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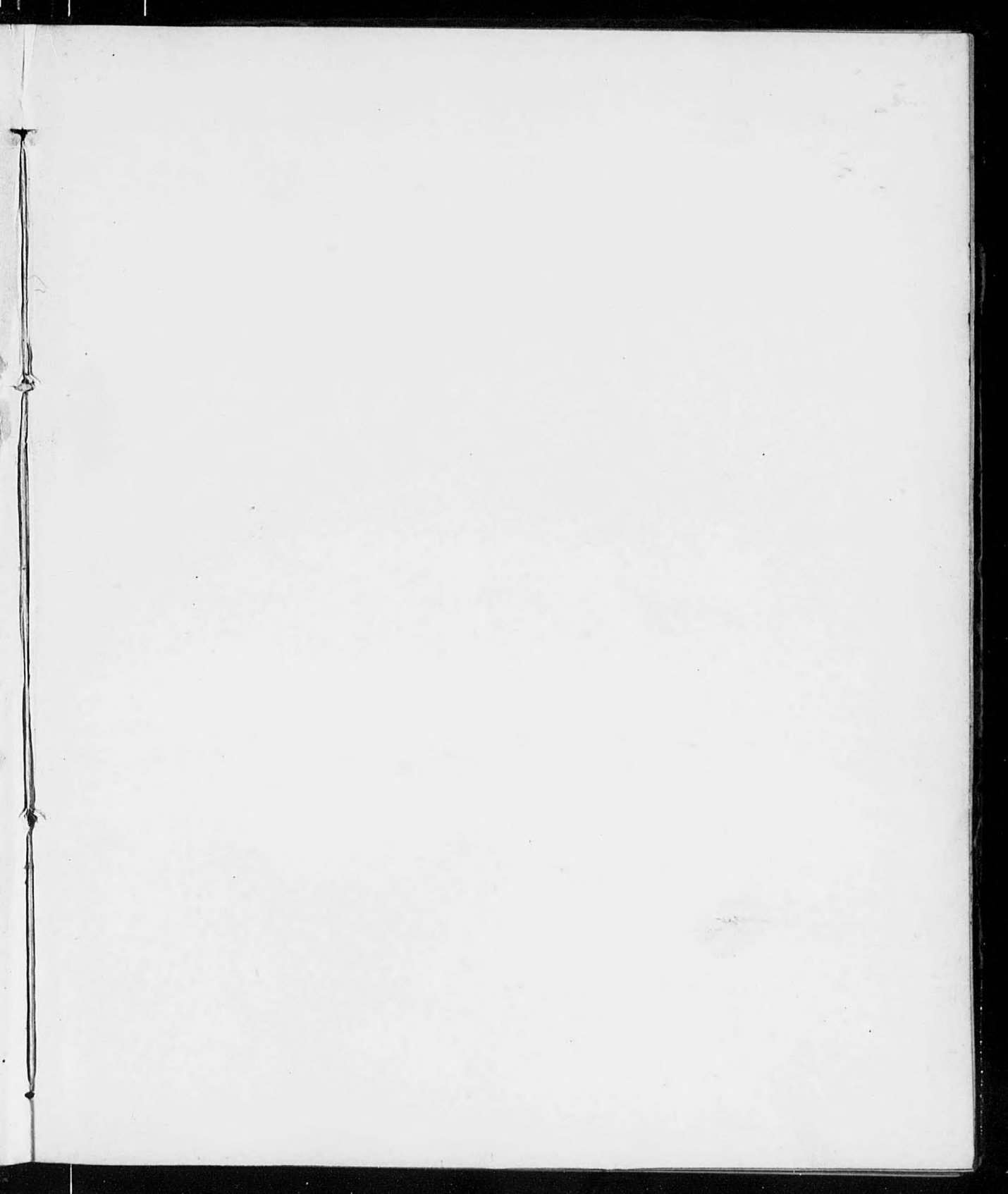
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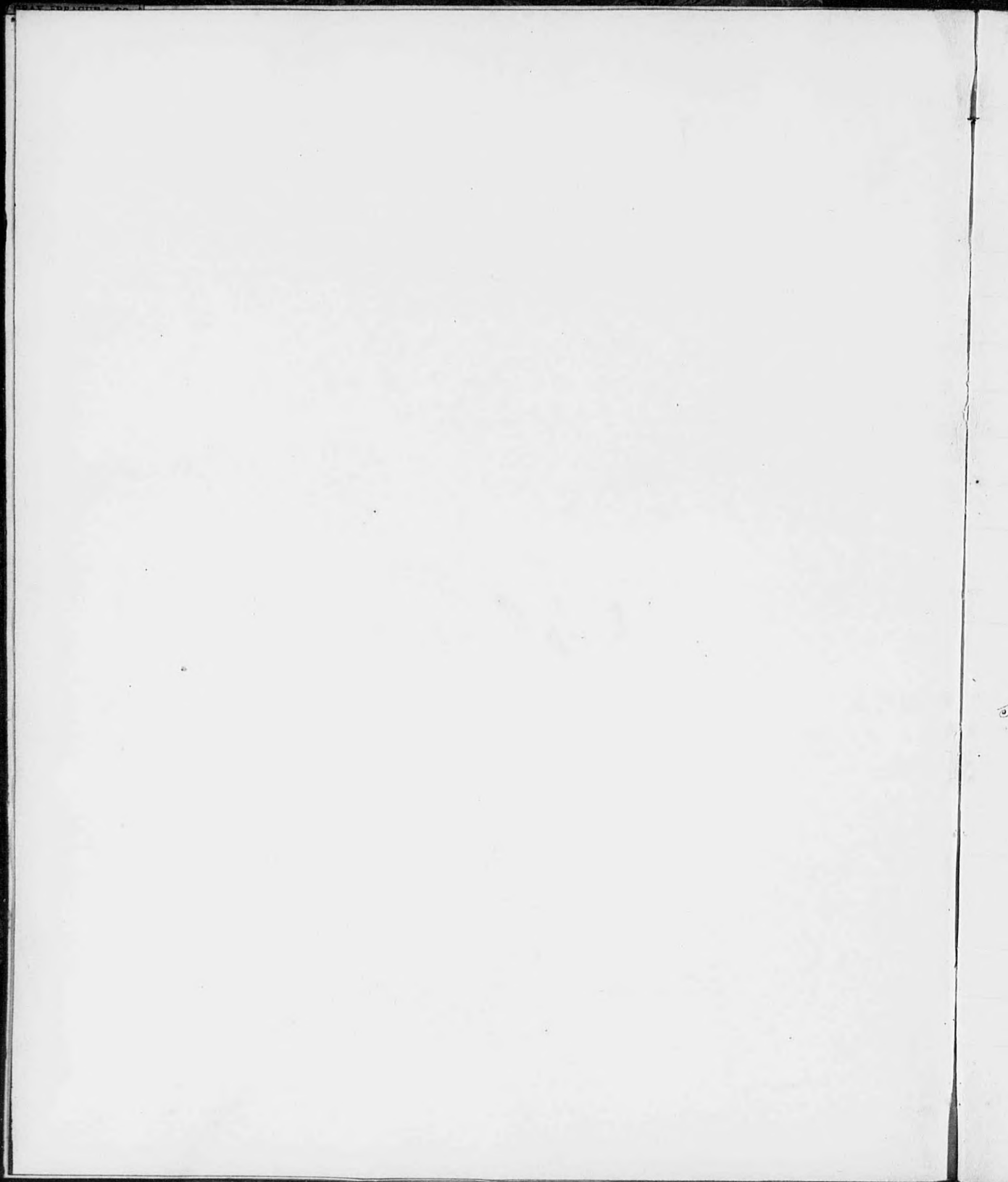
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# A Journal of Miscellaneous Items

Kept by the Elder Sisters,  
Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> 1855.

