

# **The 1862 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), who married Marilla Hine in 1857.

One of Henry's diaries at the Gunn Museum is from 1862. 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 1862 was an eventful year for the country, with the Civil War raging. At this time, Henry and Marilla had their one-year old daughter Clara living with them (they had lost an eighteen-month old son in 1859 while living in Garnavillo, Iowa). 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 return to work as a schoolteacher after seven years, and the challenges of farming, sickness, and the ongoing war. His wife Marilla also kept a diary in 1862, which I have published separately. Read side by side, the two diaries help lay out an even better picture of their life together.

Henry's diary is very legible. With the help of my brother, we took pictures of all the pages, and this book contains the transcription of the pages. I have included reference materials in Footnotes and Endnotes to help the reader have context for family members, friends, and events he references in 1862. He frequently used one-letter abbreviations for both people and places, and I have attempted to spell these out where possible for the benefit of the reader. The diary provides many insights into a person's daily life in 1862 Connecticut. This diary has continued to give me an appreciation for who Henry was a person, including his talents, way of expressing himself, and his devotion to God.

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. 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 he references scripture chapter and verses from Sunday sermons. For his one-letter references to people and places, I have left them as written when I could not definitively identify who or what place it referenced. 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 “Memorandum” entries in the dated section of the diary, so the entries can be read together.

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 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

DECEMBER, 1862.											
New York.						San Francisco.					
Day	Morn	Even	High	Low	Wind	Day	Morn	Even	High	Low	Wind
1	44	34	2	37	E 11	Mo	57	41	2	43	W
2	44	33	3	36	E 2	Tu	55	41	3	40	W
3	44	33	4	35	E 3	W	59	41	4	39	W
4	44	33	5	35	E 4	Th	64	41	5	36	W
5	44	33	6	34	E 5	Fri	7	41	6	34	W
6	44	33	7	33	E 6	Sat	7	41	7	34	W
7	44	33	8	32	E 7	S	7	41	8	33	W
8	44	33	9	31	E 8	Mo	7	41	9	32	W
9	44	33	10	30	E 9	Tu	7	41	10	31	W
10	44	33	11	29	E 10	W	7	41	11	30	W
11	44	33	12	28	E 11	Th	7	41	12	29	W
12	44	33	1	27	E 12	Fri	7	41	1	28	W
13	44	33	2	26	E 13	Sat	7	41	2	27	W
14	44	33	3	25	E 14	S	7	41	3	26	W
15	44	33	4	24	E 15	Mo	7	41	4	25	W
16	44	33	5	23	E 16	Tu	7	41	5	24	W
17	44	33	6	22	E 17	W	7	41	6	23	W
18	44	33	7	21	E 18	Th	7	41	7	22	W
19	44	33	8	20	E 19	Fri	7	41	8	21	W
20	44	33	9	19	E 20	S	7	41	9	20	W
21	44	33	10	18	E 21	Mo	7	41	10	19	W
22	44	33	11	17	E 22	Tu	7	41	11	18	W
23	44	33	12	16	E 23	W	7	41	12	17	W
24	44	33	1	15	E 24	Th	7	41	1	16	W
25	44	33	2	14	E 25	Fri	7	41	2	15	W
26	44	33	3	13	E 26	S	7	41	3	14	W
27	44	33	4	12	E 27	Mo	7	41	4	13	W
28	44	33	5	11	E 28	Tu	7	41	5	12	W
29	44	33	6	10	E 29	W	7	41	6	11	W
30	44	33	7	9	E 30	Th	7	41	7	10	W
31	44	33	8	8	E 31	Fri	7	41	8	9	W

SAN FRANCISCO TIDES.					
At the Observatory wharfe, San Francisco, 1862.					
Day	High Tide	Low Tide	Day	High Tide	Low Tide
1	11:00	5:00	15	11:00	5:00
2	11:15	5:10	16	11:15	5:10
3	11:30	5:20	17	11:30	5:20
4	11:45	5:30	18	11:45	5:30
5	12:00	5:40	19	12:00	5:40
6	12:15	5:50	20	12:15	5:50
7	12:30	6:00	21	12:30	6:00
8	12:45	6:10	22	12:45	6:10
9	1:00	6:20	23	1:00	6:20
10	1:15	6:30	24	1:15	6:30
11	1:30	6:40	25	1:30	6:40
12	1:45	6:50	26	1:45	6:50
13	2:00	7:00	27	2:00	7:00
14	2:15	7:10	28	2:15	7:10
15	2:30	7:20	29	2:30	7:20
16	2:45	7:30	30	2:45	7:30
17	3:00	7:40	31	3:00	7:40

The first day of your new year... [Handwritten diary text]

THURSDAY 2

The first day of your new year... [Handwritten diary text]

First Diary Page

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1862.

Have spent another day... [Handwritten diary text]

WEDNESDAY 31

The last day of the present year... [Handwritten diary text]

MEMORANDA

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

Received a ministerial paper... [Handwritten memorandum text]

February 3<sup>rd</sup>

As the coffee plant... [Handwritten memorandum text]

Last Dated Diary Page and Memorandum Beginning

# 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-Law Parents (married 1832)**

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

## **Other Notable Family Members (and place of residence in 1862)**

- 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) – 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.

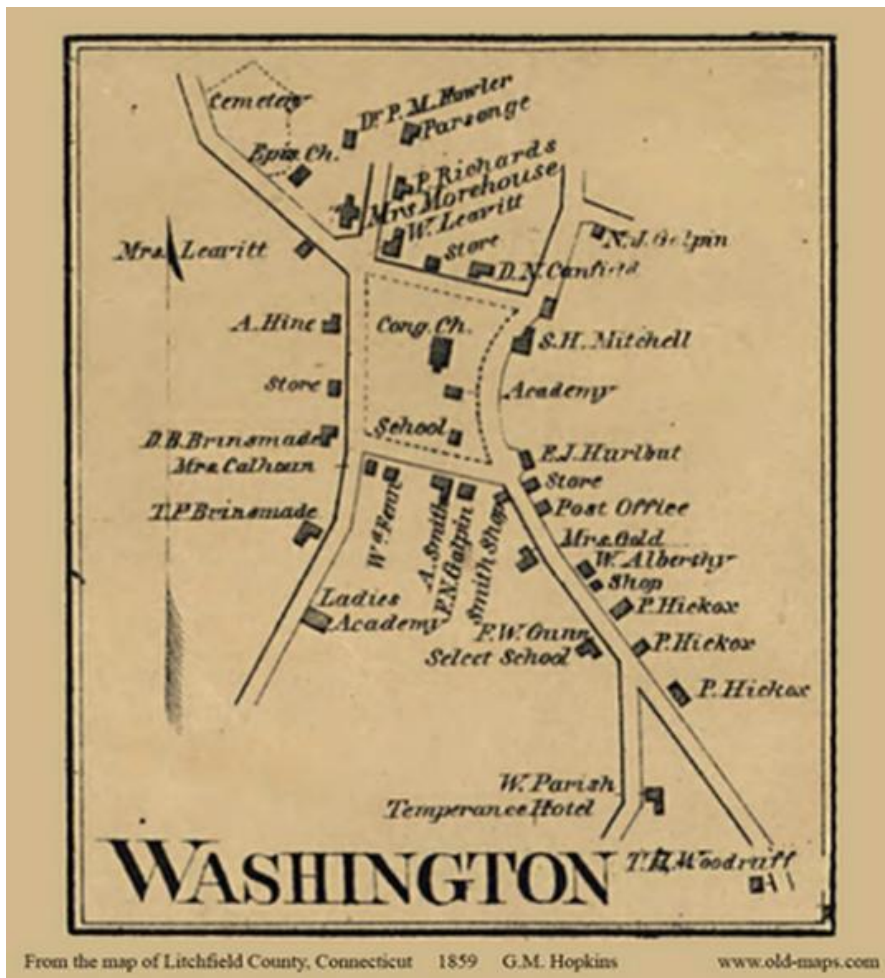
## Washington, Connecticut in the 1860s

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, allowing residents the opportunity to connect with nature. 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 green in the years 1860 and 1867 to provide additional perspective of the green, which Henry frequently visits.

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 some 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 and anxiety, as families awaited news from the front lines. Henry writes about seeing several of his friends who became soldiers and left for the war in September of 1862. 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 Green<sup>1</sup>



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



# Diary Daily Pages

## January

Wednesday, 1. The first day of our new year is gone. Having been spent at home. Mother and I were expecting to go to Uncle Jonathan's<sup>1</sup> but Doctor Taylor<sup>2</sup> came and when he left, thought it too late. Have finished splitting the birch logs and saved a little wood.

Thursday, 2. We have felt very severe wind today, as well as last night. A little more mild this evening. Have busied myself a greater part of the day making a barn door to take the place of the one broken last night by the wind.

Friday, 3. Father<sup>3</sup> and I finished the door this forenoon and got the Colonel<sup>III</sup> and Tewey<sup>IV</sup> to help us hang it. Took Mother to the meeting at Mr. [D] Mitchell's to work for the soldiers this afternoon. Then went with Sherm<sup>4</sup> at Uncle Elliot's<sup>5</sup>. Spent a part of the evening in reading Lemuel Hayne's life<sup>6</sup>.

Saturday, 4. This forenoon did not do much but the chores. Have been to Aunt Orpha's with Catherine<sup>7</sup> this afternoon. Marilla and Clara did not go. It was so cold and Clara has some cold. Had a very good visit. It would have been pleasanter if Marilla and Clara had gone.

Sunday, 5. Mother and I have been to meeting today. Mr. Hollister<sup>8</sup> gave us two good sermons. I thought one from Mark 13:37<sup>9</sup> and the other Heb 11:27<sup>10</sup> L. C.<sup>V</sup> May the truths of the blessed word do us good as it doth the upright in heart. May God bless.

Monday, 6. This has been quite a snowy day. Have been sawing some wood, besides doing chores. Spent the evening reading. These long winter evenings furnish a fine opportunity for reading and study. May we make a wise improvement of our time.

Tuesday, 7. Marilla, Clara and myself have made a visit to Uncle Jonathan today. The snow was flying some when we came home. Have

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<sup>III</sup> Not able to identify—likely a neighbor . Also mentioned April 14.

<sup>IV</sup> This appears to be the same neighbor from whom Henry borrowed a wheelbarrow on April 2, and lived near them based on an entry April 12. The spelling is hard to discern. Not identified.

<sup>V</sup> "Last clause" of the scripture reference.

a headache tonight. The wind is blowing quite furiously this evening. The snow is so light and dry that it is easily blown about.

Wednesday, 8. A beautiful, winter day this has been. The wind has left the ground bare in places. Mother and I have been to Woodbury. Sleighing not the best. I called on the dentist. Mr. E Seeley and wife<sup>11</sup> and Lucinda<sup>12</sup> made us a call this evening. Marilla had retired so they did not stay long.

Thursday, 9. Sawed some wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon mother and I went to the prayer meeting. Mr. Lyman<sup>13</sup> took the charge of it. He read a few verses from Matthew 26 and some remarks were made on the same.

Friday, 10. Have been sawing wood again today. Has snowed some as well as rained a little. Today has passed without much being accomplished by me. How quickly are the days of our New Year passing away. Time flies, bearing us away.

Saturday, 11. One more week is gone and how has it been spent, not I fear as it ought to have been. Have done my usual chores. Sawed a little wood and been to Aunt Orpha's. Went down on foot and alone. Simeon and Allin<sup>vi</sup> called there.

Sunday, 12. Mother and I have been to church today. Mr. Murdock<sup>14</sup> preached. Had Communion in the afternoon. Mr. Murdock's text Luke 24: 27<sup>15</sup>, middle clause. A very interesting discourse. Rain this afternoon and evening. Have been reading this evening.

Monday, 13. This has been quite a cold and blustering day. Have written to Father. Marilla has written too. Have been sawing a little wood again today. Called on Catherine this morning before school time. She has visited with mother.

Tuesday, 14. Cloudy this morning but clear and pleasant this afternoon. Commenced cutting wood for the fire place. Aunt Orpha and Lucinda made us a visit this afternoon. Uncle Brinsmade was here to supper. We had shell oysters.

Wednesday, 15. Has been quite stormy now and hail this morning and rain during the greater part of the rest of the day. Have not done anything but chores. Have been in the house most of the time. The stormy days are pleasant to me.

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<sup>vi</sup> Neither Simeon nor Allin has been identified.

Thursday, 16. One year today the trees were heavily loaded with ice and today there had been a little in them. Mother came today. Uncle Erastus<sup>16</sup> brought her. Have been to mill since he started home. It is quite slippery on the road. Called at Aunt Orpha's.

Friday, 17<sup>vii</sup>. Went to mill this morning. Called at Aunt Orpha's as I came home. Ate a piece of pie and cake after supper and chores. Took mother down to Aunt Orpha's. Mr. Gideon Hollister<sup>17</sup> is spending the night here. It snows little this evening.

Saturday, 18. Mr. Hollister left this morning. Has stormed considerable. Snowed, hailed, and rained. Mr. Senior and Edward<sup>viii</sup> has cleaned the oats. Father and I brought them to the house. Catherine has been here today. Mrs. Calhoun, Sarah and Mrs. C Hollister<sup>18</sup>. Then after rode onto the green<sup>19</sup> with Mr. Calhoun. Got mail and med.

Sunday, 19. This has been a stormy day. Are having an ice storm. Have not been to church. We have all stayed at home. Finished reading the life of Lemuel Haynes, besides listening to a sermon in the A Missionary<sup>20</sup>. Have been reading in the Tribune<sup>21</sup> this evening

Monday, 20. Another stormy day. A considerable rain has fallen. Ice has not made very fast today. Have done the chores and little else save that I have read some. The day has passed pleasantly indeed with Marilla and the baby and the rest of the family.

Tuesday, 21<sup>ix</sup>. It has been cloudy but has not stormed. The wind is blowing quite hard tonight from the northeast. I took Mother to Uncle Jonathan's this afternoon, then went to Aunt Orpha's and spent some time. Brought Mother home. Got two papers at the office, the Times<sup>22</sup> and a Winsted<sup>23</sup>.

Wednesday, 22. Went down to Aunt Orpha's this morning to take Mother and Aunt Orpha to Woodbury. Found Mother quite unwell, not able to but Aunt Orpha and I went. Had a pleasant ride. Sent for dress and furs for Mother. Cloudy but not stormy today.

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<sup>vii</sup> See Memorandum entry dated January 17, Clara's first birthday.

<sup>viii</sup> This may be Edwin Senior, along with his father John Senior, born in England in 1811 as noted in the March 19 Endnote for his wife.

<sup>ix</sup> See Memorandum entry dated January 21.

Thursday, 23. Father and I have been to Weekepeemee<sup>24</sup> to settle his apple account made a year ago last fall. He also settled a saw bill with Mr. Galpin<sup>x</sup>. After we got home Marilla and Clara and I went down to Aunt Orpha. George Lyman and wife<sup>25</sup>, H Comstock<sup>26</sup> and wife, Mr. Gibson and wife came there, besides Mrs. Banks.

Friday, 24. In Warren tonight at Cousin Myron Hine's<sup>27</sup>. Sherm and I came up together. Went to Bantam, called at Uncle E's? and at the store. Engaged some stocking yarn, and to Mr. Seelie's<sup>28</sup> got our axes. Then here to Warren. Cold northeast wind we had to face.

Saturday, 25. Have had a severe storm. Sherm and I got to Aunt Orpha's about noon. Sherm found a letter purported to be from Father. It contained the news of the marriage of [Dr. Kent P Henry ..., Dr. Sr to M Forbes to ... Bloomfield]<sup>xi</sup>.

Sunday, 26. This has been a blustering day. The wind has blown very hard and what little snow fell last night has been circulating freely. We have not been to church today. Spent my time reading. Helped dress some chickens this evening.

Monday, 27. Sherm and I went to Woodbury this forenoon. We traded watches.<sup>xii</sup> Got back about noon. Met Myron with his. Called at Seth Hollister's<sup>29</sup>. Have been onto the green this evening. Called at Aunt Orpha's and left some oysters for Mother. Has been a cold day. Wind blows.

Tuesday, 28. Besides doing my chores, helped Father get some straw at the east barn and take it to the west. Drew it in the cutter<sup>30</sup>, with the old mare. Went five times. This morning gave Marilla a sling<sup>31</sup> for her teeth ache, then she went to bed and I took care of Clara.

Wednesday, 29. Edward Hine<sup>32</sup> brought Sarah up this morning to spend the day. Marilla's teeth are no better. Took another sling today, and then went to bed again. I have been in the house most of the time. Took care of Clara and visited.

Thursday, 30. Sherm and I have been to Woodbury. Left our watches to be fixed. Sherm was measured for a suit. Bought some cloth for a coat. We had some rain to come home in. Clara seems better of her

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<sup>x</sup> Not identified.

<sup>xi</sup> This section too hard to read and not legible.

<sup>xii</sup> Henry shows a \$3.00 receipt for his watch in January cash accounts.

cold. Have been to Aunt Orpha's and the post office. Got some medicine for Marilla.

Friday, 31. Little Clara has been quite sick today, but is a little better tonight we think. Uncle Brinsmade<sup>xiii</sup> brought Mother up this morning, and I carried her back there this evening. This has been a beautiful day. I hope and pray that our dear little Clara will soon be well again.

## **February**

Saturday, 1. Tis past nine. Little Clara does not seem as well this evening. Has been better through the day. Uncle Erastus and family<sup>33</sup> have made us a visit today. Has snowed most of the day. Mr. Senior has cleaned the rye today. Sherm came for his stocking yarn.

Sunday, 2. This morning went to New Milford for Dr. Taylor to come and see Clara (she was worst through the night)<sup>xiv</sup>. Got back about one. Dr. came very soon. It has been a beautiful day. Clara seems to rest better this evening than last. Hope that she will be better now.

Monday, 3. Clara rested better last night and has been better through the day. She is I hope certainly better. I went onto the green with Father this forenoon. He went to see the band of relief. Have brought a little wood into the wood house to saw this afternoon.

Tuesday, 4. This forenoon did not do much but the chores. This afternoon have been down to Aunt Orpha's. Annis<sup>xv</sup> was there making a dress for Mother. Her dress was 7.12 ½ a yard. Her new furs I saw. They cost 8.50. It has snowed a little today.

Wednesday, 5<sup>xvi</sup>. This has been rather of an unfortunate<sup>xvi</sup> day for me. Went down to Uncle Brinsmade's this morning to go to Warren with Sherm. While fixing some bells on Dobby<sup>34</sup> at Uncle B's, he took fright and got away from Sherm, ran against a rock with the cutter (took to Memoranda).

Thursday, 6. Have been at home today. Done my chores, and have sawed a little wood. This afternoon it has been snowing. We have

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<sup>xiii</sup> Used a B to refer to Uncle Daniel Elliott Brinsmade.

<sup>xiv</sup> Henry shows a \$3.50 payment to Dr. Taylor in February cash accounts.

<sup>xv</sup> Possibly Annis Bryan. See June 17 entry for Mr. Bryan.

<sup>xvi</sup> See Memorandum entry dated February 5.

frequent storms, but they are short. Yesterday's disaster is not very pleasant to think of. May we be thankful for the good we enjoy. Friday, 7. Sherm and I have been to Bantam after the cutter which is as good as new again<sup>xvii</sup>. The wind blew very hard about noon. It went down so that it was quite pleasant coming home. The colt drove as well as usual.

Saturday, 8. After bringing some beef from the barn and carrying it into the cellar, took two quarters away to sell. Hurlburt has one and Griswold the other. Made a visit at Aunt Orpha. Ate some walnuts. Got my slippers<sup>35</sup> Mr. Griswold<sup>36</sup> has been making<sup>xviii</sup>.

Sunday, 9<sup>xix</sup>. Have been to church. Started to walk, but Mr. Preston's overtook me and I rode with them. Had Deacons meeting. Mr.

Baldwin<sup>37</sup> read. Mr. Lyman, after the service, made some remarks and offered prayer. He bid his people farewell prior to leaving for California.

Monday, 10. This is the fifth anniversary of my wedding day. Went to mill this forenoon. Stopped at Uncle Brinsmade on my way home. They were finishing butchering. Also stopped at Captain Ward's to have the harness fixed a little. Have sawed a little wood since supper.

Tuesday, 11<sup>xx</sup>. Father and I have been to Roxbury to the tanner's. Got back about noon. Have been to mill this afternoon. Called at Aunt Orpha's. Charlie<sup>38</sup> stayed there last night. He and Sherm started for New Haven this morning.

Wednesday, 12. Have been to mill again today. This took up the forenoon. Mother and I went over to Captain Newton's<sup>39</sup> and made a call this afternoon. He seemed quite comfortable. This is Wednesday adventures instead of Tuesday.

Thursday, 13. Uncle Ed<sup>40</sup> and I have been to Warren after flour. Got it at Gilbert's<sup>41</sup>. Paid 7 ½. I went into Mr. G house. Saw Mrs. G and Laura. Also called at Dr. Derrickson's<sup>42</sup>. He was not at home. Saw Mrs. D and the baby. Mother was there.

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<sup>xvii</sup> The repairs cost \$2.75 per the February cash accounts.

<sup>xviii</sup> The slippers cost \$1.25 per the February cash accounts.

<sup>xix</sup> See Memorandum entry dated February 9.

<sup>xx</sup> Tuesday and Wednesday of this week are reversed—Henry switched the days in error.

Friday, 14. It rained, hailed and snowed this forenoon. It stopped storming little before noon and I took Marilla down to Uncle Jonathan's. Then went onto the green and to Aunt Orpha's. Went back to Uncle Jonathan's to tea. Cut Sherm's hair.

Saturday, 15. It has been snowing a little again today. Wrote a letter to Father this forenoon. This afternoon Marilla and I have been to Uncle Brinsmade's. Aunt Orpha was gone to Simeon Ford's<sup>43</sup> with Sherm. Lucinda did some sewing on the machine for Marilla.

Sunday, 16. Mother and I have been to church today. Mr. Hollister preached. Texts Psalms 1:2<sup>44</sup> and Psalms 119:9<sup>45</sup>. May the Lord of all grace watch over and help us in His love, that we may enjoy the true light which gives life, joy and peace to the possessor.

