. Have been looking over our plan of a house some today. Father has got his pigs that he bought of Uncle Ed today.

Wednesday, 6. We have had another rainy day. Have been in the house except when out doing chores. Have been working at a plan for a house. Have been making some little alterations in the one I drew a short time ago. Wish it was in my power to build the house planned.

Thursday, 7. It has not cleared off yet. It rained in the morning hard and some most of the forenoon, but not any this afternoon. Samuel Tanner called here this afternoon on his way home from New Haven.^{xxxiii} I have been and got my slippers mended this afternoon. Called at Aunt Orpha's.

Friday, 8. This afternoon Mother, Marilla, Clara and myself went down to Uncle Jonathan's, but they were afraid Clara would give the whooping cough to Mera^{xxxiv}, so Marilla, Clara and I went home. I then went home and then went to mill. Took Clara with me. Came back by Uncle Jonathan and got Mother.

Saturday, 9. Went down to the Ville this forenoon. Ann went down with me. I took Clara too. This afternoon since coming from the Ville have been to mill. While I was gone into the house to call Mother yesterday at Uncle Jonathan's, Clara got out or fell out of the wagon.

Sunday, 10. Marilla and I have been to church. The funeral of Sheldon Clark⁸² was attended today. Mr. Lyman gave us an excellent funeral sermon, from Hosea 13:14⁸³ his text was taken. Said Clark was a member of the 19th CV.

Monday, 11. In New Haven tonight. Came down with Samuel Tanner. I walked down to Seth's in the morning, where I met Samuel. We took dinner in Oxford, overtook Charly Hine there. It has been very warm,

^{xxxiii} Henry's May cash account shows him paying Samuel \$.65 for a cultivator.

^{xxxiv} Possibly Mary Hine, born in 1860, daughter of Edward Jonathan Hine and Sarah K Senior. No Mera is identified in the family tree.

the warmest day of the season. Mercury above 80. We got in to New Haven about four.

Tuesday, 12. Tonight Samuel and I are staying at Uncle Noah's.⁸⁴ Got here about nine. We walked about the city today, but found the day too short to accomplish all we wanted to.^{xxxv} The day has been pleasant, but not as warm as yesterday.

Wednesday, 13. We left Ansonia about ten o'clock today for home. Stopped at the Ville to feed our horses before we got up as far as Seth's. It rained some. We drove under his shed and went into the house a little while. Lora and Wealthy⁸⁵ were there, but the things were about all gone. They go tomorrow to [Dead Hill].

Thursday, 14. Have not been doing much today excepting chores. Helped Father take the steers from the yard over to the pasture. This is the first of their being turned to grass this spring. Went to [M Cehpany] for some blinds Simeon had been fixing.

Friday, 15. Michael and I have been working on the planting ground today. Got some stone off in the morning, then went to harrowing it. We had the steer to help the oxen. It has been a good cool day to work the team.

Saturday, 16. This forenoon I marked out the corn ground both ways. This afternoon I helped Father clear the dirt and grass away from the door yard fence so that Mr. Thompson could paint the bottom board. I took Mr. Thompson part way home tonight.

Sunday, 17. Have had some rain today. Did not go to meeting. Mother and I got ready, but just as we were about starting it commenced raining, so we stayed at home. Have been sorry that we did not go, for we might have gone for all of the rain.

Monday, 18. This morning we took down the stove and burned out the chimney, then put the stove back in the fireplace. Marilla, Clara and I rode down to Uncle Jonathan's. When we got home, I went to helping Michael plant corn and kept at it till night.

Tuesday, 19. Michael and I finished planting our corn today. We set out some dahlia roots for Marilla. After we finished the corn, also plowed the strip that was left around the west barn when we plowed for oats. Mr. Thompson finished painting today and has gone home.

^{xxxv} The May cash account shows Henry made several purchases in New Haven, including a doll (\$.50), a tea set for Clara (\$.30) and a geography book (\$1.00).

Wednesday, 20. Aunt Orpha and I have been to Warren. Called at Comstock's, Myron's and at Charley's store. Also saw Benjamin Carter by the road planting corn and Sam Tanner plowing for corn. We made our visit at Deacon Rouse's.⁸⁶ Found them all ailing. Had a very good visit. Did not get home till about nine. Grandmother went to Uncle Jonathan's yesterday.

Thursday, 21. Piled some wood in the woodhouse this forenoon. In the afternoon Mother and I went to the prayer meeting. Deacon Punderson⁸⁷ made some remarks. He compared the Bible to a rich gold mine. T Woodruff^{xxxvi} raised the new [...] to his house this afternoon.

Friday, 22. Helped Father and Michael make a trough^{xxxvii} to feed calves in this forenoon. Saved some grass see in the orchard where the dogs had rooted up the ground also. This afternoon have been marking corn ground for Uncle Ed. It has been a very warm day.

Saturday, 23. This forenoon finished marking the corn ground I commenced yesterday. This afternoon Michael and I have been putting on the blinds to the house. We had some trouble about it. Some of the marks being wrong.^{xxxviii} Mercury 90 today.

Sunday, 24. Mother and I have been to church. Instead of being hot like yesterday it has been cloudy with a northeast wind and cold. Was cold coming home from meeting with an overcoat on. The Sabbath school was reorganized today.

Monday, 25. Last evening wrote a letter home. This morning took it to the office. Called at Aunt Orpha's. Piled some wood in the forenoon after I came home. This afternoon Michael and I have been fixing fence down in the barn lots. Took the oxen and steers down to draw rails. Had the steers on the cart for the first time. Cold today and clouds.

Tuesday, 26. Mother and I went to the Ville this morning and I went down into Woodbury street to Mr. Peck's to take back some paint that was left and return a can and bottles. After I got home, piled some wood in the woodhouse. Has been quite warm today, though not like last week.

Wednesday, 27. Piled wood in the woodhouse this forenoon. Made a bar post this afternoon. Set a trap for a woodchuck in the meadow this

^{xxxvi} Possibly Charles T Woodruff, a farmer in Washington.

^{xxxvii} He misspelled trough as troth.

^{xxxviii} He misspelled wrong as rong.

side of the east barn. Aunt Jennet has made an all day visit here. Clara and I took her home tonight. Has been a pleasant day.

Thursday, 28. Went down to Mr. Eli Bradley's⁸⁸ in Roxbury this forenoon. Ann rode down as far as the Dutchman's.^{xxxix} Helen, Mr, Bryan's with me and saw Botsford Whitehead⁸⁹ as I was coming home. Have not been doing much this afternoon. Headache some.

Friday, 29. Went over on to the hill this morning to look at Mr. Pond's colts. Came home and picked some milkweed for greens over in Micheal's meadow. This afternoon Mother and I have been over to Mr. Senior's.⁹⁰ Mr. Senior came home from [shearing sheep] while we were there.

Saturday, 30. Have been quite busy today. Whitewashed⁹¹ the north room over twice, then put down the carpet. Also whitewashed Mother's bedroom over once and the kitchen twice. Mr. Calvin Calhoun⁹² called on Father this morning for a visit.

Sunday, 31. Yesterday we had a little shower that laid the dust, which makes it quite pleasant today. We have had some prospect of more rain today, but did not get much. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Lyman preached from Exodus 33: 15.⁹³ He gave us as usual an excellent sermon.

June

Monday, 1. Spent the forenoon in doing little jobs around. This afternoon have been to mill with some rye. Clara went with me. It has been quite warm today, though the wind has blown considerably.

Tuesday, 2. Last night Clara was sick. Did not sleep but little. Had pain in her bowels and sick at the stomach. I think she vomited this morning. Is better today. Have been after the grist I took to mill. Spent the afternoon fishing by the mill. Caught four good trout, a sucker and some roach.⁹⁴

Wednesday, 3. Am tired tonight. Have been cultivating corn all day. It is very dry and dusty. Michael has been cutting trees for logs today. Heard this afternoon that Charly Leavitt⁹⁵ died this morning. He had diphtheria. It has been cool most of the day.

Thursday, 4. Have been cultivating corn all day. Michael commenced hoeing in the forenoon. It is very dry and dusty. Everything in the

^{xxxix} The structure of the sentence does not make sense, with no identification of a Dutchman family, or Helen or Mr. Bryan.

vegetables would need rain. We have the appearance of rain most every day.

Friday, 5. Finished cultivating corn this forenoon. Mother and I have been to Charly Leavitt's funeral this afternoon. There was a very large attendance. Bronson has brought us some [...] and clams tonight.

Saturday, 6. We had a little rain this morning after breakfast. I went over to Uncle Ed's and read his yesterday's paper some. Michael finished hoeing this forenoon. This afternoon have been to the Ville. Took down some eggs for which I got eighteen cents. Got Father a hat. Hoped to get me one but did not.^{XL}

Sunday, 7. Father, Mother, and I have been to meeting. Mr. Lyman preached his farewell sermon today.⁹⁶ His text was taken from 2 Corinthians 13:11.⁹⁷ He preached an excellent sermon. Would that the many previous truths we hear were all garnered in memory's storehouse to feed our mind.

Monday, 8. Took the oxen down into the lot south of the oats on the back road. Then went over into Uncle Ed's lot, where he was laying tile this forenoon. Started out after the old mare. After dinner got down where Mr. P Hollister was hoeing corn. While there she went by homeward.

Tuesday, 9. Michael and I have been at work at fence today. This forenoon on the north side of the south lots. This afternoon south side of the meadow. [Saw] Colonel Newton by the road. We had a little shower just at night.

Wednesday, 10. Michael and I have been at work repairing old fence again today, or rather laying over and making a new one out of the old one. We have finished the piece we commenced yesterday. After we had finished, went up to the Colonel to see Uncle.

Thursday, 11. Have not been doing much today. Michael has not been here to work. Went over to his house after dinner to see why. He was not here. Found him sick or complaining. Mother went to meeting with Mrs. Phebe Hollister.⁹⁸ Went to look at my wood [...] today and Senior shear sheep a little while.

Friday, 12. Michael and I have been sawing off logs from some trees he cut down in the southeast woods. It has been very warm. I feel very tired tonight. He took the oxen down into the lot east of the woods today to give them a new pasture.

^{XL} Per the June cash account, Henry bought Clara some candy for \$.05. The other transactions must have been on his father-in-law's account.

Saturday, 13. Michael and I finished our sowing this forenoon. It has been cloudy and cold today. This afternoon went on to the green. Came home by Aunt Orpha's and called there. Found she and also [...]s wife had gone up to our house to make a call. Came home and found them here.

Sunday, 14. Mother and I have been to church. It has been a very pleasant day, though very dusty. We had a new minister Mr. Stone. I suppose his texts were in Matthew 5:6⁹⁹ and 1 John 2:8.¹⁰⁰ Having two sermons made us home later than usual. Our minister was not very [...] to me.

Monday, 15. This morning cultivated the potatoes. Then Clara and I started out for the Ville. Went down to Aunt Orpha's and got Asa. Went from there onto Carmel hill¹⁰¹ and engaged Lucy Herd¹⁰² to come here to work and from there to the Ville.

Tuesday, 16. Today have been to Morris to see Mr. Wagner.¹⁰³ Asa went with me. We took dinner to Daniel Neddleton's.¹⁰⁴ I called there to see Lora. We had a very pleasant call. It has been quite windy. The dust has blown a good deal.

Wednesday, 17. Helped Michael plaster the corn this morning. Then we cleared the cellar. Mother and I went down to Uncle Jonathan's a little while this afternoon.. We have had a little rain today. Went over to Uncle Ed's this evening and down with him to his corn.

Thursday, 18. Michael and I have been sawing off logs to take to the mill. Have been to work on the west side of the woods below the spring lot. Feel tired tonight. We have got nine logs ready today,

Friday, 19. Cultivated corn this forenoon and Michael commenced hoeing for the second time. This afternoon have had the headache. Have been lying on the bed most of the afternoon. I got about tired out yesterday sawing logs with Michael.

Saturday, 20. Finished cultivating the corn this forenoon. Have been and got Lucy this afternoon. Since coming home with her have been to Aunt Orpha's and made a call. It is very cold and chilly tonight. Looks like rain. It is very dry.

Sunday, 21. Mother, Lucy and myself have been to meeting. I came home at noon, but went back again. Mr. Stone preached again for us. I liked him better than last Sabbath. The funeral of old Mr. Richards¹⁰⁵ was attended this afternoon from the church.

Monday, 22. Went to the mill and to the blacksmith this morning. Did not get home till afternoon. I came across Frederick Coleman¹⁰⁶ at

Uncle Ed's, or rather he had been there and was sitting in his wagon near the barn talking with Uncle Ed. I talked with him some time.

Tuesday, 23. Michael and I helped Mr. Calhoun¹⁰⁷ and Frank finish the fence they commenced yesterday. Then Mr. Calhoun and I measured and divided the fence between him and Father. I took Mother to Uncle Jonathan's, then went to Mr. Griswold with some leather and had my foot measured for some boots. Clara went down with me after Mother.

Wednesday, 24.^{XLI} Went to Mr. Griswold's this morning with some leather. Soon after I came back, Deacon Punderson and wife came here. Stayed to dinner. We had a good visit from them. Went down and salted the cattle this afternoon. Clara went with me.

Thursday, 25. This forenoon spread out the grass that Michael mowed yesterday afternoon and this forenoon. We put the horse rake together this afternoon and I raked up the hay we had spread out. It has been a good hay day. It is very dry and not much prospect of rain.

Friday, 26. This has been a cloudy day. It has looked very much like rain, but notwithstanding the weather, we have got in two loads of hay and helped put as much more. This makes a commencement of haying.

Saturday, 27. Yesterday's clouds have passed away without refreshing the parched earth with a little rain. This has been a very warm day. An excellent hay day. We have cleared out the swamp below the house. Have got in two loads of hay today.

Sunday, 28. Mother and I have been to meeting. I came home at noon, but went back again. We had a new minister, Mr. Daniels. He preached from John 6:27¹⁰⁸ and Philippians 4:8.¹⁰⁹ He is a very young man. I liked him very well.

Monday, 29. This has been one of the eventful days of our family. We have had a little daughter born to us today.¹¹⁰ May God spare her life and make her as blessing to [...] to himself and her parents and society. May we have wisdom given us to train the precious one in the way she should go.

Tuesday, 30. I went after Lucy this morning. Clara went with me, but Lucy was not to be found. I called at Mr. Ambler's to inquire about another girl I heard of. Went to see her from there, but did not get her. Got home little after noon. Marilla is comfortable today and the baby seems well.

^{XLI} See Memoranda entry dated June 24.

July

Wednesday, 1. Michael has been mowing and I have spread out the hay and raked it up. He finished the meadow below the house. Have taken care of Clara some and helped about taking care of Marilla. She and the baby seem to get along very well. Aunt Orpha called here tonight.

Thursday, 2. We have had a very nice rain today. It rained four or five hours, most of the forenoon. Michael has been piling up some shingles in the east barn and I have helped him about fixing the north end of the west mow for hay. Have been sitting by Marilla part of the day. She is comfortable.

Friday, 3. Went down after Jane Black this morning. After I came home, went to cultivating corn. Had not been to work in the corn long before Father called me to help him hive a swarm of bees.¹¹¹ It has been very warm a part of the day.

Saturday, 4. We have had some rain again today, though Michael has been hoeing most of the time. I have cultivated some this afternoon. Have been over to see Michael and Ann's baby today. I thought about going a fishing. Michael held the ladder for me to pick some cherries this noon. Aunt Orpha called here just as I was through picking cherries.

Sunday, 5. We have had considerable rain fall today. I did not go to church on occasion of the rain. We have all been at home today. Marilla appears to be getting along very well. The baby does not make much trouble. Does not cry much.

Monday, 6. Clara and I went and got Jane Black to come and help Mother this morning. I cultivated corn some this morning. This afternoon have been to the Ville. Took down some eggs. Got twenty-three cents a dozen. Took Jane home again tonight.

Tuesday, 7. Went after Maggie this morning, but she did not wish to come, so Jane came again. We have got in two small loads of hay. All there was left in the meadow across the road from the house. S Tanner came down this afternoon and we went to the Ville and were measured for our overcoats.

Wednesday, 8. Have not been doing much of anything more than to work about the house some. Marilla has had quite a poor day. Has a severe pain for two or three hours, through her sides, back and stomach. Do not know what it was that caused it.

Thursday, 9. Today has been much like the one before it so far as regards myself, though most of the time busy. Do not have much to show for my labor. Marilla has been very comfortable today. Hope she will not have another spell like yesterday. Went down and brought up Aunt Jennet this afternoon and took her home.

Friday, 10. This afternoon went down to Aunt Orpha's and to Mr. Griswold's and got my boots and onto the green. Saw Mr. Leavitt and talked with him awhile. The Smiths came onto the green with a liberty pole¹¹² while I was there. Howard Hason¹¹³ and Captain Allen was with them. I saw a returned soldier and talked with him and thanked him.

Saturday, 11. Have been to Litchfield to see Doctor Buel. Uncle Ed went up with me. He wanted to see Mr. Hollister. We stopped at Uncle E. and took tea on our way home. Saw [Bell] at the lake house. She was there with her children.

Sunday, 12. Have not been to church. I stayed at home for Mother to go. We have had another like several before, cloudy most of the time, occasionally the sun would show itself for a few minutes. Have read some and slept some today.

Monday, 13. Worked around the house as usual this forenoon and this afternoon. Michael and I went down to west mountain brook¹¹⁴ fishing, but we found so little water that we could not get any. Michael caught an eel however, and I caught a shiner^{XLII}, most as big as my little finger.

Tuesday, 14. Have been in the house most of the day, taking care of Marilla and looking after Clara. I took her this afternoon and went onto the green with her for a ride. Met Aunt Orpha coming here [today] not see her. Lucinda and Mrs. Jennings were with her.

Wednesday, 15. Have been to Warren today. Took dinner at Samuel's, then went up to Charly Hine's store.¹¹⁵ Had to stay there longer than I expected on account of a shower. Did not start from there to come home till after six.

Tuesday, 16. Have been to the Ville today. Clara went with me. It is warm today. The air seems like more showers. Michael mowed a little this morning, then went to cradling rye.¹¹⁶ We did not get any mail from New York yesterday on account of the riot there.¹¹⁷

Friday, 17. Have been at work at hay some today. We got in some that have been cut over two weeks. It was not worth much. Neither was it

^{XLII} See June 2 entry related to roach.

dry. We put it in the scaffold over the floor. Haying this weather is not very profitable.