## September.

Sat 1. There being a vacancy left in the Elders lot, occasioned by the ill health of Hannah Ann Treadway, who has long been unable to fill the place, it has finally been concluded to have Polly B. fill the vacancy, and labor to gain a gift in that lot. She was accordingly apprized of her destiny on the morning of this day, (Sept 1<sup>st</sup>) and the family were informed of the change at the close of the evening meeting, when she was called

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forward to take her place, & went that night to her destined place of abode, to live with Elder Sister Eliza Ann Taylor. The Elder Brethren at this time are Elder Br Daniel Crossman and Benjamin Gates.

Mon 3. P R moves her clothes from No 20. to No 6.

Thurs 6. John Dean took Sister Betsy Bates, Rachel Sampson and Maria De Witt. Elder Sister Eliza Ann T and P R to the Depot at Canaan Corners. Here he leaves B B. R S & M D to take the cars for Albany on their way to Waterlot. After leaving them he proceeds on to Union Village with Elder Sister and Polly, to meet two loads of visitors from the East who are on their way to Lebanon. One load is from Canterbury the other from Shirley. Those from Canterbury were Elder Brother Chase Hard, Robert Shepherd, Elder Sister Rebecca Adams, Susan Whitcher, Eliza Ann Fitty & Lucy A Miller. Those from Shirley were Asaph Prouty, Leander Persons, Joanna Randal, Nancy Atherton, Paulina Persons, & Abigail Prouty.

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We met with them at the Stage house, where we prepared a place and helped them to their dinner. After dinner we started on for Lebanon; changed about some in our waggons to get acquainted with each other, which made the time pass off very pleasantly. Arrived at Lebanon about 4 o'clock P.M. The Shirley visitors stopped at our place; but the Canterbury load after halting just long enough to take a drink of cold water proceeded on to Hancock expecting to visit there and at Tyringham & then return & visit here.

Fr 7. Elder Br D.C. Elder Sr C.T. and P.R. spend the day in going about & visiting with the Shirley visitors.

Sat 8. Sister B.B. & company return from Waterlot, bringing with them a young Sister by the name of Ann Eliza Scriven aged 21 October 26<sup>th</sup> 1855. She is to remain here and become one of the family. She is to reside in No 8.

Sab 9. Joel Turner deceased about 3 o'cl P.M.

m 10 Benjamin G. confined a day or two at East house with lame back.

Mariah De Witt moved from No 8 to 10.

## September continued.

- m 10. Joel's funeral attended at  $\frac{1}{2}$  p 3. Sisters went to the grave.
- w 12. The Canterbury visitors arrived here.
- fr 14. Shirley visitors go to Hancock.
- w 19. Peter Long went last Monday to Waterliet, he returned to day and brot a Medium machine <sup>from Troy</sup> for trial. He took our small machine & left it at Troy to receive some improvements.
- fr 20. Canterbury visitors set out for South Enfield.
- fr 28. This evening about 10 o'clock there was an alarm of fire! at the Second Family. Their kiln for drying sweet corn caught fire and burned furiously till it was entirely consumed. They lost in the fire about fifteen bushels of sweet corn.
- Sab 30. Polly R goes into the kitchen to work, does the cooking.

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- tu. 2. Phebe Reed, and her daughter Emily came to see Polly R. They live in Middleville Herkimer Co. Benjamin G went to Albany to see a new herb press that a man there has been making for us.



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- tu 2. P R went to the North Family in the afternoon,  
with her Mother & Sister.
- w 3 Sally Bushnell went over to the South House &  
Second Family with Phebe R & Emily.
- th 4 Benjamin G. returned from Albany.
- fr 5. John Dean Elizabeth Siddle & Emily Wilkerson went  
to the Rail Road with Phebe Reed & her daughter Emily.
- m 15. James Goodwin leaves the charge of the boys &  
goes to No 1 Deacons room, and is to superintend  
the farm in place of Dwight Hinkley, who is going  
to take care of the farm. Andrew F. leaves the stock,  
and is a hand on the farm.
- Chauncey Sears leaves No 15 and goes to take  
charge of the boys, but retains the charge of the Shoe-  
making also.
- th 18. The Ministry (excepting br Daniel) went to Waterhit.
- sat 20. A general turnout at gathering in the refuse apples.  
In our evening meeting, or at least at the close  
br Daniel came in & informed the family concerning  
the introduction of foreign tea again on our table.  
Said we might have it for our breakfast & steep over  
the grounds with other herbs for supper. And it was ex-  
pected from this time that messing & fussing with tea would cease.

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in 22 Little William Holt was taken to Canaan where his father lives. E. J. M. R. & P. R. make a new bolt. Barna Hinkley set out for New York with Sarah and Phebe Smith.

William Greaves takes the wash house business in helping the Sisters thro' washing.

tu 23. Bro Daniel went to Waterohet. He has been quite sick and confined for some time at the East House. E. J. & P. R. go to the North Family.

m 29 Three boys and two girls came here to live viz. Thomas Davis Drake, John Capson Winters and John Henry Drake. Mary Elizabeth Drake, and Helena Winters.

## November 1833.

tu 6. Some changes made among the Sisters. Joanna Kitchel with Louisa Youngs are to superintend the Wash House work in place of Anna Dodgson & Maria Lapsley, & Anna is to take the school in place of Polly Reed.

w 14 David Rowley departed this life at 10 min past 1 this morning, entirely unexpected by all, having been confined but a few days.

- th 15. David's funeral attended at 2 o'clock P.M. Juda Rowley (cousin to David) with his wife & daughter attended the funeral.
- Sat 17. A new Wilson Sewing Machine called the Flat Ma-chine just came from New York. Sarah Smith was instrumental in getting it & has helped about setting it up.
- w 21. Ministry returned from Waterlot.
- m 26. Benjamin G to the East House to be doctored for lame back, occasioned by a sudden strain moving a box of herbs. it has been very troublesome for 2 months.
- tu 27. Elder Freegift W. Ann Buckingham & Emily Conklin arrived here from Waterlot, to see our tape loom. Returned. Sat
- th 27. Thanksgiving. Waterlot visitors attend meeting.