Monday, 17. Have taken a ride today. Called at Aunt Orpha's, at the post office, Taylor Platt's, Deacon Baldwin's and got a high chair for Clara and at Simeon's saw Reme<sup>46</sup> and had a visit with him. The sleighing is good as can be. Clara sat in her high chair at the supper table tonight.

Tuesday, 18. It rained this morning but has been pleasant this afternoon. Took Marilla over to Captain Newton's, then went onto the green for the mail. Great rejoicing over the Union victory, capture of Fort Donelson<sup>XXI47</sup>. Flag hoist and bells ringing success of Union armies.

Wednesday, 19. At home this forenoon. In the afternoon at Aunt Orpha's. Brought Charlie up to make a call. He came down with Mother. Mary, Emily, Lucinda, Luca and her little boy and George Lyman came down with them. They have a storm to go home in this evening.

Thursday, 20. At home in the forenoon. This afternoon Mother and I have been to prayer meeting. I was called upon to make a prayer. Did not refuse. We had a very good meeting. It snowed, rained, and hailed last night. Some ice on the trees this morning.

Friday, 21. Captain Newton died. Catharine came over this morning. Did two examples for her, one in algebra, the other in arithmetic. Mother has been here today. Brought her up this morning. Aunt Orpha

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<sup>XXI</sup> Henry misspelled this as Donelston. See end note with details on the event.

and Uncle Brinsmade have been here this afternoon. Mother and Catharine are here tonight.

Saturday, 22. Have been to take Mother to Uncle Erastus today. Just back little after two. Mother had gone to Uncle Jonathan's. Edward came for her. Mary<sup>48</sup> has been having fits today. Has had three. Went down to see her after I got home. Mother stays there tonight.

Sunday, 23. Went to meeting alone this forenoon. Mr. Parmalee<sup>49</sup> preached. This afternoon Marilla and I have attended Captain Newton's funeral at the church. Mr. Scott preached his funeral sermon from 1 Peter 4:7.<sup>50</sup>

Monday, 24. It has been raining today and the snow has melted away fast. Have had a little thunder and has lightened some. Have not been out much, only to do my chores. I cut a channel in the ice back of the house to keep the water from running into the cellar.

Tuesday, 25<sup>xxii</sup>. Quite a change in the weather from yesterday. Mercury about zero this morning and wind blowing very hard. Blew all night. Have been cutting and sawing some wood. Have been to work most of the day. Mercury is eighteen above zero tonight.

Wednesday, 26. Mother and I have been to the Ville<sup>51</sup> today. Called at Uncle Jonathan's. We came home to see how Mary was. She seemed quite smart. Hope she will not have any more fits. Sleighing is good and weather cold.

Thursday, 27. Snowed all of the forenoon and a part of the afternoon. Wind has blown quite hard since it stopped snowing. Had Mr. Griswold mend my boots today<sup>xxiii</sup>. While he was doing it stayed at Uncle Brin's<sup>xxiv</sup>. Went on to the green from there, got the mail and then came home. Went the rounds afoot.

Friday, 28. Has been snowing and blowing nearly all day. Have saved a little wood. The storm has kept me in the house most of the time. We have had frequent storms, but not very severe. Tis pleasant in the storm to sit down at home.

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<sup>xxii</sup> See Memorandum entry dated February 25.

<sup>xxiii</sup> This cost \$.73 per the February cash accounts.

<sup>xxiv</sup> Short for Uncle Brinsmade.

## March

Saturday, 1. The wind ceased blowing about noon today. Spent the forenoon in the<sup>xxv</sup> except what time it took to do my chores. Had to shovel out the snow from the cattle's watering places. Have been sawing wood this afternoon.

Sunday, 2. This has been quite a cold, but a bright sunny day. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Loomis<sup>52</sup> preached two sermons and administered the sacrament. Romans 6:10<sup>53</sup>. Mother and I turned over going to church. The road is badly drifted.

Monday, 3. A cloudy day with a little rain. Have been helping break out the road today. Uncle Ed was out with Frank and his oxen. Mr. Preston, Cal Newton<sup>xxvi</sup> and Edward Senior<sup>xxvii</sup> were out helping. Have been doing some examples in arithmetic this afternoon.

Tuesday, 4. Went into the woods this morning and cut sticks for a crossbar to the north doors to the east barn. Father helped me make it. This afternoon have been chopping and sawing wood. Reading this evening in the History of the Indian Tribes.<sup>54</sup>

Wednesday, 5. Took Mother to Uncle Jonathan's this morning, then over to Mr. J Gun's with two saws for Mr. [Wian] to set and file<sup>55</sup>. Came back and took dinner at Aunt Orpha's. Stayed there till about two o'clock, then went and got Mother and came home.

Thursday, 6<sup>xxviii</sup>. Have been to mill, and after the saws. Waited for my grist to be ground. Mr. Leavitt<sup>xxix</sup> invited me to take dinner with him and I did so. Took Marilla and Clara over to Mr. Newton's this morning. Have been after them since I came home.

Friday, 7<sup>xxx</sup>. Have been chopping and sawing some wood today. Feel rather tired tonight. Mrs. Thomas has been here to make a visit. Seth

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<sup>xxv</sup> Missing a word here.

<sup>xxvi</sup> Not been able to identify. Cal was likely a middle name.

<sup>xxvii</sup> Likely Edwin Senior (1849-1926), a son of John Senior, sister of Sarah.

<sup>xxviii</sup> See Memorandum entry dated March 6.

<sup>xxix</sup> Likely Rufus Leavitt. See September 3 entry.

<sup>xxx</sup> See Memorandum entry dated March 7.

Hollister called in a few moments. It has been a pleasant day. Welcome is the return of spring.

Saturday, 8. Took Marilla and Clara over to Uncle Ed's this morning. Then Father and I went up to Rome Ford's<sup>56</sup>. He was just starting away so we did not go into the house. We got home little after twelve. Took supper at Uncle Ed's.

Sunday, 9. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Richards<sup>57</sup> preached in the morning from Isaiah 45:15<sup>58</sup>. Afternoon Genesis 3: 19<sup>59</sup>. He gave us two very excellent discourses. We truly enjoyed a feast of reason, and a flow of soul.

Monday, 10. Cloudy in the forenoon and some rain this afternoon. Have been out harvesting. Went down into the woods back of Uncle Brin's. Killed one grey and two red squirrels. Took dinner at Uncle Brin's. Sherm was chopping.

Tuesday, 11. Have been to Litchfield<sup>xxxI</sup> with Sherm. Has been a pleasant day. Snow has melted fast. There are some bare places. We fed our horse and ate ourselves at Uncle Erastus. Had a great ride and saw the city.

Wednesday, 12. Sherm and I have been to Warren today. We took dinner at Myron's. Henry Seeley and wife<sup>60</sup> and Sam and S Baker were also there at dinner. We took tea at Martin Strong's<sup>61</sup>. Lucinda came home with us from there.

Thursday, 13. This forenoon, Father and I sawed up some old timber that lay in the wood yard. He also split some of it for me to saw up for the stove. Mother and I have been to prayer meeting this afternoon, but few attended.

Friday, 14. There was a little rain last night. It froze as it fell and consequently was a little slippery this morning. Has been cloudy all day, but not any storm. Rode over onto the green this afternoon with Cal Newton. Came home afoot in company with Edgar Calhoun<sup>62</sup>.

Saturday, 15. This has been an unpleasant day. Has rained most of the time some. Have not been out excepting to do my chores. Finished reading the History of Indian Wars in the United States. Found it very interesting. Many sad scenes narrated.

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<sup>xxxI</sup> It appears he bought a subscription to the Litchfield Enquirer for \$1.50 per the March cash accounts.

Sunday, 16. Walked to church this morning. Rode home with Mr. P Hollister<sup>63</sup>. Mr. Parmalee preached from the following texts. Colossians 1:27<sup>64</sup> last clause, and John 14:29<sup>65</sup>. Had the most severe storm of the season last night. Rain, hail, and snow. Little squalls all day.

Monday, 17. Father and I have been getting some hay into the barn. I had to dig the ice and snow away from the stock before we could get the hay. We brought away what was left in the stock two months ago when we took the cattle from there.

Tuesday, 18. Mother and I went to the mill this forenoon. Sleighing was very good. Marilla, Clara and I have been to Aunt Orpha's this afternoon. Henry Seeley, wife and son were there to visit with us. It has been a cold day. Wind has blown quite hard all day.

Wednesday, 19. This morning Father and I tapped<sup>xxxii</sup> some trees down on the back road. Mrs. Senior<sup>66</sup> was here this forenoon. Also J E Hine and Wife. Sherm and I have been to Roxbury this afternoon in a sleigh. Got some corn. Uncle E brought mother down to Aunt Orpha's today.

Thursday, 20. Today has been pleasant. Father and I have been to Deacon Punderson's<sup>67</sup> today. Found the Deacon quite feeble. He appears as though he had had a shock. Could not converse but very little. Drove Dobby down after the sap this afternoon. John helped poke the steer but he is back again with the oxen.

Friday, 21. We have had rain and hail alternatively today. Does not storm tonight. Has not much this afternoon. Went down this morning and brought up the sap and ashes. Sheldon Logan<sup>68</sup> called here this afternoon. Have taken the pails and pans back to the sap camp<sup>69</sup> tonight. Sap has run some today.

Saturday, 22. Went down this morning and brought sap, two pails of sap. This afternoon went down to Aunt Orpha's and made a short visit. Sherm was gone to move their [herdman]. Was expected home tonight. Have been down with Dolly after sap tonight.

Sunday, 23. This has been a pleasant day. Marilla and I have been to church this afternoon. We all stayed at home in the forenoon. Mr. Loomis preached. His text was in Acts 27:43<sup>70</sup>. How thankful ought we to be for the many means of grace given us.

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<sup>xxxii</sup> Tapping for maple syrup sap.

Monday, 24. Father and I took the oxen and sled and drew a load of hay into the barn this morning from the stack Mr. Smith put up. Samuel Tanner<sup>71</sup> has been here this afternoon. Did not stay long. Marilla and Clara and I rode down to Uncle J.

Tuesday, 25. Went down to Aunt Orpha's this morning. From there to C Allen's with Aunt Orpha. Mother and Sherm left my horse at Uncle B's in the new barn. Uncle B objected to his being put there, but Sherm prevailed upon me to put him in notwithstanding.

Wednesday, 26. Today I put both of our horses on our sleigh and took Aunt Orpha, Mother and Sherm up to Simeon Ford's. We found snow the greater part of the way. Came home and rode over with Uncle Ed to Gunn's exhibition<sup>72</sup>. Got home half to twelve.

Thursday, 27. Michael<sup>73</sup> has been to work at our wood pile today. I helped him some in the forenoon. C Allen and family and Hellen<sup>74</sup> Sackett have made us a visit this afternoon. Have attended the exhibition again tonight. Eight of the Warren boys were there. Came down on horseback.

Friday, 28. This morning took Mother down to Aunt Orpha's. She came home with me Wednesday night. This afternoon took down the pile of wood in the wood house and brought in some green and commenced a new pile. This has been a March day.

Saturday, 29. Marilla, Clara and myself have been to Seth Hollister's. Went down in the cutter. It went very well. Found snow most of the way. Lora made some sugar. We ate all we wished for. Martha Bronson<sup>75</sup> and Burk Hollister<sup>xxxiii</sup> were there in the afternoon.

Sunday, 30. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Robinson<sup>76</sup> preached. His texts were on 2 Timothy 3:15<sup>77</sup> and Psalms 119: 18<sup>78</sup>. He gave us two good sermons. Would that I were more watchful and prayerful, taking better heed to the precious truths of God's holy word.

Monday, 31<sup>xxxiv</sup>. Has been quite snowy a part of the day, but pleasanter this evening. Last night there was some thunder and lightning with a little rain. Went after the sap in the morning, then Father and I drew a load of hay into the barn. We have been fixing the barn door this afternoon.

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<sup>xxxiii</sup> Have not identified a Burk or Burke Hollister.

<sup>xxxiv</sup> See Memorandum entry dated March 31.

## April

Tuesday, 1. Have been piling wood in the wood house. Brought it in in my arms. Found it hard work. Feel tired tonight. It hardly seems possible that one third of the spring has so soon passed away. Our days fast pass away. Time flies unheededly.

Wednesday, 2. Went over this morning and borrowed Tewey's wheelbarrow to get wood into the wood house with. Found it a great help to not get as tired using it as I did bringing in the wood in my arms. Tis pleasant to work when one is able to do something is better than to be idle.

Thursday, 3. Worked at the wood, bringing it in and piling it in the wood house this forenoon. Mother and I have been to prayer meeting this afternoon. Called at Aunt Orpha's on our way home to see Mother, but she and Lucinda had gone onto the green, so we did not stay.

Friday, 4. Have brought some wood into the wood house and piled today. Busy chopping some but very tired tonight. Tis a blessing to enjoy good health. Am sure that I shall prize it if I ever get my health. The snow has melted away quite fast today.

Saturday, 5. Father and I drew a load of hay into the barn this forenoon. Have been to Aunt Orpha's this afternoon to make a visit. Has been quite stormy this afternoon. Rain, hail, and sleet made it unpleasant being out. Our storms are frequent.

Sunday, 6. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Murdock preached. Texts 2 Timothy 2: 1, 3, 4<sup>79</sup> verses. Matthew 27: 12, 13, 14<sup>80</sup> verses. Two excellent sermons. This evening Mother and I made a visit to Mr. P Hollister's. Cold day, freezing hard tonight.

Monday, 7. This morning went over to Mr. Lobdell's<sup>81</sup> shop and had Dobby shod. Got home little before noon. This afternoon Marilla, Clara, and I have been to Aunt Orpha's. I went onto the green from there and voted<sup>82</sup>. Sherm came from Warren just before we left.

Tuesday, 8. Have been to New Milford with Mother and Sherm to take the cars<sup>xxxv</sup>. Aunt Orpha went over with us. Has been a cold day.

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<sup>xxxv</sup> Railroad cars.

Thawed but little. Drove over Dobby and Dolly<sup>xxxvi</sup>. Had Uncle Brin's wagon. Got the McGregor paper.<sup>83</sup> It went out of the river last Saturday week.

Wednesday, 9. Have been drawing wood for Michael today. Drew six loads with the cart. Has been a chilly day. Rained northeast. Went down after my boots to Mr. Griswold's this morning. Rode Dobby down.

Thursday, 10. Have been chopping some today. It has been cold and windy today. Sent by Mr. Calhoun after today's paper. He got me the Times<sup>xxxvii</sup>. It contains a partial account of the battle at Pittsburgh<sup>84</sup>. It says a little about Island 10<sup>85</sup>.

Friday, 11. Father and I drew a load of hay into the barn this morning from the stack. I chopped a little wood in the forenoon. This afternoon Mother, Marilla and Clara and I have made a visit at Mr. Calhoun's. Pleasant this eve. The wind blows but little.

Saturday, 12. Have been chopping wood some today. Marilla and Clara went down with me after sap tonight. We did not get much. Marilla would not ride over the snowdrifts below Tewey's.<sup>xxxviii</sup>

Sunday, 13. This has been the warmest day of the season. Mother and I went to church in the forenoon. Marilla and I this afternoon. Mr. Mills<sup>86</sup> preached. His texts were 1 John 5:11 and 12<sup>87</sup> verses and Genesis 22:1 and 2<sup>88</sup> verses. Two good sermons.

Monday, 14. Another day has gone. Father has been to Roxbury. I have been chopping some. It has been quite warm. Looks some like rain tonight. Wind southeast. Colonel has moved the cattle into the east side of the road today.

Tuesday, 15. Went over onto the green this morning with Father to help him drive his old sow. Got Uncle Ed's saw when we came home and used it till noon. This afternoon have been chopping some.

Wednesday, 16. Marilla, Clara and I have been to Uncle Jonathan's. Made an all-day visit. Uncle Jonathan sowed clover on his rye today. I

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<sup>xxxvi</sup> Dobby and Dolly are two of the family horses. Marilla writes about Dobby a couple of times in her 1862 diary.

<sup>xxxvii</sup> It appears Henry paid \$.09 per the April cash accounts.

<sup>xxxviii</sup> In Marilla's diary she states, "Bad going over the drifts. Nearly turned over. I got out."

practiced target shooting a little. Shot wide of the mark the first time. Did better after that. [...] brought our mail tonight.

Thursday, 17. Father and I turned away two of the farrow cows<sup>89</sup> this morning. I have been wheeling wood into the wood house today and piling it up. Made two piles. Marilla has commenced weaning Clara today. Has been a warm day.

Friday, 18. The yearly fast<sup>90</sup> is passed. Mother and I have been to meeting. Prayer meeting in the forenoon. Sermon read in the afternoon. Annual meeting of the Sabbath School Society at noon. Marilla, Clara and I have taken a ride onto the green. I called at Aunt Orpha.

Saturday, 19. Have been very busy helping Michael at the wood pile. We have finished chopping it. Lucinda and Hellen came up this evening to tell us of the death of Uncle Ebbin Tanner<sup>91</sup>. He died yesterday morning about eight o'clock they told us.

Sunday, 20. Aunt Orpha and I came up to Warren today to attend the funeral of Uncle Ebbin Tanner. He was carried to the church. We did supper at Myron's. Took Aunt Orpha to H Comstock this evening to spend the night. I am at George Lyman's.

Monday, 21. Aunt Orpha and I called at cousin Homer Sackett's<sup>92</sup> and Mrs. Tanner's and on our way home this morning. Got home about noon and [O...] some before we got home. Have taken some hay to Michael this afternoon and he has taken a cow home.

Tuesday, 22. Have been mucking manure today. Michael has been helping this afternoon. It rained some last night. Have all the chores to do now. Father has a lame foot. It commenced being sore on Sunday.

Wednesday, 23. Marilla, Clara and I went on to the green this morning. After coming home from the green, Marilla and I started for Woodbury. Went down as far as [Bet's]. Called at Mrs. Banks. Engaged a shaker for Clara. Got home before four.

Thursday, 24. This morning I helped Michael to get plowing. We commenced plowing the piece for oats. Michael cleaned out the hogs for this noon. This afternoon I have been laying up the wall the [...] sow tore down in her pen.

Friday, 25. Marilla, Clara and I have been onto the green and down to Leavitt's<sup>93</sup> mill. I went to look at some pigs. I have been burning some

leaves and brush near the house this afternoon, besides pulling up the corn stalks in the garden and the chores.

Saturday, 26. Helped Michael about starting his plowing for potatoes this morning, then sowed the oats. Have harrowed these in the afternoon. Marilla, Clara and I have been to Aunt Orpha's since I finished the oats.

Sunday, 27. Mother and I went to meeting this forenoon, Marilla and I this afternoon. Mr. Lobdell<sup>94</sup> preached. Ecclesiastes 11:4,<sup>95</sup> Philippians 2:12<sup>96</sup>. It has been quite pleasant. Our sermons were edifying and instructive. Such preaching is verily good food.

Monday, 28. Father and I went on to the green this morning after some pigs. Did not get any. Came home by Aunt Orpha's. Called here a moment. When we got home the bucket was in the bottom of the well. I tried to fish it out with the steelyards<sup>97</sup>. Had to set a [...] and fasten a shovel to it.

Tuesday, 29. Has been raining some today. I have partly made a marker. It is quite a growing time. Everything seems to take new life with the rain. May the leaves, buds and blossoms soon welcome us again.

Wednesday, 30. Harrowed Michael's potato ground this morning, then finished my marker and marked out the ground for him. He has been planting potatoes this afternoon. Mother, Marilla, Clara and I have made a visit at Aunt Orpha's this afternoon.

## **May**

Thursday, 1. Mother, Marilla and I have been to Uncle Jonathan's for a visit. I went down and did a little plowing for Mr. Parker<sup>98</sup> in the forenoon. Has been raining most of the afternoon. We came home from Uncle Jonathan's in the rain.

Friday, 2. Have been to Mr. Griswold's to get my boots mended<sup>xxxix</sup>. Took dinner at Aunt Orpha's. Got home about two. Have partly made another marker since it has rained nearly all day. Also most of the night. This has been the most of rain.

Saturday, 3. Marilla and I have been to New Milford. It has been a warm day. We took dinner at Dr. Taylor's. Called at Uncle Jonathan's as

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<sup>xxxix</sup> Henry paid \$.25 per the May cash accounts.

we came home and got our name plates<sup>XL</sup>. Michael has been scraping up the manure at the east barn. [illegible perpendicular writing]

Sunday, 4. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Mills preached. His texts were in Galatians and John. Galatians 4:18<sup>99</sup>; John 6:47.<sup>100</sup> Two very good discourses. Would that I might make an application of them to myself. May God bless the truth to us.

Monday, 5. This morning Father and I went after some pigs to Erastus. After coming home from the green, I went down to Mr. Parker's to harrow some oats in for him. Had not been there long before it rained. Have taken some cheese to Erastus this afternoon.

Tuesday, 6. Michael and I finished the fence we commenced yesterday afternoon this forenoon. After dinner, helped Michael about plowing the garden, or rather to begin to plow it. Have been down and finished Mr. Parker's this afternoon.

Wednesday, 7. Went down to Uncle Jonathan's this morning after his wagon neap.<sup>101</sup> Came home with it, then went on to the green for some bolts to fasten it to its place. Marilla, Clara and I are spending the night at Uncle E's. We are so far on our way to Winsted.

Thursday, 8<sup>XL1</sup>. We left Uncle E's this morning. Arrived in Winsted a little before twelve. We have had a very windy time for our ride. Uncle Noah and wife<sup>102</sup> came here to Mr. Gilbert's this afternoon in the cars from Ansonia.

Friday, 9. The wind has blown very hard again today. Have been looking about Winsted some today. Mr. and Mrs. G, Mr. and Mrs. Pond and myself rode out this afternoon into the west village and up as far as the Lake.<sup>103</sup> Clark<sup>104</sup> and family took tea at Mr. Gilbert's.

Saturday, 10. Home again. Uncle Noah and Aunt Julia came down with me today. The wind has blown terribly again today. We got here about three. Started little past nine. Uncle Noah and Aunt Julia are spending the night with us. Had a very pleasant visit.

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<sup>XL</sup> Not sure what name plates were, but Henry paid \$1.00 for them on May 1 per the May cash accounts.