Saturday, 18. Michael and I went down to west mountain fishing this morning. Got home about two. We got about twenty-five trout. When I came home, found Mr. Wakeman and Charly had been here. Ate my dinner and went down to Aunt Orpha's and saw them. Mr. Gilbert and Clara¹¹⁸ are here tonight. Came this afternoon.

Sunday, 19. This has been a pleasant day. Mr. Gilbert and myself went to church this forenoon. Came home at noon and got Clara and went back to church. Uncle Noah's came up yesterday to Uncle Ed's. They called here last night and have been in again this evening.

Monday, 20. Have been to work at hay some today. We got one load into the barn. We had a little rain this afternoon. Mr. Gilbert and Clara have started home today. I have had a very good visit with them.

Tuesday, 21. Uncle Noah and Aunt Julia have been here today and are here tonight. This has not been much of a hay day. Not much doing today. With us haying drags heavily. Not much progress this weather.

Wednesday, 22. This has been a good hay day, the best for three weeks in fact. About the only one in that time. Have raked and helped heap up the hay today. We have not got any into the barn. Took Aunt Julia to Uncle Jonathan's this morning and went for her tonight.

Thursday, 23. Uncle Noah, Aunt Julia, Aunt Sally,^{XLIII} Helen, Susan and myself have been to Warren Pond^{XLIV} fishing and for pleasure. We had a very good time, only it was a little too hot to be comfortable. We went to near the north end of the lake. Had some [...] for dinner. It was good.

Friday, 24. Have left rather the worse for wear today. Have not been at work much. Helped Father kill his calf this afternoon. Uncle Noah helped some too, as well as Clara. She had a time. Uncle Noah and I have been distributing it or a part of it this evening.

Saturday, 25. Worked about the house some this morning as usual, then started with Dolly to take Uncle Noah and Aunt Julia to the Ville. We started from Uncle Ed's, but before we got to Uncle Jonathan's, it rained. We stopped there and it kept raining so long that we did not end up going to the Ville.

Sunday, 26. We have not any of us been to church today. I felt so lifeless this morning that I did not set myself about getting ready, so

^{XLIII} No direct Aunt Sally identified.

^{XLIV} Likely referring to Lake Waramaug. In Henry's July cash account, he records spending \$.48 for a boat at Warren Pond.

stayed at home. This evening have been down to Mr. Black's to get Jane to come and wash tomorrow.

Monday, 27. Got up this morning a little before three. As soon as I was ready went over to Uncle Ed's for Uncle Noah's to take them to the Ville, three quarters of an hour before the stage left. Came home from the Ville and went to work at hay. We got in one load and had one wet. Rain a plenty now.

Tuesday, 28. Father and I have been to New Milford today to see about his income tax. He told Mr. Noble¹¹⁹ that he did not think he came under the saw of the income tax, so Mr. Noble gave him a release from any obligation. It has been very warm. Michael got in a load of hay alone while we were gone.

Wednesday, 29. We had a very hard rain this forenoon. This afternoon quite pleasant. Have been down to Aunt Orpha's. She was gone. She had gone to sew for the soldiers. I stayed there to tea. When I came home found a letter from home for me.

Thursday, 30. Had some rain again today. This afternoon have been down to west mountain brook fishing. Caught about twenty trout. Went over to Uncle Ed's this forenoon. Stayed there to dinner. Michael finished cradling the oats by the barn this forenoon.

Friday, 31. Michael and I have been to the Ville today.^{XLV} We had a shower when going down and a little rain while there and more when we got home. This is a very uncommon time. Almost one month now of rainy weather. Last of July and not but a little haying done.

August

Saturday, 1. Marilla has had another poor day. Have been in the house taking care of her and the baby most of the time. I should like to know the cause of these distressed spells, but to know a remedy would be better.

Sunday, 2. This morning before it was time to go to church, Mr. Roe came and told us that Uncle Elliot was but just alive and that they wanted me to come down there. I went down as soon as I could. Found him very low. Came home about noon. Went back about four, but he had died¹²⁰ while I was gone. Died about two.

^{XLV} Henry records the following purchases on July 31 in his cash account—a dress for Marilla at \$2.52, pineapple for \$.14, and Terrell's (misspelled Terrill) ointment for \$.23 (used as a topical salve for sink irritations or minor sores).

Monday, 3. Helped a little about the hay and oats. Got in a small load of hay. Raked up what Michael mowed and then Michael and I got in the oats this side of the barn. Uncle Ed has got in his rye today. Got a part of it in alone.

Tuesday, 4. Did not feel as well as usual yesterday, and not much better today. Father and I have been to Uncle Elliot's funeral this afternoon. There was not a very large attendance. There was several down from Warren. Simeon Ford and Melinda^{XLVI} and old Mrs. Ford called here this afternoon a few moments.

Wednesday, 5. Went over to the blacksmith's this morning. Anna Pond and Clara went with me. Mr. Lobdell was away haying, so I got old Mr. Titus to put on a shoe. Have been to work at hay a little. Clara is not very well tonight. Is a little feverish.

Thursday, 6. Went down to Uncle Jonathan's this morning with Isabel and her children. She has gone there for a visit. Clara has been quite sick today. Fred Newton¹²¹ has gone after the Doctor for her tonight. We are afraid of diphtheria. Her tonsils are swollen and some white on them.

Friday, 7. Have been in the house taking care of her all day. The Doctor did not come over last night, but sent some medicine by Mr. Newton. He came this afternoon. Clara has been quite poorly. Have been quite alarmed about her.

Saturday, 8. Clara seems about the same today. Has been very worrisome. The Doctor has been here again today. He thinks she is no worse. Hope it may please our Heavenly Father to spare her to us. Our lives are in His hand. Can take away and he can spare. May we trust Him in faith and love.

Sunday, 9. Clara had a very bad night last night. Felt pretty much discouraged about her, but God is good and kind. Aunt Sally stayed with us last night. The two Doctor Taylors¹²² were here today. They think she is doing very well and she seems a little better today.

Monday, 10. Clara rested better last night. Mrs. F Newton stayed here last night to help take care of her. The Doctor has not been here today. Clara has been better through the day. Hope she is going to get better now. May we be thankful she is so much better.

Tuesday, 11. Clara seems rather weaker today. She ate a fig last night and it has moved off her bowels several times today. Doctor has been

^{XLVI} See February 24 entry for Simeon Ford and his wife Melinda.

here again,^{XLVII} but is not coming again unless we send for him. Aunt Orpha and Lucinda called here just at night. Did not stay but a little while.

Wednesday, 12. Have been in the house all day excepting that I went down after Uncle Ed's cows tonight. Helen took care of Clara while I was gone after cows. Clara seems to be gaining. This has been a pleasant day, not as hot as it has been for a few days past.

Thursday, 13. Have been out into the field haying this afternoon. Raked up the hay and then loaded a load. My lungs are very sore today. Think I have taken cold. Clara continues to be better. A pleasant day.

Friday, 14. My lungs are very sore today. Do not seem to be better than yesterday. I drew Clara out to ride in her carriage yesterday morning and this morning. Michael has been helping Uncle Ed this forenoon. Uncle Ed has been mowing with his machine for us this afternoon.

Saturday, 15. Clara had a white patch in her throat this morning. I wrote a line to Doctor Taylor^{XLVIII} and carried it to Mr. Woodruff to take to him this morning. We have been giving her some medicine from our case today. She is no worse tonight.

Sunday, 16. Clara's throat looks better again today. We did not get any medicine from Doctor Taylor last night. We sent on to the green for it by Simeon, but he did not get it yesterday, but did today. We have not been to meeting today.

Monday, 17. This has not been a good hay day. Michael has been mowing this afternoon. He took a letter to the office for me for Doctor Buell this morning. Clara seems better today. I hope she will not have any more down spells.

Tuesday, 18. Clara and I have been on the green today. We saw the monkey at Mr. Gunn's.¹²³ We called at Aunt Orpha's, only we did not go into the house. I helped Michael turn the hay and then raked it this afternoon. Mr. Smith has finished cutting.

Wednesday, 19. Went over to the blacksmith's this forenoon and had Dolly shod. This afternoon have been at work at hay. We got two loads into the barn and raked and heaped up some.

Thursday, 20. Finished haying in the meadow east of the barn and heaped up a load in the one across from Fewer's.¹²⁴ Our haying

^{XLVII} The August cash account shows a payment of \$16.00 to Doctor Taylor on August 11.

^{XLVIII} Henry records a \$.05 payment for a letter to Doctor Taylor in the August cash account.

progresses slowly. Perseverance and time will probably bring it to an end.

Friday, 21. Clara and I went on to the green this morning to take a letter for Father. After we came home, I went over to visit the school. The school visitor was there and some others. This afternoon helped get in a load of hay.

Saturday, 22. Clara and I went down the back road and got a few whortleberries. We have got in three loads of hay today. Have finished in the meadow by Fewer's. I stuck the fork into my foot when loading this afternoon.

Sunday, 23. This has been a warm day. We had a shower last evening and another this. We have not any of us been to meetings. I got partly ready for afternoon, but Clara did not get to sleep in time for me to go.

Monday, 24. Clara and I went down to the Ville this forenoon. Took down some eggs. Got twenty-one cents a dozen. After we got home and I took some dinner and went down the hill below Sam Hollister's¹²⁵ and picked some blackberries.

Tuesday, 25. Went over in the forenoon and spread out some hay for Michael. Took over the oxen this afternoon to get hay. We had just commenced loading when I saw a carriage at the [missing word]. Supposed it to be Doctor Buell. Came home and found Clark¹²⁶ and his wife here. Went after Mother, who was ferrying them. Went back to rake up the hay. Got there and commenced, when it began to rain.

Wednesday, 26. Last night was very rainy and a part of this forenoon. I went over to Uncle Ed's a while this forenoon. This afternoon have been down to Aunt Orpha's. They were busy there making pear sauce and pickles and canning some. It is very cool since the rain.

Thursday, 27. Clark and his wife started home this morning. Have been helping Michael about his haying today. We have got in one load besides a little jag.^{XLIX} It has been cool and pleasant today. Last night was cold enough almost for a frost.

Friday, 28. This forenoon helped Michael get in two loads of hay. One for himself and the other for Father. It rained a little before we got the second load. This afternoon have been to the mill and a fishing.

Michael went with me. We broke Father's fishing rod.

Saturday, 29. Looked like rain this morning, but cleared up about noon without raining. This afternoon Mother and I have been

^{XLIX} Jag meant a small cartload of materials, as opposed to a full load.

whortleberrying. Did not get a great many, some five quarts both of us. Is cloudy and looks some like rain tonight.

Sunday, 30. Mother went to church this forenoon and I have been this afternoon. It has been a very cool day. Have been writing a letter to Sherm this evening. Mr. Dean¹²⁷ preached today. He is quite a fitly looking man.

Monday, 31. Went on to the green this morning. I got the money for Father on his [...] order. I called at Aunt Orpha's on my way home. They were washing. Got In a load of hay this afternoon. Father went down and drove the team for me to commence plowing.

September

Tuesday, 1. Father and I went on to the green this forenoon. Went down to Seth Hollister's old place after dinner and got some pears. Came home and went up to Uncle Erastus. Found Aunt Mary down there. Uncle Erastus finished haying week before last.

Wednesday, 2. This morning after breakfast went into Litchfield to see Doctor Buell. Aunt Mary Ann^L rode in with me. Came back to Uncle E's and took dinner, then came home and went to raking hay for Michael. Mr. Baker has been up with his machines and finished mowing his meadow for him. This has been a beautiful day.

Thursday, 3. Have been to work at hay some today. Raked up the last of Michael's this afternoon. Doctor Buell has been down this afternoon.^U He says that he finds Marilla doing very well. I hope she will soon be able to walk about.

Friday, 4. This forenoon helped Michael get in two loads of hay, then Father took me down to Aunt Orpha's. Went from there with Aunt Orpha to attend Remus Ford's funeral.¹²⁸ He died yesterday morning. Came from New Haven Monday.

Saturday, 5. Have been to Woodbury. Clara went with me. I took my watch down to Mr. Botsford's¹²⁹ to have it cleaned and repaired a little. I got my clothes that Mr. Tolles¹³⁰ has been making. He has an overcoat to make for me.

Sunday, 6. Have not been to church. Mother has. I stayed at home with Marilla. This has been a warm day. I took the baby to ride in Clara's

^L No Aunt named Mary Ann identified.

^U Henry recorded a \$8.50 payment to Doctor Buel in the September cash account.

carriage this afternoon. Clara went and helped [...]. Laura left yesterday. Goes by steam^{LII} I guess.

Monday, 7. Have been at home doing some chores in the house. Also have taken the rake to pieces and helped put it up. Helped Michael about beginning to fan the stubble¹³¹ by the barn. It has rained a little this afternoon.

Tuesday, 8. Clara and I have been up to Samuel Tanner's. I went after some seed rye, but Sam did not have any threshed. Have engaged some of Rome Ford. It has been a very cool day. A nice time for riding.

Wednesday, 9. This morning went after some rye to R Ford's. Came home and sowed it before dinner. This afternoon went down and mowed some weeds in the rye, but then came home and went to Uncle Erastus.

Thursday, 10. Uncle Erastus and I have been to Goshen today to the widow [...]. She was gone from home, but Ann and Maria and her [...] were there. Called to see Doctor Buell this morning. Stopped at the drug store tonight and got some medicine for my throat.^{LIII}

Friday, 11. Came down from Uncle Erastus this morning. Found Sherman Brinsmade¹³² here. He got home Wednesday afternoon. This afternoon, Clara and I have been to Aunt Orpha's. Found Asa¹³³ and Eva there. Have not felt quite right in my bowels this afternoon.

Saturday, 12. Have been to Aunt Orpha's this afternoon and had quite a visit with Sherm. We rode onto the green together on horseback. This afternoon we had a little shower. Spent the forenoon waiting on Marilla and taking care of Clara.

Sunday, 13. Have been to meeting today. Went a horseback. Mr. Isham¹³⁴ preached and administered the sacrament. Have been over to Uncle Ed's this evening a little while. Canfield and daughter, Aspinwall and wife and Captain Allen^{LIV} and A Smith were there.^{LV}

Monday, 14. Clara was sick last night. Vomited a number of times. Think it was worms that made her sick. Went and got Mr. L's electric

^{LII} Could be a steam engine train or boat.

^{LIII} The medicine purchases were recorded in the September cash account.

^{LIV} Captain Allen is mentioned on July 10, while Henry was on the green.

^{LV} Some of these individuals have been referenced previously or else are not identified.

machine¹³⁵ and used on Marilla this afternoon. Rev. Samuel Fuller¹³⁶ and Dr Beckwith's son^{LVI} called here this afternoon.

Tuesday, 15. Went home with the machine I borrowed yesterday this morning. Clara went with me. This afternoon went up to Rome Ford's after some rye to sow. Went to Simeon's and made a short visit.

Simeon was not at home.

Wednesday, 16. This morning I sowed the rye by the barn, then helped Michael harrow till noon. After dinner went and got the electrical machine and used it on Marilla, then went to harrowing again. This is the first the steers have been used since last spring.

Tuesday, 17. Helped Michael finish the harrowing this forenoon and then spread out the bunches of grass and weeds that the harrow had drawn together. This afternoon have been down to Mr. Griswold to get my boots fixed a little.^{LVII}

Friday, 18. This has been a rainy day. Michael has been threshing oats. I have spent most of the day in the house. Have been fixing out a plan for a small house. Wish that it might be built next summer and the [...] in it.

Saturday, 19. Helped Michael clean up the oats this forenoon. Have been to mill this afternoon. Have had a rainy afternoon. I went round by Uncle Jonathan's to carry some work to Grandmother and get some aprons she had been making for Clara.

Sunday, 20. Not a very pleasant day. Has been cloudy all day. Has been quite cold. Mother has been to church. I stayed at home with the rest of the family. Seth Logan has been here this evening to have Father's three-year-old steers go up to the fair.¹³⁷ Jonathan Ed has gone for Sarah today.

Monday, 21. Clara and I have been to Woodbury. I got my watch. Clara lost her Grandmother's spectacles going down. It has been cool today, a very pleasant day for riding. Uncle Parker¹³⁸ died last night.

Tuesday, 22. This morning Clara and I went down to the mill after some provender. Stopped at Aunt Orpha's on our way home. This afternoon, Father and Mother have been to Uncle Parker's funeral. I stayed at home with Marilla and the children. Have been down to Aunt Orpha's a horseback this evening.

^{LVI} Not identified. There was a Daniel Beckwith in Montville, New London per the 1860 US federal census, but that was 86 miles to the east.

^{LVII} Henry records spending \$.10 for mending his boots in the cash account.

Wednesday, 23. Have been to the fair in Litchfield.^{LVIII} Went up with Sherman. There was a great display of steers and oxen in the yoke. That was the most there was to be seen. The exhibition in the tent was small. Sherm and myself stay at Uncle Erastus tonight.

Thursday, 24. We have attended the fair again today. Horses have been the object of attraction. Hitchcock's were the one that drew the attention of the people.¹³⁹ Surplus,^{LIX} a three year old colt showed us a little of his trotting. The other four were led around the track.

Friday, 25. Have been in the house most of the time today. Marilla, myself, and the children have been at home alone this afternoon. Father and Mother have been to Uncle Sherman's¹⁴⁰ funeral. It has been raining some this afternoon.

Saturday, 26. This morning started for Warren, but did not go only to Simeon Ford's. Was going to see Charly about going below with him. Went from Simeon's to the Ville. Got my overcoat and Samuel's that Mr. Tolles has been making.^{LX}

Sunday, 27. Have not been to church today. Mother went alone. I stayed at home with the rest of the family. It has been a pleasant day. I have very sore lips today. I don't know what has made them so unless it is the rainy and cool weather we have had the past week.

Monday, 28. Went on to the green and over to the blacksmith's this forenoon. Clara went with me. Thought I should go over to Kent this afternoon, but did not get started. Have very sore lips.

Tuesday, 29. After finishing my round of chores in the house, got ready and started for Kent. Took Clara with me. Went down to Aunt Orpha's and got her to go with us. We got started from there half past eleven. Got to Kent half past four.