## December. 1855.

- Sat 2. Elder Sister C.T. has been very unwell for some time occasioned by a sudden cold, in addition to her former Stomach complaint. She has been doctoring <sup>herself</sup> a little for some time, but finding no relief thereby has concluded to give herself up to the Physicians, accordingly for the first degree, Dr B.H. & Dr G. give her a borax emetic. Stay out of the

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forenoon meeting to administer it. B G came home to stay a few hours to day, but returned to the East house at night, as he is not as yet able to go the rounds.

m 3. B G. leaves the sick room & Sarah Ann L & Jane B go there, the sisters apartments all being filled with invalids.

tues 4. There has been for several days past considerable search made for a suitable place for a new burying ground, as the one in which we have lately buried between here & the Second Family is found to be extremely disagreeable on the part of digging, there being so much water in the ground. The parties concerned have examined various localities & have decided that the north end of our North orchard, bordering on the brink of the declivity is the most suitable place,

th 6. About 20 hands went to work preparing the ground & a road for the new Cemetery.

fr 7. B G to Dalton today.

m. 10. Elder Sister has staid in her room all the week & P R with her but her health is no better. She

has released B.H. from paying any further attention to her, but is persuaded by the sisterhood to let Sarah Ann Standish give her a Colic emetic, in union <sup>with</sup> B.H. & Lot. & this is accordingly done, & she owns, for the first time, that she thinks the cause removed.

th 13. Elder Sister attends meeting this evening for the first time since Thanksgiving. about 2 weeks.

w 19. William Calver moved from No 11. to 13.

Sab 23. The yearly sacrifice or general opening is attended to this day

tu 25 Christmas. Ministry attend meeting at the Second Order for the purpose of nominating Sister Abigail Crossman Elder Sister of that Order. Elder Sister Hannah Blake is <sup>for some time</sup> & has been very much out of health, & quite unable to fill her place & asked to be released. Sister Betsy B. attended to the general opening on the 23<sup>rd</sup> on account of Elder Sister Hannah's ill health.

m 31. Ministry went to Hancock.

## January 1856.

Jan 1. E. J. & P. R. went to the shop to work, after having staid in the house for five weeks. Hiram Bude bro't us a nice large stove from his room at the second order, & took our small one in exchange. A very acceptable New Years gift.

In the evening Elder Sister Olive came in the name of a native spirit, & bro't us another New Years gift of another nature. It was forty infants under five years of age, who had this day entered the spiritual world. They were dressed in white with a pale blue apron and red shoes. She also bro't us a present from Holy Mother. A basket with a pearl box of jewels with our names upon it. A pair of moccasins of different colors, red, white, blue & purple with a rose on the top. A rose & some pinks from Holy Mothers garden. A white linen pocket handkerchief with our names on them, & Holy Mothers name under it. A Dove for Elder Sister, and a Robin from P. R.

Jan 2. Elizaette Bates leaves the Physicians lot & moves from No 8. to No 20. Amy Reed moves from No 20 to No 8 & takes Elizaettes place in the nursing line.

Antoinette Belknap moves from No 12 to No 8,  
 & Augusta Stone from 8 to 12.

B G goes to Hancock & Pittsfield. Br Frederic C.  
 visits our Young sisters (by request of some of  
 them,) and held a lengthy, agreeable & interesting  
 discourse on revelation &c & so on. Barnabas  
 Hinkley commences filling the Sisters teeth: does  
 it at the Physician Sisters shop.

Sab 6. Ministry went to the South House to attend  
 meeting with them.

m. 7. Sisters have a meeting in the evening, in the  
 North Room No 12. Read some counsels & little  
 orders peculiar to the Sisterhood which we  
 have collected or gathered up & put in a little  
 book for the purpose of remembering them.  
 Nothing new; but what has been given by our  
 ancestors chiefly.

tu 8. Orren Haskins begins to make a new counter  
 or cutting board with drawers for the Elder Sisters.  
 Elder Sister went to Hensdale with John Dean  
 Sarah Ann Lewis & Mary Hazard, (office Deaconesses)  
 to see the Hocum's, a family of old maid's, who  
 are very friendly to believers (or Shakers.)

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- w 9. Elder Hervey Ceds here from the gathering family at Union Village Ohio. He is on a sewing machine excursion, having been employed to select machines for all the Societies in the West. He is a taylor by trade, & his judgement about sewing machines is therefore preferred to any other one in those parts. He makes choice of Robinsons - chiefly.
- Sub 13 A M. Brethren visit Elder Hervey, and the sisters have singing meeting in No 12. Are visited by many good spirits. The Savior clothed all with a new robe, and placed a gold cross in the right hand of each one with a ball of love on every end of the cross. P. P. received a gold water-pot from Mother Lucy, filled with Holy waters from all the heavenly host. P. M. Elder Hervey attends meeting with us.
- w 16. Ministry go to Waterblit.
- th 17. Andrew Fortier took C T & P R, together with little Sizzie Pextrew over to the South House. He returned home, drew a load of wood from the swamp, then came over & brot C T & P R back as far as the second Order, leaving



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little Lizzie at the South, to make a home of it.

Sab 20. Elders went to the office in the evening to attend union meeting with the Deacons & Deaconesses.

m 21. C T in the kitchen in the little girls place.

tu 22. B G to Albany to get a new catalogue of botanical names.

w. 23 Samuel Rose here from Waterliet. Came to bring a new pad for Sister Betsy's Sewing Machine, an improvement of his own invention. Mary Taylor here from the South house. Sr Hannah Blake & Eliza Avery here from the Second Order.

B G returned from Albany, arrived home about seven in the evening. Came from the Depot with Elders Antoinette & Anna White who have just returned <sup>from</sup> Shrewsbury in New Jersey, where they have been to attend the funeral of Robert White, (Father to Anna W) who deceased on Sat 12 inst - quite suddenly & very unexpectedly.

Th. 24. Eliza Sharp goes home with Mary T. to see little Lizzie, & carry her some more clothes. She is contented with her new home & thinks it a very pleasant place.

fr 25 Samuel Rose attended union meeting with the Elders.

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- Sat 26. Elder Sister Anna Williams here to see if it would be deemed proper for Phebe Ann Reynolds to go to New York to see her sick Mother. but it was considered entirely unnecessary, as there was no likelihood of her receiving any thing that would require her personal presence, & she could do her Mother no good if she went. Samuel R returned home.
- Sat 27. P.G. went over north to see Elder Richard. br Frederic is gone to N.Y. & Elder Richard is much borne down. After supper the Elders went up to the Second Order.
- m 28. Elder Br went to Wateroliet to see the Ministry about having some one or ones go to New York to assist br Frederic who has had an invitation to deliver a lecture on Shakerism in the tabernacle on Thursday evening following.
- tu 29. Elder br returned home & informed us that it was concluded for Elder br Giles & Daniel Frazier to go & assist br Frederic in his labors. P.R. & Florinda Sears staid the Elders counter.
- w 30. P.R. went to the North Family to assist Rhoda Hollister about making gowns.
- th 31. Our new counter was brot in shelaced & nearly filled.