<sup>XL1</sup> Henry's wife Marilla does not write in her 1862 diary from May 8-14. She stayed at her half brother Clark's in Winsted until May 29.

Sunday, 11<sup>XLII</sup>. Drove two horses to meeting today. Four of us went. Uncle Noah and Aunt Julia, Mother, and I. Mr. Fenn<sup>XLIII</sup> preached. Text Hebrews 4:16<sup>105</sup>. Had communion in the afternoon. He gave us a grand sermon and made some good remarks this afternoon. Quite cold today.

Monday, 12<sup>XLIV</sup>. After doing the chores and eating breakfast, drove the cows to pasture, then went on to the green with [a]. Called at Aunt Orpha's. Came home and helped father pick up his old iron. We took it onto the green. Sold it for ¼ per cent to Mr. Beeby.

Tuesday, 13. A little rain this evening. This morning Father and I got the steers and yearlings out of Cal Newton's lot and picked one. I after that found the marker. This afternoon Michael finished plowing the stalk piece and commenced the turf ground. I have been helping him get started.

Wednesday, 14. Harrowed the corn piece by the barn this morning, then marked it out one way. This took most of the forenoon. Have been driving the team for Michael down in the Golden Sweet<sup>106</sup> orchard this afternoon. Feel pretty tired tonight.

Thursday, 15. Helped Mr. Yemmons<sup>XLV</sup> commence to lay the wall south of the Golden Sweet orchard this morning, then marked out the piece of corn ground by the barn. Mother and I have been to prayer meeting. I wrote a letter to Marilla after dinner before we went to meeting. Made a prayer at meeting today.

Friday, 16. Have been planting today. Father dropped for me. This evening went on to the green with Michael to get him a barrel of flour. Uncle Noah's are here. Came this forenoon. He and Aunt Julia went fishing, caught three. I put one in the well.

Saturday, 17. This morning Father and I finished planting the corn by the barn. About ten o'clock I started for the Ville with Uncle Noah's. Helen and Susan went down with us. It has been a warm day. This evening while at tea, Miss S Calhoun brought me a letter from Marilla.

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<sup>XLII</sup> See Memorandum entry dated May 11.

<sup>XLIII</sup> Not identified.

<sup>XLIV</sup> See Memorandum entry dated May 12.

<sup>XLV</sup> Possibly William H Yemmons or Austin Yemmans, both from the vicinity.

Sunday, 18. Mother and I have been to church today. Had Mr. Churchill<sup>107</sup> to preach for us. Texts Revelations 7: 17<sup>108</sup>, last clause. Matthew 25:30<sup>109</sup>. Two very good I guess, though I was too dull to appreciate them. Have written to Marilla this evening.

Monday, 19. Went on to the green this morning to mail a letter<sup>XLVI</sup> to Marilla. Came home by Aunt Orpha's. She was in her garden superintending the planting. Stopped a few minutes. Did not go into the house. Have been digging roots for beer<sup>110</sup> this afternoon.

Tuesday, 20. Have harrowed the corn ground today. Michael finished plowing it about noon. He commenced last Tuesday noon. He has been drawing off some stone this afternoon. Uncle Jonathan's have been up after Grandmother today. She has gone there to make them a visit.

Wednesday, 21. This morning helped about fixing fences awhile, then went to marking corn growing. Marked the piece one way before dinner and the other way since. Then went to mark at fence again. Got wet a little before we finished.

Thursday, 22<sup>XLVII</sup>. Have been dropping corn for Michael to cover today, excepting a little while in the morning that Father dropped for him and I dropped and covered for myself. We finished planting. Had a hard shower last night.

Friday, 23<sup>XLVIII</sup>. Aunt Orpha and I have been to Warren. Took dinner at our old place. Aunt Polly got our dinner. Henry, Emily<sup>111</sup> and Silia<sup>112</sup> had gone to Litchfield. We called to see Samuel Tanner and his mother, but she was not at home.

Saturday, 24. Have been whitewashing today. Also helped Mother put down the carpet in the north room. This afternoon wrote a letter to Marilla. Had an early supper, then went on to the green with Michael to carry back for him some flour that did not prove good and get some more.

Sunday, 25. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Jud<sup>113</sup> preached. His texts were in Acts 2:36<sup>114</sup> and Matthew 6:14 and 15<sup>115</sup>. He

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<sup>XLVI</sup> Henry bought postage stamps totaling \$.21 per the May cash accounts, and he also sent Marilla \$5.00.

<sup>XLVII</sup> See Memorandum entry dated May 22.

<sup>XLVIII</sup> See Memorandum entry dated May 23.

represented Christ as being in every way like man, only he was without sin. In the afternoon he dwelt on the necessity of forgiving. Samuel Tanner came down to church today.

Monday, 26. Sam and I have been to Roxbury and Bethlehem today. We took dinner at Aunt Orpha's. He stayed with me last night. We have had a pleasant day of it. Last night we walked down to Seth's but he was not at home.

Tuesday, 27. Michael and I cleaned out the cellar this forenoon. I went out to look after crows a while this afternoon, then came back and helped Father finish his [dr...]. Received a letter from Marilla tonight. Have had a nice rain today.

Wednesday, 28. Mother and I have been to the Litchfield Station<sup>116</sup> for Marilla and Clara, but they weren't there. They did not come down on the cars as we expected. It has been cloudy and cool, not a very pleasant day for pleasure riding.

Thursday, 29. I have been over to the depot again today. Marilla and Clara came down on the cars. We are spending the night at Uncle Erastus. It has been quite pleasant today. Not as cold as yesterday. Am glad to see Marilla and Clara again.

Friday, 30. We came down from Uncle Erastus this forenoon. This afternoon have been down to get my boots mended. Called at Aunt Orpha's awhile. Have had a very bitter rain this afternoon. Tis good to have Marilla and Clara at home again.

Saturday, 31. After doing my chores this morning, I took Clara in her carriage down where they were laying wall and after we came back I carried her into the corn field. Have picked up a few stones this afternoon. The wall is finished.

## June

Sunday, 1. Mother and I started for meeting this morning, but it commenced raining and we came back because we had no shed for our horses. We have had a very good rain. Has been a growing day. Hope not to have another discussion like the one this evening<sup>XLIX</sup>.

Monday, 2. Marilla, Clara and I rode on to the green this morning and called at Aunt Orpha's, but did not go in. Came home and helped

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<sup>XLIX</sup> No context for this "discussion".

Michael fix a fence a little. This afternoon Michael and I have been hauling logs out of the woods.

Tuesday, 3. Marilla, Clara and I took a ride this morning round the back road and over shell hill<sup>L</sup>. Put up some boards and loaded some logs onto the cart after we came home in the forenoon. Have been to the saw mill this afternoon. Have nearly made a milking stool since milking.

Wednesday, 4. This has been a very rainy day. Wrote a letter home this morning. After dinner, Michael and I went down to the west mountain brook for trout, but they did not bite much, so we did not stay. Michael made a hair line<sup>117</sup> today.

Thursday, 5<sup>L</sup>. Two inches of water fell last night. A little lowery this morning, but has cleared up today. Went onto the green this morning to mail a letter to Father. Father<sup>LII</sup> and I have been down to the swamp for bean poles<sup>118</sup> today.

Friday, 6. Plowed or rather cultivated out Michael's potatoes this forenoon. This afternoon have been to mill for Michael. Riding in the hot sun has given me the headache. Dobby was not at all pleasant with cultivating.

Saturday, 7. Mother and I have been to Woodbury. She went to Mrs. Panks, I to the tanners. Had my nutmeg grater fixed<sup>LIII</sup>. Marilla and Clara went to Mr. S Hollister's with us and stayed till we came back. Marilla, Clara and I went to Aunt Orpha's after we got back. Stayed only a few moments.

Sunday, 8. Have been to church today. Rode over with Mr. Calhoun. Had a student from Yale College to preach for us. 2 Corinthians 10:18<sup>119</sup>, Matthew 11:28<sup>120</sup>. His texts are found. There were but few out to church today. It looked some like rain.

Monday, 9. This morning went to mill. Got Michael's flour, a hundred weight of plaster<sup>121</sup> and called at the store and got a keg of molasses. Came home and went to cultivating corn. Michael plastered corn this forenoon and his potatoes this afternoon.

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<sup>L</sup> Likely the Clamshell in Steep Rock Preserve.

<sup>L</sup> See Memorandum entry for June 5.

<sup>LII</sup> Example of calling both his own father and his father in law "father".

<sup>LIII</sup> This cost \$.02, per the June cash accounts.

Tuesday, 10. Have been cultivating corn again today. Finished the piece by the barn. Mrs. Sterling and Newton Buck<sup>122</sup> were here to dinner. Deacon Punderson came this forenoon, and he and Father went down to Mr. Calhoun's to dinner. He called here a while this afternoon.

Wednesday, 11. Have been cultivating the corn in the Golden Sweet orchard today. Broke the head off one of the bolts in the cultivator. Had a long talk with Uncle Ed this afternoon. This made me late finishing my piece. It rained just as I finished.

Thursday, 12. Helped Michael this forenoon about hauling some rail strip out of the woods to split. This afternoon we have been splitting rails. I have also been watching crows. Some lay in the corner of the fence awhile, hoping to get a shot at them, but did not.

Friday, 13. Cultivated corn this forenoon. This afternoon have been taking a rest. Drew Clara out to Cal Newton's. Stayed there a little while. Then Clara and I went into Calhoun's school a short time. Clara had a fine time at school.

Saturday, 14. Finished cultivating the corn in the orchard this forenoon. This afternoon have mowed part of door yard.<sup>123</sup> Another week has gone. How fast time flies. It waits for no man, but puts us so hurriedly for the change it brings us.

Sunday, 15. Mother and I have been to church today. Mr. Averill<sup>124</sup> preached. Texts 2 Kings 17:27<sup>125</sup> and Romans 12:21.<sup>126</sup> We had two excellent sermons. It was lowery this morning, but cleared off in time to go to church. Has been very cool today and is tonight.

Monday, 16. Have cultivated Michael's potatoes both ways. Mr. Hurlbut<sup>LIV</sup> came this afternoon to shingle. I have been helping him since finishing cultivating. Michael and I have been on to the green with a couple of fat calves this evening.

Tuesday, 17. Helped Mr. Hurlbut finish shingling this forenoon. This afternoon went down to Aunt Orpha's and Lucinda and I took a horseback ride down to Mr. Bryan's<sup>127</sup>. We had a very pleasant ride and a pleasant call.

Wednesday, 18. After Michael had gathered up the old shingles and brought them down, we put them in the wood house. I took the oxen

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<sup>LIV</sup> Not identified.

and went over to Mr. [Limbernus] with some boards and a little [...] timber. This afternoon we have been to put some boards on to the old cow house. Clark and wife and Clara<sup>LV</sup> came down today.

Thursday, 19. Clark and I went fishing down to the west mountain brook this forenoon. We caught forty-four. I got about tired out. Have not got around much this afternoon. The bees came out and went back again into the hive.

Friday, 20. Clark and wife have gone home today. I went over in the morning to Mr. Lobdell to get the hooves shod but came back without having it done. Found Uncle Erastus and Herbert here. After dinner I went back to the shop and on to church hill with them. Did not get the horses' shod till most sundown.

Saturday, 21. Mother and I have been to Woodbury today.<sup>LVI</sup> Mother went down for Marilla's and her bonnet. They were not done so we had to wait till almost night. I saw the Union mower<sup>128</sup> at work, it being the first mower that I have seen at work in Connecticut.

Sunday, 22. Mother and I have been to church today. Mr. Hollister preached. His texts were John, Job 37:23<sup>129</sup>. Have felt very dull at church today. Don't know why. It has been cool and pleasant. Went home with Aunt Orpha at noon.

Monday, 23. Cultivated the corn by the west barn this forenoon. This afternoon have wrote a letter to Sherm. Took some cheese over to Erastus just at night. Called a few minutes at Aunt Orpha's on my way home. Thus has passed another day.

Tuesday, 24. Have not been out of doors much today. It has been quite a rainy day. Have spent the day in reading, sleeping, and studying the sabbath school lesson with some talking. Do not feel very well. Took some cold last. Have wanted to be by the fire today.

Wednesday, 25. Did not feel very well last night, so I indulged myself in lying abed later than common. Did not get out of the house much till most night, when I went down to help Michael load up the old walnut that he cut up the other day. Got it loaded and started home when the cart body lift up and into [...] it.

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<sup>LV</sup> Not identified.

<sup>LVI</sup> Per the June cash accounts, Henry spent \$.38 at Hotchkissville on June 21, which is a small village or hamlet in Woodbury.

Thursday, 26. Has been rainy this forenoon. This afternoon more pleasant. Had a swarm of bees come out. Went down to the West Mountain brook<sup>130</sup> just at night. Caught a dozen trout. Aunt Orpha and Uncle Brin called here this eve, but I had not got home from fishing.

Friday, 27. Have been cultivating corn in the Golden Sweet orchard. Cultivated it out one way. Went over this morning onto the green after some clams. Got half bushel. Called at Aunt Orpha's. She gave me a little pail of strawberries for Marilla.

Saturday, 28. Have been cultivating corn again today in the orchard. Had a talk with Uncle Ed in the forenoon and afternoon. Feel pretty tired tonight. Am glad tomorrow is a day of rest. Blessed be the Sabbath day.

Sunday, 29. Mother and I attended church in the forenoon, and Marilla and I in the afternoon. Mr. Richards preached. He gave us two beautiful sermons. His texts in the morning Revelations 21:23<sup>131</sup>, last clause. Afternoon 2 Kings [...], first clause.

Monday, 30. This forenoon cultivated out both ways Michael's potatoes. Finished little before eleven. It had begun to rain when I got through. After dinner, Michael and I cleaned out the cow house chamber. Have been [ripping]<sup>LVII</sup> some for M since then. Has cleared off very fine.

## July

Tuesday, 1. Am now in Bridgeport<sup>132</sup>. Arrived her about half past two. Lucinda came down with me. Met Silia and Eunice<sup>LVIII</sup> at the depot<sup>LIX</sup>. They took us over to Lucy's. Since tea we have been out to visit the steamboat Bridgeport<sup>133</sup>, also a fort of Soldier Hill<sup>134</sup>.

Wednesday, 2. Took a walk this morning after breakfast, after which we went out to do a little trading. Did not get back till near noon. This afternoon Silia, Eunice, Lucinda and myself were showed over Wheeler and Wilson's sewing machine factory<sup>135</sup> by Mr. Hirsch<sup>LX</sup>. Tis raining tonight.

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<sup>LVII</sup> No context for this word. If a misspelling, not sure what it meant.

<sup>LVIII</sup> Not identified.

<sup>LIX</sup> Henry recorded paying a fare of \$1.25 for the trip in the July cash accounts.

<sup>LX</sup> Not identified.

Thursday, 3<sup>LXI</sup>. This forenoon walked down to Fairfield with Mr. Hirsch. Came back alone. Went down to see Dr. Dennison<sup>136</sup>. Found him at home. Got some medicines of him for my throat<sup>LXII</sup>. This afternoon have been out to the cemetery.

Friday, 4. How this anniversary of our independence has passed. Have seen much to gratify the eye today. The procession was fine and the target shooting worth taking the long walk we had to see it. A great crowd.<sup>137</sup>

Saturday, 5. Home again. Am very glad though the week has passed very pleasantly. Have seen a considerable in few days. There was eight of our company from Bridgeport today, six Warreners and Lucinda and myself.

Sunday, 6. We have had a warm day. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Whitmore<sup>LXIII</sup> preached. Text Philippians 4:4.<sup>138</sup>

Communion this afternoon. How pleasing it is to come around the table of our Lord. May we come prepared to be profifers.

Monday, 7. Have been haying today. This is my first day at it. Michael began mowing Thursday evening. We got eight loads into the barn. It has been warm. Mercury 82. I drew the paging [...] was well should enjoy it.

Tuesday, 8. Worked at hay this forenoon. After dinner went out, brought Lucinda up here, then she and Marilla and Clara and myself went down to Mr. Bryan's cherrying. We had a good visit and all the cherries we wanted. Cultivated some this afternoon.

Wednesday, 9. Worked at hay some this forenoon, besides commencing to cultivate the corn by the barn the other way from yesterday. Finished the piece of corn and spread out some hay this side of the east barn this afternoon. Got as wet as I could be going after cows tonight.

Thursday, 10. Marilla, Clara and I went onto the green this forenoon. Marilla went over to see Mattie Leavitt. We called at Aunt Orpha's as we came home. This afternoon have cultivated the corn in the orchard. Had to keep busy to get over the piece.

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<sup>LXI</sup> See Memorandum entry dated July 3.

<sup>LXII</sup> Henry recorded paying Dr. Dennison \$1.00 on in July cash accounts.

<sup>LXIII</sup> Not identified.

Friday, 11. This forenoon went over the corn in the orchard with the cultivator again. Have been at work at hay a little this afternoon. Deacon Punderson and wife have made a visit here today. Feel very tired tonight.

Saturday, 12. Have been to the Litchfield Station with Clara today. It has been quite warm. Stopped at Uncle Erastus on my way home and took tea. Stayed there two hours. Uncle Erastus was not at home. Marilla and Clara have been spending the day at Uncle Ed's.

Sunday, 13. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Robinson preached. His texts in the morning, Hebrews 12:27 and 28.<sup>139</sup> Afternoon Revelations 21. We had two good sermons. Would that we did profit as we ought. With our high privileges may God help our infirmities.

Monday, 14. Sowed the turnips this forenoon and the plaster on the corn, besides mowing a little by the east barn, the south yard and a swath east of the barn. This afternoon Clara rode over with me to Cal Newton's. I went to see Cal's mowing machine.

Tuesday, 15. Wrote to Father and Sherm this forenoon. This afternoon Mother and I were to funeral widow Timothy Mitchell<sup>140</sup> was buried. I went over to Uncle Ed's this afternoon before funeral. Father bought him a horse rake<sup>141</sup> last night.

Wednesday, 16. Have been helping Michael most of the day. Spread hay about half of the forenoon. This afternoon we have raked and put up about 200 heaps. We had quite a shower last night and a little rain tonight.

Thursday, 17. Have been cradling rye<sup>142</sup> today. Commenced and finished. Feel tired tonight. Expect to be sore and lame tomorrow. Have done more cradling today than ever before all put together.

Friday, 18. Have been to work at hay today. We got in one load by the east barn and three loads from the meadows. Michael mows, I raked up some hay with the horse rake just at night. This was the first raking I ever did with this kind of a rake.

Saturday, 19. Have been to work at hay again today. We got in four loads. Raked up with the horse rake what Michael mowed in the morning. The rake works better today than it did yesterday. My fixing improved it.

Sunday, 20. Marilla and I went to church this forenoon. Mother and I expected to have gone this afternoon, but it rained when Marilla and I came home and has rained most of the afternoon. Mr. Robins<sup>LXIV</sup> preached from Romans 14:5<sup>143</sup>, last clause. I liked the sermon very much.

Monday, 21. Father and I have been to Morris today. It has been cloudy and cold. Father wore his overcoat and I my shawl. Mr. Wagner<sup>144</sup> gave Father a note for the interest due him. We got some cabbage plants. Had a letter from Sherm tonight.

Tuesday, 22. Mother and I have been to the Ville today. Marilla went down to see Miss. She took Clara of course. Lora went down with Marilla. It has been quite warm. Not much like yesterday. I went down to Aunt Orpha's with Catherine after tea. She stayed all night.

Wednesday, 23. Not hay weather yet. Has rained a considerable this afternoon and evening. We have raked and bound a part of the rye. If it had not rained we expected to rake and bind and get it into the barn. Mrs. P Hollister has been here for a visit this afternoon.

Thursday, 24. Uncle Jonathan came in this morning and sat a few minutes. Michael and I have been to the mill. He got some meal and bran. I got some corn ground for samp.<sup>145</sup> Mother and I have been to the prayer meeting this afternoon. Had a very good meeting.

Friday, 25. Have been to work at hay today. Commenced after the dew was off, which was about eleven. We have put up today about 230 small heaps. Have used the horse rake today. Hope to get through with Michael's hay tomorrow.

Saturday, 26. Another day of haying. We have finished Michael's part. Got in five loads today. Michael and I started down to the rye after we got our hay up, but it commenced raining, so we put on a load for Uncle Ed and came home.

Sunday, 27. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. Parmalee preached. It has been quite warm, but pleasant. How little we heed the passage of time while we shouldn't pass on above the current of life.

Monday, 28. Have been haying today. I mowed a little in the forenoon. This afternoon Michael and I turned it over and I raked it up with the

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<sup>LXIV</sup> Possibly meant Robinson, who preached the previous week.

horse rake and Michael heaped it. I raked after the heaps. We had 118. Had a hard shower about noon.

Tuesday, 29<sup>LXV</sup>. This morning went on to the green to mail a letter to Dr. Dennison<sup>LXVI</sup>. Called at Aunt Orpha's as I came home. Brought the marker home. Marilla, Clara and I have been to Aunt Orpha's to make a visit this afternoon. We are having a hard shower tonight. One very hard clap.

Wednesday, 30. Have been to work at hay today. Spread out the heaps we had put up and dried the hay [...] and heaped it up again. We do not have very good hay weather. The shower last night and yesterday blew down the heaps so they were very wet.

Thursday, 31. Haying again today. We have got in eight loads and heaped up a part of the rest that is mowed. It has been a very good drying day. Haying gets along rather slow. The weather is unfavorable.

## **August**

Friday, 1. This morning we spread out the hay that was heaped up as well as that that was left in the winrow<sup>146</sup> last night. We just got it done and a shower came and wet it. Marilla, Clara and I have been to Uncle Jonathan's for a visit. A hard shower last night.

Saturday, 2. Have been to work at hay today. It has been a drying day. We got in three good loads, besides raking and heaping two more small ones. Did not get through till after dark. Felt fully tired tonight.

Sunday, 3. Mother and I went to church in the forenoon. Came home at noon and Marilla and I went in the afternoon. Mr. Churchill preached in the forenoon from Exodus 23:2.<sup>147</sup> Afternoon Psalms 83. Good sermons.

Monday, 4. Have been to work at hay today. Mr. Yemmons has been helping us. The sun did not shine much in the forenoon, but hay has dried some this afternoon. Have put our hay into heaps. We got in two loads what was heaped up Saturday.