Wednesday, 30. Stayed at Aunt Mary Ann's last night. Left there for home this morning half past eight, arrived at Aunt Orpha's half past twelve. Clara seemed to stand the ride first rate. Have quite a sore throat. A little sore yesterday, a good deal last night and about the same today.

^{LVIII} See the September 20 Endnote for details on the county fair.

^{LIX} Assumption is this was the name of the horse.

^{LX} Henry records six purchases in the September cash account for September 26, including \$9.84 and \$9.25, possibly for the overcoats that are mentioned.

October

Thursday, 1. Wore pack on my throat last night. Hope it is better tonight. Have been in the house most of the time today. This afternoon, Deacon Punderson and wife and D Neddleton and wife and son called here. Made a short visit. Mother had gone to prayer meeting when the Neddletons came. Father and Michael to work at [...].

Friday, 2. Have felt much better today. This forenoon churned a good deal of the time since dinner. Helped Michael pick up the small potatoes in the garden, then helped Mother put down the carpet in the parlor and blacked the parlor some.

Saturday, 3. Last night was very rainy. This forenoon cloudy and a little rain, this afternoon clouds and sunshine. Went down to Aunt Orpha's before noon.^{LXI} I took dinner there. This afternoon, Aunt Orpha and myself have been to Woodbury. I drove Dolly in their carriage.

Sunday, 4. Today has been rather pleasant, though in the forenoon there was some appearance of rain. Mother and I have both been to church today. This is the first Sabbath since the baby was born that we have both been. Mr. Comstock preached. Heard today Uncle Simmons^{LXII} was dead.

Monday, 5. Went over this morning to Lobdell's to get Dolly shod, but he was too full of steam and town meeting to work. Clara went with me. Since dinner, Father and I have been to the town meeting.¹⁴¹ This evening have been over to Uncle Ed's. Seeley and Smith had a drive of cattle on the green today.

Tuesday, 6. Have been over to the blacksmith's again today. Got my work done today. Clara has been with me today. Went to the mill with a little rye. Came home by the harness maker's [Bunnel's]. Got a hitching strap and a little mending done. Went down to Uncle Jonathan's this afternoon to have Sarah come here and stay while our folks are gone to Winsted.^{LXIII}

Wednesday, 7. Father and Mother have gone to Winsted. Sarah Hine is here doing the work for us while Mother is gone. Mary is here with her. She and Clara have got along very well together today. Samuel Tanner has been down today, and he and I have been down to the fair this afternoon.

^{LXI} Henry records \$100 received from Orpha's stepson Sherman Brinsmade on October 3.

^{LXII} Have found no relatives with an October 1863 death date, so unidentified.

^{LXIII} Likely visiting their son Clark Hine.

Thursday, 8. Has been cloudy today with a heavy shower just at night some rain this evening. Have spent the day most of it in the house. Mrs. Calhoun has made us a visit this afternoon. Mary and Clara get along very well together.

Friday, 9, Worked about the house this morning, then went out and picked up a few chestnuts. Helped Michael get a few apples this afternoon. Mrs. Phebe Hollister has been here for a visit this afternoon. Father and Mother got home from Winsted about three. They brought my clock.^{LXIV} Clara and I took Sarah and Mary home this evening.

Saturday, 10. Have been to Aunt Orpha's this afternoon. Went down on horseback. Came home by the green. This forenoon went over to Michael's and put up a clock shelf, then set up his clock and put it to running. Has been cloudy most of the day.

Sunday, 11. Mother and I have been to church today. This is the first time we have both of us been since the baby was born. Mr. Powell¹⁴² preached. He gave us two very good sermons.

Monday, 12. After finishing my usual morning chores about the house, got ready and took my satchel and overcoat and started for the hollow to meet Charly Hine. We came along to H Neddleton's about twelve. Got onto the wagon with him and started for [...]. We stayed in Oxford overnight. Jackson and Hopkins stayed there with cattle for Myron.

Tuesday, 13. Came down to Seymour from Oxford this morning with Charly. Walked from there to Ansonia,^{LXV} where I took dinner at Uncle Noah's. Left there about four for Bridgeport. Came here to Lucy's first. Did not find. Went over to Lucinda's.¹⁴³ She was there. Took tea with them, then came back to Lucy's.

Wednesday, 14. Left Bridgeport early this morning for New York. On arriving in New York took my letter of introduction to No. 4 Courtland.^{LXVI} Found Mr. Baley. He sent out his clerk with me to dispose of my specie¹⁴⁴ and help me about getting my funds. Sold my

^{LXIV} The clock cost \$3.00 per the October cash account.

^{LXV} This was a four mile walk on paths along the Naugatuck River valley.

^{LXVI} This would be Cortlandt Street, located in lower Manhattan about half mile northwest of Wall Street. The address of No. 4 was owned by shipping and railroad tycoon Cornelius Vanderbilt.

gold for [\$2 $\frac{3}{4}$] premium.^{LXVII} Have had a bad headache. Am staying with Gideon¹⁴⁵ tonight.

Thursday, 15. Ran around the city some this morning, besides going to see Doctor Fitch.¹⁴⁶ Went aboard the boat¹⁴⁷ about noon to come to Bridgeport. Mr. Gilbert came to the boat to see me. Stayed about an hour. Left for Bridgeport about half past one. Got up about half past six. Am staying at Lucy's tonight.

Friday, 16. Left Bridgeport little after ten this morning and came to Ansonia. Am spending the night at Uncle Noah's. This has been quite a rainy day. Have had out my magnetic machine this evening. It is raining hard tonight.

Saturday, 17. Saturday left Ansonia a little before noon today. Came up to Seymour on the cars,¹⁴⁸ then took the stage for Woodbury.^{LXVIII} Found Mother there to take me home. This has been a beautiful day after the hard rain and thunder shower last night. It cleared off pleasant.

Sunday, 18. Have been to church. Henry Stoddard^{LXIX} went with me, or rather he didn't, for we each of us drove a horse. He came here last night. Has been a pleasant day. Have been paying off the premiums on the coin I sold in New York this evening.

Monday, 19. Have been at home all day doing chores in the house most of the time. This evening have been onto the green and to Aunt Orpha's. Have hired Elma^{LXX} for four months. Is coming here first of December.

Tuesday, 20. This forenoon worked about the house as usual. This afternoon, Melinda and Jane Sackett have been here for a visit. This has been a beautiful day. We have had pleasant weather most of the time since this month came in.

Wednesday, 21. Marilla has rode out today. This is the second time since the baby was born. She and Clara and I went down to Uncle Jonathan's. After we got home, Clara and I went onto the green. Called at Aunt Orpha's on our way home. Have been after Marilla's medicine to [Mr. Yemmons] tonight.

^{LXVII} Henry records the following in the October cash account page. "Premium on \$17.50 cts of gold and 75 cts of silver"

^{LXVIII} Henry records \$.85 spent for "Seymour to Ville."

^{LXIX} Possibly a student at Yale, listed in the 1863 Yale College Bulletin.

^{LXX} Possibly an Elma who was a sixteen-year-old servant in the Simeon Ford household on the 1860 US federal census. Last name illegible on records.

Thursday, 22. Mother and Clara and I have been to Morris today. Lora we did not see. She was in Washington, though we did not know it. We had a very good visit. Clara had a fun time with the children. Pleasant, though not as warm as it has been.

Friday, 23. It has been quite cool again today. Michael has finished husking corn today. Marilla has been over to Uncle Ed's this afternoon. I took her and the baby over about two and Clara and I went about four. We took tea there. Lucinda and Elma have called here this evening.

Saturday, 24. It has rained moderately most of the time during the day, but notwithstanding have made a visit to Simeon Ford's. Aunt Orpha went up with me. Fred and Lucinda went up together. Some of the Warren folks were expected, but did not come. We were treated to turkey, squirrel, pie and other fixings.

Sunday, 25. Stayed at home from church today. Mother went along. Have been writing a letter to Doctor S S Fitch this evening. Have been taking his medicine one week. The clouds have got away during the day and it is a pleasant evening.

Monday, 26. At home working about the house as usual and taking care of the children some. What I do does not amount to much. Went on to the green this evening to mail a letter to Doctor Fitch.^{LXXI} Called at Aunt Orpha's on my way home.

Tuesday, 27. Spent the forenoon about the house. After dinner took Marilla to Uncle Jonathan's, then came back after Mother and took her down. This evening have been over to Uncle Ed's. The [Yound] folks at Uncle Jonathan's had gone to Ansonia. Went today.

Wednesday, 28. This forenoon after finishing my work about the house, went over where Uncle Ed was husking corn. Helped him a little while. This afternoon Marilla and I with the children went onto the green. We called and took tea at Aunt Orpha's though we did not expect to.

Thursday, 29. Lucinda, Clara and myself have been to New Milford today. Our principal business was to get Clara's picture.^{LXXII} In this we did not succeed as well as we hoped. I could not keep all her members in position quite long enough.

Friday, 30. Went to mill this forenoon as well as to the harness maker's. Took the harness there to be oiled. This afternoon Father and

^{LXXI} Henry records an expense of \$.06 for a "Letter to Dr. F" in October.

^{LXXII} There are no known extant pictures of Clara from 1863.

I have been down to H Seeley's to look at some yearlings. He bought four. This eve have been to mill. Is raining a little tonight. Saturday, 31. Have spent most of the time indoors today. It commenced raining a little before noon and continued to till near night. Father has been to Roxbury. Michael and I fixed the floor to Dolly's stable this afternoon. Is pleasant this evening.

November

Sunday, 1. Have been to church. Mother did not go, so I walked over. Went home with Sherm at noon. The minister preached from Mark 21: 10^{LXXIII} and Acts 17:11-12.¹⁴⁹ He gave us two very good sermons. This is only my opinion.

Monday, 2. Have been to Henry Seeley's for Father to pay him for the yearlings and see about the one that got off our lot and went back to Henry's. This afternoon, Marilla, Clara and myself went to the post office. We took Marilla's bonnet over to have it taken to Mrs. Banks.¹⁵⁰

Tuesday, 3. Have been about the house most of the time today. Went down into the lot to see about the yearlings twice. Have held baby considerable today. It rained a little this forenoon, but has cleared off pleasant this afternoon.

Wednesday, 4. Have been to New Milford again with Clara to get her photograph. It was almost impossible to keep her still long enough to get a picture. I had my photograph taken.^{LXXIV} Helen went over with us. Saw George Humphrey¹⁵¹ and Lady in New Milford. He was married this morning. The wedding party took dinner in New Milford. This has been a fine day.

Thursday, 5. Got ready and went down to Aunt Orpha's this morning to go to Warren with Sherm, but he had gone when I got there, so I came home after sitting there a little while. This afternoon have been after the harness that we have had oiled.

Friday, 6. Mother, Clara and I have been down onto Good Hill¹⁵² to Seth's today. Marilla and the baby made a visit to Ann's. We have had

^{LXXIII} The Gospel of Mark in the Bible only has 16 chapters, so this is a typo. Unknown which chapter and verse.

^{LXXIV} Henry records a payment of \$3.50 for photographs in the November cash account. These photographs do not appear to be extant.

sunshine, clouds, rain, hail and wind today. Seth and I walked over his farm some. He has now 280 acres, just bought 50.^{LXXV}

Saturday, 7. This forenoon Father and I cleaned up some oats. Clara helped us all she could. This afternoon Lora has been here for a visit. She came down from Mr. Bronson's. Walter brought and came for her tonight. We enjoyed a visit from her.

Sunday, 8. Mother and I have both been to church today. Mr. Isham preached. He seemed very much in earnest. Would that all might profit as we ought from the preaching of the blessed word. Went to Aunt Orpha's at noon with Aunt Orpha and Sherm.

Monday, 9. Spent the forenoon as I usually do when at home. This afternoon came up to Uncle Erastus, where I am staying tonight. It has been a cold day and windy too. Went from home to Aunt Orpha's on my way up here. She and I have sent for some pictures.

Tuesday, 10. This morning, Uncle Erastus took me into Litchfield. I went and saw Doctor Buell, got some medicine for Marilla, got back to Uncle Erastus to dinner. Uncle Hiram K¹⁵³ was there, also Catherine. Catherine came about five this morning. Uncle Hiram rode a part of the way from Bantam with us as we came home from Litchfield. Came home this afternoon.

Wednesday, 11. After finishing up my usual morning work, went to picking over apples. Worked at that till noon. After dinner tended baby while Marilla was getting Clara to sleep and trying to take a nap herself. Went for the mail tonight. Got Clara's and my photographs. Came home by Aunt Orpha's. Took tea there.

Thursday, 12. Went to mill this forenoon. Did not get home till about noon. Called at Aunt Orpha's a little while. This afternoon went down to the walnut trees. Picked up a few walnuts, then went over where Uncle Ed was husking corn. Talked a while, then came home with him.

Friday, 13. Went after my grist to the mill this morning. After I came home from the mill, raked up most of the leaves in the yard and burned them. This afternoon, Marilla, Clara and the baby and I went up to Mr. W Smith for a visit.

Saturday, 14. Went over to the cider mill this forenoon with the barrels. Uncle Jonathan and Michael have made cider today. I took dinner at Aunt Orpha's on my way home from the mill. Finished burning leaves this afternoon. Has looked very much like a storm today.

^{LXXV} Seth Hollister's farm was worth \$20,000 in real estate and \$6,000 for his personal estate per the 1870 US federal census.

Sunday, 15. This has been a rainy day. We have not any of us been to church. It rained so hard about milking time that we put over milking till morning. Does not rain this evening, but it is quite foggy.

Monday, 16. This forenoon some sunshine and some clouds. This afternoon some rain. Clara has been quite unwell today, though she seems better this afternoon. Her throat is inflamed and swollen considerable. Have had pads on it.

Tuesday, 17. This has been another rainy day from morning till night, as well as this evening it has rained. Michael has been picking over apples. I have been sitting around the house. Had a letter from Father tonight. Enclosed was a check of one hundred dollars.^{LXXVI}

Wednesday, 18. Cloudy but not much rain today. Went over to Uncle Ed's after dinner to see if Lora was there. Found she was and then came back and got the horse and went over for her. She is here staying with us tonight.

Thursday, 19. Helen came over this morning and took Lora home with her. Mother and I have been to Woodbury. Called at the Ville and did a little trading.^{LXXVII} We went to Mrs. Banks in Woodbury after Marilla's bonnet, but it was not done. This has been a beautiful day. Our long storm cleared off last night.

Friday, 20. This morning I went to the mill. Stopped at Aunt Orpha's and talked with Sherm a few minutes. Got some putty at the store and this afternoon have been setting glass at home and for Michael. Went down to H Neddleton's this evening to see if Bronson had left any string for us.

Saturday, 21. This has been a rainy day. Worked over to Michael's setting glass in the forenoon. This afternoon have been down to Aunt Orpha's. She got home yesterday from her visit to Bridgeport and New Haven. Have been down to Henry Neddleton's in the rain this evening after some oysters Bronson left there for us.

Sunday, 22. It cleared off last night and has been very pleasant today. We did not any of us go to church this forenoon. This afternoon Marilla, Clara and I have been. Mr. Churchill¹⁵⁴ preached. His text was in Isaiah 58:2.¹⁵⁵ He made justice his principal theme. It was a ? sermon.

^{LXXVI} The \$100 check is recorded in the October cash account.

^{LXXVII} The trip included a \$.45 purchase of one ounce of rhubarb, per the cash account.

Monday, 23. Michael has had his pig butchered here today. Clara and I went down to H Neddleton's just before dinner after the butter tubs, wheat and brady that Colonel Bronson¹⁵⁶ left there for us. Took Michael's pig over to Hurlburt's and went to mill this afternoon. Have finished setting glass for Michael this eve.

Tuesday, 24. We have had another rainy day. Michael has been to work at the drain before the house some today. I have been fixing my trunk and commenced packing this afternoon. Went over to Uncle Ed's a little while this forenoon.

Wednesday, 25. This forenoon went to the mill to get the wheaten grits.¹⁵⁷ Also went and got Dolly's shoes set. Clara went with me. This afternoon went onto the green by way of Uncle Jonathan's. Marilla and the children went there and stayed while I was gone. Michael has finished the drain today.

Thursday, 26. This has been a beautiful day. Went to meeting. Mr. Isham preached about our forefathers that settled New England. Came home and got Marilla and the children and went down to Aunt Orpha's. We had a pleasant visit. There was quite a company of us together.

Friday, 27. Went to mill this morning. Clara went with me. When we got home found S Tanner and Fanny Woodcock^{LXXVIII} and child. They stayed here to dinner, then we went down to Aunt Orpha's with them and spent the afternoon. This has been another beautiful day.

Saturday, 28. Have been to mill today. Went in the morning. Called at Aunt Orpha on my way home. This afternoon, Michael and I have been to work changing Marilla's bedstead and cording it up¹⁵⁸ and taking Grandmother's chest of drawers upstairs, as well as the old big trunk. Has been raining today.

Sunday, 29. Mother and I have been to church. We had a new minister. We liked him very much. He preaches in Bethel. It has been colder today. Seems some like winter. These winter evenings are pleasant for conversation, reading, and study.

Monday, 30. This has been a pleasant but rather cold day. Uncle Erastus and Catharine have been here today for a visit. Seth called and took dinner here. Have been to the mill since Uncle Erastus and

^{LXXVIII} Not identified, but Marilla had several friends named Fanny in her 1854 diary (Fanny Taylor and Fanny Ludington, as examples). This could be a married name.

Catherine went away. Clara went with me. Mr. Preston and Sam rode home with us.

December

Tuesday, 1. Went down this morning after Elma . Clara went with me. This afternoon, C Allen and family visited here. This has been a bright but cold day. Father settled up with Michael this forenoon. The ground was dressed in a very thin white ground this morning. The first for the season.

Wednesday, 2. Mother and I have been to the Ville today. Came home across Carmen Hill¹⁵⁹ to get some cider brandy for Marilla. We got it to Mr. Jay Allen's.^{LXXIX} It has been considerable cold as well as windy. Mother left cloth at Mr. Tolles for a cloak.

Thursday, 3. Have been to New Milford with Marilla to get her teeth out. Clara went with us. We found the dentist gone, but went to Doctor Taylor's. He thought he could get out her teeth, but on trying could not break it off for her. A cold day.

Friday, 4. This morning went down and brought Aunt Orpha up here and took her home this evening. She worked all day helping fix my clothes. I gave her a pewter plate at supper. Sarah Hine and Mrs. Tyler were here and made a visit this afternoon. Mrs. Eliza Newton called here this afternoon, and Mr. T Newton and wife visited here this evening.