## February 1856.

- p 1. Elder Sister Abigail down here a short time She  
 has been on Amos's mountain on a missionary tour.
- m 14. Elder Sister Abigail & Augusta both here
- w 6. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  past two this afternoon David Lyal & his  
 daughter Kellen rode up to the Second Order in a team  
 hired at the Pool, stopped in front of their dwellinghouse  
 when David went round to the kitchen door & enquired  
 for his daughter Mary who was there at work in the  
 kitchen. He told her that he uncle was in a car-  
 riage at the door, & insisted on her going out & shaking  
 hands with him. The poor girl confiding in her fathers  
 word & suspecting no trickery in the design, stepped  
 round to the sleigh, closely followed by her father,  
 who told her to get in: she refused, he told her  
 to get in & ride down to the office & they would stop  
 there & have a visit. She still refused when he  
 helped her in, and away they went never stopping  
 till they arrived at one Ansons at the foot of Pool  
 Hill, leaving the old man who went back & told  
 the kitchen sisters that Mary was only going down  
 to the office that being the place to visit.
- The news went like fire in town, and about 14

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oclock P M B G & B V started for Albany to see what could be done in such a case. And Jonathan & Peter went up to the Pool to see if she was taken there not then knowing where they went. They saw her there thro' a window but could do nothing to rescue her. a number of brethren went up & spent the greater part of the night around the house. But her father declared he would blow any com- man man thro' if they attempted to touch her. They left Ansons about 4 next morning & pro- ceeded to Albany, but there could nothing be done for it was ascertained by the brethren after arriving at Albany that Davids proceedings were perfectly lawful, as his daughter indenture only bound her till 18. & she was his till 21. This was an oversight in the brethren for in the excitement they merely enquired how long the indenture run instead of examining it. However they did all they could to provide a way for her to be taken again among believers if she con- tinued to want a privilege.

p 8 Benjamin & Robert returned home full of anxiety.

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Br Frederic & Co. returned bringing two adults & four children. Anna White & Jane Knight over here from the North family; had a short visit. About 5 o'clock Elder br & Benjamin came to our shop with Elder br Giles, who gave us a brief but very interesting account of their success together with the meetings visits & circles they had attended in New York.

- Sat 9. Alwira Hulet & Betsy Sneed here from Hancock  
\* to get some information concerning the new-fashioned gowns.
- m 11. B G gone to Albany to see if any thing further can  
\* be done in behalf of Mary L. Elder Sister Abigail here a short time.
- fr 15. Benjamin returns home, he keeps a pretty close  
mouth. an index of a wise head (I suppose.)
- Sat 16. Elder Sister went to Canaan, in company with  
Elder Richard & Eldress Antoinette, with Charles  
Greaves for the driver.
- Sat 10<sup>\*</sup> Elder brother Giles came down in the time of our  
forenoon meeting & related the interesting items of  
excursion to New York to the brethren & sisters, who  
assembled in the meeting for that purpose.

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- m 18. Thirteen of the brethren & sisters signed the covenant to day, namely, George Wickersham, Andrew Fortier, Chauncey Sears, Alexander Young, Charles Weed - Sally Bushnel Sarah Ann Spencer, Antoinette Belknap, Elizabeth Cantrel Ann Maria Greaves, Eunice Cantrel, Ann Eliza Scriven & Adaline Cantrel.
- t. 19. Elder Sister & Polly Miranda & Florinda cleaned the Meeting house & Ministry's shop.
- w 20. Ministry returned from Waterliet. Sally Bushnel & Anna D. went to the North family on a little visit.
- fr. 22. Br Frederic came over here, & chief part of the brethren & sisters assembled in the meeting room & heard him relate some of his adventures in New York & how spiritualism is progressing in that place. Thinks it is approaching very near Shakerism, & indeed they now preach good Shaker doctrine in some of their circles.
- m 25. P & R went to Pittsfield with the office folks. B & G to Hudson & Albany. Returned tues 26. The Sisters have made a donation of clothing to the young believers & Betsy C & Jane B went to the North Family with it. James P took them.

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tu 26. Two children viz. Anna and Andrew Parker came here to live. Anna is 9 years old & Andrew 7 years old.

w 27. Eliza Sharp & Polly R. went over to the North Family after Emma Evans Br. Fredericks niece. She has an older sister by the name of Fanny that we are expecting to take in a few days.

th 28 P. M. B. G. has started off again on the Lyol scrape. We know not where he has gone where he will land, nor when he will return. He is expecting to see Mary safely landed on believers premises some where, as she is resolved on being restored to her home & privilege, but it will not do at present to have her in this state. but where she is to be taken is for wise purposes kept as an entire secret. known only by him & his confidential friend.

fr 29. Mother Ann's birth day, kept as Christmas. At 6 o'clock in the evening the sisters assembled together in the dining room where we were favored with the hearing of a book (which Avery Allen purchased for his daughter) entitled the Ways of Life by Rev. G. S. Weaver. Had no union meeting to night.

w 27. The Elders from the Church at Hancock here to see the Ministry.

th 28. Elder sisters from the 2<sup>nd</sup> family at Hancock here on the same business.

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March 1856.

- Sat 1. We have a few lines from Benjamin, but nothing favorable. Suspicion rests heavily on him & his friend, & he will be obliged to secrete himself a day or two till the excitement passes off a little. Cannot tell when he shall return.
- on 3. B. P. returned home about 7 in the evening. He appears to feel quite comfortable, says he don't know any thing more than the rest of us now he has got home, so we are all know nothings together.
- tu 4. John Dean takes Eldress Asenath & Sister Betsy over to Lenox to have a private interview with Elder Sister Wealthy Storer of Tyringham who is to meet them at that place. Elder Sister goes along to take care of them. Return about 5 P.M. Same day P. R. goes over to the North Family after Fanny Ewens, who is to make this place her home. aged
- w 5. Fanny Taylor down here to see Elder Brother about making some boxes for her.
- th 13 Elder br Giles & Br Frederic go to New York on another missionary tour.



fr 14. Fanny Tyson over here from the North Family to make a little visit.

Sab 16. Ministry go to the Second Order to attend their afternoon meeting.

Mo B. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Samuel Rose arrived here from the Second Order at Waterliet. He has come for the express purpose of being doctored, hoping thereby to regain his health. He has been quite miserable for some years, is troubled with a bad pain in his side &c. Has been doctored a great deal by the world, & more by his own folks, and as a prophet is not without honor save in his own country & among his own people, so it is with doctors among us. Therefore it was Samuels desire to put himself under the treatment of our well known Physician (?) who we all hope will administer such aid as will secure to him a sure, if not speedy recovery.

fr 22. Sister Hannah Ann is still living, but gradually failing. She feels by this time that it is necessary some one set up with her all night. Some of our sisters have done it, & all have staid with her more or less. The Second order knowing her condition, have

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offered to take their turn watching with her as they have not had any thing of the kind to do this winter. We have accepted their kind offer, & tonight they commence watching.

tu 25.

Ministry go to Hancock, staid over night. Next morning 27<sup>th</sup> the brethren returned and informed us that Eldress Daina Brewster had requested to give up her place in the Ministry, & had moved or was moving into the family: and Elder Sr Eunice Hastings from the Second family had taken her place. And that they left the sisters to attend to the moving & try to administer some consolation to the poor Second family folks who feel as if they were indeed bereived of a kind friend & tender parent.

th 27

Br Thomas Damon came over from Hancock with Eldress Avenath & Sr Betsy. arrived home about 9 o-

fr 28

The Second Order have all taken a turn watching Your Sisters commence again.

mon 31.

B G off again, no body knows where, or at least I dont know where.

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w 2.