Tuesday, 5. Went over to Mr. Lobdell's and got Dobby shod this morning. When I got back went to work at hay. We have got in eight

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<sup>LXV</sup> See Memorandum entry dated July 29.

<sup>LXVI</sup> He paid Dr. Dennison \$1.50 on July 29 per the July cash account.

loads today, besides heaping up the hay that was mowed today. We are having a shower this evening. Mr. [Blacksy] is here tonight.

Wednesday, 6. Another good hay day. We have got in two loads today. This is warm weather and rather hard work this haying. We are getting along very well now with our haying. We want great weather to make hay.

Thursday, 7. This forenoon, Jonathan, Ed and I went up to Doctor S Lyman<sup>LXVIII</sup>. Got home little before noon. I drove the colt up. Have been to work again this afternoon. Have got in eight loads. I had Mr. Yemmons load today. Have finished the east barn meadow.

Friday, 8. This has been a very warm day. We have got in two loads of hay today. We were threatened with a shower this afternoon. Michael has begun to cradle the oats since supper. I got a letter from Mr. Porter this evening. Father sent me a draft<sup>LXVII</sup> in it.

Saturday, 9. Mother and I went huckleberrying this forenoon. We did not find them very plenty, however. Mother came home about noon. I, not knowing when she went, stayed until near two waiting for her.

Sunday, 10. Mother and I have been to church today. Had deacon's meeting. Deacon Baldwin read. It has been a cool and pleasant day. The sermons read were good, but the life given in delivery was wanting. We had a [tone] almost a [tune].

Monday, 11. Marilla, Clara and myself went on to the green this morning. Marilla called to see Mother. Got home about ten. helped spread out the hay in the little meadow we have begun it this afternoon. I have been for Doctor Taylor for Clara tonight. Home at ten.

Tuesday, 12. Dr. Taylor stayed with us last night<sup>LXVIII</sup>. He thinks Clara has not got diphtheria. We got in the hay and oats this forenoon. Two loads of hay and two of oats. Marilla, Clara and I have been to Aunt Orpha's this afternoon. Found Stoddard there<sup>LXIX</sup>.

Wednesday, 13. Have been at work at hay again today. We have got in three loads from the meadow by Tewey's. Mr. Yemmons does not help us anymore. This is his last day with us. This has been the best hay day of the season. We have got in some hay that may need to dry.

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<sup>LXVII</sup> A bank draft for \$50.00 is reflected the August cash account.

<sup>LXVIII</sup> Henry paid Dr. Taylor \$4.00 per the August cash account.

<sup>LXIX</sup> There is a \$5.00 receipt from H Stoddard in the August cash account.

Thursday, 14. We have not any hay out tonight. We have got all into the barn that we have mowed. Have been to work in the swamp this side of the east barn that is in that meadow. Uncle [Parker]<sup>LXX</sup> was up this afternoon. Helped rake after cart.

Friday, 15. It rained last night. Michael has been mowing today. I went over to Uncle Ed's this forenoon. Stayed there to dinner. Sarah Hine and Mary<sup>149</sup> were there. Aunt Orpha and Mr. Huth<sup>150</sup> called here just at night. He came from Litchfield today.

Saturday, 16. We have finished the meadow this side of the east barn today. Got in three loads. Uncle Noah's were here to dinner. They came up to Uncle Jonathan's last evening. It has been a beautiful day, one of the best hay days of the season. Very cool tonight.

Sunday, 17. Cool and pleasant today. Mother and I attended church in the forenoon. Marilla and I in the afternoon. Mr. Wolcott<sup>LXXI</sup> preached in the forenoon from Psalms 137:18-19<sup>LXXII</sup>. Afternoon 1 Corinthians 13:12.<sup>151</sup> I liked him very much. Have been to Aunt Orpha's this evening. Huth and Lucy were there, also Edgar.

Monday, 18. Have finished haying today. We have been to work in the swamp part of the meadow before the house. It has been warm. A good hay day. Am glad to get through haying. Went to the barn eight times for what we mowed today.

Tuesday, 19. Marilla, Clara, and I rode on to the green this morning. Marilla called to see Mattie. We stopped at Aunt Orpha's on our way home a little while. This afternoon I have been to Roxbury with Seth Hollister. Went down to see his farm. Liked it very much.

Wednesday, 20. This forenoon Michael and I worked at the house putting on new rails and covering them with hay. This afternoon, Marilla, Clara and myself have been to Aunt Orpha's for a visit. Edson Seeley and wife were there<sup>LXXIII</sup>. Lucy is there spending a week now.

Thursday 21. Michael and I finished the hovels<sup>152</sup> this forenoon. We put on a covering of grass and weeds today. Mother and I have been to

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<sup>LXX</sup> Not identified. Cannot locate a Parker family name in family tree.

<sup>LXXI</sup> Not identified. There was a Reverend Wolcott of South Britain in 1862 per a June 19, 1862 article in the Litchfield Enquirer.

<sup>LXXII</sup> Probably a typo. These verses don't exist in chapter 137.

<sup>LXXIII</sup> They are documented in the January 8 diary entry.

prayer meeting this afternoon. After we came home, I helped Father get the rowen<sup>153</sup> in out of the dooryard.

Friday, 22. It rained this forenoon. After dinner I fixed off for Warren. Left home before I went down and called at Aunt Orpha's. Then went over to the blacksmith shop. Had one shoe set on Dobby. We went on to Warren, staying with Samuel tonight.

Saturday, 23. This forenoon Samuel and I went up to cousin Homer's. We were there at dinner. Was much interested in what Augustine<sup>154</sup> had to say about the war. This afternoon went with Samuel to New Preston and tonight I am at Myron's.

Sunday, 24. Have attended church in Warren today. Mr. Churchill preached. His text in the afternoon was the 83 Psalm. In the forenoon 1 Corinthians 13:12<sup>LXXIV</sup>. This evening, Charly, Treat, Carter and myself went up to [Deacon] Rouse's.<sup>155</sup> Eva was there and Libby Coleman. Charly and I stayed with Cal

Monday, 25. Charly and I came down from the Cal's this morning. I went up to Mr. Gilbert's and bought a barrel of flour. Then went over to cousin Henry's<sup>LXXV</sup> and I stayed there till toward night, then started for home. Arrived home about seven o'clock.

Tuesday, 26. Have been over to Lobdell's with Dobby and got him shod. Reme was the subject of comment and got at [Frost's] shop outside the blacksmith shop. [T...] was principle speaker, but [Frost] and Morehouse helped and Lobdell came in and added a little<sup>LXXVI</sup>.

Wednesday, 27. Have been up to the fish house<sup>LXXVII</sup> with Gideon<sup>156</sup> today. He came here this morning to bid us goodbye prior to going into Camp Litchfield.<sup>157</sup> I went from the fish house up to Uncle Erastus. He had gone to the corn growers. Have sold Dobby to Uncle E<sup>LXXVIII</sup>.

Thursday, 28. This forenoon went to mill with Dobby this afternoon. Marilla, Clara and I have been to prayer meeting. This is the first time

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<sup>LXXIV</sup> Same scripture was used as the text the week before.

<sup>LXXV</sup> Probably Henry James/James Henry Comstock noted in January 23 entry.

<sup>LXXVI</sup> Not able to ascertain context of this diary entry.

<sup>LXXVII</sup> Have not found context for a fish house in Washington, CT.

<sup>LXXVIII</sup> There is no context for this sale or record of cash. Then, Henry is going to the mill with Dobby the next day, but leaves him with his Uncle on August 29.

Clara was ever taken to meeting. She helped sing the last time. She was very good for the first time at meeting.

Friday, 29. Mother, Sarah Hine and myself have been to Litchfield to see the soldiers encamped there. I rode Dobby up to Uncle Erastus. He put him in with his other colt and drove over to the campground with his family. We took tea at Uncle E's.

Saturday, 30. Have not been doing much today. This afternoon went on to the green. Called at Aunt Orpha's a little while. Received a letter from Sherm tonight. It contained a fifty dollar draft for me<sup>LXXIX</sup>. He thinks Father will not come out this fall.

Sunday, 31. Mother and I went to church this forenoon. [Rep Ramond]<sup>158</sup> read one of Dr Bushnell's<sup>159</sup> sermons. Henry Ward Beecher<sup>160</sup> conducted the opening exercises. Marilla has been this afternoon. [Rep Ramond] and Mr. Beecher addressed us. He is a man of thought and words.

## September

Monday, 1<sup>LXXX</sup>. Went to the blacksmith this forenoon. Got Dobby's shoes set and the wagon tire mended. Stopped at Aunt Orpha's as I came home. Found Charly Hine and Myron Lyman<sup>161</sup> there. They were on their way to New Haven. Treat went down with them.

Tuesday, 2. Have been to the sawmill twice with logs today. The wind has blown quite hard and it has been quite cold today. Have been down after Seth's carriage tonight. Hope it will not be as cold and windy tomorrow.

Wednesday, 3. Marilla and I are staying at Uncle Erastus's tonight. We came up to Litchfield today to see Dr. Buel<sup>162</sup>. We came up in company with Rufus Leavitt<sup>LXXXI</sup> and wife. The doctor had the sick headache and he could not attend to Mattie and Marilla, so we are staying up tonight. Clara is at home.

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<sup>LXXIX</sup> This draft is recorded in the August cash account.

<sup>LXXX</sup> See Memorandum entry dated September 1. This was also the last date Marilla wrote in her 1862 diary, with no background on why she stopped.

<sup>LXXXI</sup> See April 25 entry regarding the Leavitts.

Thursday, 4<sup>LXXXII</sup>. This morning Marilla and I rode over to the campground to take a look at the soldiers and we stayed there over an hour. Marilla could not walk about so she had to make the best of looking from the carriage. We went from the campground to the doctor. From there home. This a pleasant day. Yesterday very cold.

Friday, 5. Went and took Seth's carriage home this morning. Clara went down with me. Grandmother went out to Uncle [Sermon's]. I got some pears at Seth's. This afternoon helped Michael fence two stocks and sawed some wood with the crosscut. Marilla and Clara have gone home with [Leru] tonight.

Saturday, 6<sup>LXXXIII</sup>. This morning went with Michael to split some rails to fence a stack. We split one load and drew it to the stack and also some load of old ones in the forenoon. I helped Michael make the fence after dinner. Samuel came just as we had it finished, from Warren.

Sunday, 7. Mother and I have been to church today. Mr. Bushnell preached in the forenoon. In the afternoon we had communion. Text Psalm 73: 24<sup>163</sup>. The remarks in the afternoon were interesting. I went up to Aunt Orpha's at noon. Sam's mother was there.

Monday, 8. Went down to the saw mill this forenoon. Took down a log and brought back some boards. Have not been very busy this afternoon. Marilla, Clara, and I have been onto the green this evening. Marilla called to see Mattie.

Tuesday, 9. Seth Hollister and myself have been to Warren today. Went up to Samuel Tanner after some rye. Samuel was not at home, neither was his mother. We were quite disappointed at not finding the folks at home. Disappointments are common.

Wednesday, 10. This forenoon we got in a load of rowen. This afternoon, Mother, Marilla, Clara and myself went into Smithfield<sup>LXXXIV</sup>

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<sup>LXXXII</sup> They made several purchases on their trip to Litchfield, per the September cash account, including a linen coat (\$1.75), a haircut (\$.12) and a flat iron (\$.02). Doctor Buel was paid \$1.00, and they also purchased medicine (\$.08) and a syringe (\$.23).

<sup>LXXXIII</sup> See Memorandum entry dated September 6.

<sup>LXXXIV</sup> This may be an unofficial name for a cluster of houses owned by a Smith family, but not identified.

for a visit. Found most of the folks away from home. We made our visit at Mr. Bronson's.<sup>164</sup> I never was there before.

Thursday, 11. Mother and I have been to Woodbury today. It was quite warm and very dusty. Got home about four. I have been onto the green this evening for some beef. Catharine is staying with us tonight.

Stopped at Aunt Orpha's a few minutes this evening.

Friday, 12. Went down to the sawmill in the forenoon with a load of logs. After dinner went down and loaded up another load of logs. We got wet some before we got boards and got home. We have had quite a rainy afternoon.

Saturday, 13. Father and myself have been to Litchfield to see the soldiers in camp<sup>165</sup> there. We took dinner at Uncle Erastus and Mary Ann was there. Have not seen her before in over five years. I bid my friends goodbye at the camp hill.<sup>166</sup> God bless them.

Sunday, 14. Mother and I have been to church. Mr. [...] preached. His texts were in Psalms 26:3<sup>167</sup> and Malachi 3:13<sup>168</sup>. He gave us two good sermons. How must easier it is to hear than to make a practiced application of what we hear.

Monday, 15. Went down to the sawmill this forenoon. Took down three logs and brought back a stock of boards. This afternoon, Marilla, Clara and myself have been to Aunt Orpha's for a visit. The day has been cloudy. That is the most of it, a little sunshine this afternoon.

Tuesday, 16. I used the stone auger a little while this forenoon. Have made a hole in the stone post so that a hook can be put in to hitch to [Tired]<sup>LXXXV</sup>. The hold hooks on the thills<sup>169</sup> too. Have taken the saws away to be filed this afternoon, the cross cut and buck or wood.<sup>170</sup>

Wednesday, 17. Father and I have been to work at the wood pile part of the day, sawing and splitting some old logs. Michael is digging his potatoes. Commenced yesterday. Have been on to the green for the mail. Went to Mr. Griswold's to get Clara's shoes fixed but Mr. Griswold was sick.

Thursday, 18. This forenoon I read some in the Tribune. This afternoon, Mother and myself have been to prayer meeting. The bandying<sup>171</sup> of terms secessionists and abolitionists. Deacon Baldwin objected to

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LXXXV Not very legible. Possibly the name of a horse?

Mr. A Smith, made some very decided remarks, defining his position secession on the side of right is what we want.<sup>172</sup>

Friday, 19. This morning Marilla, Clara and myself had a ride. Marilla and Clara called at Uncle J's. I went on to the green for some beef. When we got back, found Uncle Erastus and family here, have been down for a visit. Uncle Erastus and I rode onto Church after dinner. Warm.

Saturday, 20. Went up to Mr. Bronson's this morning after a side of sole leather. Took Clara with me. Have been helping Michael clear his corn and potato piece. We took his part of the corn home. Ours we put in the yard at the west barn. Also the potato tops.

Sunday, 21. Mother and I have been to church. We had a stranger to preach for us. Did not hear his name. Texts Matthew 5:6<sup>173</sup> and Psalms 126 last verse<sup>174</sup>. His sermons were very good, so I thought. It is one year today since I came to Washington<sup>LXXXVI</sup>.

Monday, 22. Michael and I commenced shingling the granary and horse shed this morning. I hurt my thumb while helping put up the scaffold this morning. It has troubled me about laying shingles some, but we have got along very well considering.

Tuesday, 23. Michael and I have been to work at our shingling again today. We finished the west roof and have begun on the other. Some rain day. Not quite as pleasant as yesterday. The top of the ground is quite dry.

Wednesday, 24. We have finished our shingling today. We were threatened with a shower just at night, but it passed off with a few drops only. Mrs. P Hollister has been here for a visit today. Wish we might have a little rain to settle the dust.

Thursday, 25. Went on to the green this forenoon. Called at Aunt Orpha's. Came home by Uncle Jonathan's and took dinner there. Mother and I have been to prayer meeting this afternoon. There were only few men there. Women predominately.

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<sup>LXXXVI</sup> Henry brought his family back to Washington on September 21, 1861, per this entry.

Friday, 26. Went to mill this forenoon. Had to wait for my provender<sup>175</sup> to be ground. Called at Mr. Aspinwall's and had my boot fixed<sup>LXXXVII</sup> and had my feet measured for a new pair. We got ready to go to Mr.

Augustus for a visit this afternoon, but Helen came here.

Saturday, 27. This morning finished Clara's cart and made Marilla a box to hang up after covering with moss and netting in some house plant. Then picked some grapes at noon. Fixed around the chimney, then took up Marilla's flowers.

Sunday, 28. Have been to church today with Mother. Looked like rain in the morning, or rather did rain some, so that we were late. Mr. Jones preached. He was from New Haven, so I was told. He preached very well. People will get so that they will not want to hear one man all of the time.

Monday, 29. Father and I are spending the night at Uncle Noah's. We are on our way to Milford Point.<sup>176</sup> We got here about five. Found Uncle Noah and Aunt Julia gone. We waited about an hour before Aunt Julia got home.

Tuesday, 30. We arrived here at old Milford about ten this forenoon. The tide was out and there was quite a number out clamming.<sup>177</sup> We joined the clammers and dug about a peck or little more. Then went in and had a clam dinner.

## October

Wednesday, 1. Last night was rather a sleepless night to me. My bowels were somewhat out of tune. This has been a rainy day. We have been obliged to keep indoors or get wet today. Have been out to see the scene. Drawn one bass, fifteen pounds.

Thursday, 2. It rained some this morning, but stopped about noon. The tide was out about one. The Smith's dug a bushel and a half of clams for us and Father dug a few and I walked about the beach. About [three] we fixed up for Ansonia.

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<sup>LXXXVII</sup> Aspinwall not identified, but the boot mending cost \$.08 per cash account.

Friday, 3. We stayed at Uncle Noah's last night and this morning about nine started for home<sup>LXXXVIII</sup>. Arrived here about four. Glad were we to get home again. The rain kept us one day longer than we expected to stay.

Saturday, 4. Have been up to Litchfield and then Morris with Gideon Pond's wife and children. I went up onto the hill to see Dr. Buel. Took dinner at Uncle Erastus. He was gone to Cornwall Bridge with cheese. It has been a pleasant day.

Sunday, 5. Mother, Marilla, Clara and myself went to church this forenoon. Came home with Marilla and Clara at noon. This is Clara's first sabbath at church. Mr. Richards preached. Psalms 112:7<sup>178</sup> was his text in the forenoon. Ecclesiastes 11:4<sup>179</sup> afternoon.

Monday, 6. We took the stove down this morning about the middle of the forenoon. Father and I went over to town meeting. He rode home with Deacon Punderson. I stayed till in the afternoon and come home by the way of Aunt Orpha's and called.

Tuesday, 7. Catherine came in this morning and bid us goodbye. Marilla, Clara and myself have been to Simeon Ford's to make a visit today. Sim and I went out a while to catch cold for winter fishing. It has been a very warm day. Saw Platt Crane.<sup>180</sup>

Wednesday, 8. After breakfast, started for the cider mill with a load of apples. Was two and half hours going down. It was very warm. Had on forty-six bushels. I brought back a keg of cider and a few boards from the sawmill. Stopped at Seth's a little while as I came home.

Thursday, 9. This morning I stuck up the boards that I brought from the mill yesterday. Then went down to widow Ford's to see Dr. Lyman. Stayed there till noon., then went down to Aunt Orpha's and took dinner. Went back but the Doctor did not come till near night. Had supper at Aunt Orpha's.

Friday, 10. Michael and I brought some apples up that he had picked and put them in the cellar the first thing today. Then we drew in the stalks and after that we took the horse rake apart some and put it up out of the way.

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<sup>LXXXVIII</sup> Henry recorded spending \$2.39 in the October cash account for the Milford Point trip, and bought a hoop skirt (presumably for his wife) for \$1.25.

Saturday, 11. Went this morning and had Dolly shod. Came home by widow Ford's and got the medicine Dr. Lyman left there for me. Aunt Orpha was there. She rode home with me. Marilla, Clara and I have been to Aunt Orpha's for a visit this afternoon.

Sunday, 12. Mother and I went to church this forenoon and Marilla and I this afternoon. Mr. McLane<sup>181</sup> preached in Jeremiah 32:27<sup>182</sup> was his text in the forenoon. Afternoon Luke [?:34]<sup>LXXXIX</sup>. He gave us two excellent sermons. What a privilege to hear such preaching.

Monday, 13. Michael and I have been shelling corn today. Father helped a little. We finished about the middle of the afternoon. I then went to mill. Called at Mr. Leavitt's and got the syringe Rufe got for us in New York.<sup>XC</sup> I stopped at Aunt Orpha's as I came home.

Tuesday, 14. Have not been doing much in particular today. Went out and got a few chestnuts in the forenoon. Also helped Michael pick up some apples. This afternoon we had picked up some and picked some from the trees and put in the cellar.

Wednesday, 15. Went down to the cider mill with apples again today. Brought back a load of boards from the sawmill. After I got home, went down to see Aunt Orpha. Took tea there. She expects to start for Ohio tomorrow. Simeon and Melinda are going too.

Thursday, 16. This morning after breakfast, started out after a carriage to go to Litchfield in with Marilla<sup>XCI</sup>. Went to Mr. Calhoun's. Theirs had a weak wheel. Went down to Seth's. He was gone to Morris. Came back and up to Mr. Smith's. I there got one. Got started between ten and eleven. Got home about seven.

Friday, 17. This morning stuck up the boards that I brought from the mill on Wednesday, then took Mr. Smith's carriage home and went from there down to the Ville. Home about four. Found father had gone

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<sup>LXXXIX</sup> Illegible chapter number.

<sup>XC</sup> The syringe cost \$2.00 per the October cash account. Research indicates that hypodermic syringes were invented in 1853, and morphine and opium self-administered injections became very prevalent around this period of time (both by Civil War soldiers and citizens) in helping with chronic pain and ailments.

<sup>XCI</sup> They must have gone to see Dr. Buel, who practiced in Litchfield, because they paid him \$2.00 on October 16.

on to the green to buy some yearlings. He brought home six. He has sold the farrow cows.

Saturday, 18. Went to the mill this forenoon with a load of apples.

Since I came home from the cider mill, took the gun and a basket and went down onto the south lots and woods for chestnuts and squirrels. Got a few of the former and none of the latter.

Sunday, 19. Mother and I have been to church today. Mr. Hollister preached in the morning from Romans 3:28<sup>183</sup>. Afternoon Proverbs 16:32<sup>184</sup>. We were warned of the danger in suffering our angry passions to rise. May God help us to feel and do right.

Monday, 20. This morning after breakfast, went onto the green to take a note to Mattie Leavitt for Marilla. Called at Aunt Orpha's. The girls seem to be getting along finely in the absence of Aunt Orpha. Got my new boots at Mr. Aspinwall's. Came home and went to picking corn.