Saturday, 5. This has been quite a pleasant day. Mother and I have attended Maria Knapp's funeral.¹⁶⁰ We came home by Uncle Jonathan's and called there. Aunt [Nabby] came here with Susan and made a call this afternoon. I went onto the green just at night to see if Hurlburt could take a pig to New Haven Tuesday.

Sunday, 6.^{LXXX} Marilla, Elma and myself went to church in the forenoon. I left Mother to take care of the children. I came home with Marilla at noon, then went back to the funeral of Mrs. Enos Mitchell.¹⁶¹ Singing and prayer with the reading of a part of the fifteenth chapter of 2 Corinthians and eighth chapter of Romans made up the funeral exercises.

Monday, 7.^{LXXXI} This morning went onto Carman Hill, then to the Ville after my pants and vest, and home in time to attend Hattie Bronson's

^{LXXIX} Per the December cash account, Henry bought two gallons for \$3.00.

^{LXXX} See Memoranda entry dated December 6.

^{LXXXI} See Memoranda entry dates December 7.

funeral.¹⁶² Elma went over to the funeral with me. Father has had his pigs butchered and Michael took one over to Mr. Hurlburt this evening. Tuesday, 8. This morning after making up my mind not to start for the west tomorrow, went down to Seth's to tell Lora as she was going with me as far as Albany. I took dinner at Seth's, then started home. Went down to Woodbury and up to the Ville on my way home. Clara seems better tonight.

Wednesday, 9. Have been packing my trunk today. Brought my trunk downstairs into the north room to pack it. Have spent all the odd spells during the day assorting, arranging and packing. Find that my trunk is more than full.

Tuesday, 10. This has been the coldest day of the season. Mercury this morning two degrees below zero. Tonight four above. Elma and I have been down to Aunt Orpha's this evening. We walked down. My time is mostly taken up tending baby and keeping fire.

Friday, 11. Not as cold today as yesterday. Have kept fire, tended baby and unpacked and packed over my trunk. It is snowing a little tonight. This is the second snow. Marilla has had a bad day with her teeth. Is very nervous.

Saturday, 12. The ground was dressed in a white mantle this morning, but tonight it has nearly gone. Have been in the house most of the time today. This evening rode down to Aunt Orpha's and got some beef. Uncle Ed came in and sat a while today.

Sunday, 13. This has been a rainy day. We have not been to church today. Marilla's teeth have been troubling her again today. Yesterday they did not ache. Have parched some corn¹⁶³ this evening. Volume eight of the American tract society.¹⁶⁴

Monday, 14. It has been raining again today, but cleared off this afternoon. Have been onto the green since the rain. Took the wood saw over to Hue Smith to set and file. Came home by Aunt Orpha's. Called there a little while. Went over to Uncle Ed's a little while this forenoon.

Tuesday, 15.^{LXXXII} Mother and I have been to Uncle Jonathan's^{LXXXIII} today for a visit. It was the 38th anniversary of their wedding. This we did not

^{LXXXII} See Memoranda entry dated December 15.

^{LXXXIII} This uniquely identifies Uncle Jonathan as Jonathan Newton Hine (1803-1881). He married Jennet Pond, the sister of Marilla's mother Rebecca Pond. on December 15, 1825.

know till after we were there. We celebrated the event with a visit and eating baked pudding and chicken.

Wednesday, 16. Father and myself have been to Blackville¹⁶⁵ and to Daniel Platt's.¹⁶⁶ Father made a new will at Mr. Platt's today.^{LXXXIV} The old one he committed to the flames. He went to Mr. Black's to see him about paying interest money. It has been quite a cold day.

Thursday, 17. Have been to mill and to the blacksmith shop. Had new shoes put onto Dolly. It has been storming some of the time. It has almost rained and some of the time it has been sleet. Have been over to Uncle Ed's a little while this evening. Left Mother's note with him to renew.

Friday, 18. It rained some this forenoon. After the rain went onto the green and got the wood saw. Came home by Aunt Orpha's. Stopped there and took dinner, then came home and went up to Mr. Daniel Platt's with the ax he left in our wagon the day we were up there.

Saturday, 19. Tonight am in Warren at Myron's. Sherman brought me up. It was a cold ride. When shall I see my family again? None knoweth save Him that knoweth all things. In His hands I leave them, hoping that in his sparing mercy he will spare me and mine and give us health.

Sunday, 20. Attended church in Warren today. After meeting went over to Cousin Henry's to supper. Came back to cousin S Lyman's and spent a part of the evening, then to cousin Myron's, where I am spending the night. I addressed a few words to the Sabbath School in Warren today.

Monday, 21. Sherman took me to the Bridge^{LXXXV} this forenoon. I waited there till one, then took the cars. Made good connection at St. Line for Albany, arriving in Albany in time for the evening train to Buffalo.^{LXXXVI} Took a sleeping car and retired about seven.¹⁶⁷

Tuesday, 22. This morning found me in Buffalo. Changed cars there for Cleveland. Got to Cleveland in time to take the cars to Rootstown.¹⁶⁸

^{LXXXIV} A copy of the will has not been located. However, the probate documenting directions of the will was written the November 30, 1865, and states the will date was December 16, 1863 (Probate Records, 1832-1917; Author: Connecticut. Probate Court (Washington District); Probate Place: Litchfield, Connecticut)

^{LXXXV} Cornwall Bridge.

^{LXXXVI} The fare to Saint Line was \$1.25, and the fare to Albany was \$1.20, per the December cash account.

Walked up from thee to Cousin Benjamin Bingham's,¹⁶⁹ where I am staying tonight.

Wednesday, 23. ^{LXXXVII} Aunt Joanna¹⁷⁰ was not at home when I came here, but she and Betsey came here with Achsah¹⁷¹ today. Cousin Seymour¹⁷² came over this evening and visited with us. Betsey went home with Achsah and Seymour. Til pleasant to be with friends.

Thursday, 24. Have been over to Cousin Achsah Strong's. Aunt Joanna, Betsey, and Benj and wife went over with me. Benja and I called at cousin Lucy Carter and Deacon Carter's. It has been a beautiful day. Am spending the night at Benjamin's. Saw Deacon Strong and wife.¹⁷³ They came home from a visit to their daughter.

Friday, 25. This morning went over to cousin Seymour Strong's and then back to Benjamin's to dinner. Achsah and Seymour took dinner with us. This afternoon Benjamin has brought me to Ellsworth.^{LXXXVIII} We took tea at Cousin Henry [xxx]. And we are staying with Thomas tonight.

Saturday, 26. This morning Thomas brought me up to Canfield. I called at Cousin William Comstock's¹⁷⁴ a moment, then went on with him to Uncle Moses.¹⁷⁵ Took dinner there, then went over to Cousin [Beard's] and made a call. Then back to Uncle Moses to spend the night.

Friday, 27. Have been to church today. After church went home with Cousin David. Aunt Minerva went too. Cousin W and Betsey came up this evening. Stayed a little while, then went home cousin [D and P]. Then called at Cousin Cynthia's and Warren's.

Monday, 28. This forenoon very rainy. This afternoon Cousin S brought me out to Cousin William's. Am here tonight having a very nice visit. The roads are very muddy, not very good getting around the country, but good friends more than make up.

Tuesday, 29, Aunt Minerva¹⁷⁶ and myself have been down to Aunt Eda's and made a visit today. They seemed to enjoy it very much. Urged us very hard to stay all day, but we thought best to go back home to Cousin William's.

Wednesday, 30. Aunt Minerva and I have made a visit today to cousin Willam Hine's and Cousin Chester's.¹⁷⁷ Took dinner at cousin William

^{LXXXVII} There are many relatives Henry mentions over the course of the next week, some identified only with first letters. Those who have been identified have Endnotes. Otherwise, they are unidentified at this time.

^{LXXXVIII} Ellsworth is situated 32 miles west of Rootstown, and Canfield another five miles west.

and tea at Cousin Chester. We passed a very pleasant day. Back to Cousin W tonight.

Thursday, 31.^{LXXXIX} Cousin Betsey and I stayed at Cousin David's last night. Went there from the oyster supper. This forenoon called at Uncle Moses. Back to cousin B's to dinner, Cousin Hattie and I called at Warren this afternoon, then cousin S? brought me down cousin W tonight.

Here ends the 1863 daily diary

Diary Memoranda Pages

Saturday, January 10. Has had the appearance of a storm all day. A little snow fell this afternoon. This evening we are having rain.

Friday, January 16. [Dalen] Humphrey and William Von Cold called here tonight. Dalen came to tell me that Lucian Rouse¹⁷⁸ was dead and that his funeral was to be attended on the coming Sabbath. He died at Alexandria.

January 17. Little Clara is two years old today. May that kind providence which has spared her to us for two years continue her to us while we live to cheer and comfort us, preparing her by His spirit and grace to do His holy will upon the earth and for His kingdom in heaven. My prayer is that she may early learn to love the Savior and grow up to be a blessing to parents and friends and a useful member of society.

February 9. My McGregor paper tells me that mercury was 13 degrees below zero there last Tuesday morning.

February 24. Uncle Andrew died on Sunday, the twenty-second of February.

Friday, April 3. Helen told us of the death of little Marilla Goodrich¹⁷⁹ when she was in here this afternoon. Mother went to meeting alone today. Did not have prayer meeting as usual before the sermon.

Monday, April 13. Went down to Uncle Brin's to see Cousin David this evening. I brought him up here to see Marilla, then took him back there. I stay with him tonight. Simeon and Melinda were down to Uncle

^{LXXXIX} See Memoranda entry dated December 31.

Brin's this evening. Charly brought Cousin David down and was going to take him to New Haven.

April 24. Seth has been in here tonight. Says he has bought the Tyler farm. He borrowed three hundred dollars of Father.

Wednesday, June 24. Michael mowed the door yard this forenoon. This afternoon has been mowing in the meadow across the road from the house. It is very cool weather now as well as very dry. Vegetation suffers.

Sunday, December 6. We had a new minister today by the name of Murray. He is a kind of second H W Beecher. Text 1 Corinthians 10:31.¹⁸⁰

December, 7. Colonel Newton and Aunt Sally have been in this evening.

December 15. Elma and I have been down to Aunt Orpha's this evening. We went down to get wintergreen and I wanted to see Sherm. They have commenced a distribution of the property there today.

Thursday, December 31. Have made a little mistake in making a minute of events. Went to Aunt Eda's on Monday instead of Tuesday and Cousin W and C Tuesday instead of Wednesday. And Wednesday to Cousin Benjamin's Aunt Minerva, Cousin B [Berrie] and Mary went there with me. Cousin David took dinner with us there.

End of Memoranda Entries

Diary Cash Account Pages

After the Memorandum section of the diary, there are pages for tracking receipts and payments of cash for January through December. Following that is a summary page where Henry listed his total receipts and payments for the year. Some of the cash entries can be specifically traced to events and transactions Henry recounts in his daily diary. For example, he paid \$.07 for putting heels on Clara's shoes on January 10. The following pages show these monthly cash account entries.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
8	Cash per acct from Mrs. Stepping	1 00	
10	Heeling Co. shoes		0 07
12	Dr. Buel		2 00
18	Marilla		1 00
17	Leahy's		0 31
	Wm. H. Wright		
	for doing an errand		0 5
31	Amica Thomas		0 5
	To Sundries		
	of the Village.		2 72
			5 94

CASH ACCOUNT, February.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
7	Kothairan		16
11	Buttons & Bos		01
11	standing Boats		12
14	Litchfield Esquire		1 75
11	Hair Cutting		
	& Shaving		19
11	For Uncle Ben		01
11	Hot Gloves		12
21	Memories of		
	the Village		88
11	Presents		1 33
11	Cash	10	
	Clara		01
			4 85

CASH ACCOUNT, March.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
5	Shells Oysters		31
9	Postage on Letters		12
11	1/2 Oz of Gephyr		10
16	Tanner		08
11	Blue Pills		12
11	Hair Dress		35
11	Postage on Letter		08
12	1/2 lb Green Sall		04
17	Appl. Macpharlin		
	7 Pills		1 20
	Specac's Oz		10
	Hornhound Can		04
18	Brunes 10 Lbs		1 90
11	2 Lamp & Shades		1 42
11	Shoe Strings		18
11	Gephyr		92
	For teaching		
	I had 3 months	64	00
24	Balmoral Skirt		2 50
28	One Chamber		25
11	standing Bot Co		18
	Total		9 84

CASH ACCOUNT, April.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
10	1/4 lb Licorice		08
11	25 lbs of Prunes		4 50
18	Postage on Letters		06
20	Prize in Tennis		05
11	Sent for Bank		5 00
29	Sarsaparilla		3 8
			6 07

CASH ACCOUNT, May.

Date.		Received.		Paid.	
	J Tanner				
	for Cultivator				65 ¹
	Blacking				25 ¹
9	Clarus Shoes				62 ¹
11	Sundries				85 ¹
11	Hall			2	25 ¹
11	Beer				85 ¹
12	Soll				50
14	Clara Tea Set				30
..	Biography			1	00
..	Wool Lotion 1 yd				50
..	Beer Cloth 2 3			11	18
..	Board at Hotel			1	25
..	Colla Button			1	75
20	Cloth for pants				00
	of C Lince			8	00
26	Paper of Lins				06
34	Sarsaparilla				88 ¹
				24	92

CASH ACCOUNT, June.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
6	Candy for Clara		0.5
8	at Mitchell for Thos. S.		1 00
27	Selling C. Shaw		15
			1 20

CASH ACCOUNT, July.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
7	Sarsaparilla		92
10	Arnica Thoma		05
11	Figs		1 37
10	Making Bawl's		4 00
11	Binding Book		62
15	3 1/2 yds of Cloth of 6 Thine		3 50
16	3 3/4 yds of Cloth for dress at the Village		6 07
23	Torn heat at Warren Pond		48
27	Triming Vest		12
31	Dress for Mat 21st		3 52
11	Pine Apple		14
11	Derrill's Continment		23
			20 02

CASH ACCOUNT, August.

Date.		Received.		Paid.	
3	Letter D & B Brine				0.9
5	Dr Fowler			3	7.3
11	Warner Oliver				25
11	Dr Taylor			16	00
26	Dr W & E Penat			2	50
15	A Letter D & B Taylor				85
11	Postage on Letters				03
				22	61

CASH ACCOUNT, September.

Date.		Received.		Paid.	
1 st	Portage on Paper			39	
11	Exp for Saler			06	
11	Shoe Maker			08	
2 ^d	Wheat Brats			50	
11	Cutting Hair			13	
3 ^d	Dr Buel		\$	50	
3 rd	Cayenne Pepper & c			06	
4 th	Medicine Dr B			25	
11	Dray Horse			30	
17	Mending Boots			10	
21	Tar Lids & c			43	
22	March 6			50	
21	Cleaning & Tr Hair		1	00	
24	Expenses at the Fair			60	
11	Opera House			50	
26	Cloth for Dressing		2	55	
11	Saler 3 rd yds			81	
11	Hernus Snaps			50	
11	Tannin			05	
11	Make Over to Dr B		9	84	
11	11 to N & P Dr B		9	25	
29 & 30	Sale Trees			10	
				31	50
29	Dr Buel		8	02	
				39	50

CASH ACCOUNT, October.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
8 th	Cp. Silk Brinsford	100 00	
11	Letter to Mr. H. G. G.		6 30
11	Through the Street		1 50
11	One Remittance		0 8
11 th	Mr. G. G. G.		0 5
7 th	Letter to Mr. G. G.		1 10
11	Letter to Mr. G. G.		1 5
11	Letter to Mr. G. G.		0 4
9 th	Letter to Mr. G. G.		3 00
13 th	Letter to Mr. G. G.		6 3
13	Letter to Mr. G. G.		1 80
14 th	Letter to Mr. G. G.		0 5
11	Letter to Mr. G. G.		1 0
15 th	Letter to Mr. G. G.		2 5 00
11	Letter to Mr. G. G.		2 1 15
16	Letter to Mr. G. G.		1 20
11	Letter to Mr. G. G.		0 5
11	Letter to Mr. G. G.		1 0
11	Letter to Mr. G. G.		0 5
20	Letter to Mr. G. G.		1 10
17	Letter to Mr. G. G.		8 5
20	Letter to Mr. G. G.		0 8
22	Letter to Mr. G. G.		1 18
29	Letter to Mr. G. G.		2 4
	Letter to Mr. G. G.		0 6
			65 88

CASH ACCOUNT

Date.		Received.	Paid.
Oct 14	Premium on \$1750.00 of Gold & 7500 of Silver	9 60	

CASH ACCOUNT November.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
4 th	Photographs		3 3' 0
10 th	Medicine for all		2 6 5
11	For Haircutting		1 5
11	Port Wine		1 6 0
14	Photographs		3 0
17	A check from Father	100 00	
19	Beverly & Co		4 5
23	3/4 yd Cotton		2 7
25	3/4 yd Coal Siding		2 6
29	S. S. M. Business		100 00
30	Sewing Machine		2 5
			109 6 8

CASH ACCOUNT, December.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
2 ^d	2 Gals of Brandy		8 00
7 th	6 Yds of flannel		3 90
11	2 Shann silk		05
8 th	2 Yds of flannel		1 30
11	2 Pairs of Drawers		3 50
2 ^d	Mr Toller		4 60
11 th	Buttons T.C		24
14 th	" For Coal		06
14	Buttons		02
19	A. Pres. from Father	25 00	
21	Wine to H. Line		1 25
11	" " Albany		1 20
11	Shipping Co.		50
22	Paper of Brandy		10
11	Chere to Mr. G. S.		1 40
23	Postage Stamp		15
			21 30
19	Bo Morilla		10 00
			31 30

CASH ACCOUNT, Summary.				MEMORANDA.		
		Received.	Paid.	Date.		Dollars. Cts.
JAN.		4 00	5 94	January 1 st	Cash on hand	67 74
FEB.		10	4 85 ¹	October 1 st	in Lett	8 85
MAR.	<i>Of the Pension for teaching</i>	52 00	9 84			
APR.			6 07			
MAY			24 92			
JUNE			1 20			
JULY			20 02			
AUG.			22 61			
SEPT.			34 30			
OCT.	<i>Bonnum in coin</i>	9 60				
NOV.	<i>Of S. M. B.</i>	100 00	65 88			
DEC.	<i>From Father</i>	100 00	109 63			
	<i>At Present</i>	25 00	1 80			
	<i>Paid out of money on hand Jan 1st 1863</i>	292 70	836 76			
	<i>Money lost or not accounted for during 1863</i>	44 29	33			
		830 99	336 99			

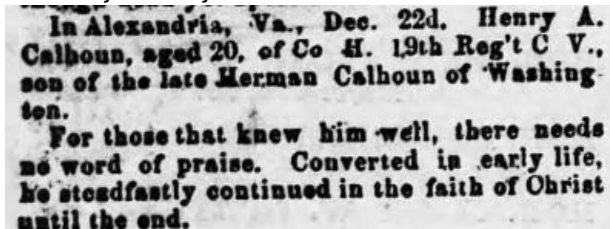
End of Diary

Endnotes

¹ Henry refers to both his own parents and Marilla's parents by Father and Mother. His parents were living in Garnaville, Iowa in 1863. This is therefore Marilla's father, Herman Hine, who they lived with in 1863. Mother references his mother-in-law Rebecca Pond Hine.