B G returned home about 7 in the evening. He has been out to Albany on the Loyal scrape. Has succeeded in getting Mary Loyal, by having a writ of habeas-corpus served on her father, which obliged him to appear & bring Mary before a judge or number of judges, who after ascertaining from her that she was detained by her father contrary to her own wishes, told her that she was at liberty to stay with her father, or go with the Shakers. She immediately said she would go with the Shakers. whereupon arrangements were made, & she and Benjamin came on accompanied by a doctor who has befriended & helped Benjamin what he could. She is now safely landed at her own home at the Second Order, from whence she was so unkindly taken on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. And it is now the sincere desire of all concerned, & all interested in the case that she will always be good & true, for much has been done & felt for her. & many kind & anxious <sup>feelings</sup> extended towards her.

## April Con:

- m 7. Cyrus Bates, Elder Sr Catharine Vedder and Angeline Leffamy arrived here from Waterbolt by Rail Road. traveling with teams is extreme bad. No one dared to venture any of our teams to go after them, so they sent a hired man with a team that he had drove for Jesse all winter they were very steady & used to traveling in the snow in dangerous difficult places. He is a careful teamster, & brot them safely in without much difficulty.
- tu 8 They visit round here & at the Second Order.
- w 9. Cyrus returned home, leaving the Sisters to go home with Samuel Rose who has been here four weeks & over under medical treatment. The sisters visit at the Second & North Families.
- th 10. Br Samuel & Sisters return home. Charles S. took them to the Depot at Canaan Corners. P.M. Elders Antoinette came over here with four young believer Sisters & two little girls. viz. Catharine Hoffman Sarah Ostrander, Mary Clark, & Margaret Patterson. Little girls are Littelha & Adel Ostrander. Staid here till about 3 & then went up to the Second Order.

- m. 14. Elder S. & Sarah B. went to Elizabeth T. & staid all day. She is quite unwell.
- w. 16. P R goes over to the South Family to assist some about tayloring.
- th 17. Br Frederic Wicker (from Waterloo) has been at the Second family for a number of days past instructing them about cutting brethrens clothes, & by request has been here to day, & cut a frock for B. G.
- fr 18. John D. took Sister Betsy Elder Sister & Polly together with Sister Betsys sewing machine & started for the South. Stopped at the Second Order & left Polly & the sewing machine, then went to the South House with Sister Betsy & Elder Sister, staid about 20 minutes, then came back to the Second family stopped there about 20 minutes, then returned home.
- w 23. Two brethren arrived here from Union Village Ohio, by the name of Elisha & Thomas Embree. Father & son. Have been to Philadelphia on business & to see their relatives. Elisha has been a believer about nine years & Thomas his son 5 years. They both appear to be simple believers.
- fr 25. Sisters clean the herb shop to day. Ministry to Waterloo.
- sa 26. Clean door yards to day, had quite a pleasant time.

## April Continued

- Sab 27. It having been concluded by Ministry & Elders to have a half an hour taken off of our Sabbath evening Union Meeting, the family are informed thereof in our morning meeting. Elder Sister in the kitchen. We attend meeting at the Meeting House with the Second Order. Elisha & Thomas Embree attend.
- + 20. It was expected that today Elisha & Thomas would have here & go to Hancock. But Elisha is so unwell that he does not feel able to go at present. Gabriel T very sick, we almost despair of his living.
- 10 30. Girls school commences to day, with thirty three scholars. Anna D teacher Ellen Rayson assistant. Fifteen of the above number never attended school here before.

May 1856.

- Sat 3. Elisha Embree has recovered his health, & to day he & Thomas are taken over to Hancock by J.G.
- Th 5. Whitewash the kitchen today.
- Fr 9. Clean a part of the brick shop.
- Wed 7. David Taylor here with his Mother & Daughter. David has never turned against believers in his feelings, but has ever maintained a friendly spirit.

- wed 14. P R went to the Second Order to sew a little on Sister Betsy's Machine. has been up there seven times since the machine was taken there.
- P.M. Elder Sister went over to the North family.
- Th 15. Elder Sister went over to the Second Family an hour or two.
- Sat 17. E J & P R. cleaned Elder Brothers shop.
- wed 21. Ohio Ministry arrived here from Hancock, about 4 o'clock P.M. Run about a little after supper.
- th 22. Elder Br Elder Sr & Polly went around in the forenoon with the Ministry. P.M. they went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order.
- fr 23. Sally Bushnell Mary Ann Mantle, Margaret Peamer & Leah Taylor helped Elder Sr & P R clean the windows & do the springs cleaning at the meeting house.
- Sat 24. Elder Amos arrived here from Waterliet, to see the Ohio Ministry again.
- Sab 25. No forenoon meeting. Brethren visit the Ministry.
- m. 26. Elder Sister Abigail & Augusta came down and helped us clean the windows at the Ministry's shop, stick up the rooms & put the house in order.
- w 28. The Ohio Ministry started on their way homeward, accompanied by Miram Rude & Hannah Ann Agnew who are going west to have a little visit and see their former acquaintances. (Th. 29) Ministry Returned home.

# June 1856.

- Sab 1. Second Order attend forenoon <sup>quarterly</sup> singing meeting
- Tu. 3. Sister Daina Brewster here from Hancock to make a little visit, accompanied by Nancy Riley their school teacher, who spent chief of the day at the school.
- w. 4. Sarah Smith & Polly Reed went up to the East family to assist about tailoring & sewing on their machine. Same day J. Dean takes Elder Sister Amy Bennet, Roby Bennet Amy Reed & Calvin Reed over to Cheshire. Elder Sister & Roby go to settle up about their fathers estate, who deceased last spring. Calvin & Amy <sup>went a long</sup> to see their Mother who came from the west to get her portion. She is going to return there again.
- fr 6. John Dean & company return home.
- tu 10. Elizabeth Angur & Martha Converse over here from Hancock with Joseph Patten who came over on business.
- th 12. The Harvard Ministry arrive here at about 7 in the evening. come with their own team.



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fr 12. B.G. to Albany with Edward F on post office  
business. P.M. Br Daniel B Elder Sister & P.P.  
go around with the Ministry. B.G. home about 8. P.M.

N. B.

I forgot to mention that on Wednesday last  
at 2 o'clock P.M. Sister Hannah Ann Treadway  
was placed in her great chair in a little hand wag-  
gon and drawn by Br Elisha Blakeman, (accompan-  
ied by Elder Sr. C.T. Miranda B. Emily W. Henry  
Drake & Andrew Barker, & Polly R.) down the lane,  
then into the meadow below the great garden, where  
we halted under a great maple tree & eat some  
crackers, nuts & candies. After our repast started  
on & came into the great garden thro' the gate on the  
north end by the tan house. Then came up took a  
circuit round the pond, crossed the road north of  
the seed shop & went up the east side of the  
Office where we were met by a company of  
what is called Progressive Friends, who are here  
on a visit from Philadelphia. They noticed us con-  
siderable & inquired if the carriage was made  
for that purpose. Were informed that it was made  
to carry grafts to the cows. From thence proceed-  
ed on to the east house where we alighted & put

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up for the night, having spent just two hours in our recreations.

Sab 15. Visit the Harvard Ministry. no forenoon meeting. It is Elders Mancys first visit as Minister.

Tues 17. A load of visitors set out on a journey for Groveland. Viz. Barnabas Hinkley, Oren Haskins Rachel Sampson, Anna Dodgson Maria Lapsley, & Harriet Goodwin. They will return by New-York if nothing unforeseen if nothing unforeseen transpires to disappoint them, where they will meet Br Frederic Elders Antionette & Sister Catharine Vanhouten, & hold a meeting or two there. Anna has had to leave her school & P R takes it. Barna has left the burden of the doctoring with Joseph Adams. Emily takes Rachels place at the dairy Lovina goes in to the kitchen for Maria

Je 20. Harvard Ministry go to Hancock, on their way home.