Tuesday, 21. The southwest wind has blown hard all day. We have finished picking the corn by the west barn today. After tea I rode onto the green to see Mattie for Marilla. Called at Aunt Orpha's as I came home. Got a letter from Edward Pierce<sup>XCII</sup>.

Wednesday, 22. Have been to Woodbury today to get Marilla a shawl<sup>XCIII</sup>. After looking at all the shades did not find what I wanted, but brought home to return if I wish and am going to do so. It has been a windy day and quite cold.

Thursday, 23. This morning went into the woods to look for squirrels, but did not find any. The wind has blown very most of the day. Have been cleaning my overcoat this afternoon. Just at night went down to Aspinwall's for my boots<sup>XCIV</sup>.

Friday, 24. Went down to the cider mill this morning. Got home about ten. Just as we were through dinner, in came a peddler of tin and glassware who took in exchange for his goods rags of any kind as well as paper, giving for the latter one cent per pound. We made him out a load of [81] pounds.

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<sup>XCII</sup> Edward Pierce was a friend mentioned frequently as Pierce or E Pierce in Henry's 1855 diary. Have not been able to establish his identity.

<sup>XCIII</sup> The October cash account shows a shawl purchase for \$8.50 (Oct 25).

<sup>XCIV</sup> The boots cost \$1.50 per the October cash account.

Saturday, 25. Marilla, and I have been to Litchfield. We stopped at Uncle Erastus and took tea. As we came home, we came down the hollow to Seth's to leave his carriage. I had an introduction to the bride by Lora. She came out and visited with Marilla while I was changing wagons.

Sunday, 26. Have been to church a foot today. It looked like rain in the morning, so mother thought she would not go. Mr. Merrit<sup>xcv</sup> preached. His texts in the morning Isaiah 55:6<sup>185</sup>. Afternoon have forgotten. We had two excellent sermons. It rained when I came home.

Monday, 27. Wrote a letter home this morning. This afternoon went on to the green. Called at Dagnans to talk with them about their trouble with Michael and Ann. Called at Aunt Orpha's as I came home. Rode up the hill with Mr. Mansfield Logan<sup>186</sup> from Aunt Orpha's.

Tuesday, 28. Have been picking corn today. It has been a very warm day for the time of year. Have been down to Dagnan's this evening to settle Ann's and Dagman's wife difficulty. I settled it up and took a receipt and brought to Ann.

Wednesday, 29. Have been husking corn again today. Not as warm as it was yesterday. Sarah came up today and took grandmother home with her. I wish that we were back in Iowa.<sup>xcvi</sup> When shall we.

Thursday, 30. Mother and I have been to Woodbury today. Marilla and Clara went as far as Mr. Preston's with us. Stayed there while we were gone. We went down to get paints, expecting Mr. Thompson here this week to paint. We saw him and concluded not to paint this fall.

Friday, 31. I started out this morning after squirrels. Tromped around till some after noon, only got one red. After dinner I harnessed up Dolly and Marilla, Clara and I went down below Sam Hollister's after chestnuts. Did not get any. Scarily I got some burs.

## November

Saturday, 1. Have been out after squirrels again today. Simeon Calhoun<sup>187</sup> and S Hollister have been out with me. Hollister and I could not show much game at night of our own getting. Sim shot five grays

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<sup>xcv</sup> Not identified.

<sup>xcvi</sup> This is the first indication of Henry preferring the west in his writings.

and as many reds. He slept at Uncle Brin's. Lucinda gave us some pie cake and apples.

Sunday, 2. Have been at home today. Clara was quite unwell, so I stayed to help Marilla take care of her. She seems better tonight. Hope she is not going to be sick. Mother went to church alone. It has been a beautiful day. The weather is very pleasant now. Has been for days.

Monday, 3. I made two matches for taking up bees<sup>188</sup> this forenoon. I used one of them to take up a hive. Also got the bucket out of the well and did some other chores. After dinner Michael and I undertook to clean out the well, but the well rope was not long enough to put the bucket down to the bottom, so we did not make our [m...]. Michael and I fixed about the chimney.

Tuesday, 4. Went down last evening and got Seth's carriage and today Marilla and I have been to Litchfield. Doctor thinks Marilla is getting along well. We took tea at Uncle Erastus as we came home. Came around by Seth's and left his carriage as we came home.

Wednesday, 5. Went on to the green today. Called at all of the stores to inquire for a barrel. Did not find any. Called at Aunt Orpha's and stayed awhile. Called at Warner's to see the Doctor but did not see him. Came home at supper, then went back and saw him.

Thursday, 6. Have attended General Brinsmade's<sup>189</sup> funeral this afternoon at the church. Mr. Richards and Loomis attended the funeral. Much was said in the favor of the General. A review of his life was given. Has been cloudy and cold. Did not get out much in the forenoon.

Friday, 7. Mr. S Hollister and wife and baby and Mr. Hine and sister took tea here last night and are here again tonight with the exception of the mother to stay with. We are having a very severe storm from the northeast of snow and sleet. Commenced about ten this morning.

Saturday, 8. We have not had much wind today, but a mist nearly all day has not cleared up yet but continues to wet some this evening. Have been onto the green today. Have made some preparations for butchering. Mr. Hollister and family left this morning.

Sunday, 9. We have not any of us been to church today on account of the rain and snow. Have been studying the Sabbath School lesson

some. Though I have not been to church, hope that the day has been somewhat improved by me.

Monday, 10. We have butchered our pigs today. Had only two. Uncle Jonathan helped us as well as Michael and Frank. Michael and I took them on to the green this evening. They weighed 490 both of them. It has been pleasant. Snow has melted some.

Tuesday, 11. This forenoon went down to Mr. Seeley and Mr. [Ollis]. Marilla and Clara went down to Uncle Jonathan's and stayed while that I was gone down to the [...]. This afternoon went after the saws. Called at Aunt Orpha's. Met Doctor Ed.<sup>190</sup> Paid him.<sup>xcvii</sup> Got my med at Mr. H.

Wednesday, 12. Michael and I have been after cider today. Did not get home until in the evening. We took down today fifty-eight bushels of apples. We have had some light showers. The snow has mostly disappeared. Am glad to have it going.

Thursday, 13. Marilla and I have been to Litchfield today. We have had a very pleasant day. She and I took dinner at Mr. Hardin's. Ate at Helen's table. Doctor thinks Marilla is better.<sup>xcviii</sup> I hope she is. We did not get home till in the evening. Spoke with Bill as we came.

Friday, 14. Went down with Seth's carriage this morning. Clara rode down with me after coming home. Went back again after some meat, a quarter of a calf. Father and I rolled the cider into the cellar and placed it today. Am spending the night with Samuel in Warren alone.

November, 15. This morning drove up to the center from Samuel's. Stopped at the store with Charlie till noon, then went up to Myron's with him to dinner. After dinner went up to George's and spent the afternoon and took Silia home from there.

Sunday, 16. Have been to church. Mr. Lobdell preached. He gave us two good sermons. This evening Charly and I rode out to [J Woodin's], then came back and spent the evening at Aunt [...]. Mr. Lobdell, also Mr. Gilbert and wife called in there.

Monday, 17. Got home from Warren about noon today. Had some rain to ride home in, but not as much as I should had if I had waited till

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<sup>xcvii</sup> The cost was \$.37 per the November cash account.

<sup>xcviii</sup> They paid Doctor Buel \$2.00 this day, and \$.20 for medicine.

afternoon. With the exception of doing chores, have been sitting by the stove this afternoon.

Tuesday, 18. Have been to Hotchkissville and to the cider mill. Went down expecting to bring home a barrel of cider, but as I should have had to wait till late, came home without it. Mr. Bronson<sup>XCIX</sup> came for me to teach the school here this morning. I agreed with him to teach.

Wednesday, 19. It has been quite a rainy day. Have been looking over my studies today preparatory to examination. Found that I have lost very much in neglecting my books for the past seven years.<sup>191</sup> Have the headache this evening.

Thursday, 20. We have had another rainy day. Have been studying some again today. Have felt more dizzy today than before, especially this evening. Wish that the mind could retain what it once learns. What a great gain it would be.

Friday, 21. Have spent rather of an uncomfortable day. Dizziness, stomach sickness together with a little headache has kept me on the bed a good part of this day. Helped at the chores this morning. Then gave up work for the day. A bad feeling day for me.

Saturday, 22. Have felt rather better today than yesterday, but have not been out of doors much today. Though it has been quite pleasant. My head feels uncomfortable today. Have sat in the chair doing nothing most of the day.

Sunday, 23. Today we have all been at home. Did not any of us go to church. It has been an unusually long Sabbath to me. To attend church is a duty as much as a pleasure. Would that all duties were as great a pleasure.

Monday, 24. Have been out doing some chores today. This evening caught some chickens for Thanksgiving. Went over to Uncle Ed's and borrowed a geography. Stayed there some little time and talked.

Tuesday, 25. Killed our chickens for Thanksgiving this morning, then did some other chores about the house in the forenoon. This afternoon have been down to Aunt Orpha's for a little visit. Have not seen her before since she came home<sup>C</sup>.

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<sup>XCIX</sup> See the previous note on William Bronson on September 10.

<sup>C</sup> Orpha left on October 16, so she was away for about five weeks.

Wednesday, 26. Spent most of the forenoon looking over my books. This afternoon went up to Deacon Baldwin's to be examined, but found he had come down to Deacon Pundersen's. Went down there and went through the dreaded ordeal. Came home by the green.

Thursday, 27. Another Thanksgiving day<sup>192</sup> is passed. I went to church alone. Mr. Merrill preached. He gave us I think a most excellent discourse. We ate our thanksgiving supper alone. This evening I rode down to Aunt Orphas's and right back. Did not find anyone at home.

Friday, 28. Went on to the green this forenoon and down to the mill to see Rufe about a seat in church. Stopped at Aunt Orpha's as I came home. Uncle Noah and Aunt Julia came here this afternoon. Uncle Ed and Helen and Jonathan E and Sarah have been here this evening.

Saturday, 29. Uncle Noah and Aunt Julia left her this morning. Were going to Uncle J's to take dinner, then were going home. Very soon after they left, Marilla and I started for Litchfield<sup>C1</sup>. On our way home we stopped a minute at Uncle E's. Also at T Hand's to see Catharine.

Sunday, 30. Mother and I have been to church today. Mr. Murdock preached. His texts were Isaiah 43:4<sup>193</sup> and Job. Aunt Orpha and Fred<sup>194</sup> have been here this evening. Since they went away have written a letter to Charlie Hine and took it to M for him to take to the office.

## **December**

Monday, 1. Have commenced my school today. Had ten scholars to begin with. It was very rainy in the morning and most of the forenoon. Have been onto the green this evening with some butter and cheese and some chickens for Michael. Feel rather tired tonight.

Tuesday, 2. My second day at school has passed. I fear that my throat is going to trouble me about talking. Hope though that I shall not be troubled after I get accustomed to talking. I feel more at home in the school room than I expected to. Hope to have a pleasant winter.

Wednesday, 3. I see as I commence teaching again that there is a great fault as yet about being thorough. I see the importance of doing

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<sup>C1</sup> The cash account details several expenditures on this date—writing books (\$.10), diary and pencil (\$.40), pens (\$.40), and a donation to the “Home of the Friendless” (\$.25).

and getting well what we undertake to. Much time would be saved if scholars got perfectly what they undertake to.

Thursday, 4. My school has increased from ten to fifteen. Have now more than I expected too. My throat gets very tired and feels bad when night comes. Have been writing a letter home this evening. Wish that we were home in Iowa.

Friday, 5. The first work of my school has passed away. Though it has been rather of a hard week for me, it has nevertheless been quite pleasant. I feel better when I know that I am earning something.

Saturday, 6<sup>CII</sup>. This morning after breakfast I took Dolly and went over to Lobdell's to get her shod, but he was full so she came home as she went. Have been tinkering about the barn some since I came back from the shop. Took a sleigh ride this afternoon down to Uncle J and onto the green or at Aspinwall's.

Sunday, 7<sup>CIII</sup>. It has been a very cold day. Mercury this morning four above zero. It rose during the day to ten above. I was the only one to go to church from here. Mr. Preston came along just as I was getting ready to go and so he rode over with me. We had only one sermon. Mr. Lyman preached.

Monday, 8. School has passed very pleasantly today. Have had but thirteen scholars. It has been cold, but pleasant. My throat does not feel as bad as it did last Monday night. Hope it is going to be better this week than it was last.

Tuesday, 9. It has been quite pleasant today. Not so cold as it has been for two or three days past. Had my school visited this forenoon by Deacon S S Baldwin<sup>CIV</sup> and Wiliam Bronson. They came unexpectedly. My scholars were all present but one. Feel tired tonight.

Wednesday, 10. Another day at school has passed. This has been a pleasant day. The snow has softened some the south side of buildings and other warm places the south side of the hills. Grandmother has got home today. Father came by Uncle J on his way home from the mill and brought her.

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<sup>CII</sup> See Memorandum entry dated December 6.

<sup>CIII</sup> See Memorandum entry dated December 7.

<sup>CIV</sup> Deacon Baldwin referenced in February 17 entry Endnote.

Thursday, 11. This is most too pleasant weather to be shut up in a school room. My throat troubles me more than I wish it did. How rejoiced I should be to get over this throat trouble. Some time I feel quite encouraged about it and then discouraged.

Friday, 12. Have finished another week's work in school. Am glad to have Friday night come on account of my throat. Mother and Marilla have been over to Mr. Leavitt's this afternoon. Mattie they found looking quite poorly. Mr. Lyman's youngest child died this morning.<sup>195</sup>

Saturday, 13. Marilla and I have been to the Ville today. I went down to the tinner's and had a new bottom put in to a dish pan. Since I came home have been into the woods and got some witch hazel<sup>196</sup> herbs. This evening have been reading the news.

Sunday, 14. Mother and I have been to church today. Mr. Richards preached in the forenoon. His text was in 2 Timothy 1:10<sup>197</sup>. In the afternoon the funeral of Mr. Lyman's little girl was attended. Mr. Richards was very interesting. It is indeed worth a great deal to hear Mr. Richards.

Monday, 15. Have begun another week in school. Had three more scholars today. It has been a pleasant day. It is remarkably pleasant for the time of year. Did not need but very little fire in school today. Uncle Ed has been here this evening.

Tuesday, 16. Had some rain to do chores in this morning, but had a good time to get to school. Did not rain much between eight and nine. From nine till noon it rained a considerable. This afternoon cloudy but not much rain. This evening cleared off, but some colder though not very cold.

Wednesday, 17. Have had a new scholar today. Hope that I shall not have another this winter, for I have all that I can take care of without using my throat more than I think is good for it. Hope that I shall be able to go through with my work without injury.

Thursday, 18. Have finished another day at school. Find myself tired at night, but rested in the morning. That is well. May we spend the time as a school pleasantly and profitably. Our help and strength is in God. May He be pleasant to bless us.

Friday, 19. Just after my school had closed at night while I was preparing to go home, who should give me a surprise but Samuel

Tanner. A very pleasant surprise it was too. He is spending the night with us. We have had a pleasant visit this evening.

Saturday, 20. Mercury six below zero this morning. Samuel and I went to the Ville this forenoon. Came back and took dinner at Seth's and stayed there an hour at tea, then came home after tea. He left us for home. Have been to the mill since he went away.

Sunday, 21. Marilla and I have been to church. There was only one service. Mr. Lyman preached. He gave us something of his experience while he was gone. His text<sup>CV</sup>. He was interesting and affecting. Some eyes were moistened by tears occasionally during the sermon.

Monday, 22. Another day of school is gone. Marilla and I started out after school for Aunt Orpha's and the green. Just as we had started met Mr. [Beston]. He told us that Charlie Mitchell<sup>198</sup> was dead and before we got to Aunt Orpha's met Charlie Black and he told us that he died about three this afternoon.

Tuesday, 23. Have been in school again today. One week ago today Charlie Mitchell was at school. Spoke to the scholars this morning of little Charlie being taken from us. The scholars most of them seemed quite affected with his death. May God prepare us all for His presence and kingdom.

Wednesday, 24. Commenced school this morning half past eight, expecting the funeral would be this afternoon. But little Matty Mitchell<sup>CVI</sup> died this morning and so it was put off. Who should I see this forenoon but Mrs. Porter<sup>CVII</sup> and Robby with Hurbert who came to bring them. I have been down to Aunt Orpha's with Porter and Robby since school.

Thursday, 25. Started with Mrs. Porter and Robby for New Milford this morning. When we got to the green, found that Fanny Mitchell was dead. Died this morning, half past six. I drove on and overtook the stage just beyond Sarah Clark's. Mrs. Porter and Robby got into it and I came back.<sup>CVIII</sup> It looked some like rain.

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<sup>CV</sup> There is a blank space on the page, as if he forgot to put in the scripture references.

<sup>CVI</sup> See December 22 entry for Charlie Mitchell

<sup>CVII</sup> These individuals are not identified.

<sup>CVIII</sup> Henry records paying a stage fare of \$.75 in the cash account.

Friday, 26. Have been quite down today with my throat. It pained me a good deal last night. Sent over for Doctor Taylor by the stage this morning. He came over this evening. Said he should come over again Sunday morning. Hope that I shall get around very soon again.

Saturday, 27. Have been sitting in the rocking chair most of the day. Think my throat does not pain me as much as it did yesterday. The funeral of the Mitchell children was attended yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. Had a bed fixed on the lounge last night.

Sunday, 28. Have sat in the rocking chair most of the day again. Read a sermon in the Independent<sup>199</sup> this forenoon by Henry Ward Beecher.<sup>200</sup> Have read a little besides during the day, but have been idle most of the time. We are all at home today. Mother did not get out to church.

Monday, 29. Have spent today much as yesterday was spent. Have read some and have sat in the rocking chair, idle a good deal. I did not mention Doctor Taylor's being over here yesterday. Hope to be well enough when he comes next time not to want him again. Uncle Ed has been by to sit awhile today.

Tuesday, 30. Have spent another day in the house. Hope my throat is better. Doctor Taylor was here again today.<sup>CIX</sup> He thinks I shall get along now without him. Mrs. Phebe has been here for an afternoon visit. Mr. Bronson has been down this evening to see about the school. I told him that I hoped to be able to commence again on next Monday.

Wednesday, 31. The last day of the present year is nearly gone and a stormy one it has been. It began to snow and blow last evening and it has kept it up till tonight. Marilla and Clara have gone to bed. Mother and I since they went have been sitting alone in the north room. Father and grandmother in the kitchen.

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<sup>CIX</sup> Henry paid Doctor Taylor \$9.00 per the December cash account

## Diary Memoranda Pages

January 17. Little Clara is one year old today. May He who has kept her this year watch over and preserve her many years make her well and good. Help her early to love the Savior and live in obedience to His will.

January 21. Marilla received a Winsted paper tonight. It contained a notice of the marriage of Herman C Hine<sup>201</sup>. Said marriage was solemnized on the fourteenth. Miss Ellen P Beecher was the bride's name, of Barkhamsted.

February 5. As the cutter struck the rock, one runner broke also the [scheffletre].<sup>CX</sup> This let him from the sleigh. He ran onto the green and under the shed at Woodruff's store<sup>202</sup> and slipped. I went there and got him. Took him back. Put him into another cutter and then we started for Warren by the way of Bantam, taking our sleigh there for repairs. Got to Warren about two. Found quite a company at the Comstock's. Stayed there and took tea, then left for home, arriving here after nine with the sick headache. The anticipations of this day were much more pleasant than the realization. I hope the experience of this day so far as relates to the unfortunate will not soon fall to my lot to never I hope. Let this suffice.

Sunday, February 9. Mr. Lyman made some good remarks to his people this afternoon. They were quite affecting. May he be blessed in his journey.

February 25. Have this evening finished reading *Prison Life and Reflections*.<sup>203</sup> Would that this book had a more extensive circulation. It contains as I believe many valuable truths, and exposes the inhumanity of slavery.

March 6. Received a letter from Charlie tonight.

March 7. A year ago tonight Reme and I crossed the Mississippi into Iowa. The river was only partly bridged. We had to use boats to cross the unbridged parts.

March 31, Monday. This evening after supper, as I chanced to look out of the north window of the kitchen, I spied a pheasant on the wall north of the house. I quickly grasped the old long gun (which hung

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<sup>CX</sup> Illegible word, but likely referring to the shaft, which was the connection point for the horse.

suspended near the wall by hooks) and rushed to the window fast [...] to raise it [...] She did and I thrust the barrel through and quickly pulled the trigger. The first bird dropped upon the snow and died. I went and brought it into the house, loaded my gun, went out and soon found the mate of my first. Shot it too. Soon was mine. So now a pair we have which may tomorrow noon a dinner make.

May 11. Have written to Father tonight. Uncle Noah and Aunt Julia have gone over to Uncle Ed's tonight.

May 12<sup>CXI</sup>. This afternoon cleaned out the kitchen chamber with some of mother's help. This evening, Mother and I have been to Mr. P Hollister's to make a call. They read us some of Fitz's<sup>204</sup> letters. They were interesting. Today's paper brings the news of the surrender of Norfolk.<sup>205</sup> Merrimack is also reported destroyed.<sup>206</sup>

May 22. Mother and I have been on to the green tonight in the old wagon. Called at Aunt Orpha's. She had just received a letter from Aunt Minerva.<sup>207</sup> She informed us of the death of Uncle Clark<sup>208</sup> on the morning of the 14th.

May 23. Had a pleasant ride to Warren today. Apple trees in full bloom. When I got home found a letter from Marilla. Was glad to get it.

June 5, Thursday. Father and I put up a scarecrow in the corn on the back road and fixed up those in the corn by the west barn. Mother, Marilla, Clara and I went over to Michael's in the old wagon. Marilla wanted to get some things to set in her garden. Clara and I took a ride alone down the back road.

July 3. I know in whom we have believed and to whom I have committed this precious dust and that he will raise it again at the last day.<sup>209</sup>

July 29. Have got our rye in today.

September 1. Clara is sleeping in the trundle bed tonight for the first time.<sup>CXII</sup>

September 6. Samuel Tanner came here about two o'clock this afternoon. He and I went down to Seth's for a visit. Marilla went down last night. Samuel brought us home tonight, then started for Warren.

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<sup>CXI</sup> Henry inadvertently wrote April 12 for this entry.