² Orpha Sackett (1801-1885), sister of Henry's father. She married Daniel Elliot Brinsmade (1792-1863), a Washington farmer, in 1837, his second marriage. The Brinsmade's home was on the way to the town green, so Henry and Marilla would frequently stop there.

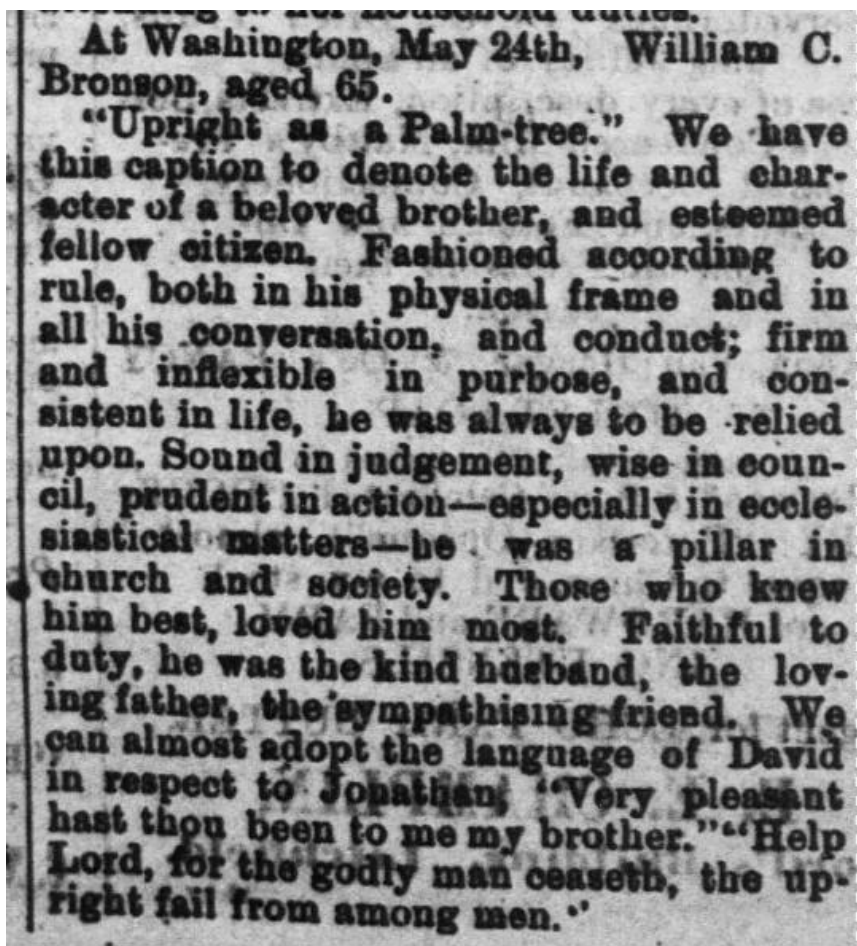
³ Private Henry A Calhoun enlisted August 7 1862, mustered September 11 in the 2nd heavy artillery regiment for the Union, and died December 22, 1862. Source: Historical Data Systems, comp. U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865, Ancestry.com. January 15, 1863 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer. See January 25 entry Endnote for additional details.



⁴ Bell Hill was a localized name for the prominent elevated ridge and surrounding farming area in the Judea section of Washington, Connecticut. Centered roughly along the modern-day Bell Hill Road, it was located just north of the Washington Green historic center, near the intersection with Judea Cemetery Road and Plumb Hill Road.

⁵⁵ Like Marilla's niece Sarah J Hine (1846-1892), daughter of her half-brother Herman Clark Hine.

⁶ William C Bronson (1811-1877). As noted in following obituary, he was involved in ecclesiastical matters, which likely included helping with the school at which Henry was invited to teach starting November 1862 (as recounted in the 1862 diary).



⁷ Have not been able to identify Ann, who is the wife of Michael, who appears to live in an adjoining property. There are a couple of Michaels in the 1860 US Federal Census with a wife named Ann in surrounding towns—Michael Gorman in Roxbury and Michel McAllister in Goshen. These are the only leads thus far.

⁸ Botsford Whitehead (1843-1869), one of Henry's students at the school, shown in his list of scholars. Botsford would enlist in the Connecticut 2nd Regiment, Heavy Artillery, in the Civil War on December 15, 1863, and would be discharged and mustered out January 27, 1865 from a disability after being wounded September 19, 1864 in Winchester, Virginia. Per Historical Data Systems, comp. U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865. Ancestry.com.

⁹ Henry listed all of the students in his school in the Memoranda section of his diary. See the screenshot of that page below.

MEMORANDA.			MEMORANDA.		
Date.	Name of Scholars	Age	Date.	Name of Scholars	Age
	Boettie Bronson	19		Benny Mc Kelly	5
	Maggie Black	18		John Mc Kelly	6
	Mary "	6		Edward Turner	5
	Lucy Ward	17		Charles Mitchell	10
	Anjouelle Cordale	17			
	Kitty Cady	10			
	John Black	13			
	Charles "	11			
	James "	8			
	Walter Newton	12			
	Walter Camp	10			
	Frank Husburn	6			
	Scott "	13			
	Willie "	7			
	Betsyford Whitehead	20			
	Charles Leonard	16			

¹⁰ See January 4 Endnote for Ann. This is the Michael who was mentioned frequently in Henry's 1862 diary. His wife's name was Ann. He has not yet been properly identified. Michael works the farms and homesteads with Henry. Based on an April 28 entry, where Henry's two-year old daughter Clara "runs away" to Michael's, it is evident that Michael lives very close by.

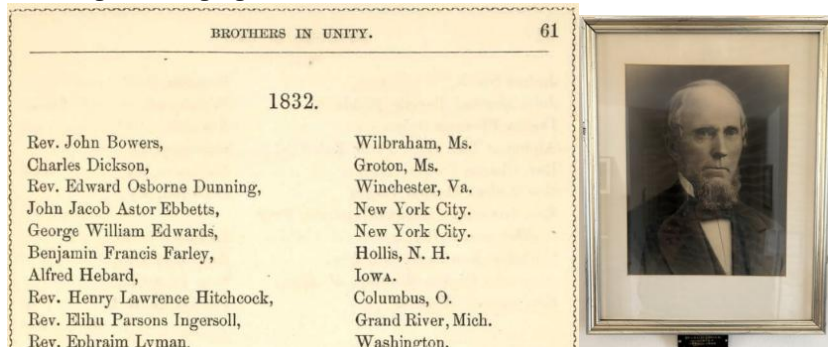
¹¹ James Aspinwall (1819-1890), a shoemaker who immigrated from England.

¹² Benjamin Griswold (1810-1894). He was a shoemaker in Litchfield County in the 1860s. He moved from Goshen, where he is listed in the 1860 US census, to Washington, where he is listed in the 1870 US census.

¹³ Samuel Eldred Tanner (1834-1903), Henry's second cousin through the Eldred line-Henry's grandmother was Elizabeth Eldred (1761-1849).

¹⁴ Ephraim Lyman was the Congregationalist church pastor in Washington from 1852-1863. He graduated from Yale in 1832 (source Ancestry.com. U.S.,

School Catalogs, 1765-1935). His picture below currently hangs in the Washington Congregational Church.



¹⁵ Scripture reference text: *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

¹⁶ Frederick Augustus Brinsmade (1824-1907), the younger of two sons of Daniel and Orpha Brinsmade. He would later become Marilla's husband five years after Henry's death.

¹⁷ One of Henry's students, listed on the roster as a 15-year-old.

¹⁸ Jonathan Newton Hine (1803-1881), who married Jennet Pond (1802-1892), a sister of Marilla's mother. They lived in Washington. This is definitively identified in Henry's December 15 diary entry.

¹⁹ Scripture reference text: *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*

²⁰ In 1850, Frederick William Gunn, an educator, prominent abolitionist, and outdoorsman, along with his wife, Abigail Brinsmade Gunn, founded their school on a hilltop near the Washington Green. The Frederick Gunn School has flourished since that time, and continues to operate to this day. The following citation comes from a July 18, 2021 article "Reading, Writing, and the Great Outdoors: Frederick Gunn's School Transforms Victoria-era Education" on ConnecticutHistory.org:

"Years later, in an 1877 speech to fellow educators, Gunn emphasized the importance of nature in promoting learning for boys and girls. "The ideal school," he said, "is set in the country, or, if in the city, the generous city fathers have afforded it liberal space with trees and flowers." Gunn's teaching methods proved to be well-suited to the temper of the times, and the school grew and prospered. He was an early proponent of physical exercise and sport as an integral part of the curriculum. He participated enthusiastically in student games of baseball, football, and shinny (a forerunner of hockey). Fishing and hunting, too, were as much a part of the school's routines as the reciting of Latin verbs. Gunn was known to declare a holiday from class when the weather was particularly suitable and to lead his

students on tramps through the woods and along the waterways, where he drew their attention to the wonders of nature hidden under the leaves and behind the hillocks.”



Frederick W. Gunn, ca. 1860s –
The Gunnery Archive

²¹ Scripture reference text: *One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

²² Private William Dains enlisted Aug 6, 1862, was mustered Sep 11 in the Union army, 2nd regiment heavy artillery, and died Jan 16, 1863. The February 5, 1863 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer contains the story of both Henry Calhoun and William Dains.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23d, 1863.

MR. EDITOR:—As your “local” has not noticed the fact, permit us to state, that, by God’s good will, out of the goodly number of youths sent from among us at our country’s call, not one had fallen, until we laid the body of Henry A. Calhoun—who died in Hospital at Alexandria, Va., Dec. 22d—in our quiet hill-side burying-ground. He is our first offering—the only son of his mother, and she a widow. Can more be said?

William H. Dains died at the same place, Jan. 15th. His body arrives to-day. Strong men look with a swelling sadness on the humble coffins, not knowing how soon their choicest hopes may come in the same rude way. But there are no regrets. The cost has been counted. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Capt. Williams, to Calhoun’s mother and sister. Also, a copy of an impromptu by Emily Goodrich Smith, wife of Major Smith of the 19th C. V. suggested by C.’s saying to his mother, in his last words, “Mother! I have got a *pass*—I can go home now.”

HEADQUARTERS, 19th REGT., C. V.
Camp near Alexandria, Va.
Dec. 24th, 1862.

²³ Titus Alden Bryan (1814-1864), a farmer in Washington, married to Ursula Hazen (1815-1879).

²⁴ Likely Edwin B Wakeman (b 1830), a schoolteacher living in Mendon, Clayton County, Iowa per 1870 US Federal census. Likely he was a friend Henry met in Garnavillo. He is mentioned again on March 8.

²⁵ The *Cultivator*, a prominent monthly agricultural journal published in Albany, New York, by Luther Tucker & Son, released its Third Series, Volume XI (or Vol. 3:11) in 1863. It focused on scientific farming, horticulture, and rural economy. It merged with The Country Gentleman in 1865.

²⁶ In early 1863, maps of the Southern states were primarily published by New York-based cartographers and publishers to track the Civil War. Major publishers included J.H. Colton, Harper & Brothers, Phelps & Watson, and J.T. Lloyd, with key maps highlighting railroads, fortifications, and Union blockades.

²⁷ This area has still not been uniquely identified. As noted in the Endnotes of Henry's 1862 diary, the "Ville" was possibly one of the villages of Washington (such as New Preston or Marbledale), or most likely Hotchkissville (eight miles southeast of Washington). Henry typically said going down to the Ville, so it was either south of their homestead or in a lower elevation than where they lived. Gunn Museum resources were not able to provide any documentation on where the Ville may have been.

²⁸ Likely Seth (1834-1883) and Lora Hollister (1841-1911), children of Truman and Nancy Hollister, and second cousins of Marilla.

²⁹ Edward Judson Pond (1806-1875), a younger brother of Marilla's mother Rebecca Pond. Ed was a farmer in Washington, and married Sarah Ford (1806-1886) in 1840.

³⁰ John Lobdell (1816-1878). He was a master blacksmith in Washington per the 1860 US federal census.

³¹ Benjamin Griswold (1810-1894). He was a shoemaker in Litchfield County in the 1860s. He moved from Goshen, where he is listed in the 1860 US census, to Washington, where he is listed in the 1870 US census.

³² Jennet Pond (1802-1892) was a younger sister of Marilla's mother, and married Jonathan Newton Hine in 1825.

³³ Scripture reference text: *Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.*

³⁴ Rufus "Rufe" (1834-1912) and Martha "Mattie" E Leavitt (1834-1866). Rufus was a miller per the 1860 federal census, then a grocery clerk in 1880. He later moved to Florida.

³⁵ The McGregor Weekly North Iowa Times was a newspaper published in McGregor, Clayton County, Iowa, during 1863.

³⁶ Frederic Starr Carter (1826-1903), who was admitted to the Warren Church of Christ March 5, 1854, and became a member April 1, 1863

(Ancestry.com. Connecticut, U.S., Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920). He moved to Sharon in 1869. A farmer in Sharon in 1870, per census records.

³⁷ George H Black (1860-1863), son of Thomas C and Annie Black. His mother Annie died November 26 of this same year.

³⁸ Daniel Baker, (1787-1863), married Susan Logan Baker.

³⁹ In 1863, Herrick's Plasters, specifically the Herrick Perforated Capsicum Plaster, were a popular proprietary patent medicine used for pain relief. They were produced by Dr. Herrick's Family Medicine Co., established by Dr. Herrick (1816-1877) in Albany, N.Y., in the mid-1830s. An instruction manual is shown below.

WARRANTED IN ALL CLIMATES.

Dr. HERRICK'S

PERFORATED STRENGTHENING PLASTERS



These Plasters can
be worn, removed,
and re-applied as often
as required; when
removed, wash off all
impurities from the
Plaster with cold
water.



Spread upon White Muslin.

All persons suffering from **weak lungs**, or who, when attacked by **colds**, find them settle in the region of the lungs, will obtain almost magical relief, by simply placing one of these Perforated Plasters over the part affected. **They never fail to give relief.** In our variable climate no prudent person should fail to use a **Plaster on the back or breast.** It will save thousands of lives, which but for such preventive use would be thrown untimely away.

Many persons are subject to **periodic attacks of pain in the small of their backs.** They may have strained themselves years before by lifting too heavy burdens, or from other causes, **the back becomes their weak spot.** Every attack is felt in this weak spot, and sometimes for weeks the sufferer is confined to the bed or chair, unable to attend to business or enjoy life; one of the Perforated Plasters applied at the first symptom to the part affected, will give magical relief, and days and weeks of pain will be spared. **Persons exposed to draughts** should never be without a **Plaster**, as no one can tell when a current of air, laden with pain and death, may strike him.

For Quinsey Sore Throat, Stiff Neck, or any similar affections of the neck, throat and glands, cut the Plaster into strips lengthways and apply to the parts affected; relief will be almost instantaneous.



The general directions for their use, is to remove the cloth from the face of the Plaster, wipe the part perfectly dry, lay the Plaster on the part affected, smooth it out with the hand, then it will adhere.



Where the ankles or wrists have been attacked by **Rheumatism**, cut the **Perforated Plaster** into strips and apply to the parts affected. they will give ease and effect a cure.

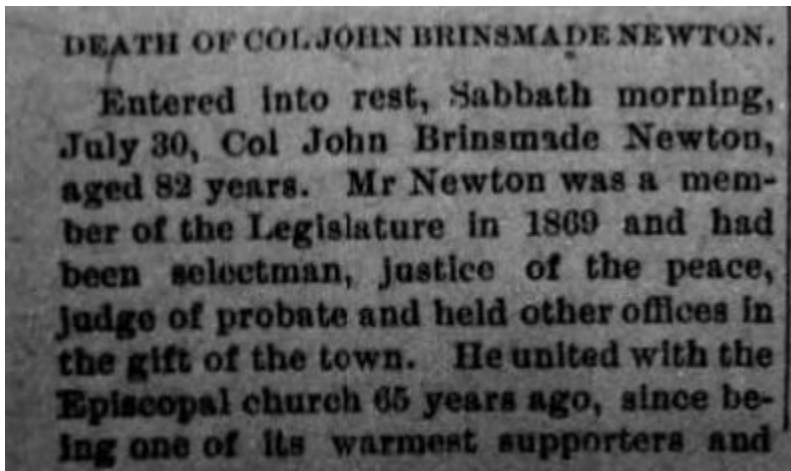
For caked breasts among nursing mothers, these Plasters work like a charm. A hole must be cut in them large enough to admit the nipple, and in a few minutes the Plaster will adhere, and relief in every instance will be afforded, and a thorough cure be wrought.

⁴⁰ This is likely Lucinda Cordelia Sackett (1821-1876), a first cousin of Henry. She married Morehouse W Bradley (1819-1860) in 1848. They lived in the

Bridgeport area, so Henry stating she has “been up” this evening could make sense.

⁴¹ In the 1860s, a “sick headache” was a common term for what we now identify as a migraine. It was specifically used to describe a severe headache accompanied by nausea, vomiting and an aversion to food.