Sat 21. While attending our evening meeting, the Worth family passed by <sup>our</sup> place, marching & singing most melodiously. We soon closed our meeting & marched out into our door yard & waited their return. When we walked to the fence, sung some, exchanged love &

some kind words, I parted in good spirits.

S B. Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 2 O'clock P.M. The Ministry had a feeling to see all the sisters from Sarah Bates to Jane Blanchard. They were accordingly assembled at the above mentioned time. What their business was I know not for my age excluded me from being present.

tues 21. Hannah Ann has had another ride. Eliska B took her up to the second Order in the hand waggon went thro' the orchard. Was met there near the coloring house by a company of sisters who made a great parade I had what might be termed a real picknick. Elder Sister & Mary Ann M<sup>c</sup> accompanied her. Elder Sister baked some cake. All the sisters in that order shared of the feast. Little Charles Trent played on his flute <sup>to welcome her</sup> & the young hawks were brought to grace the scene I substituted the use of a mirror. for they could walk about as well as poor Hannah Ann, I no better. More than this Elders Asenath & Sister Betsy were there to witness the scene & help keep up the spirits. Hannah Ann staid till after supper when Eliska went up & conveyed her safely home attended by quite a concourse of sisters & <sup>little</sup> Charley with his flute.

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Th 26.

A load of <sup>South</sup> Enfield visitors arrived here. They have been on a visit to Wateroliet. Their names are Philip Burlingame Robert Akin. Lucy Walton, Margaret Hopkins, Amelia Lyman & Casson Daina Benton. They visit very fast two three or four families in a day.

Fr 27. D S Bats.  
Miranda & Malinda  
Ride out.

Sat 28

Dr Thomas Damon Elder Sister Anna Wright & Jennett Augur came over here from Hancock, and brot with them Elder Samuel Ruppel Eldress Adaline Ruppel & Eldress Malinda Ruppel. They are from North Union, have been at Harvard a long time on Eldress Adalines account. She went there to see doctor Green of Boston, the celebrated Indian Physician, to have a cancer cured. She has had it taken out & it is apparently getting better. They are now on their way homeward, but will call at Wateroliet.

Elder Sister went over to the North Family with Jannet to see Elder Richard.

Sub 29

Visit the North Union Ministry & Eldress M.

m 30.

John Dean Elder Sister, Sarah Ann Standish & Maria De Witt Went up to the Pool & round to our out-farms with Elder Samuel & Malinda.

Returned home about 11 o'clock A.M.  
P.M. Elder Sister went out to the Physicians  
shop & took a puke. The first one she has ta-  
ken since last December.

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✓ In the evening, we were visited by a man  
from Illinois Nelson [Hedeend] by name. He is  
one of eight hundred who emigrated from Sweden  
about ten years ago. They are a religious sect,  
& were very much persecuted in their own country  
& fled here for protection & rights of conscience.  
Their religious principles are very much like  
believers they confess their sins & hold to a life  
of celibacy. We assembled in the meeting room  
& heard him tell his experience & what the people  
had passed thro.

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Our folks arrived home at about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9 A.M.  
all in usual good health & quite well satisfied with  
their journey. (tw. 1<sup>st</sup>) Sally Bushnell went down  
to Canaan with Elder Samuel and Eldress Malinda.  
William Carpenter came up from Canaan with  
a team after them.

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- th. 3. John Dean took Elder Samuel & Eldress Malinda up to the East Family. Stop at the North on their return. Miranda B went for company. Eldress Adalines health is so poor that she has not been able to visit but very little since their arrival in this place.
- th 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M. Elder Br Daniel C took our North Union friends over to Hancock. Polly R. & Anna D go up the mountain as far as the 3<sup>rd</sup> gate with the school girls, where they played & screamed paddled in the brook, & wet their heads, & had a fine lot of fun.
- Je 4 P.R. goes to school for the last forenoon having officiated there for nearly three weeks, in Annas absence.
- Sat 5. Anna Grosman came over here from the North family with a colored woman who was formerly a slave but was freed at the emancipation of slavery in New York state in 1827. Since which time she has been lecturing more or less on the terrors of slavery. Says she half can never be told of their sufferings & degradation. Says it is the only thing but what people can lie about. There is no language that can describe it. She goes by the

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name of Sojourner Truth. She has had her life written by a friend, (for she can neither read nor write herself,) I sell her pamphlets for 25 cts each. We took two of them.

William Greaves having made up his mind to launch out into the broad world of sin & temptation went to the Office was settled with and carried to the Depot for Utica! He will be 21 years of age next November. Has been brot up here from a child, I shared largely our sympathy love & care. but he chooses his own way rather than the solid peace the gospel gives, & away he goes seeking pleasure where all is like the bubble that glitters on the Main.

m. 7. John Dean took Hannah Ann out for a little ride. went up to the East Family, halted a few moments & spoke to a number of the sisters who came out to the waggon. Then rode round the hollow, gone about 3 hours. Joanna R & Antoinette B went with them.

tu 8. Alexander Young, Polly Reed Eunice Cantrel and Julia Barker went after Skunk cabbage leaves. to Richmond Swamp. Gone about five hours.

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- tu 8. Augusta Stone Ann Maria Greaves & Lovina Belknap rode over to Hancock with Br Daniel Boler. Started at about 1/2 past 3 P.M. Br Daniel went to see the Canterbury Ministry who arrived at Hancock just as he got there.
- w 9. Canterbury Ministry arrived here about 9 A.M. In the afternoon they visit around here.
- sat 12. Jason Thidder & David Parker arrive here they are on their way to their farms on the Genesee flats. Their Ministry are going on with them to see their farms & make a visit at Groveland.
- sab 13. No forenoon meeting. Brethren visit the Ministry & Sisters visit Jason & David. J. & D attend union meeting with the Elders & deacons. half an hour with each company.
- su 14. Elder Br D.C. had the misfortune to hurt his arm quite bad, but not very serious. he was punching down the clothes in the boiling kettle, and as he was about getting down he caught his arm on a hook in a post & tore it about four inches in length & one inch deep.



About 3 o'clock P.M. John Dean took the Canterbury Ministry's baggage together with Jasons & Davids, also the person of David Parker over to Hancock. Eleanor Potter & Sarah Ann Spencer went along for a little ride.

t 15.

John Dean goes over to Hancock again with or to take the Canterbury Ministry & Br Jason to Hancock Depot, on their way to Groveland. They are expecting to meet br David P. & Caleb Dyre in Albany who will bear them company to their farm on the Genesee flats.

Anna Copley down here to see Hannah Ann. & bring her a little medicine.

th 17.

Ministry go to Waterlot.

Sophia Avery & Abigail Munson here on a little visit.

Elder Br went on the Mountain with some of the young sisters to have a play day. I pick some raspberries.

fr 18.

Hiram Rude arrived home about 9 o'clock in the evening. He left his company in Rochester on their way to Groveland. He felt so unwell that he could not bear the idea of visiting any longer

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so he returned leaving his company to finish out the visit without any of his help.