<sup>CXII</sup> In Marilla's diary entry for this day, she wrote "This afternoon Henry has got the trundle bed moved into our chamber, and we have rigged it for Clara."

December 6. Snow fell last night, nearly a foot deep, and today the wind has been playing with it in a lively manner. Had several quite large drifts to go through on the back road when I was out taking my sleigh ride.

December 7. Mr. Lyman is again home. Came on Wednesday, He preached one sermon today. I have not heard him speak in public but once before since I came from the west a year ago last September. He said a few words to his church and people the Sabbath before he left for California. Hope that he will be able to labor again here. May he find himself much improved until his health is entirely restored. He seemed much rejoiced to meet once more with his people. I hope they all gave him a cordial welcome back again.

## Diary Cash Account Pages

After the Memorandum section of the diary, there were twelve pages for tracking receipts and payments of cash for January through December, and following that, a summary page where he 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 Doctor \$3.00 for his January 1 house call.

### Summary page showing receipts and expenditures in 1862

MEMORANDA.			
Date.	Amount	Dollars.	Cts.
Jan. 11 1862	Cash on hand	73	80
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Conno account for	1	72
	Amount paid out for this year 1862	122	06
	Amount received during the same time	116	00

SUMMARY OF CASH ACCOUNT.			
	Received.	Paid.	
JAN.	9 00	73	80
FEB.		17	84
MAR.		1	90
APR.		5	19
MAY.		16	03
JUNE.			58
JULY.		8	13
AUG.	168 00	5	93
SEPT.		4	93
OCT.		24	64
NOV.		3	57
DEC.		21	51
	116 00	119	84
		50	
		1	72
		122	06

# January - May Cash Account

CASH ACCOUNT, JANUARY.			
Date.	Particulars	Received.	Paid.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Remittance		30
"	Dr Taylor	5 00	
4 <sup>th</sup>	71. 100. 100. 100.		1 98
"	100. 100. 100.		32
"	Walter for due		5 00
12 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Taylor		50
13 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Taylor		08
16 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Taylor		12
"	Dr Taylor		06
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dr Taylor		19
27 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Taylor		09
"	Dr Taylor	3 00	
"	Dr Taylor		03
30 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Taylor		50
"	Dr Taylor		05
"	Dr Taylor		38
31 <sup>st</sup>	Dr Taylor		05
"	Dr Taylor		08
		8 00	7 57

CASH ACCOUNT, FEBRUARY.			
Date.	Particulars	Received.	Paid.
1	For Watch		9 00
"	Dr Taylor		70
2	Dr Taylor	3 50	
4	Binding Books		26
7 <sup>th</sup>	Binding Books		2 75
13	Dr Taylor	1	25
"	Dr Taylor		84
14	Dr Taylor		15
18	Dr Taylor		38
"	Dr Taylor		13
"	Herald		04
26	Dr Taylor		03
27	Dr Taylor		11
			19 84

CASH ACCOUNT, MARCH.			
Date.	Particulars	Received.	Paid.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pitchfield Congreg		1 50
18 <sup>th</sup>	Herald		06
19 <sup>th</sup>	Herald		04
26 <sup>th</sup>	Herald		13
27 <sup>th</sup>	Herald		15
			1 90

CASH ACCOUNT, MAY.			
Date.	Particulars	Received.	Paid.
1	Sam Bates		1 10
2	Binding Books		35
3	Buttons		25
"	Shaker		13
"	Sam Bates	2	52
"	Dr Taylor		50
10	Binding Books		60
11	Comm. in Day		08
12	Comm. in Day		08
17	Shaker		00
"	Shaker		1 30
"	Shaker		61
"	Shaker		21
19	Shaker		08
29	Shaker		5 00
31	Shaker		13
"	Shaker		40
"	Shaker		00
			13 90
17	Shaker		13

CASH ACCOUNT, APRIL.			
Date.	Particulars	Received.	Paid.
8	Shaker		16
11	Shaker		06
14	Dr Taylor	1 00	
10	The Times		08
23	Singer		10
"	Postage		03
"	Postage		2 80
25	Dr Taylor	1 30	
			3 14

# June - October Cash Account

CASH ACCOUNT. JUNE.			
Date		Received.	Paid.
5	Campuses		12
	2 Clinics		
7	Living Books		12
21	At Holbrookville		38
28	Living Books		16
			<u>68</u>

CASH ACCOUNT. JULY.			
Date		Received.	Paid.
1	Due to Bridges	1	23
	Yellow Bridge		86
2	St. Joe's	1	00
"	" Baber		83
3	" Blompe		
	Expenses		16
5	Babon		45
"	Ben L. Hill	1	23
1	Price Apple		14
7	Ed's Shoes	1	10
8	Dr. Garrison	1	00
9	Living Books		16
18	Living Books		28
20	Living Books		15
29	Dr. Garrison	1	00
			<u>8 10</u>

CASH ACCOUNT. AUGUST.			
Date		Received.	Paid.
7	C. H. Hine	8	12
7	Dr. Garrison		25
7	Living Books	50	00
11	Marshall		17
12	Dr. Taylor		4 00
19	Dr. Hildgard	5	00
	Postage, Hotel		14
	Postage, Hotel		08
29	Marshall		23
30	Marshall		23
"	Marshall		08
31	Postage		08
11	Receipt		10
33	Sponges		08
30	At Holbrook	50	00
		<u>108</u>	<u>5 93</u>

CASH ACCOUNT. SEPTEMBER.			
Date		Received.	Paid.
3	Living Book	1	73
"	Map of Pa		25
"	Har. Cutting		12
4	Books		24
"	Exp. Pen		03
11	Exp. for Cutting		23
11	Dr. Garrison		05
13	Dr. Garrison		16
"	Marilla		73
"	Clara		01
"	Postage		08
13	Marilla		20
4	Dr. Garrison	1	00
"	Medicine		04
"	Living Book		23
26	Living Book		14
			<u>4 13</u>

CASH ACCOUNT. OCTOBER.			
Date		Received.	Paid.
3	Expenses		
	at Stafford Point	2	39
"	Marilla		
	Thompson Shirt	1	25
4	Marilla		
	and Shoes	8	00
"	Marilla		30
13	Living Books	2	00
16	Dr. Garrison	2	00
"	Medicine		05
"	Handing Lin		10
"	Home for Clara		18
23	Living Books	1	30
"	Living Books		40
"	Marilla	1	00
23	Dr. Garrison	1	00
"	At a School	8	50
27	Marilla		14
"	Marilla		14
"	Letter		03
23	Cutting Hair		18
"	Picture		25
"	Towel		08
		<u>24</u>	<u>64</u>

## November – December Cash Account

CASH ACCOUNT. NOVEMBER.			
Date.	Particulars	Received.	Paid.
11	Dr Lyman		57
13	Dr Bird		2 00
17	Medicine		20
29	Willing bank		10
11	Diary pencil		50
11	Pens		25
11	For the home of the children		25
			<u>3 59</u>

CASH ACCOUNT. DECEMBER.			
Date.	Particulars	Received.	Paid.
8	1. Dr. papers		2 75
11	Dr. Sunbury		36
11	Marilla		1 00
14	Slippers		40
18	Sundries at the Village		3 20
20	Cap		1 50
11	Shil Brad		16
11	padding		81
23	Dr. Croches		25
11	Steg. Fair		75
30	Dr. Taylor		9 00
	standing bank		1 00
	last month		40
			<u>21 31</u>

End of Diary

## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> Jonathan Newton Hine (1803-1881). Married Marilla's Aunt Jennet Pond (1802-1892) in 1825.

<sup>2</sup> Likely 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. Photo below, along with death notice in the January 26, 1881 edition of Connecticut Western New.



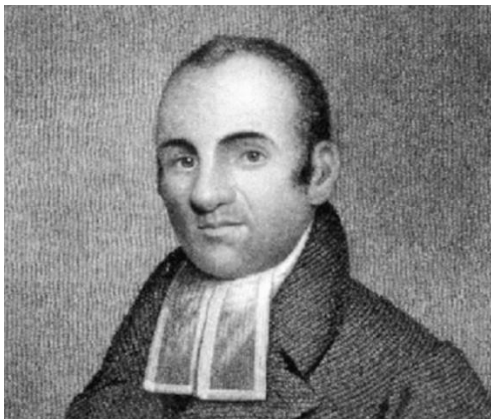
Dr George Taylor, who was buried last week, was one who held many positions of trust and responsibility for many years, or until prevented by the infirmities of old age.

<sup>3</sup> Henry refers to both his own parents and Marilla's parents by Father and Mother. His parents were living in Garnaville, Iowa in 1862. This is therefore Marilla's father, Herman Hine.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Daniel Elliot Brinsmade (1792-1863), husband of Orpha Sackett (1801-1885), mentioned in prior note as parents of Sherman and Frederick Brinsmade. This would indicate he was called Elliot by family members.

<sup>6</sup> Written by Timothy Mather Cooley, and first published in 1837, "Sketches Of The Life And Character Of Lemuel Haynes: With Some Introductory Remarks (1839) is a biographical work. It provides a comprehensive account of the life and character of Lemuel Haynes, a prominent African American minister and writer who lived during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The book begins with some introductory remarks by the author, providing context for the life of Lemuel Haynes and the historical period in which he lived. Cooley then proceeds to provide a detailed biographical sketch of Haynes, tracing his life from his birth in Connecticut in 1753 to his death in Vermont in 1833. Throughout the book, Cooley highlights Haynes' many accomplishments, including his service as a soldier in the American Revolution, his ordination as a Congregationalist minister, and his prolific career as a writer and public speaker. A portrait of him and a copy of the book follow.



<sup>7</sup> Unknown if this was Catherine H Burton, who was a 19 year old servant in the Calhoun residence (see 1862 diary of Marilla, end note 11) or a possible young family member named Catherine, who is listed as a 13-year old child living with widowed Marilla per the 1870 federal census.

<sup>8</sup> Possibly Gideon Hiram Hollister, Esq (1817-1881). He was a lawyer living in Litchfield and lectured at times in Washington. He was a second cousin to Marilla.

<sup>9</sup> Scripture reference text: "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

<sup>10</sup> Scripture reference text: "By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible."

<sup>11</sup> Likely Edson Seeley (1835-1896), a farmer in Washington, married to Candace Ford.

<sup>12</sup> Likely Lucinda Cordelia Sackett (daughter of Justus and Polly Sackett).

<sup>13</sup> 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*). The portrait below currently hangs in the Washington Congregational Church.

BROTHERS IN UNITY.		61
1832.		
Rev. John Bowers,	Wilbraham, Ms.	
Charles Dickson,	Groton, Ms.	
Rev. Edward Osborne Dunning,	Winchester, Va.	
John Jacob Astor Ebbetts,	New York City.	
George William Edwards,	New York City.	
Benjamin Francis Farley,	Hollis, N. H.	
Alfred Hebard,	Iowa.	
Rev. Henry Lawrence Hitchcock,	Columbus, O.	
Rev. Elihu Parsons Ingersoll,	Grand River, Mich.	
Rev. Ephraim Lyman,	Washington.	



<sup>14</sup> Have not uniquely identified who this may be. Per a February 14, 1861 article in the Litchfield Enquirer on page 2, there was a Reverend Daniel Murdock in the New Milford area.

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<sup>15</sup> Scripture reference text: “And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.”

<sup>16</sup> Erastus Moulthrop (1815-1899), brother of Henry’s mother. He married Mary E Wetmore (1817-1892).

<sup>17</sup> Gideon Hiram Hollister (1817-1881), Marilla’s first cousin, who is a grandson of her maternal grandmother Sarah Hollister (1773-1864). Marilla refers to him as cousin in her diary entry of the same day.

<sup>18</sup> In Marilla’s diary for the same date, she lists “Mrs. Calhoun, Sarah, and cousin Clarissa” as visiting. Based on this information, this would likely be Mary E Calhoun, her daughter Sarah (aged 29 and a school teacher), and Clarissa Hollister (1805-1890), a cousin of Marilla through the Hollister line.

<sup>19</sup> The green of a town served as a central point for civic, social and functional community life in this time period. Commercial transactions would also take place there. In Washington, the Congregational Church the Sacketts attended stood on the green. There were many stores, the post office, and other community buildings. See the maps of the green at the front of the book, laying out the businesses and buildings situated in the green area.

<sup>20</sup> Henry is referring here to a publication by the American Missionary Association (AMA), which was a Protestant-based abolitionist group. It was focused on the abolition of slavery, education for African Americans, gaining racial equality, and promoting Christian values. Per britannica.com, the AMA was a nondenominational society that worked to develop educational opportunities for blacks and other minorities in the United States. The society originally grew out of a committee organized in 1839 to defend a group of African slaves who had mutinied against their Spanish owners and had brought their slave ship (*Amistad*) into U.S. waters to seek protection there. The AMA itself was incorporated in 1846 by the merger of three missionary antislavery societies whose goal was to establish missions for freed slaves overseas. After 1850, the AMA turned primarily to abolitionist activities. When the Union armies began freeing slaves during the American Civil War, the AMA opened schools and churches for them. The AMA founded more than 500 schools in the South for freed slaves in the decades following the Civil War. These schools were open to all students and often operated as integrated institutions during the Reconstruction period.

<sup>21</sup> The New York Tribune, founded by Horace Greeley, was a Republican newspaper, with a voice advocating abolition of slavery during the Civil War. It had weekly editions distributed regionally.

<sup>22</sup> The New York Times was a pro-Union newspaper in 1862, and it was published daily, except Sundays. It cost two cents per copy, and was distributed throughout the Union states.

<sup>23</sup> In 1862, the Winsted Herald was the primary local newspaper serving Winsted, Connecticut. It was first published in 1858.

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<sup>24</sup> The Weekeepemee River is a tributary of the Shepaug River, and lies to the east of Washington, in the Bethlehem/Woodbury area. The river was used for sawmill and gristmill activity in the colonial period and into the nineteenth century.

<sup>25</sup> Likely George Smith Lyman (1815-1905), from Warren, who married Mary J Sackett in 1941.

<sup>26</sup> Possibly James H Comstock (1814-1883), a farmer in Warren.

<sup>27</sup> Myron Sackett Hine (1808-1872), son of David Hine and Achsah Sackett (Henry's Aunt).

<sup>28</sup> Possibly Horace Seelye, a blacksmith in the Goshen/Litchfield area.

<sup>29</sup> Likely a second cousin of Marilla, Seth Hollister (1834-1883).

<sup>30</sup> A cutter is a lightweight, open, one-horse-drawn sleigh, usually with a single seat designed for two people. It was a popular form of winter transportation and recreation in the mid-to-late 19th century.



<sup>31</sup> Marilla talks of this in her diary –"Tried another hot sling this forenoon but of no use. This time had a tumbler half full of spirits." A hot sling was a medicinal cocktail, containing ingredients such as hot water, sugar, and whiskey.

<sup>32</sup> Likely Edward Jonathan Hine (1831-1895), a first cousin of Marilla, who married Sarah K Senior (1835-1918).

<sup>33</sup> Erastus Mouthrop and his wife Mary had two children, Emily (b. 1848) and Charles (b. 1856).

<sup>34</sup> Dobby is one of their workhorses. Dobby is also mentioned several times in Marilla's 1862 diary.

<sup>35</sup> In 1860s America, men's slippers were indoor footwear, often handmade or manufactured using materials like velvet, wool, canvas, and leather, sometimes featuring rich embroidery, and serving as a comfortable alternative to outdoor shoes for relaxation at home.

<sup>36</sup> 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.

<sup>37</sup> 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.**

<sup>38</sup> Probably Charles Hine, 1820-1895, of Warren, Connecticut. He was the son of David Hine and Achsah Sackett, and married Phebe P., 1823-1851.

<sup>39</sup> Captain John Newton. He dies on Feb 21, 1862, at the age of 89 years, six months. Marilla's diary talks about him falling on ice February 4.

<sup>40</sup> Edward Judson Pond (1806-1875), brother of Marilla's mother Rebecca Pond.

<sup>41</sup> As noted in Henry's 1855 diary, there was a B Gilbert shown near the Congregational Church in downtown Warren on the 1859 map. He had a store, which was used by the local tax collector in the mid-1850s as a tax collection location in September each year (per Litchfield Enquirer notice on August 28, 1862, page 3).

<sup>42</sup> John B Derrickson (1825-1892) was a physician in Warren, per US Excise Tax Lists. Also member of Warren Congregational Church (from Methodists in 1858). Ancestry.com. *Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920*

	Vol.	Page
Derrickson, Elizabeth Miles, child of J. B., M. B. bp. Sept. 5, 1862	5	151
Emily E., w. of John B., M. D., adm. ch. Aug. 1846, on profession; John B., adm. Feb. 14, 1858, by letter from Methodist Church, N. J.		
Emily E., & hus. John B., M. D., ch. mems. Apr. 1, 1863	5	116-17
Emily E. (Miles), adm. ch. 1846	5	109
John B., M. D. & w. Emily E., adm. ch. Feb. 14, 1858, by letter from Methodist Church, N. J. Con. on profession; ch. mems. Apr. 1, 1863; he d. Jan. 18, 1892	5	90
		97, 94-5, ann

<sup>43</sup> Simeon Dwight Ford (1822-1911), married Malinda Sackett 1827-1881, who was Henry's first cousin through Moses Sackett.

<sup>44</sup> Scripture reference text: *But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

<sup>45</sup> Scripture reference text: *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*

<sup>46</sup> Remus T Ford (1838-1863), Simeon Ford's younger brother.

<sup>47</sup> The following details of the Battle of Fort Donelson (Feb 13-16) come from battlefields.org. It was a Union victory capturing Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, enabling Union advances up the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers, under Page 69

Brigadier General Ulysses S Grant. He received a promotion to major general for this success. Forces engaged in the battle numbered 40,702, with 2,691 Union and 13,846 Confederate casualties.

<sup>48</sup> Mary Jennet Hine, a daughter of Jonathan Edward Hine and Sarah K Senior, was born in 1860. She was still an only child at this time, with her brother Henry and sister Christiana being born in 1864 and 1870 respectively.

<sup>49</sup> 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, <del>E</del> "in 70th y."	3	32
David L., Rev., d. June 27, 1865, <del>E</del> 70	3	307

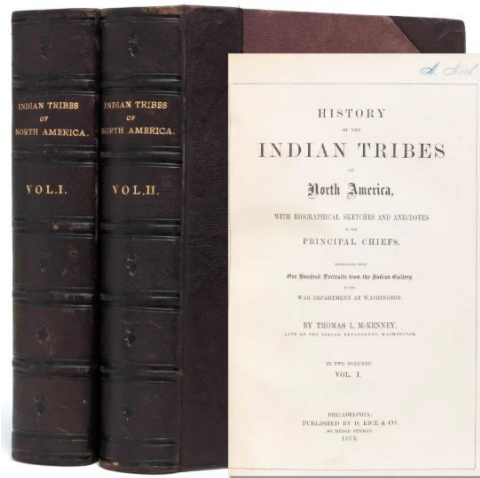
<sup>50</sup> Scripture reference text: *But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*

<sup>51</sup> Possibly one of the villages of Washington (such as New Preston or Marbledale), or maybe 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.

<sup>52</sup> Likely Reuben Harrison Loomis, 1848 graduate of Wesleyan university. An article on page 2 of the November 6, 1862 edition of The Litchfield Enquirer places him in Winsted, Connecticut.

<sup>53</sup> Scripture reference text: *For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

<sup>54</sup> *History of the Indian Tribes of North America* is a book written by Thomas L. McKenney and James Hall, published in three folio volumes in 1836, 1838, and 1844, featuring 120 hand-colored portraits and biographical sketches, capturing Native American leaders and cultures during periods of intense change like removal. The plates are after illustrations, chiefly by Charles Bird King, selected from the Indian Gallery, of important chiefs and characteristic individuals in native dress from the various Indian tribes and nations of pre-1830 America. The following picture is the oldest edition I can find a picture of (from 1872).



<sup>55</sup> To "set and file a saw" refers to the process of sharpening and shaping saw teeth for efficient cutting, involving two key steps: filing to create sharp cutting edges (bevels) on the teeth, and setting (bending) the teeth slightly outwards to create a wider-than-the-blade cut (kerf) so the saw wouldn't bind in the wood.

<sup>56</sup> Possibly a cattle broker named R W Ford listed in several excise tax lists in the 1860s. Source is ancestry.com's *Connecticut, U.S., Excise Tax Lists, 1865-1874*.

<sup>57</sup> Likely Reverend George Richards, a graduate of Yale College. He was in the Litchfield area in 1862, as noted in this October 9, 1862 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer:

**T**HE Litchfield County Foreign Mission Society will hold its Fifty-first Anniversary, on Wednesday, October 15th, at 10 A. M., at the Congregational Church in Litchfield. Rev. George Richards of Litchfield, is expected to preach the sermon.  
24 t2      GEORGE J. HARRISON, Sec'y.

<sup>58</sup> Scripture reference text: *Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.*

<sup>59</sup> Scripture reference text: *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till though return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return..*

<sup>60</sup> Henry W Seeley (1830-1906) and wife Abigail. He was a farmer in Washington.

<sup>61</sup> Martin B Strong, who married Orra Curtiss in 1837, and lived in Warren until his death In 1898.

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<sup>62</sup> Edward W Calhoun (1829-1909) enlisted in the Union Army August 7, 1862, and was mustered Sep 11, 1862. He served in the artillery as a private until his discharge Jul 7, 1865. Source: Historical Data Systems, Inc.; Duxbury, MA 02331; *American Civil War Research Database*

<sup>63</sup> Likely Preston Sherman Hollister (1808-1888), first cousin of Henry's mother-in-law, Rebecca Pond.

<sup>64</sup> Scripture reference text: *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

<sup>65</sup> Scripture reference text: *And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.*

<sup>66</sup> This is likely Sarah K Senior's (wife of Edward Jonathan Hine) mom, Christianna. She was born in 1812 in New Jersey, and married John Senior, who was born in England about 1811.

<sup>67</sup> 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.

<sup>68</sup> Likely Sheldon J Logan (1831-1911) .

<sup>69</sup> The term "sap camp" in 1860s Connecticut refers to a maple sugaring camp, a place where sap was collected from maple trees and boiled down into maple syrup or sugar.