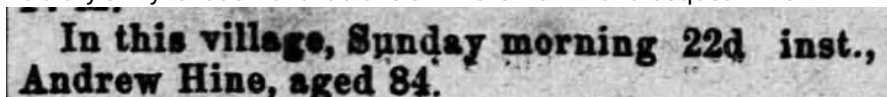
⁴² Likely John Brinsmade Newton (1811-1893), a farmer in Washington. He married Harriet Eliza Newton (1816-1884), and had a child named Walter, born in 1851, who was in Henry’s class (see list of scholars in earlier Endnote). This would match up with Henry’s April 21 entry, where he refers to Mr. and Mrs. Newton and Walter. In an 1854 map of Washington, he appears to live on the property just west of the school where Henry likely was teaching, which is not too far east of the Hine’s residence. John Newton appears to have attained the rank of Colonel, so he must be the “Colonel” that Henry sometimes refers to. His obituary from the August 4, 1893 edition of the Newtown Bee refers to him as Colonel John Brinsmade Newton.



⁴³ Likely Henry’s first cousin Helen Sophronia Sackett (1840-1890), who married Remus Ford in August 1862.

⁴⁴ Simeon Dwight Ford (1822-1911), who married Malinda Sackett (1827-1881). Malinda was Henry’s first cousin through Moses Sackett.

⁴⁵ Andrew Hine, the brother of Marilla’s father Herman. He died February 22. The following notice was in the February 26 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer. He was a successful businessman, including entering into a limited partnership business producing cotton goods in 1833 (several Litchfield Enquirer articles from 1833 refer to this business event). See Henry’s March 20 diary entry for additional details on Andrew’s will and bequeathment.



⁴⁶ The headstone for Andrew Hine in the Washington cemetery. His wife Marilla Hollister died about 30 years earlier, and they had no children.



⁴⁷ Henry W Seeley (1830-1906) and wife Abigail (1831-1922). He was a farmer in Washington.

⁴⁸ Stephen Smith Baldwin (1811-1899), a farmer in Washington, who was part of the local Sunday School Convention, as noted in this September 20, 1860 article in the Litchfield Enquirer shown below. Per a November 8, 1860 Litchfield Enquirer article on the Teacher's Institute for Litchfield County, he was also a teacher in Washington.

Warren.
The Litchfield County Sunday School Convention was held at Warren, on Wednesday, August 29th.
Geo. Starr, Esq., of Warren, was elected President, and A. W. Fenn, of Roxbury, Secretary. Deacon S. S. Baldwin, of Washington, Rev. Austin Isham, of Roxbury, and H. G. Taylor of Warren were appointed as a Business Committee.

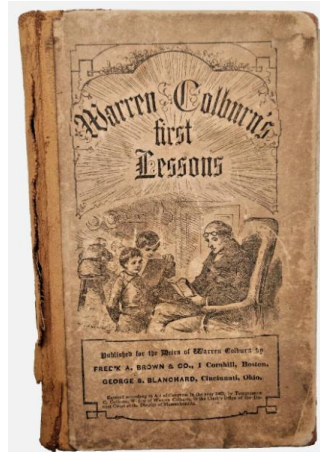
⁴⁹ William Clark Bronson (1811-1877), who married Lucy Ann Whittlesey (1812-1902) in 1840. They were parents of a daughter named Martha, who was a schoolteacher in the 1860s.

⁵⁰ Probably the older sister of Henry's student Maggie Black. She was eighteen in 1863, a daughter of James and Mary Black.

⁵¹ Henry was paid \$54 for teaching school for three months, per the March cash account, so his teaching engagement was a temporary assignment.

⁵² *Colburn's Arithmetic* is likely "Colburn's First Lessons: Intellectual Arithmetic, Upon the Inductive Method of Instruction" by Warren Colburn. Originally published in 1821, this mental math book remained a staple into

the 1860s, heavily influencing 19th-century American education. A picture of an 1863 edition (from eBay) is shown below.

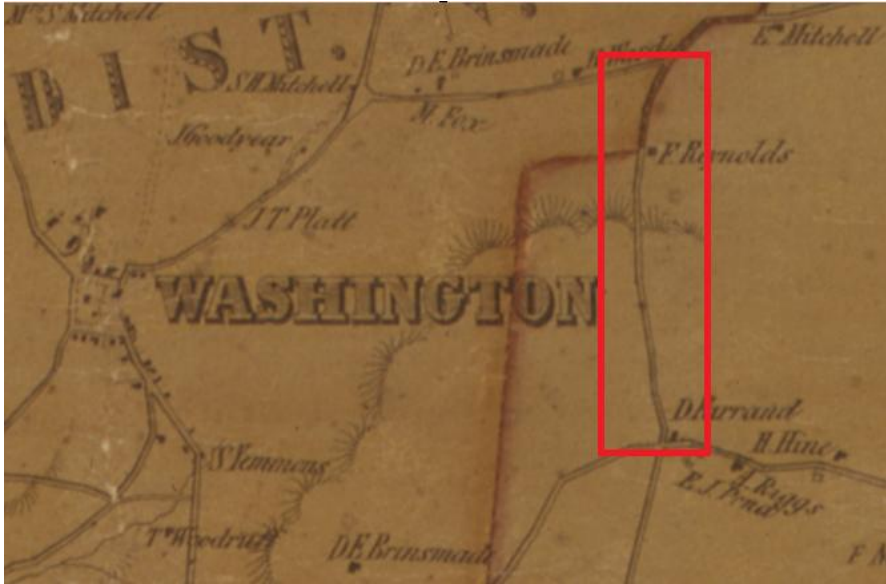


⁵³ Most likely James Henry Comstock (1816-1893), husband of Henry's first cousin Emily Sibyl Sackett, a daughter of Justus Sackett, a brother of Henry's father.

⁵⁴ Likely Abner W Mitchell, the father of Charles Mitchell, a ten-year student in Henry's class. A farmer, he appears to have enlisted in the Union army in August 1863 and was killed in August the following year.

⁵⁵ This is Michael who was mentioned frequently in Henry's 1862 diary. His wife's name was Ann, but he has not yet been fully identified. This is the first time he is mentioned in 1863.

⁵⁶ Bell Hill Road in Washington goes in a north/south direction between Wykeham Road and Judea Cemetery Road. This is just to the west of where the Hine homestead was. This road is shown in the following 1854 Washington map, highlighted in the red box.



⁵⁷ See Henry's March 10 cash account entry for "blue pills," which he likely got while with Doctor Buel. In 1863 America, these were also referred to as blue mass, and were a popular medicine made of mercury mixed with sticky plant materials and sugar. For example, Abraham Lincoln used them for his severe depression, but stopped taking them when he realized they made him angry and difficult to be around (source: 23 March 2010 edition of the Telegraph "The little blue pills that sent Abraham Lincoln into a rage.")

⁵⁸ Erastus Moulthrop (1815-1899), brother of Henry's mother. He married Mary E Wetmore (1817-1892).

⁵⁹ Henry Wadhams Buel, 1820-1893, who established a sanitarium in the Litchfield area in 1858. Graduated from Yale in 1844, and College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1848.

⁶⁰ Likely not Marilla's half-sister Clarinda (Clara) Hine, who married William Gilbert, because they lived in Winchester at the time. There are multiple Gilberts in Warren, so not identifiable from this context.

⁶¹ Likely Amrond Olmstead (1810-1880), a miller and farmer in the Washington area.

⁶² See the following extract, coming from the March 13 edition of the Hartford Courant. Andrew had been married to Marilla Hollister, who had passed away in 1834, and Gideon Hiram Hollister was his nephew. The will is also shown below, which indicates all his property was to be left to Gideon, or to Gideon's wife and son. The amount of \$60k equates to over \$1.5 million of purchasing power in 2026.

 We understand that Hon. Gideon H. Hollister, of Litchfield, by the late death of Andrew Hine, Esq., an uncle of his, has fallen him to sixty thousand dollars.

I Andrew Hine of the town & County of Litchfield & State of Connecticut of lawful age & of sound mind & memory, do hereby make, publish & declare the following to be my last Will & Testament, & dispose of the property which I now, or may hereafter own, at the time of my decease in the following manner.

After the payment of all debts & charges against me or my estate, I hereby give, devise & bequeath to my nephew Gideon H. Hollister Esq. of said town, all the property & estate of every description which I now own, & all which I may hereafter acquire from at the time of my decease. And in case the said Gideon H. Hollister shall not be living at the time of my death, I give, devise & bequeath the same to his wife Mary Susan Hollister, to his son Abbott Brisbane Hollister & to such other child or children as said Gideon may have at the time of my decease to be by them taken & held in equal proportions.

I hereby appoint Seth P. Beer of said town executor of this Will.

And I hereby revoke any & all former Wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 6th day of October A.D. 1855, & do publish & declare this to be my last Will & Testament.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Andrew Hine to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who have hereto subscribed in his presence & of each other.

Andrew Hine

Albert Scoville
Junius Marshall Miller
Sophister Spencer

⁶³ Scripture reference text: 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

⁶⁴ Silia Jane Comstock (1842-1929), second cousin of Henry, daughter of James Henry Comstock and Emily Sibyl Sackett. Lucinda Cordelia Sackett, first cousin of Henry and daughter of Justus Sackett and Mary Polly Bradley. Eunice has not yet been identified, but was with the group (including Henry,

Silia, and Lucinda) during their July 1862 visit to Bridgeport, so she was likely a family member.

⁶⁵ In 1863, an oxbow referred to the U-shaped, curved wooden collar used to harness an ox to a yoke for pulling plows or heavy wagons, commonly used in agriculture and transportation.



⁶⁶ Have not been able to identify Catharine. It is possible that this is a girl born in 1857 who is listed with Marilla as a thirteen year old girl in the 1870 US census. Have not been able to determine why she had custody at the time. The April 8 entry states she had an Uncle Fred.

⁶⁷ Here is background on the political environment at the time, as well as a further elaboration on the term Copperhead. The 1863 Connecticut gubernatorial election was held on April 6, 1863, featuring a rematch between incumbent Republican Governor William A. Buckingham and Democratic former Governor Thomas H. Seymour. In a tight contest heavily focused on the Civil War, Republican William A. Buckingham defeated Democrat Thomas H. Seymour, winning 41,032 votes to 38,395, a narrow margin of 2,637 votes. Buckingham as a staunch supporter of the war and the Lincoln administration. Seymour as a "Peace Democrat" or "Copperhead," opposing the Emancipation Proclamation and seeking to end the war. The election was considered crucial for the Lincoln administration, as it was one of the first in a free state where the "peace issue" was paramount. The narrow victory was, in part, likely secured because Secretary of War Edwin Stanton enabled furloughs for Connecticut troops to return home to vote. The 1863 results solidified Connecticut's support for the continuation of the Civil War. The following Litchfield Enquirer article from the April 2, 1863 edition shows the passionate appeal by the Republican side to vote for its candidate for governor.

A LAST APPEAL!

Citizens of Litchfield County! Will you, with one heart and hand, come up to the polls on Monday next, to put a finishing touch to the rampant treason that now stalks the State, impudently defying law and order, and calling upon the Men of Connecticut to ratify at the ballot-box, the boldest, most unblushing sentiments of disloyalty which have yet been foisted upon a loyal State?

Will you come up to the polls *en masse*, and vote down the renegade leader of these disunionists, down so low that his dry bones will never be resurrected again, either for a War or Peace Candidate?

Will you come up to the polls and vote for a high-minded, honorable, patriotic man to represent you in the next Congress, whose whole soul will be given to the noble work of saving the Union and the Constitution, and whose every vote will be given to prosecute this war as the surest and speediest way to peace?

Will you come up to vote the *whole ticket*, which represents the Government of the United States, and against the ticket, which represents Jeff. Davis and his government just as plainly and evidently as if it was nominated and voted for in Richmond or Charleston?

We have a ticket in this County, which we may well be proud to elect. Never has a better man been chosen to represent us in Congress, never has a better selection of men been made in each Senatorial District—to represent us in the State Senate. Certainly, never was there a more popular, whole-souled, noble soldier and gentleman before the people of this County, for the office of High Sheriff. The County is thoroughly canvassed. We believe it is thoroughly aroused to the work. **LET NOT A VOTE BE LOST.** Come up, every man, to the polls. Let us devote one day wholly to our State and Nation. It will be the most important day for Connecticut that ever transpired, or ever will transpire in history.

God save the State and the Nation from Traitors at home and abroad! -

⁶⁸ Likely Jerome B Thompson (1822-1874), who is listed as a house painter in the 1860 US federal census, living in Woodbury with his wife Lavinna and daughter Lucy. He starts painting Henry's house in May.

⁶⁹ Scripture reference text: *13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.*

⁷⁰ Charles Hine (1820-1895). Born in Canfield, Ohio to David Hine and Achsah Sackett, he was Henry's second cousin. He was listed as a Merchant in the 1860 census, living Warren, and seems to have had a store (see Henry's July 15 entry). Charly was a widow, whose first wife died in 1851. He would remarry in 1867.

⁷¹ Likely Charly's brother David Hine Jr (1822-1872).

⁷² Sewing societies are mentioned in the foreword of Washington, CT in the

1860s. They were volunteer women's groups that gathered to produce military and medical supplies, mend garments, and support Union soldiers and their families.

⁷³ In 1863, Kansas potatoes primarily referred to standard Irish white potatoes cultivated in the developing Kaw River Valley and eastern Kansas regions. During the Civil War era, Kansas farming was transitioning from subsistence to commercial production.

⁷⁴ On April 7, 1863, Rear Admiral Samuel F. Du Pont led a Union fleet of nine ironclad warships in a failed attack on Confederate defenses in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina. The attack, often called the First Battle of Charleston Harbor, involved seven monitors, the ironclad New Ironsides, and the experimental Keokuk. The attack aimed to quickly force a surrender but resulted in heavy damage to the ships, including the sinking of the Keokuk, forcing a Union withdrawal. The following picture is an illustration from Harper's Weekly showing the April 7, 1863 attack. Harper's Weekly in 1863 was a premier illustrated journal strongly supporting the Union cause, offering detailed visual and editorial coverage of the American Civil War.



⁷⁵ Scripture reference text: *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

⁷⁶ Dock roots refer to the bitter taproots of perennial herbaceous plants from the Rumex genus (sample drawing below). They were used for herbal medicine, allegedly to cleanse blood or as a laxative or digestive.



⁷⁷ The burdock plant (*Arctium*) was a widespread biennial weed and a prominent herbal remedy known for its prickly, clingy burrs and deep taproot. A drawing follows.



⁷⁸ In 1863, "cowslips" were generally a term for Marsh Marigold, an early spring yellow-flowered plant (pictured below). They could be eaten as greens (after boiling) or used in herbal teas treating respiratory issues.



⁷⁹ This fast was declared by Abraham Lincoln through a proclamation. The full proclamation was reported in the April 15, 1863 edition of the Hartford Courant, which follows.

A National Fast.

PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

Whereas, The Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the supreme authority and just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolutions, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for national prayer and humiliation ; and whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truths announced in the holy Scriptures and proven by all history. that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord ; and inasmuch as we know that, by his divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people ; We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us ; and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us ! It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do by this my proclamation designate and set apart THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting, and prayer. And I do hereby request all the people to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion. All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope, authorized by the divine teachings, that the united cry of the nation will be heard on high and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three and

[L. S.] of the independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President :
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

⁸⁰ Likely Reverend David L Parmalee (1795-1865), a trustee of the Theological Institute of Connecticut, per- Ancestry.com. U.S., School Catalogs, 1765-1935.

<u>PARMELEE, PARMALEE, PARMELA</u> , Caroline, see Caroline			
Waldon		3	303
David L., Rev., installed Pastor Aug. 25, 1841		2	170
David L., Rev., d. June 27, 1865, <i>E</i> "in 70th y."		3	32
David L., Rev., d. June 27, 1865, <i>E</i> 70		3	307

⁸¹ Mary Polly Bradley (1787-1867), wife of Justus Sackett (1784-1846), who was an older brother of Henry's father Benjamin.

⁸² Sheldon Clark (1840-1863) enlisted Aug 9, 1862, mustered 11 Sep 1862, and died April 30 1863, a member of the 2nd Heavy Artillery (originally called the 19th Connecticut Infantry Regiment). Per 19th regiment service – It left Connecticut for Washington, D.C., September 15, participating in guard and patrol duty at Alexandria, Virginia, January 12, 1863, and garrison duty at Fort Worth (Virginia) in May 1863. Therefore, Sheldon died in some type of incident while the regiment was involved in guard and patrol duty in

Alexandria. The following notice is found in the May 14, 1863 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer.

In Alexandria, Va., Sheldon Clark, aged 23 years, a member of the 19th Regiment, C. V., from Washington, Conn.

⁸³ Scripture reference text: *I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.*

⁸⁴ Noah Sherman Pond (1815-1892), Marilla's uncle. He and his second wife Julia Ann St. John (1819-1868) were married in 1848 and were living in the New Haven area.

⁸⁵ Wealthy Ann Root (1834-1917) married Seth Hollister on October 1, 1862. In Henry's 1862 diary entry for October 25, Wealthy would be the bride Henry refers to.

⁸⁶ Gustavus Rouse (1800-1864), who lived on a farm in the South Cornwall area with his wife Martha.

⁸⁷ Deacon David Punderson, 1782-1864, who is also mentioned in Marilla's 1854 and 1862 diaries. He was a deacon for 32 years in the Congregational church per his obituary in the June 16, 1864 edition of Litchfield Enquirer.

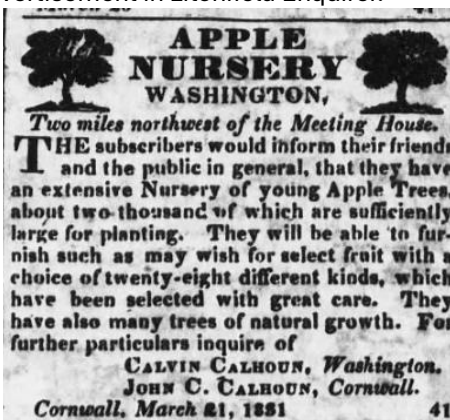
⁸⁸ Eli Bradley (1816-1892) was a farmer in Roxbury. He had 225 acres of improved land on his farm per the 1870 federal census.

⁸⁹ Possibly John B Whitehead (b 1824), a farmer in Washington.

⁹⁰ John Senior (1811-1878), father of Sarah K Senior, who married Edward Jonathan Hine, a first cousin of Marilla.