Sat 10. Elizabeth Blackwell, the doctress that Sarah & Phoebe Smith went down to New York to see has come here on a little visit.

on 21. After washing was over Elder br. (who has helped do the washing since W<sup>m</sup> Greaves left) went on the mountain after raspberries: accompanied by Polly R. Sarah Ann S. Mariah D. W. Eunice C. Robina G. & Elizabeth D. Ripe berries rather scarce, tho plenty of green ones. After berrying went to the ponds & had a little recreation.

Tu 22. P.M. Barna H. Polly R. & Amy R. rode up to the springs & round to our out farms with Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell. arrived home about seven in the evening after a pleasant & agreeable ride. Caught quite an unexpected shower while driving round north of the springs, halted awhile under a little grove of evergreens by the road side, then drove on to a house formerly owned by one Priest Roag where we stopped till the rain ceased, & where was a plenty of

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mosquitoes to disturb ones quietness) then proceeded on our way homeward.

1<sup>th</sup> 24 Elizabeth is occupied to day in seeing a number of our sisters & prescribing for their various ills. Elder Sister attends with her at the Physicians shop, where examinations are made. But in the midst of all this, the Elder Sisters from the East Family came down & we had to attend to them, but we had a pleasant time & quite an agreeable visit.

1<sup>st</sup> 25. Elizabeth the Doctress finishes her visit in this place & is taken to the Depot by some of the second Order at about 11 A.M. Elder br Elder Sr and a number of the sisters went on the mountain after raspberries. They grow on the side hill between the second and third gates. a very steep & rugged hill. They picked two bushel; then went up to the pond & some of them went in & tried to swim. In the midst of all this, we apprehend that our Alexander has deserted our camp. for he has not been seen since morning. But his dirty clothes were left in his room & some of his nice

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ones were missing. Poor foolish Child!

I have fondly cherished the pleasing hope, that he would be a good Shaker, a good brother & spend his life in the service of his Maker. But my hopes are blasted & I must bid adieu to him forever, we must all stand or fall for ourselves.

m 28.

(P.M.) Elder Sr. Polly R., & Margaret Pomeroy took all the little girls (excepting three who had previously been) on to the mountain to the ponds for recreation. They bathed & tried some to swim, rode on the raft with Elder Brother, had a fine swing in the woods, & returned home by way of the Demon peak where we found a few whittle berries. All seemed to enjoy the sport finely & felt well pleased with the outlet.

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Matilda, Miranda, Augusta, Wealtha & Polly went up to the raspberries. picked about two bushel.

th 31.

Andrew Fortier, Elder Sister, Eliza Ann S & Elder Sr Abigail Crossman went to Cooran Corners to meet Hannah Ann Agnew & the visitors from Union Village who have accompanied her home. Robert Valentine went with another carriage to bring them in. Brother Daniel

Boyer accompanied them from Waterlot which makes us all feel very cheerful. They arrived about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 12 P.M.

About 2 o'clock Elders go over & see them, & they walk around a little. Albert & Sarah Ostrander accompanied by Maria Blow over to see the school, & visit a little also after school closes. Brother Daniel attends evening meeting, blesses & encourages all to be honest & keep the way of God. We all felt his blessing & realized his parental love & anxiety which seemed unbounded.

Note. Alexander sent a letter Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> requesting us to send some of his clothes & a little money. Says he took 18 dollars when he went but that will not set him up in business. He is with his Mother in N.Y. Is already sorry he has taken the steps he has.

Some of his clothes have been sent, & when Edward goes to New York, he will settle off with him.

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Sat 2. Evening. After singing our appointed Hymn & kneeling we marched up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order, sung some songs, spoke some, exchanged love marched up into their door yard, sung a farewell song returned marched round the meeting house & retired.

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fr 1. Our Western friends, viz. Ashbel Kitchel, Daniel Serring Elder Sister Lucy Faith & Lovina Rollins, spend the day in visiting this Family.

Sat 2. Elder br. D. C. Sarah B. & Emily W. go over to Hancock Shaker Depot with Br Daniel. Stop at Hancock First Order & have a little visit & dinner before the Cars start off.

Polly R & a number of the sisters go off early after raspberries on the mountain. They are rather scarce owing to the extreme dry weather, got nearly or quite a bushel.

In the evening the Second Order sung & marched down into our door yard, we marched out & met them, & had a good meeting.

Sab 3. No morning meeting. visited as usual.

After visiting, our western friends attended public meeting. Br Ashbel spoke to the words. The Elders attended in the porch. Br Ashbel had a good gift. He told them he had not come to lecture on philosophy nor the sciences they had enough of that among themselves; but he wanted to talk to them on practical religion.

and tell them what he had found by his own experience. Told them they had had a great privilege to hear the testimony of believers & they would have to be accountable for it, every one of them. Told them they would have all their sins to confess, every one of them just as they committed them & then they would know what love was. They would feel the love of God in their souls &c. \*

(The Sabbath previous to this Elder Sister and myself attended public meeting in the porch.)

\* At the close of meeting Dr Frederic proposed praying for rain & manifested great faith in praying & asking like dependent children for what we need. He invited the spectators to unite in prayer with us. The Believers knelt & the spectators appeared solemn & thoughtful. It commenced raining about 3 o'clock, & continued till six; it then held up a while & we went up to the second order to see the Elders; staid about an hour & then returned.

m 4. Charles Sizer & Joanna Hitchel rode out a little way with the western visitors. about two hours  
It rained nearly all day.

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th. 7. Western visitors go to Hancock. from there to Tyrringham. & from thence will return here. It has rained every day this week have had in all over six inches. but it has come so moderately, that no damage has been done. We have had the full answer of our prayers & are grateful to the Heavenly Giver for his mercy & condescension to us poor frail mortals.

m. 11. A company of our folks set off this morning at about 5 o'clock to perform an eastern journey viz Benjamin Gates, Dwight Hinkley, Sally Bushnel, Leah Taylor, Mary Hazard & Jane Blanchard. It is a beautiful morning, & I hope nothing will intervene to disturb their happiness till they return their pleasant home & meet their anxious friends. Charles Sizer starts off alone on his western route with his team.

P. R. takes the little Ostrander girls to the North family & delivers them up to their father to take to New York, to their Mother, who went there last Thursday. She has gone on important <sup>to settle a job commenced before they came here</sup> business, & Albert is going to support her till she gets thro' with it which will probably take



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four or five months. The children are not bound & it is thought best to have them go with their parents. They have left in union, I can return when their business is settled if they keep their faith & protection I choose to come back. I left in the family I than was this morning. Have the hearing of a letter in our evening meeting from Elder George Runyon Pleasant Hill, to Elder Richard Bushnell, giving some account of their acquaintance & experience with the Swedes. He states that they have wives & lodge with them. But pretend to bear a full cross. They adhere closely to those passages of scripture which says No man shall put away his wife save for fornication &c. and, Art thou bound unto a wife seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife seek not a wife. They bear a keen testimony against the flesh, but use no prohibition. Elder Br. is almost ready to give them over; his faith in them is greatly marred.

Have a shower of rain in the night.

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Elder Br has taken in a boy into our family by the name of Franklin Perceloe. His father, brot

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him here & bound him, I returned immediately to New York. He is fourteen years old. He has a brother living at Canaan.