<sup>70</sup> Scripture reference text: *But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land. And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.*

<sup>71</sup> Samuel Eldred Tanner (1834-1903), Henry's second cousin through the Eldred line-Henry's grandmother was Elizabeth Eldred (1761-1849).

<sup>72</sup> An exhibition of Frederick Gunn. Frederick Gunn was a high school teacher per the 1860 US Federal Census. The exhibit may be related to the *Civil War-Inspired Training Evolves into Camping Movement* article found on connecticuthistory.org – "Frederick Gunn's reputation as the founder of recreational camping emerged during the early 1860s, when he organized long marches for his students, who then numbered about 30 boys and a dozen girls. In 1861, he led his first trek 30 miles from Washington to Welch's Point at Milford, Connecticut, on Long Island Sound. The group camped there for 10 days, and amidst swimming and foraging, they performed military drills in preparation for service in the Union Army. The students called it 'gypsyng.'"

<sup>73</sup> Have not been able to identify Michael, who appears to live near the property. Henry's June 5 Memorandum entry states "Mother, Marilla, Clara and I went over to Michael's in the old wagon," indicating it was a separate farm or homestead. So it could have been someone living on the Calhoun,

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Farrand, Newton or other nearby property. There are a couple of Michaels in the 1860 US Federal Census with a wife named Ann (she is mentioned later) in surrounding towns—Michael Gorman in Roxbury and Michel McAllister in Goshen. These are the only leads thus far.

<sup>74</sup> Likely Helen Sophronia Sackett (1840-1890). There are spellings with Hellen and Helen in Marilla's diary. She would marry Remus T Ford August 19, 1862, in Warren. Remus would enlist on September 8, 1862, in the 28<sup>th</sup> regiment, then die from chronic diarrhea, an effect of the Civil War, on September 3, 1863, at the age of 25. Per the Sackett Family Association website, sackettfamily.info, she would later marry Simeon Dwight Ford in 1883, who was her sister Malinda's husband until Malinda's death in 1881.

<sup>75</sup> Possibly Martha A. Bronson, who was a 19-year old school teacher in Washington, Connecticut per the 1860 US Federal Census. She was the daughter of William and Lucy Bronson.

<sup>76</sup> Reverend Charles E Robinson. The article below is from the 19 Jun 1862 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer.

WOODBURY.—Mr. Charles E. Robinson, a licentiate from the Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y., who has supplied the pulpit of the First Congregational Church during the past year, was ordained pastor of said church, on Wednesday the 11th, instant, by a special council of the Litchfield South Consociation. The exercises of the occasion, which were of the first order and full of interest, were reading of scripture and prayer by Rev. Mr. McKinstry of Harwinton; sermon by Rev. Dr. Canfield of Syracuse, N. Y.; ordaining prayer by Rev. Mr. Vaill of Litchfield; charge to the pastor by Rev. Mr. Learned of Plymouth; right hand of fellowship by Rev. Mr. Wolcott of South Britain; charge to the people by Rev. Mr. Richards of Litchfield; benediction by the pastor. The performance of the choir was in keeping with the other exercises, and the occasion will long retain a place in the memory of the large congregation which was present.

<sup>77</sup> Scripture reference text: *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

<sup>78</sup> Scripture reference text: *Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.*

<sup>79</sup> Scripture reference text: *1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 3 And through covetousness shall*

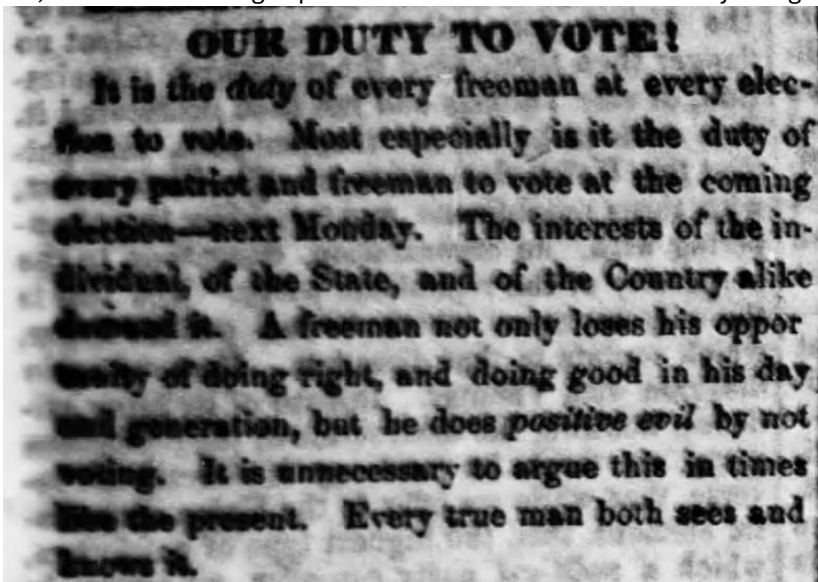
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they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. 4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.

<sup>80</sup> Scripture reference text: 12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. 13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? 14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

<sup>81</sup> John Lobdell (1816-1878), a master blacksmith in Washington, CT per the 1860 US federal census.

<sup>82</sup> The following was in the Litchfield Enquirer, Thursday, April 3, 1862 edition, speaking of a vote taking place the following Monday, and expressing the importance of voting (the copy is a little hard to read, so I have made it as large as possible). The vote was for state positions, including Governor and state senators. There were Republican and Democratic candidates on the ballot, and issues relating to positions on the war were emotionally charged.



<sup>83</sup> Not sure of the full context of this sentence, but the *Weekly North Iowa Times* was published in McGregor, Clayton County, Iowa in 1862. It was a newspaper covering local, regional, and Civil War news. Given Henry and Marilla had lived in Garnavillo, Iowa, and Henry's parents were still living there, it makes sense for them to be interested in this paper.

<sup>84</sup> The Battle of Shiloh, also known as the Battle of Pittsburg Landing, was a major battle in the Civil War fought April 6–7, 1862. The fighting took place in southwestern Tennessee on the war's western theater. The battlefield is located between a small church named Shiloh and Pittsburg Landing on the

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Tennessee River. Two Union armies combined to defeat the Confederate Army of Mississippi. Major General Ulysses S. Grant was the Union commander and General Albert Sidney Johnston was the Confederate commander until his death on the battlefield, after which he was replaced by his second-in-command, General Pierre Gustave Toutant-Beauregard. There were 65,085 Union and 44,968 Confederate forces engaged, with 23,746 casualties (13,047 Union and 10,669 Confederate). Details courtesy of [battlefields.org](http://battlefields.org).

<sup>85</sup> Island No. 10 was a spit of land a mile long and 450 yards wide, and so named because it was the tenth island south of the juncture of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. It no longer exists due to the shifting currents of the Mississippi River. It was the site of the first of three important Union victories that took possession of the Mississippi Valley and the nation's most vital waterway out of Confederate control. Details courtesy of [essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com](http://essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com).

<sup>86</sup> Marilla refers to Mr. Mills as a student in her diary. It was likely John L. Mills, who was listed in the 1862 New Haven directory as rooming at Divinity College (*Source: Ancestry.com. U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995*)

<sup>87</sup> Scripture reference text: *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

<sup>88</sup> Scripture reference text: *And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.*

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

<sup>89</sup> The term is used as an adjective to describe a cow that has not had a calf in a given season, or for a period of time. One definition from that era specified it as "a cow giving milk the second year after having a calf."

<sup>90</sup> There was an annual state fast on Good Friday each year in Connecticut starting in 1808, as decreed by the state governor. April 18, 1862 was Good Friday (Easter was April 20). The editorial on page 2 below from the April 24, 1862 edition of the Hartford Courant provides this background.

For the Courant.

MR. EDITOR.—I noticed a paragraph in your paper the other day that the annual State Fast had been appointed for Good Friday since the year 1808. In looking back to the time when that day was selected for this service, it is found it originated with the second Gov. Trumbull, who appointed Friday, the 6th day of April, 1798, and from that time to the present it has uniformly been appointed for Good Friday by all the Governors.

It has been said that Gov. Trumbull selected that day more particularly to accommodate the Episcopalians, who uniformly observed that day; and this was his first Proclamation for a Fast after his election as Governor, succeeding Gov. Wolcott.

E. G.

<sup>91</sup> Ebenezer Tanner (1791-1862), the husband of Dimmis Eldred, Henry's first cousin one time removed, through Henry's great-grandfather Jehosaphat Eldred (1716-1801). The death notice in Litchfield Enquirer, April 24, 1862 edition follows.

**DIED.**  
In this town, on Tuesday 20th inst., Mr Norman Barber aged 83.  
In Warren, 18th inst., of lung fever, after an illness of 2 days and a half, Ebenezer Tanner, aged 70.

<sup>92</sup> Homer Sackett (1801-1871), married Flora Skiff. He was Henry's first cousin once removed, a grandson of Justus Sackett (1730-1815)

<sup>93</sup> 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, as his obituary recounts below (The Tampa Times, Sat Nov 23, 1912 edition, Page 8). He and his wife are mentioned several times in the diary.

## OLD CITIZEN OF STATE DIED AT ORANGE CITY

### Rufus S. Leavitt, After Long Sickness, Passed Away.

Orange City, Fla., Nov. 23.—Rufus S. Leavitt passed away at 3 o'clock Monday at his residence on Graves avenue. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church, Rev. James Conway and Rev. J. Holliday officiating. Many friends of the late postmaster were at the church and followed the remains to their last resting place in Hollywood cemetery.

The deceased was one of our most respected and prominent inhabitants. Mr. Leavitt, who was seventy-eight years of age, had been in feeble health for some time, and had been confined to his bed only two weeks.

Mr. Leavitt was born in Washington, Conn., March, 1834. In the early days of Orange City I think in the seventies. He came to Florida for his wife's health, who was ill of consumption. They spent the winter here at his brother's, Mr. Woolsey Leavitt, on Leavitt avenue and while here he purchased land and set out an orange

grove, and at the time of his death had a large property here.

Mr. Leavitt had held many public offices of trust in his native state and at one time was postmaster there. About twenty-three years ago he returned to Florida to make it his permanent home. He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Eleanor Leavitt. His first wife and children died in Connecticut. At one time Mr. Leavitt was an officer in the Congregational church here of which he was a devoted member, but his health failed and he was unable to attend divine worship the last months of his life. During the McKinley administration Mr. Leavitt was appointed postmaster at Orange City, which position he held at the time of his death though his wife being deputy postmaster was for several years the real postmaster. The postoffice inspectors say it is one of the neatest and best conducted offices in the state.

Mr. Leavitt was of a bright, hopeful disposition, and often told his friends when he died he would just fall asleep. He had his wish. He just fell asleep. He lived in the belief of a glorious immortality and the spirit has gone to its rich reward. Mrs. Leavitt has the sympathy of the whole community in her loss.

<sup>94</sup> Reverend Francis Lobdell, 1835-1899, from Danbury, who was located in Warren, CT from 1859-1863 per Ancestry.com. *Connecticut, U.S., Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920*

LOBDELL, Ellen, child of Rev. F. Lobdell, bp. Sept. 5, 1862	5	151
Francis, Rev., of Danbury, settled as Minister, Nov. 3, 1859; dismissed Apr. 7, 1863; died Oct. 26, 1899, at Buffalo, New York	5	262

<sup>95</sup> Scripture reference text: *He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.*

<sup>96</sup> Scripture reference text: *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

<sup>97</sup> Possibly a steelyard balance, a type of unequal-armed balance scale. A picture of a nineteenth century steelyard scale follows.



<sup>98</sup> Likely Justus Parker (1785-1863), a farmer in Washington.

<sup>99</sup> Scripture reference text: *But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.*

<sup>100</sup> Scripture reference text: *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.*

<sup>101</sup> A wagon neap was the tongue or pole that extended from the front of a cart, sled, or wagon, to which the draft animals (typically horses or oxen) were harnessed.

<sup>102</sup> Noah Sherman Pond (1815-1892), Marilla's uncle, and his second wife Julia Ann St. John (1819-1868), who he married in 1848.

<sup>103</sup> Highland Lake, with a surface of about 445 acres, was created in 1860 by damming a tributary of the Mad River.

<sup>104</sup> Herman "Clark" Hine (1818-1909), Marilla's half-brother. He married Ellen Beecher, from Barkhamsted, CT on January 14 of this year. 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 1862.

<sup>105</sup> Scripture reference text: *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

<sup>106</sup> The Golden Sweet apple is a cultivar that originated in Connecticut in the 1830s. It was a large, yellow summer apple, excellent for cooking. It was a productive and hardy tree, often found in homestead orchards.

<sup>107</sup> Likely Reverend John Churchill, a graduate from Yale College living in Woodbury at this time.

<sup>108</sup> Scripture reference text: *For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

<sup>109</sup> Scripture reference text: *And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

<sup>110</sup> In 1862, digging roots for beer refers to the practice of harvesting wild, aromatic roots—most commonly sassafras and sarsaparilla—to create

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small, fermented, non-alcoholic or low-alcohol beverages. These drinks, often called "small beers" or "root teas," were considered medicinal or tonic drinks in the mid-19th century, serving as a popular, healthy alternative to alcohol during the temperance movement

<sup>111</sup> Emily Sibyl Sackett (1817-1882), daughter of Justus and Polly Sackett, Henry's Uncle and Aunt. She married Henry James Comstock (1814-1893), the Henry mentioned here.

<sup>112</sup> Henry and Emily's daughter Silia Jane Comstock (1842-1929).

<sup>113</sup> Possibly Reverend Bethel Judd, a graduate of Yale divinity school in 1836.

<sup>114</sup> Scripture reference text: *Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>115</sup> Scripture reference text: *14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

<sup>116</sup> The Naugatuck Valley Railroad came to East Litchfield starting in 1849. The connection to the Naugatuck Railroad provided the first direct passenger service to the town. The Scoville Hotel was conveniently located just a few yards away, and livery service was available to Litchfield village. The Naugatuck Railroad in 1862 connected Bridgeport to Winsted, with major stops including Stratford, Milford, New Haven, Derby, Ansonia, Seymour, Oxford Center, Waterbury, Watertown, and Litchfield, serving growing industrial towns and farms, linking to the New Haven Line.

<sup>117</sup> Based on 19th-century agricultural context, "making a hair line" in 1862 Connecticut farming likely refers to creating a perfectly straight, thin, and shallow furrow for sowing delicate seeds, often with specialized hand tools or precise plow setting.

<sup>118</sup> In 1862 Connecticut, farmers used willow, birch, maple saplings, or straight saplings from woods near swamps for bean poles, harvesting them from wet areas, where straight, manageable wood grew.

<sup>119</sup> Scripture reference text: *For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.*

<sup>120</sup> Scripture reference text: *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

<sup>121</sup> In 1862, "100 weight" (100 lbs.) of plaster, specifically land plaster or gypsum, was commonly used as a fertilizer or soil amendment for corn crops, often applied to the hills or rows at a rate of 100 lbs. per acre

<sup>122</sup> Likely Andrew N Buck, per civil war records. He was discharged due to disability on May 11, 1862 per ancestry.com, U.S., *Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865.*

<sup>123</sup> A "dooryard" was a term used in New England to reference the small, functional area just outside the door of the house where activities of daily life took place.

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<sup>124</sup> Likely James Averill (b 1815), a Congregational Minister located in Plymouth, CT per the 1860 Federal Census, and noted several times as Reverend Averill in the Litchfield Enquirer in 1862 articles.

<sup>125</sup> Scripture reference text: *Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.*

<sup>126</sup> Scripture reference text: *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

<sup>127</sup> Likely Titus Alden Bryan (1814-1864), a farmer in Connecticut,. He had a daughter Annis (b 1839), who may be the Annis referenced on February 4.

<sup>128</sup> Based on the context, a "Union mower" likely refers to a horse-drawn agricultural mowing machine. These began to be used as laborers left to join the Union Army.

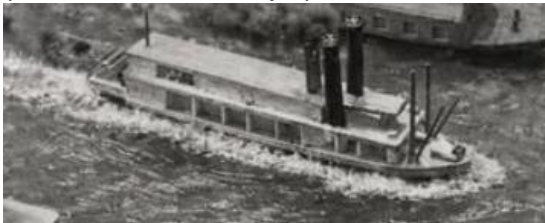
<sup>129</sup> Scripture reference text: *Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.*

<sup>130</sup> This may be an area in the southeast corner of Washington, now known as West Mountain Preserve.

<sup>131</sup> Scripture reference text: *And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

<sup>132</sup> In Marilla's diary, she states she would have liked to have gone, but wrote "hardly think I shall if I go to Iowa this fall." This would indicate they considered going back to Iowa later in the year.

<sup>133</sup> The *Bridgeport* was a paddle wheel steamer. Originally a civilian vessel, it was adapted for military use to carry supplies and troops in the Western Theater, serving a vital role in Union logistics and mobility. The picture below is a scale model of the Bridgeport, taken from a January 10, 2026 post in the Facebook group "RMS Titanic, RMS Olympic & Other Great Ocean Liners."

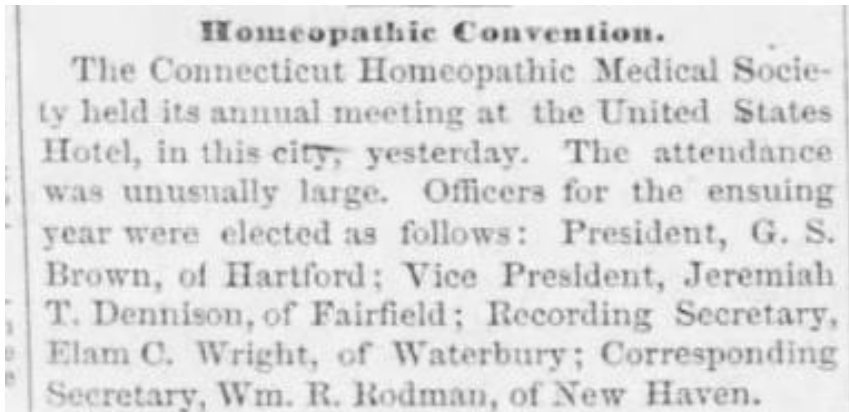


<sup>134</sup> In 1862, Bridgeport, Connecticut, became a significant Civil War mobilization center, particularly for the 17th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, which trained at a seaside camp (possibly near "Soldier Hill" or the future Seaside Park site) before deploying. Local efforts were led by figures like P.T. Barnum and Elias Howe to raise troops for various regiments, including the 14th, 17th, 23rd, 24th CT, and artillery units. This presence inspired the Soldiers' Monument dedicated in 1876.

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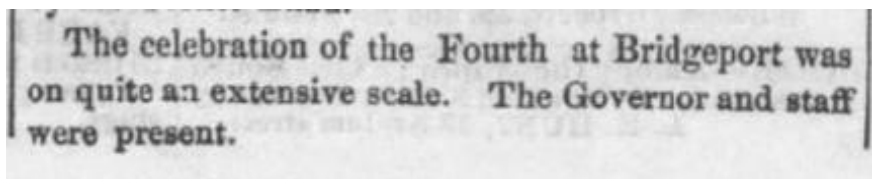
<sup>135</sup> Bridgeport-based Wheeler and Wilson Manufacturing was the dominant sewing machine manufacturer, competing with Singer. Known for Allen B. Wilson's innovations and Nathaniel Wheeler's business acumen, the company produced about two million machines during its existence.

<sup>136</sup> Jeremiah T. Denison (1806-1879), a physician in the Bridgeport and Fairfield area per the 1860 US Federal census. He apparently was part of the Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Society, as noted in this May 17, 1865 article in the Hartford Courant.



**Homeopathic Convention.**  
The Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Society held its annual meeting at the United States Hotel, in this city, yesterday. The attendance was unusually large. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, G. S. Brown, of Hartford; Vice President, Jeremiah T. Dennison, of Fairfield; Recording Secretary, Elam C. Wright, of Waterbury; Corresponding Secretary, Wm. R. Rodman, of New Haven.

<sup>137</sup> Based on historical accounts from July 1862, the Fourth of July celebration in Bridgeport, Connecticut, was a major event, featuring, among other activities, artillery target practice. The Bridgeport Battery of Flying Artillery performed target practice with "solid shot and shell" as part of the Independence Day festivities. It was described as a grand celebration intended to be "unequaled in Western Connecticut," featuring a large military and firemen's procession, with Governor Buckingham and his staff in attendance. On page 2 of the July 8, 1862 edition of The Hartford Courant.



The celebration of the Fourth at Bridgeport was on quite an extensive scale. The Governor and staff were present.

<sup>138</sup> Scripture reference text: *Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.*

<sup>139</sup> Scripture reference text: *And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.*

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28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear

<sup>140</sup> Silence Mitchell (1788-1862), wife of Timothy Mitchell, died July 13.

<sup>141</sup> Advertisement for a horse rake in July 3, 1862 edition of Litchfield Enquirer.



<sup>142</sup> Cradling rye involved using a scythe to cut grain and lay it in a neat row, prior to binding it.

<sup>143</sup> Scripture reference text: *One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.*

<sup>144</sup> Likely Daniel W. Wagoner, who had farm acreage in Morris, per US Federal census schedules in 1850 and 1870.

<sup>145</sup> In 1862, to “grind corn for samp” meant to pound dried flint corn kernels into a coarse, broken meal, removing the outer hulls in the process, typically using a heavy mortar and pestle. Unlike finely milled cornmeal, samp consisted of cracked kernels that were a staple, hearty, and labor-intensive winter food cooked as a porridge or stew, often with meat, beans, and vegetables.

<sup>146</sup> A row of cut grass or hay left to dry before being baled or gathered.

<sup>147</sup> Scripture reference text: *Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment.*

<sup>148</sup> Sidney H Lyman (1814-1877), a physician in the New Preston area of Washington. Henry paid him \$.25 per the August cash account.

<sup>149</sup> Likely Sarah J. (1846-1892) and Mary Hine (1849-1904), daughters of Marilla’s half-brother Herman “Clark” Hine from his first marriage to Emeline Brickley (1824-1859).

<sup>150</sup> Charles Louis Huth, who married Lucy Eliza Sackett, a daughter of Justus and Polly Sackett and Henry’s first cousin. He likely came from Germany, and

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was a piano virtuoso, based on his obituary, from the February 8, 1909 edition of the Bridgeport Times and Evening Farmer.