⁹¹ Whitewashing consisted of painting with a mixture of lime and water, which would brighten dark spaces and kill bacteria. A typical Civil War-era recipe called for roughly 5 lbs of hydrated lime and 2 oz of salt mixed into 3 to 3.5 quarts of water.

⁹² Likely Calvin Calhoun (1774-1864), who had an apple nursery in the 1830s. March 22, 1832 advertisement in Litchfield Enquirer.



APPLE NURSERY
WASHINGTON,
Two miles northwest of the Meeting House.
THE subscribers would inform their friends and the public in general, that they have an extensive Nursery of young Apple Trees, about two thousand of which are sufficiently large for planting. They will be able to furnish such as may wish for select fruit with a choice of twenty-eight different kinds, which have been selected with great care. They have also many trees of natural growth. For further particulars inquire of
CALVIN CALHOUN, Washington.
JOHN C. CALHOUN, Cornwall.
Cornwall, March 21, 1831 41

⁹³ Scripture reference text: *And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.*

⁹⁴ The White Sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*) was a widespread, native, bottom-dwelling fish. Suckers were occasionally used for food, but were often seen by game-fish anglers as a nuisance or forage fish.

While true roach (*Rutilus rutilus*) are a European species, nineteenth-century New Englanders and European immigrants applied the name "roach" to the Golden Shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)—a shiny, deep-bodied minnow native to Connecticut waters, that behaved similarly and was commonly used as live bait

⁹⁵ Son of Rufe and Mattie (Charley Leavitt died at age 6 years, 8 months, born in 1857). In New Washington Cemetery.

⁹⁶ The following lays out Reverend Lyman's biography. The Reverend Ephraim Lyman was born on Jun 3, 1810, in Goshen, Connecticut. He died on Oct 29, 1880, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ephraim Lyman graduated from Yale College in 1832 and from Divinity School there in 1835. He was ordained in Plymouth, Connecticut, on October 28th, 1835, and served the Congregational Church in that town until June 8th, 1851. He then became the minister at Washington, Connecticut, serving there from June 30th, 1852, until ill health forced his retirement on June 7th, 1863. The next year he moved to Northampton, Massachusetts, and a few years after that he moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where his two older sons had settled and become prosperous merchants. (From Maryland state archives -- <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc3500/sc3520/002100/002185/notes/steele.dir/parsonstech/genealogy/trees/jgordon/d13.htm>,

⁹⁷ Scripture reference text: *Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

⁹⁸ Phebe Turner Hollister (1813-1895), the wife of Preston Sherman Hollister(1808-1888). Preston was a first cousin of Marilla's mother.

⁹⁹ Scripture reference text: *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

¹⁰⁰ Scripture reference text: *Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.*

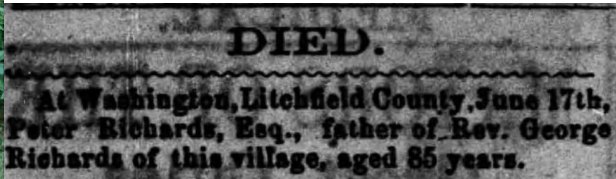
¹⁰¹ Carmel Hill is located in the southeastern section of Washington, Connecticut. Situated near the border shared with the town of Bethlehem, this rural, elevated area was the home to early farmsteads and local roads in the Civil War era. Carmel Hill Road still exists today.

¹⁰² Possibly Lucy J Hurd, a 25-year-old living in New Milford per 1860 census.

¹⁰³ Likely Daniel W. Wagoner, who had farm acreage in Morris, per US Federal census schedules in 1850 and 1870. He was also mentioned in July in Henry's 1862 diary.

¹⁰⁴ Daniel Neddleton, a farmer located in Morris, who was born in 1824. His wife Elvira and he had a five-year-old daughter named Laura in 1863.

¹⁰⁵ Peter Richards (1778-1863). He died June 17, and one of his sons was the Reverend George Richards, as noted in the June 25 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer.



¹⁰⁶ Frederick Coleman (b 1815) was farmer from Warren. He was also an auctioneer in 1863 per IRS tax assessment lists.

¹⁰⁷ Joseph C Calhoun (1800-1886) owned a farm next to the Hines. Per the 1860 census, the family consisted of Joseph, his wife Mary, and children Simeon, Franklin, and Sarah. The real estate was valued at \$6,000 per the census. Frank would therefore be his son Franklin, who was 34 at the time.

¹⁰⁸ Scripture reference text: *Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.*

¹⁰⁹ Scripture reference text: *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

¹¹⁰ Flora Rebecca Sackett (1863-1933). Henry and Marilla's second daughter, who would marry Edward Leslie Randall December 31, 1890. She was not given a name in 1863, and is referred to as baby through December.

¹¹¹ This means capturing a cluster of honeybees and successfully transferring them into a man-made domicile like a box hive or skep to start a new colony.

¹¹² A liberty pole was a tall wooden flagpole erect in town greens or public squares. It would have represented sentiments of pro-Union patriotism, military recruitment or loyalty to the federal government. Henry misspelled it as "pool" in his diary.

¹¹³ Most likely Howard Norman Hazen, who would marry Ellen Amelia Titus in 1867, then pass away in 1869, as shown in the following August 5, 1869, edition of the Litchfield Enquirer.

In Washington, July 27th, at the home of his father-in-law, J. S. Titus, Howard N. Hazen, aged 23 years, 9 months, and 27 days.

"For so He giveth His beloved sleep."

¹¹⁴ This is likely an area in the southeast corner of Washington, now known as West Mountain Preserve.

¹¹⁵ See the following two articles for more details on Charly's store. A July 31, 1862, article in Litchfield Enquirer talks about renovations on the Swift and Hine Store, and a Sep 25, 1862, states the Swift and Hine store was used for tax payments.

— The store of Swift & Hine, is undergoing extensive repairs. The two buildings which they have occupied have been united, raised one story, and the whole enclosed under one roof.— One-half of the second story is to be fitted up for a Select School. These repairs show more enterprise than has been exhibited in Warren before for ninety-three years.

TAXES.

ALL persons, residents and non-residents, liable to pay taxes in the town of Warren, are hereby notified, that I have received the tax list and warrant for the collection of a town tax of eight mills on a dollar on list of 1861, laid by said town at their adjourned annual town meeting, holden April 7th, 1862. Also, a dog tax, and a military commutation tax, made out according to requirements of the Statute. For the receipt of said taxes, I will be at the store of B. Gilbert, Wednesday Sept. 17th; and at the store of Swift & Hine, on Wednesday Sept. 24th from 2 till 6 o'clock, P. M. on each of said days. All persons who neglect to pay their taxes on or before said time, may expect to pay travel fees for collecting.

H. J. TAYLOR, Collector.

Warren, Aug. 20th, 1862,

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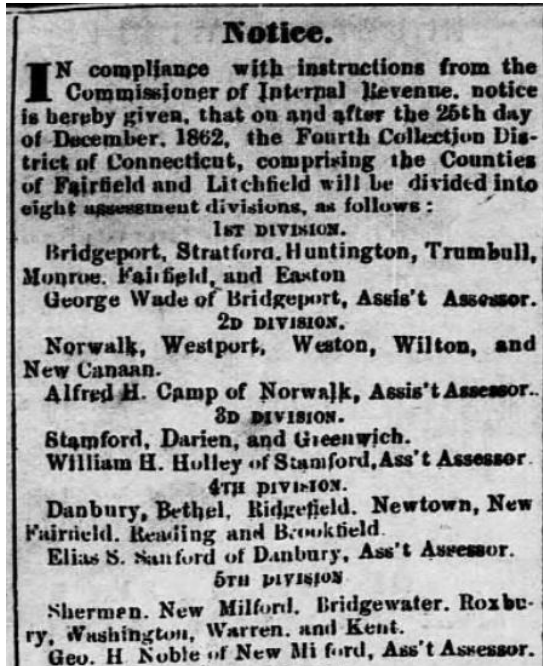
¹¹⁶ A grain cradle, a scythe fitted with long wooden fingers, was used to manually harvest wheat, oats, and rye.



¹¹⁷ The New York City draft riots (July 13–16, 1863), sometimes referred to as the Manhattan draft riots and known at the time as Draft Week, were violent disturbances in Lower Manhattan, widely regarded as the culmination of working-class discontent with new laws passed by Congress that year to draft men to fight in the ongoing American Civil War. The protests turned into a race riot against African Americans by Irish American rioters. President Abraham Lincoln diverted several regiments of militia and volunteer troops after the Battle of Gettysburg to control the city. The death toll was listed at about 120. One historian estimated a loss in killed and wounded of 1000, most of whom were of the mob, and a probable damage to private property of \$1,500,000 (equivalent to \$39,200,000 in 2025). Source: Wikipedia.

¹¹⁸ William Gilbert (1806-1890), who married Clorinda Hine in 1835. Clorinda went by Clara, per Marilla's 1862 diary (Clorinda was her half-sister).

¹¹⁹ George H Noble (1814-1872), as noted in the following announcement in the January 1, 1863 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer, was an assistant assessor in the 5th Division of the county, which included the town of Washington. He is listed as a US Assistant Assessor in the 1870 US federal census as well.



¹²⁰ Daniel Elliott Brinsmade, (1792-1863), husband of Henry's Aunt Orpha.

¹²¹ In looking at the 1854 map of Washington, F Newton lived just a short way down the road to the east of the Hine's homestead.

¹²² Doctor George Taylor (1802-1881), a prominent physician and politician. Graduating from Yale Medical School in 1824, he was the first practitioner of homeopathy in Connecticut. Charles Taylor, presumably his brother, and also a physician, lived with him in New Milford per the 1870 US federal census

¹²³ Have found no evidence or stories indicating that the Frederick Gunn school had a monkey. The Gunn Museum had no such information either. Therefore, the monkey was likely on loan or with a traveling exhibit.

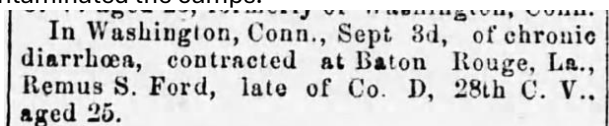
¹²⁴ There is a 5-year-old Edward Fewer in Henry's student roster, so possibly his family.

¹²⁵ Likely Marilla's first cousin one time removed, Samuel Ford Hollister (1811-1888).

¹²⁶ Herman "Clark" Hine (1818-1909), Marilla's half-brother. He married Ellen Beecher, from Barkhamsted, Connecticut in January of 1862. He had two daughters through his first wife Emeline Brickley (1824-1859), Sarah J (1846-1892) and Mary (1849-1904). They lived in Winsted in 1863.

¹²⁷ Likely Oliver Stone Dean (1835-1927), who graduated in 1863 from Princeton Theological Seminary with his first assignment being the Congregational Church in Roxbury, where we served around three years (source August 16, 1927 obituary in The Morning Call).

¹²⁸ Remus Ford (1838-1863) married Henry's first cousin Helen Sophronia Sackett (1840-1890) on August 19, 1862, then enlisted Sep 8, 1862, and was mustered Nov 15, 1862. He was part of the Connecticut 28th infantry. He mustered out on Aug 28, 1863. It appears he had some type of sickness causing diarrhea and died soon after his return. Of interest is that his military record states he survived the war (meaning wasn't given the status of killed in action). The following background helps put Remus' death in context. Approximately 500,000 soldiers died of disease during the American Civil War, with contaminated drinking water and poor sanitation being the primary killers. For every soldier who died from combat wounds, roughly two more died from rampant infectious diseases like dysentery, diarrhea, and typhoid fever. The specific death toll from the worst waterborne and camp-related illnesses, dysentery and diarrhea is staggering. These claimed the lives of about 95,000 soldiers. It was by far the leading cause of disease-related death. Poor hygiene, flies, and latrines built too close to drinking water streams contaminated the camps.



In Washington, Conn., Sept 3d, of chronic diarrhoea, contracted at Baton Rouge, La., Remus S. Ford, late of Co. D, 28th C. V., aged 25.

¹²⁹ Possibly Herman Botsford, a merchant in Woodbury per the 1860 US federal census.

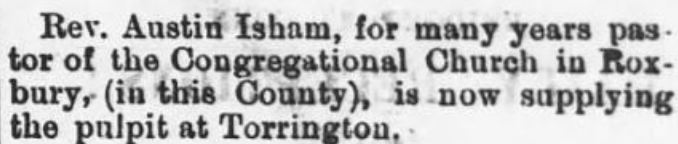
¹³⁰ There were several Tolles in Connecticut, including Samuel Tolles, a merchant tailor. But he was in the military and lived in the New Haven area.

¹³¹ The phrase describes the traditional agricultural process of winnowing grain. Farmers would toss harvested wheat into the air next to their barn; natural wind or a handheld fan would blow away the lightweight "stubble" (chaff and husks) so the heavier, valuable grain fell to the ground.

¹³² Sherman Brinsmade (1821-1893), son of Daniel Elliott Brinsmade and Orpha Sackett, the sister of Henry's father. Marilla would later marry his younger brother Frederick in 1873, after Henry's 1868 death.

¹³³ Asa Bingham (1828-1890), first cousin of Henry, son of Charles Bingham and Joanna Sackett, an older sister of Henry's father. Asa was from Ohio.

¹³⁴ Probably Reverend Austin Isham, who was residing in Roxbury in 1863 per church records. Although it shows he was dismissed in June, records show he continued as a Congregational Church pastor, such as this January 27, 1870 Litchfield Enquirer article.

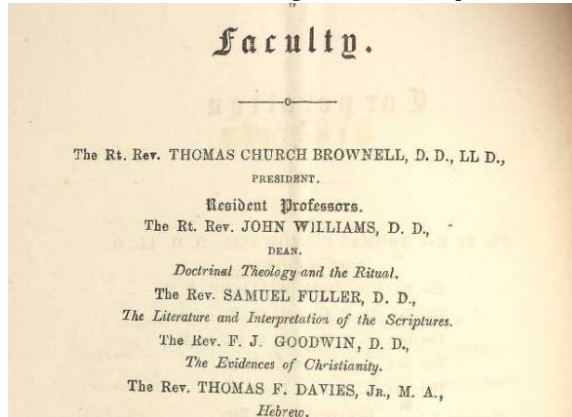


Rev. Austin Isham, for many years pastor of the Congregational Church in Roxbury, (in this County), is now supplying the pulpit at Torrington.

¹³⁵ The electric machine is likely a hand-cranked magneto-electric machine. These were portable, wooden-cased devices that used large permanent magnets and rotating coils to generate a "mild" alternating current to treat pain and nervous conditions. The Davis & Kidder Magneto-Electric MachineThe most prevalent machine of this era was the Davis & Kidder Patent Magneto-Electric Machine. Patented in 1854, these portable electro-medical devices were incredibly popular for both physicians and home consumers across New England. The operator attached two metal handles or electrodes to the patient's body and then turned a hand crank to generate current.: Medical practitioners and traveling canvassers marketed the device as a cure-all. It was purported to cure everything from "nervous diseases," headaches, and paralysis, to cholera, dyspepsia, and toothaches. People in the 19th century were deeply fascinated by electricity, often viewing it as a mystical vital force, which led to widespread use of these devices for both genuine pain relief attempts and medical quackery. A picture of Davis and Kidder Magneto Electric machine is below.



¹³⁶ Likely the Reverend Samuel Fuller, who in 1860 was listed on the faculty of the Berkley Divinity School in New Haven (affiliated with Yale). Source is from the Ancestry.com. U.S., School Catalogs, 1765-1935 [database on-line]



¹³⁷ The Litchfield Enquirer Sep 10, 1863 edition explains the date and layout of the County Fair.



**LITCHFIELD, CONN.,
THURSDAY, SEPT. 17, 1863.**

The County Fair.

On Wednesday and Thursday next the Litchfield County Agricultural Society holds its Annual Cattle Show and Fair, on their Grounds in this village. We have already printed the List of Premiums which are offered for competition, and which we are sure will compare favorably with any Society in the State; and we are equally certain that the interest which the farmers of Litchfield County take in these Annual Exhibitions of the County Society is such that we can promise an Exhibition this year worthy of its predecessors, and of the Agricultural interests of the County.

This Society differs from all the branch societies that have sprung up within the last few years throughout the county, inasmuch as it is supported by the entire county, and as such represents the labor and wealth of the county itself. The branch societies are of real value in their way, since they stimulate and encourage the industry of their several localities, and urge on their supporters to more careful husbandry, and a wider exertion. But the County Society gathers all these local interests together, puts them in competition with one another, and lead them to a higher and more generous rivalry in a wider field.

Possessing these advantages, it naturally follows, that while the local societies aid the parent society, it in turn aids them, and fosters and stimulates the agricultural interests of the county, which are its highest honor and its proudest boast. Each exhibitor adds to this, and as year by year the results are seen in a wider and ever increasing interest which our agricultural societies exert, we should be stimulated to still greater exertions to render these fairs more and more interesting and inviting to the public, and beneficial to the best interests of the exhibitors.

We believe that, if the weather does not prove inauspicious, the Fair of the County Society this year will add to its previous proud preeminence over other societies in the State, and will be well worth the attendance and participation of all our farming communities.

Its principal attraction to such will be, as usual, its display of the largest and finest variety of cattle in the State,—which cannot, in the nature of things, be equalled by any other society. To this will be added the triumphs of the farmer and horticulturist and florist, and not to be overlooked, the handiwork of our skillful housewives. The display of horses, too, will be such as even to add to the reputation of previous years, and, while not degenerating into a society for the encouragement of horse-racing, judges and lovers of good horses will find ample room for the gratification of their tastes.

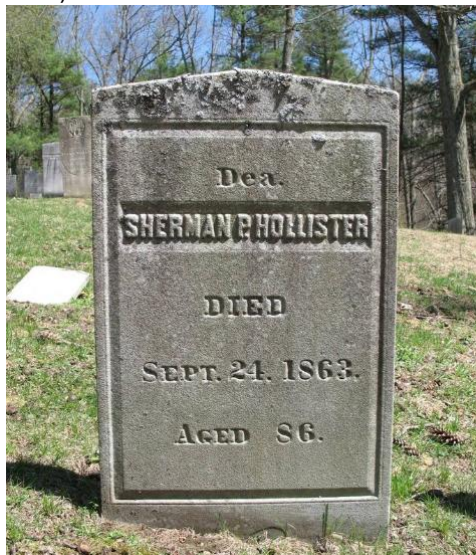
Thus, we have the promise of something worth seeing in Litchfield next week, and if the performance is equal to it, we shall have the best Cattle Show we have held for years.

¹³⁸ Justus Parker (1777-1863). He was born in Milford and died in Washington, and was buried in New Washington cemetery. Not sure of the family relationship (calling him Uncle). He was a fourth cousin twice removed from Marilla (her grandfather Elnathan Pond would be his fourth cousin).

¹³⁹ The October 1, 1863 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer listed prizes from the fair. A George C. Hitchcock is listed as winning a \$20 prize for thoroughbreds.

LIST OF PREMIUMS AWARDED BY THE Litchfield Co. Agricultural Society, AT THEIR <i>Twenty-Third Annual Cattle Show & Fair,</i> SEPT. 23d and 24th, 1863.		No. 17—MATCHED HORSES.	
CLASS I. No. I—DEVONS.		Best pair,	Rufus Smith, 5
Best Bull 3 years, and over, A. Beecher, \$5		2d do	Wm F Baldwin, 3
2d " " " S. Hurlburt, 3		3d do	Wm D Flowers, 2
Best " 2 years " Seth S. Logan, 3		No. 18—THOROUGH-BREDS.	
2d " " " C. Barbour, 2		Geo C Hitchcock (Discretionary.) 20	
Best " 1 year " Cyrus Catlin, 2		CLASS III.	
2d " " " Seth S Logan, 1		SHEEP, SWINE AND POULTRY.	
Best Bull Calf, L. Hurlburt, 2		Best fat Sheep,	S Hartwell, 3
2d " " " Sherman Titus, 1		2d do	J H Bennett, 2
Cows.		Best fine wool Sheep,	A Whiting, 3
Best Cow 4 years old, Seth S. Logan, \$4		2d do	do, 2
2d " " " Stanley Griswold, 3		5 best fine wool Ewes,	do, 3
Best Heifer 3 years old, " " 2		5 best fine wool Lambs,	do, 2
2d " " " L. Hurlburt, 2		Best long wool buck,	S Hartwell, 3
Best Heifer 2 years old, R. W. Ford, 1		5 best long wool lambs,	do, 2
2d " " " Seth S. Logan, 2		Best middle wool buck,	J H Bennett, 3
Best Heifer 1 year old, Stanley Griswold, 1		2d do	Joseph Tharp, 2
2d " " " G. H. Hollister, 2		5 best middle wool ewes,	S Griswold, 3
Best Heifer Calf, Lemuel Hurlburt, 1		2d do	Cyrus Catlin, 2
Lot of Yearlings, (disc'y,) Lemuel Hurlburt, 1		5 best middle wool lambs,	M W Jennings, 2
No. II—DURHAMS.		2d do	E M Rogers, 1
(None entered)		No. 20—SWINE AND POULTRY.	
		Best boar 18 months old,	C J Peck, 2
		2d do	H J Peck, 1
		Best sow and pigs,	H S Ives, 3
		2d do	A H Morse, 2
		Best Chittagong fowls,	John Carter, 1
		Best pair Turkeys,	Kirby Webster, 1
		Best pair Geese,	Geo Gilbert, 1

¹⁴⁰ Sherman Preston Hollister (1778-1863), Marilla's great uncle (uncle to her mother Rebecca Pond). He was buried in Old Judea cemetery.



¹⁴¹ This was likely related to election of town officials, because a similar meeting was held in Litchfield the same day, as recounted in the October 1, 1863 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer.

Don't forget the "little town meetings" on Monday. See to it that able and honest men are elected managers of the town affairs for the ensuing year. Take care that an upright and capable Board of Registration is secured, which shall be free from party bias, and able to judge of the competency or incompetency of an applicant for the right of suffrage, whether he votes the Union or copperhead Ticket. We have had some experience in Litchfield, and we presume others have in other towns of the County blessed with a "democratic" Board, and know how difficult, if not absolutely impossible, it is, to secure any thing like impartiality or fair play in the operations of the Board. Let us all do that	we can, and if we can't do away with the scanty majorities which we ourselves are alone to blame for suffering to rule over us, we can at least stir up some old bones, so that they will rattle in their copperhead coffins. It is the duty of every man to vote at these town elections, and bring out all their neighbors. As a town goes in the fall, so it goes in the spring, is the general rule. Let us all do our duty then, and we shall be able to show better results next spring than we did even the last. And besides, we shall have the proud consciousness of knowing that Litchfield County never goes back on her devotion to the Union!
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¹⁴² C W Powell was a pastor in the area, mentioned in several articles, such as the following on August 15, 1861 in the Litchfield Enquirer.

A Grove Meeting

WILL be held in the vicinity of Cornwall Bridge, by the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cornwall, Ellsworth and Warren Circuit, commencing on the morning of August 27, and continuing a few days. There will be preaching in the morning and afternoon of each day, with prayer-meeting in the evening, and also during the day. Preachers and people from adjoining charges are invited to join with us.

C. W. POWELL, Pastor.

July 30, 1861. 151-3

¹⁴³ Lucinda was identified earlier (March 24 entry). Lucinda Cordelia Sackett married M W Bradley in 1848 and they lived in the Bridgeport area.

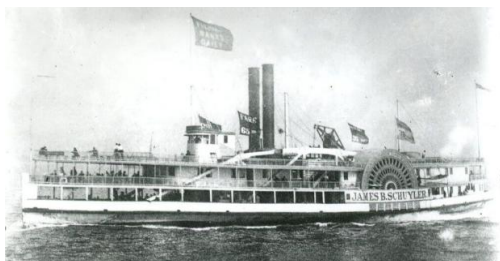
¹⁴⁴ Specie referred to physical metallic gold or silver coins.

¹⁴⁵ Likely Gideon Douglas Pond (1838-1915), a first cousin of Marilla. He appears to have been living in New York City with his wife Isabella Marie Winterworth at this point in time.

¹⁴⁶ Samuel Sheldon Fitch (1801-1876), located at 714 Broadway per tax assessment list 1863. He published several almanacs, treatises, and lectures in the 1850s through 1870.

¹⁴⁷ In 1863, the primary steamboats operating between New York City and Bridgeport, Connecticut, was the aptly named side-wheel steamer

Bridgeport and James R Schuyler. This route was part of a major transit network connecting steamboat passengers from New York to the Housatonic Railroad.



¹⁴⁸ In 1863, the railroad running between Ansonia and Seymour, Connecticut, was the Naugatuck Railroad. The line originally opened in 1849, running parallel to the Naugatuck River, and eventually became a key division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. Today, this historic route continues to operate as the Waterbury Branch of the Metro-North Railroad.

¹⁴⁹ Scripture reference text: *11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.*

¹⁵⁰ Lucinda Banks (1805-1893), a milliner living in Woodbury per the 1860 US federal census.

¹⁵¹ George Humphrey (1837-1927) of North East, NY and Laura E Gilbert (1841-1906) of Warren, CT, as noted in the following records (source: Ancestry.com. Connecticut, U.S., Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920)

George, of North East, N.Y., m. Laura E. Gilbert, of Warren,		
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¹⁵² In 1863, "Good Hill" referred to the southeastern section of Washington, Connecticut, centered along the modern-day Good Hill Road, which crosses the border into Roxbury. The ridge runs along the Roxbury-Woodbury border, an area deeply tied to the Roxbury Good Hill Farm Preserve (currently a 476-acre working farm). Historically, this elevated ridge was the very path traveled by original pioneers of the region in 1673.

¹⁵³ Hiram Gross Kilbourn (1814-1887), who married Harriet Moulthrop (1818-1850), the sister of Henry's mother. He remarried in 1851, to Adelia Barnes.

¹⁵⁴ Likely Reverend John Churchill, a graduate from Yale College living in Woodbury at this time (he is also mentioned in Henry's 1862 diary).

¹⁵⁵ Scripture reference text: *Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.*

¹⁵⁶ This could possibly be Moseley Virgil Bronson (1806-1890), who was an officer in the Connecticut 12th regiment militia.

¹⁵⁷ Wheaten grits (often called cracked wheat) were a popular, nutritious breakfast porridge made from whole kernels of wheat that were hulled and coarsely ground.

¹⁵⁸ "Cording up a bedstead" meant interlacing a web of strong ropes back and forth through holes in a wooden bed frame to create a flexible, supportive base for a mattress. This foundation was known as a rope bed.

¹⁵⁹ Carmen Hill is located in southwestern New Milford, Connecticut, roughly two miles west of the Washington, CT border near the Aspetuck River. In the 1860s, this rural farming area was known for small-scale agriculture and homesteads bordering the two towns. Today, the area is defined by Carmen Hill Road #1 and Carmen Hill Road #2, situated about five or six miles southwest of the Washington Depot town center.

¹⁶⁰ Maria E Knapp (1832-1863). The inscription on her headstone in the Washington, CT cemetery: "MARIA E./DAUGHTER OF/HENRY C & BETSEY KNAPP/DIED DEC. 2, 1863/AE. 31."



¹⁶¹ Lucretia Mitchell (1774-1863), per Washington, CT cemetery headstone. Died December 3.



¹⁶² Harriet A Bronson (1850-1863). Daughter of William and Lucy Bronson. Her older sister Martha was a schoolteacher (mentioned in prior diaries).

¹⁶³ In the 1860s, parching corn meant gently roasting dried kernels of corn (like field corn or flint corn) over an open fire or in a dry cast-iron skillet until

the hull cracked and the corn toasted. It was a staple survival food, similar to a cross between popcorn and modern Corn Nuts.

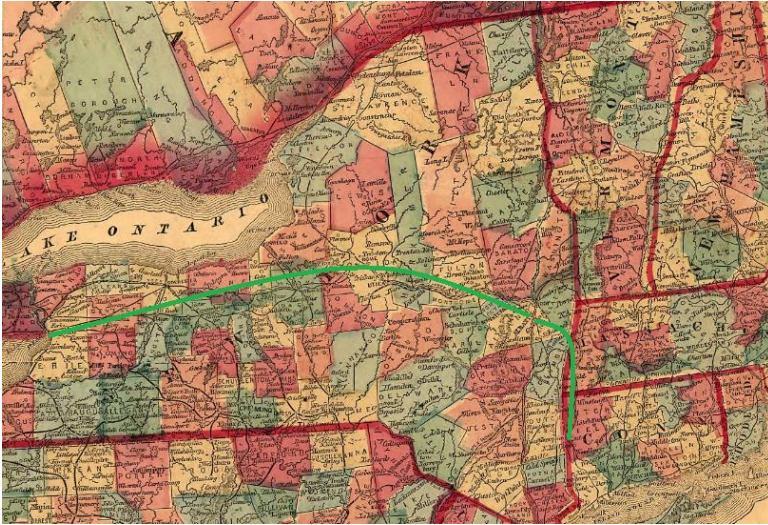
¹⁶⁴ Volume 8 of the American Tract Society's General Series was a bound compilation of evangelical Christian pamphlets. In 1863, the Society published and circulated various editions of these collected tracts, which aimed to defend scripture, challenge opposing religious traditions, and teach practical Christian living.

¹⁶⁵ In 1863, "Blackville" was a 19th-century rural mill hamlet situated in the town of Washington, Connecticut. Centered geographically along the Shepaug River and Bee Brook in the area of modern-day Washington Depot, it was a local community of homes, farms, and industrial mills that predated the railroad. The community was situated along what is now Blackville Road (running near Route 109 and Mallory Brook), located right next to the town center of Washington Depot and extending towards the Steep Rock Association nature preserve.

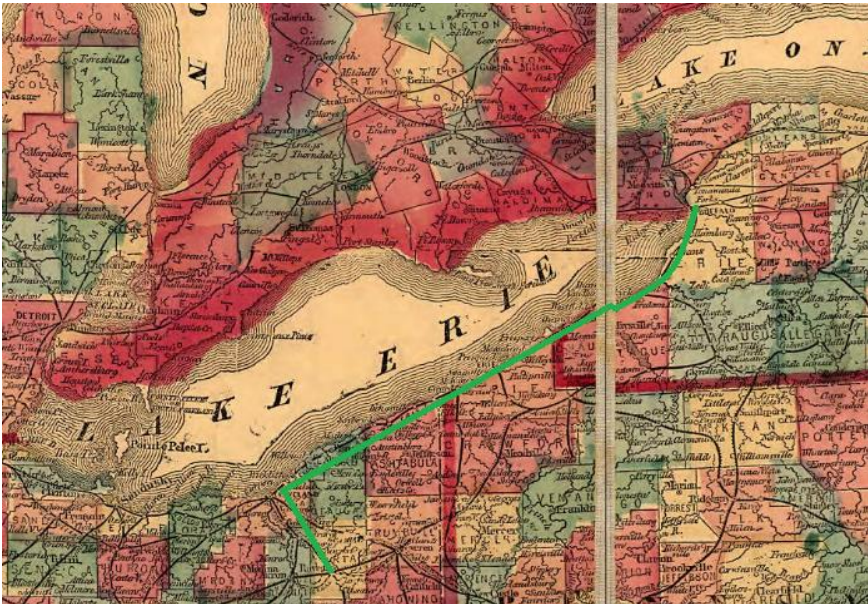
¹⁶⁶ Daniel G Platt, Esquire (1800-1870). His obituary follows.

Obituary. Died at his residence in Washington, Litchfield county, Conn., Oct. 28, Daniel G. Platt, the father of Hon. O. H. Platt, of this city. Mr. Platt was almost or quite seventy years old. His death was caused by disease of the heart. He was one of the leading citizens of Litchfield county; was distinguished alike for his good judgment, kindness of heart, unswerving integrity, purity of life, Christian faith, and an earnest, active interest in all that concerned the good of the community and his fellow-men. He was one of the earliest to agitate the slavery question, and never for a moment swerved from what he believed to be the path of duty; and though he brought	often threatened with mob violence, yet he steadily held on, always voting the "liberty ticket" till he had the pleasure of seeing the nation redeemed from the sin and curse of slavery. Mr. Platt was most happy in his domestic relations, and was particularly a social, lovable man. He had often held office in his town and county, and in 1859 was appointed trustee of the Reform School for Litchfield county, which office he retained by subsequent reappointments at the time of his death. His long, white beard and white locks made him most venerable in his appearance, and his pleasant smile and kindly greeting won his way to all hearts. We shall all miss him. But not one unkind word of his, or one unpleasant thought of him, remains to mar the recollection of his pure life. He was a good man. He has done his part well, and deserves well of posterity. H.
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¹⁶⁷ The map below shows the route from Cornwall Bridge to Buffalo, via Albany. Map is from HH Lloyd & Co 1863 county map of US showing battlefields and railroads (Library of Congress call number G3700 1863.S32).



¹⁶⁸ Below is the railway trip from Buffalo to Rootstown, Ohio, going through Cleveland. Rootstown is about 20 miles east of Akron.



¹⁶⁹ Benjamin Sackett Bingham (1832-1917), first cousin of Henry, son of Charles Bingham and Joanna Sackett, the older sister of Henry's father.

¹⁷⁰ Joanna Sackett (1828-1890), an older sister of Henry's father.

¹⁷¹ Betsey Eldred (1825-1898) and Achsah Mary (1837-1866) were Joanna's daughters, both first cousins of Henry.

¹⁷² Seymour Strong (1834-1898), husband of Achsah Mary Bingham.

¹⁷³ Deacon Ethel Strong (1801-1865), the father of Seymour Strong. He was born in Warren, Connecticut, and married Elizabeth Bosworth (1801-1860). He married Mary Halle on November 12, 1860 in Summit, Ohio. – Source: Ancestry.com. Summit County, Ohio, U.S., Marriage Records, 1840-1980.

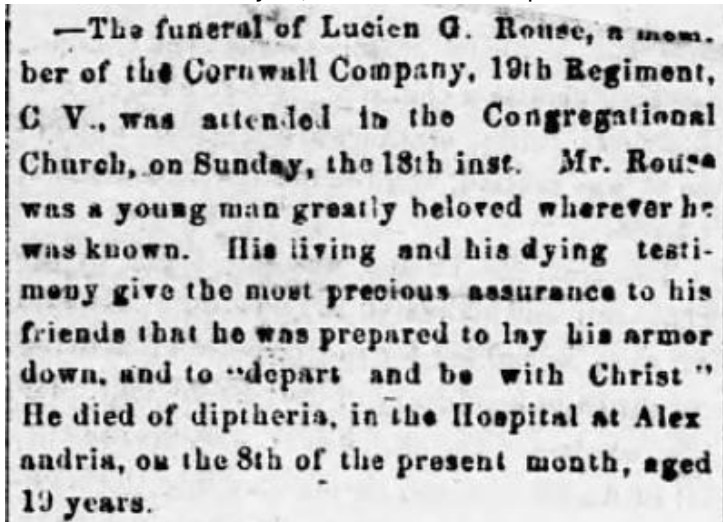
¹⁷⁴ William Young Comstock (1816-1898), husband of Henry's first cousin Betsey Hine (1824-1907)

¹⁷⁵ Moses Sackett (1795-1871), an older brother of Henry's father. He had about fifteen children with Cordelia Lavina Fox (1797-1865).

¹⁷⁶ Minerva Sackett (1803-1883), a younger sister of Henry's father. Minerva married Silas Comstock (1792-1854) in 1838 in Warren, Connecticut.

¹⁷⁷ William Hine (1828-1886) and Chester Hine (1812-1880) are first cousins. They are children of Achsah Sackett, an older sister of Henry's father.

¹⁷⁸ Lucian G Rouse (1844-1862) was a private in the Union army as part of the Connecticut Heavy Artillery. He enlisted August 4, 1862, mustered September 11, and died January 9, 1863 from diphtheria in Alexandria. His death notice from the January 29, 1863 Litchfield Enquirer follows.



—The funeral of Lucien G. Rouse, a member of the Cornwall Company, 19th Regiment, C. V., was attended in the Congregational Church, on Sunday, the 18th inst. Mr. Rouse was a young man greatly beloved wherever he was known. His living and his dying testimony give the most precious assurance to his friends that he was prepared to lay his armor down, and to "depart and be with Christ." He died of diphtheria, in the Hospital at Alexandria, on the 8th of the present month, aged 19 years.

¹⁷⁹ Marilla Augusta Goodrich (1861-1863) was a daughter of Marilla's first cousin Ruth Hine Pond. They were living in Bloomington, Minnesota.

¹⁸⁰ Scripture reference text: *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*