Charles Louis Huth, the well known piano virtuoso, died this morning at his late residence, 207 Barnum avenue, after a brief illness. A widow survives.

<sup>151</sup> Scripture reference text: *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

<sup>152</sup> From this context, likely an open shed used for sheltering cattle, storing farming tools, or stacking crops.

<sup>153</sup> Rowen, or rowett, is a term meaning the second crop of hay or grass cut from the field.

<sup>154</sup> Augustine Sackett (1841-1914), son of Homer and Flora Sackett. He was an engineer in the US Navy during the Civil War, at one point serving on the Steam Gunboat Chippewa.



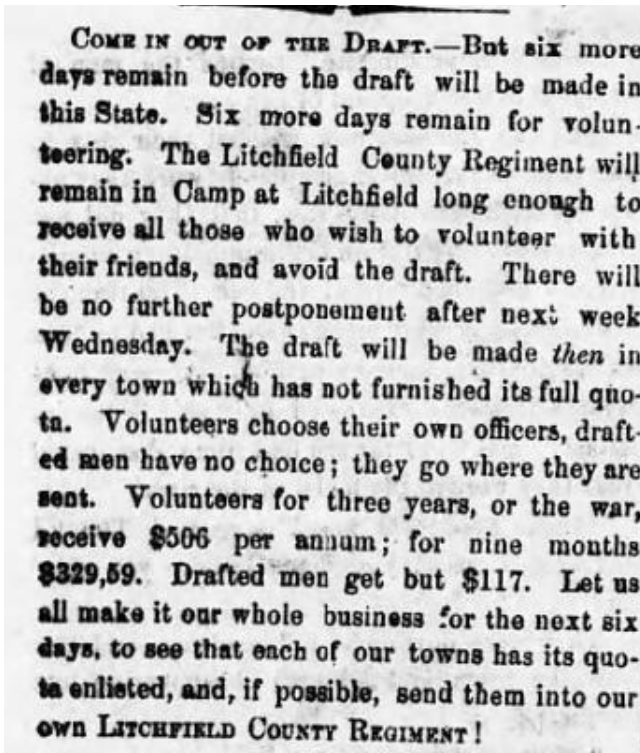
<sup>155</sup> Deacon Gustavius Rouse (1800-1864), who was a farmer living in Cornwall, less than ten miles north of Warren.

<sup>156</sup> Gideon Douglas Pond (1838-1915), a first cousin of Marilla, son of Noah Sherman Pond. He is listed as enlisting in August 1862 in the Connecticut 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He would eventually become a minister, as noted in his obituary below.

**Rev. Gideon Pond Dead.**  
Bridgewater, Conn., Jan. 10.—  
Gideon D. Pond, who until recently was rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church here for ten years, died today, aged 77. He was born in Washington, Conn. Since last spring he had served as a supply minister. His widow and a daughter survive.

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<sup>157</sup> The following article in the September 4, 1862 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer shows that the area was looking for volunteers to fill its quota for the war.



**COME IN OUT OF THE DRAFT.—But six more days remain before the draft will be made in this State. Six more days remain for volunteering. The Litchfield County Regiment will remain in Camp at Litchfield long enough to receive all those who wish to volunteer with their friends, and avoid the draft. There will be no further postponement after next week Wednesday. The draft will be made then in every town which has not furnished its full quota. Volunteers choose their own officers, drafted men have no choice; they go where they are sent. Volunteers for three years, or the war, receive \$506 per annum; for nine months \$329.59. Drafted men get but \$117. Let us all make it our whole business for the next six days, to see that each of our towns has its quota enlisted, and, if possible, send them into our OWN LITCHFIELD COUNTY REGIMENT!**

<sup>158</sup> Have not found a minister by this name. It may be a typo and could be Raymond. Then it may refer to Henry Jarvis Raymond (1820-1869), an American journalist, newspaper publisher, and politician from New York, who was involved in speaking engagements and politics around this time.

<sup>159</sup> Horace Bushnell, 1802-1876. He was a Congregational church pastor and author. From *connecticuthistory.org*, it reads that he was a leading US theologian of the 19th century. He was born in Bantam, Connecticut, attended Yale, where he first studied law, then later theology. In 1833, he was ordained a pastor of the North Congregational Church in Hartford, where he served until 1859. While in Hartford, he married Mary Apthorp and had three children, one of whom would later found the Horace Bushnell Memorial Hall in Hartford, known as the "Bushnell". Over the course of his life, Horace Bushnell authored a dozen books and gained renown as a minister, theologian, and civic leader. His lasting legacy to the city of Hartford is Bushnell Park, which he conceived in the 1850s. The 50-acre park was completed in the 1860s, financed entirely by public funds. The following is a portrait of Horace Bushnell.



<sup>160</sup> Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887) was a famous clergyman, known for his support of the abolition of slavery, his emphasis on God's love, and an 1875 adultery trial. From Britannica.com comes the following information--Henry Ward Beecher was born June 24, 1813, in Litchfield, Connecticut and died March 8, 1887, in Brooklyn, New York. He was a liberal Congregational minister whose oratorical skill and social concern made him one of the most influential Protestant spokesmen of his time.



<sup>161</sup> Myron Hine Lyman (1845-1878) was a son of George Lyman of Warren, who is referenced in previous diary entries. He moved to Illinois, as noted by the September 1, 1870 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer below.

**—Mr. Myron Lyman of Illinois, formerly a resident of this town, is on a visit to his father, Mr. George Lyman. He speaks very enthusiastically of the west.**

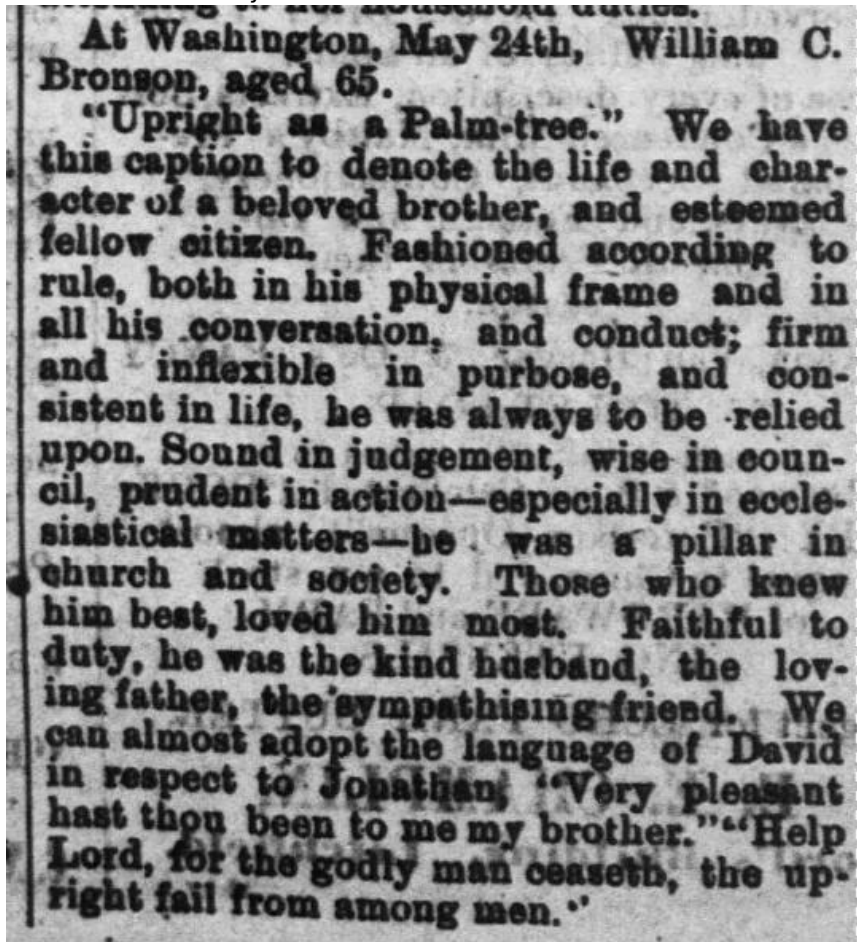
<sup>162</sup> Henry Wadhams Buel, 1820-1893, who established a sanitarium in the Litchfield area in 1858. Graduated from Yale in 1844, and College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1848.

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JOHN HUNTER ROBB,	T.B.	Philadelphia, Pa.
HON. ELI SIMS SHORTER, Rep. U. S. Congress.	E.X.	Irwinton, Ala.
JOHN WARBURTON SKINNER,	P.Θ.	St. Louis, Mo.
HENRY ASTOR WEEKS, M. D.	P.II.	New York City.
<b>Eighteen Hundred and Forty-four.</b>		
HENRY WADHAMS BUEL, M. D.	F'O.	Litchfield, Conn.

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<sup>163</sup> Scripture reference text: *Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.*

<sup>164</sup> William C Bronson (1811-1877), the father of Martha, the schoolteacher who was noted in Henry's March 29 entry. As noted in his obituary below, he was involved in ecclesiastical matters, which likely included helping with the school at which Henry was invited to teach on November 18.

An obituary notice for William C. Bronson, aged 65, who died in Washington on May 24th. The text describes him as a man of high character, firm in purpose, and a pillar in church and society. It includes a biblical quote from David: "Very pleasant hast thou been to me my brother." and another: "Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, the upright fall from among men." The notice is enclosed in a decorative border.

**At Washington, May 24th, William C. Bronson, aged 65.**  
"Upright as a Palm-tree." We have this caption to denote the life and character of a beloved brother, and esteemed fellow citizen. Fashioned according to rule, both in his physical frame and in all his conversation, and conduct; firm and inflexible in purpose, and consistent in life, he was always to be relied upon. Sound in judgement, wise in council, prudent in action—especially in ecclesiastical matters—he was a pillar in church and society. Those who knew him best, loved him most. Faithful to duty, he was the kind husband, the loving father, the sympathising friend. We can almost adopt the language of David in respect to Jonathan, "Very pleasant hast thou been to me my brother." "Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, the upright fall from among men."

<sup>165</sup> Camp Dutton was a Civil War training camp established in Litchfield, Connecticut, during the summer of 1862, specifically on Camp Dutton Road. It served as the assembly point for the 19th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, with men training there before departing via the East Litchfield train station. It was commanded by Litchfield native Col. Leverett W. Wessells. The camp was active in the summer of 1862 and officially broke up on September 15, 1862, when the regiment departed. The site has been commemorated by the Litchfield Historical Society and re-enactors, highlighting its role in local

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history. The following is from the Thursday Sep 18, 1862 edition of the Litchfield Enquirer.

**THE LITCHFIELD COUNTY REGIMENT.**—On Thursday last Gov. Buckingham paid a visit to Camp Dutton, and reviewed the Regiment. He expressed himself as highly gratified with the appearance of the Regiment, and freely stated that no better or more promising had been sent from the State. The boys will give such a report of themselves hereafter that our noble Governor shall never have reason to change his mind.

On Friday and Saturday the officers and men were paid off and mustered into the U. S. service. On Monday the Regiment was ordered to march, and at half past ten they were drawn into line, in the presence of thousands of spectators, and after giving three rousing cheers for Camp Dutton, took up their march for the Naugatuck Railroad, followed by a string of carriages, which reached more than a mile in length. At the Railroad station they were embarked in 23 passenger cars, drawn by two locomotives, and, amid the cheers of the multitude, which covered every available inch of ground about the Depot, and the responsive cheers of the brave boys themselves, they started at about 2 P. M., en route for the field. Their arms met them at the depot, and went on with them. They consist of the Enfield Rifles, newest patterns.

From a paragraph in one of the New York papers of Wednesday, we learn that the Regiment arrived at New York at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, and were taken by boat to the Jersey City depot about 12, midnight, when they embarked for *Washington*. We shall expect to hear from them by next week.

<sup>166</sup> As noted in the previous Endnote, the 19th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment was organized and mustered into service in Litchfield, Connecticut, between July 25 and September 9, 1862, under Colonel Wessells. The regiment left for Washington, D.C., on September 15, 1862, to

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join the defenses of the capital, later becoming the 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery in 1863.

<sup>167</sup> Scripture reference text: *For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.*

<sup>168</sup> Scripture reference text: *Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?*

<sup>169</sup> Thills are the two wooden shafts extending from the body of a carriage or wagon between which a horse is harnessed.

<sup>170</sup> Wood saws, and particularly bucksaws (frame saws), were the primary tools for cutting firewood or logs to length.

<sup>171</sup> In 1862, the phrase "bandying of terms" (or more commonly "bandying words") meant engaging in an argument, specifically the exchange of sharp, witty, or angry words back and forth in a quick, argumentative manner.

<sup>172</sup> In 1862, the concept of "secession on the side of right" was not a mainstream view, but rather a perspective held by Northern Democrats called "Copperheads". They were peace advocates who believed that Southern secession was justified—or at least not worth a war—and that the Union was wrong to coerce the South back into the fold. The following article in the March 1, 1862 edition of the Hartford Courant gives a flavor for how emotionally charged this issue was.

The Norwich *Bulletin* says there is a den of copperheads in Saybrook, that wants the attention of United States officers. They undertook a peace meeting last summer, and the reptiles have been quiet ever since. The *Bulletin* says:

“Last Sunday morning the nest was astir again. On the day before the remains of Lieut. Stillman, who fell at Roanoke while gallantly fighting for his country, were taken to their last resting place in the old town. This circumstance seemed to bring joy, and boldness therewith, to the ‘secesh.’ During the night they raised, so we are informed, a *black flag*—whether to indicate their bloodthirsty hate for the Union soldiers, or the deep dye of their disloyalty, cannot be told. The emblem remained floating for some hours, and the secessionists were unusually black-mouthed that day. The rag was finally cut down. On Monday the Stars and Stripes were flung out by some good Union men, but during the night *the halliards were cut and the banner dishonored in the dust.*”

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<sup>173</sup> Scripture reference text: *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

<sup>174</sup> Scripture reference text (verse 6): *He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

<sup>175</sup> Provender refers to dry food, fodder, or forage for livestock (horses, cattle, etc.), such as hay, oats, corn or meal.

<sup>176</sup> Milford Point is located in the town of Milford, New Haven County, Connecticut, on the coast of Long Island Sound. It was specifically situated to the northeast of the mouth of the Housatonic River. In 1862, it was part of an agricultural community that engaged in coastal trade, oystering, and shipbuilding

<sup>177</sup> In 1862 Connecticut, clamming was a localized, largely manual, and integral part of the coastal economy and diet, similar to the small-scale, hand-raking and tonging methods used for oysters. Industrialization of shellfish harvesting was just beginning, often requiring significant labor.

<sup>178</sup> Scripture reference text: *He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.*

<sup>179</sup> Scripture reference text: *He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.*

<sup>180</sup> Most likely George Platt Crane, a farmer in the Woodbury area.

<sup>181</sup> Possibly James W McLane, a 1929 graduate of Yale.

<sup>182</sup> Scripture reference text: *Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?*

<sup>183</sup> Scripture reference text: *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

<sup>184</sup> Scripture reference text: *He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.*

<sup>185</sup> Scripture reference text: *Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.*

<sup>186</sup> Samuel Mansfield Logan (1793-1871), the father of Sheldon Logan, mentioned previously.

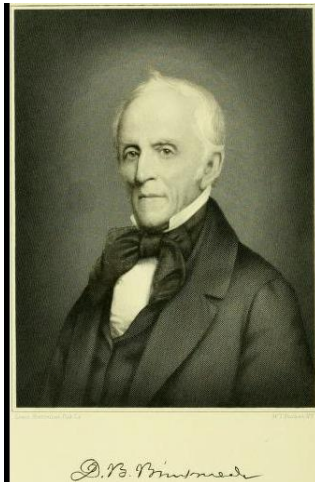
<sup>187</sup> Likely Simeon H Calhoun, who enlisted in the Union army in September 1861 and was discharged in May 1862 due to a disability. The Calhoun family had property bordering the Hines to the east. He owned about twenty acres per the 1870 US federal census.

<sup>188</sup> "Taking up" bees meant destroying the hive at the end of the season to remove the honeycombs. This was done with sulfur/brimstone. Matches in this context refer to sulfur matches to create the smoke to kill or stun the bees during the taking up process.

<sup>189</sup> General Daniel Bourbon Brinsmade (1872-1862) was the son of Daniel Nathaniel and Abigail Farrand Brinsmade of Washington, Connecticut. His father graduated from Yale in 1772 and served in the State House of

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Representatives and as a member of the 1788 Constitutional Convention. After attending the Litchfield Law School in 1803, Brinsmade held the office of Brigadier General in the Cavalry in the Connecticut Militia from 1817 to 1819. He married twice, first to Irene Merwin in 1806 and then Mary Wakeman Gold in 1814. Daniel Brinsmade died November 3, 1862.



<sup>190</sup> This is Doctor Edward P Lyman, also located in New Preston, possibly a brother of Doctor Sydney Lyman in the same village.

<sup>191</sup> Henry left teaching at a school in Warren in the spring of 1855 per his 1855 diary. This would indicate that he had not served as a teacher since then.

<sup>192</sup> Prior to 1863, Thanksgiving was typically a regional celebration. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November a national holiday to promote unity. It was not until 1941 though, when President Franklin Roosevelt would designate the fourth Thursday in November as an official annual federal holiday.

<sup>193</sup> Scripture reference text: *Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.*

<sup>194</sup> Frederick Augustus Brinsmade (1824-1907), the stepson of Aunt Orpha (son of Daniel Elloitt Brinsmade), who would become Marilla's husband in 1873 after Henry's 1868 death.

<sup>195</sup> Jennie Lyman, aged 6 years old. Buried in New Washington Cemetery. Recorded in Connecticut State Library; Hartford, Connecticut; *The Charles R. Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions*; *ancestry.com*

<sup>196</sup> Early settlers in New England learned the medicinal properties of the native shrub witch hazel from indigenous communities. In 1862, it was used for internal ailments, and sometimes consumed in a tea to treat colds, diarrhea, and sore throats.

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<sup>197</sup> Scripture reference text: *But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

<sup>198</sup> Charlie Mitchell, (1851-1862), son of Abner and Lydia Mitchell. Three siblings died within days of each other. This is noted at the bottom of the monument in New Washington Cemetery, as pictured below. Per *Find A Grave*, siblings Charles (Charlie), Frances (Fanny) and Matthew (Matty) were all buried together on December 26, 1862.



<sup>199</sup> The Independent was a prominent weekly journal of religion, politics, and literature. Published in New York, it had a significant readership throughout New England, including Connecticut, during the Civil War era

<sup>200</sup> There was a sermon published on page 2 of the September 25, 1862 edition of the Independent. This was likely the sermon Henry refers to. It was based on 2 Corinthians 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

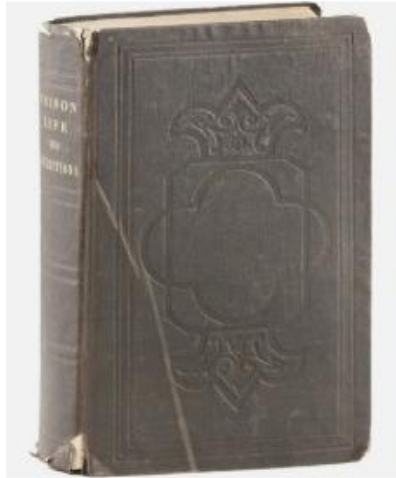
<sup>201</sup> As noted in the May 9 entry Endnote, this is Marilla’s half-brother Herman “Clark” Hine. Herman’s first wife Emeline Brickley died in 1859. He married Ellen Beecher, from Barkhamsted, CT on January 14 of this year His two daughters were Sarah (1846-1892) and Mary (1849-1904).

<sup>202</sup> There is a T R Woodruff shown on the bottom right of the *Washington Center and Green* GM Hopkins map at the beginning of the book, and J Woodruff in the 1867 map on the following page. The Woodruff family members have not been identified other than by location.

<sup>203</sup> *Prison Life and Reflections* is a memoir by George Thompson detailing his unjust imprisonment in Missouri with Alanson Work and James E. Burr for helping slaves escape. Published in 1847, the book recounts their arrest, trial, harsh prison conditions, and reflections on the criminal justice system, race, and power, serving as a powerful abolitionist text and a call for reform. A

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picture of an 1847 edition of the book, similar to what Henry would have read, is below.



<sup>204</sup> Fitz Greene Hollister was the son of Preston Sherman(1808-1888) and Phebe Turner Hollister (1813-1895). He would die as a sergeant in the Civil War at the Battle of Second Petersburg in Petersburg, Virginia on June 15, 1864, as reported on page 2 of the July 14, 1862, edition of the Litchfield Enquirer, shown below. Background on the skirmishing referred to in the death notice is explained in battlefields.org. Marching from Cold Harbor, Virginia, General George G. Meade's Army of the Potomac crossed the James River on transports and a 2,200-foot long pontoon bridge at Windmill Point on June 14. General Benjamin F. Butler's leading forces crossed the Appomattox River at Broadway Landing and attacked the Petersburg defenses on June 15.

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**On the morning of June 15th, 1864, on the skirmishing line near Petersburg, Va., Fitz Green Hollister of Washington, Ct., a member of Co. I, 8th C. V. I., at the age of 27 years, yielded up his life in the service of his Country.**

<sup>205</sup> On May 10, 1862, Union forces under Major General John E. Wool captured Norfolk, Virginia, in a largely unopposed operation personally initiated by President Lincoln. Following the Confederate evacuation of the city and destruction of the Gosport Navy Yard, Mayor William Lamb surrendered the city to secure civilian safety.

<sup>206</sup> The Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia (formerly called the USS Merrimack) was destroyed by her own crew on May 11, 1862, near

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Craney Island, Virginia, to prevent her capture. Following the Confederate evacuation of Norfolk, the deep-draft vessel was unable to navigate the shallow James River to safety. The explosion of its powder magazine marked the end of the vessel's service.

<sup>207</sup> Minerva Sackett Comstock (1803-1883), Henry's Aunt, sister of Henry's father Benjamin. She married Silas Comstock (1792-1854), and they had lived in Ohio.

<sup>208</sup> Clark A Sackett (1793-1862), Henry's Uncle, brother of Henry's father Benjamin. He died on May 14, 1862 while living in Tallmadge, Ohio.

<sup>209</sup> Henry referenced going to the cemetery on July 3. There is no indication of whose grave(s) he visited though.