It looks likely to rain this evening, & the brethren have all turned out to help about getting in the grain. The shower goes round & we escape the drenching, of which we have had a plenty.

20 13 Elder Sister Marilla & Ann make us a little visit this afternoon, then go to the North Family. The South house Elders are at the North while they are here then visit here when the others go north. This is the third time that they have come here in one day both lots together.

th 14. The western visitors return here from Tyringham. They will remain here & hereabouts till next week Friday. Elder br Freegift here from Waterbury to see the western visitors.

fr 15 Brethren finished getting in their oats. 64 loads.

Sab 17. Visitors attend public meeting, br. Frederic did the preaching tho' br Ashbel had prepared his mind some for the purpose.

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mi 18 Elder Sister went over to the Second Family & South House to make arrangements for the Western Visitors to go up to the Pinacle it being so rainy when they visited there that they could not go then.

tu 19. According to arrangements, at 9 o'clock in the morning, Andrew F took Elder Sister & myself, stopped at the Second Order & took in Elder Sister Abigail Crossman & Hannah Ann Agnew, & went on to the South House with us. He then returned & got Br Ashbel Elder Sr & Lovina Joanna & Eliza & took them to the turn of the road up the mountain where we crossed the gutter & got to <sup>the</sup> path that leads to the Pinacle. Elder Br D C & Br Daniel Serring came over on foot & were joined by a company from the Second family & South House, making in all 27 souls. We tarried on the mount about 2 1/2 hours, then Elder Br Daniel C & the Western visitors went on to the Second family with those who came from there & took dinner, leaving Elder Sr E. J. A. C. J. R. C. S. H. A. & P. R. to take dinner at the South House. The visitors finish out the day at the 2<sup>nd</sup> family, & the rest of us returned home not far from 3 o'clock P.M.

The following is a little poem composed on the occasion.

Short Sketch of a pleasant Walk with some Western  
friends to a cleared spot on the South Mountain, called  
the Pinnacle, where can be seen the whole of Shaker Village &  
the adjoining Country. New Lebanon, Aug<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1856.

The nineteenth of August we long shall remember,  
For something uncommon took place;

The like is not known, no such thing is recorded,  
In history it cannot be traced.

A beautiful band from the state of Ohio,

While visiting here in the East,

With a band from New Lebanon went on the mountain,  
And there had a glorious feast.

It was good Ashbel Hitchel, a true hearted brother,  
Daniel Serring a man of the Lord,

And good Lucy Faith their dear Elder Sister,  
These names we with pleasure record.

The Sister Lovina so simple & pleasant,

Does make out the number complete

Of that lovely band from the state of Ohio,

Whose spirits with love are replete.

And now with much pleasure I'll carefully mention

The names of all those who did go,

With our friends to that beautiful spot on the mountain,  
 To view the nice valley below.  
 First good Daniel Crossman our dear Elder Brother,  
 Who ministers freedom and power,  
 Elder Philomon Stewart & good Elder Caleb,  
 And kind Br Benjamin Brewer.  
 Our good Elder Sister Eliza Ann Taylor,  
 And a Higail Crossman the same,  
 And dear Anna Williams who cleared up the pathway,  
 The third Elder Sister we name.  
 And still there's another whose name we shall mention,  
 Eldersister Marilla Fairbanks;  
 And little Ann Burby a dear little sister,  
 Who stands beside her in the ranks.  
 Then Joanna Hitchel & good Mary Taylor,  
 Eliza and Hannah Agnew,  
 Our dear Lydia Lewis & kind Chloe Wilson  
 Were there & the valley did view.  
 Phebe Jones, Polly Lewis & Polly Ann Taylor  
 With music delighted our ears,  
 And Ann Eliza Charles, Betsy Stone kind & pleasant,  
 Ascended the hill without fears.

Then Louisa Rice & Lucina McDonalds,  
 In every good gift were agreed,  
 And now every one I believe I have mention'd  
 Excepting one Polly Jane Reed.  
 We had a good meeting no bondage no straightness  
 No doubling our peace did molest,  
 We sung & we danc'd we march'd & we shouted,  
 Our meeting was one of the best.  
 We feasted on love & the good word of Mother,  
 Who met with us there on the hill;  
 And many good spirits of Sisters & Brothers,  
 Their blessing on us did distil.  
 Of temporal blessings we too had a portion,  
 Which gladden'd each one in our ranks,  
 Sugar, Candies & hazel nuts round were divided,  
 For which every one returned thanks.  
 We felt that the ties of love union & helping  
 Were strengthen'd by what had been done,  
 We sung a farewell then retir'd from the mountain,  
 And turned our faces towards home.

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- w 20. Received another letter from our good friends bearing tidings of prosperity & many good things.
- th 21. We look some for our good Ministry, but it is so rainy & the traveling so bad that we hardly think they will come. & indeed they did not.
- fr 22. Br Frederic & our Western friends set out for New York, at about 1/2 past 5 this morning. Ministry arrive from Waterliet at about 4 P.M. They say the North river is higher than was ever known by any of the oldest inhabitants round there. & after they crossed, the water was all of 15 inches deep in the road on Green bush flats for a number of rods. & the meadow at the right hand looked like one great pond.

Two women came here in great haste & brot a boy & girl both about 13 years of age which they wanted to leave. The Mother of the boy brot him, but as he had a father living we did not take him, but sent him back to see if his Father was willing to sign an indenture: if so he might return & be taken. He hated to go back & cried some about it. The girl was brot by her grand mother, her

Mother being dead & her father in California so we could see no way of securing her. Her grandmother said she could not take her back so we concluded to let her remain at the office till the Ministry came home & see her before we took her into any family. They arrived home about 4 P.M.

Sat 23. Eldress Asenath & Sister Betsy both went & saw the girl. seem to like her very well. Conclude to have her go & live with Eliza. Her name is Eliza Ann Lester. thirteen years of age.

tu 26. A load of visitors arrive here from Waterliet viz. Stanton Buckingham, Betsy Hawkins, Phebe Ann Smith, Aurila White, Sarah Ann Wood, & Catharine Furgeson. It is concluded to have them remain here over night & then go on to Hancock & stay over two nights & have a company from Enfield. Ct. who are now at Hancock come over here & have a visit. Will stay here two nights, & at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family one.

w 27. Waterliet visitors start for Hancock about 8 o'clock A.M. Enfield visitors arrive here about 9.



Their names are Carl Jefferson, Gilbert Avery, Zilpha Blanchard, Achsah Ely, Martha Pease & Hannah Duane. Visit here to day. Visit the brethren in the evening: have no other meeting.

- Th 28. Enfield visitors go to the East & North family. Received another letter from our dear friends who are journeying east. Were favored with the hearing of it in our evening meeting.
- fr 29. Waterliet visitors return from Hancock at half past 11 A.M. Visit here in the afternoon.
- Sat 30. Visitors go to the Second Order.
- Sab 31. Visit instead of forenoon meeting, as usual.

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- Mon 1. Waterliet visitors ride out, go to the Pool & Pittsfield & to the paper mill in Dalton. A company of our folks go with them. Viz. John Dean, Olive Brown, Sarah Ann Standish, Julia Ann Scott, Elizabeth Cantrel & Adaline Cantrel.
- Wed 3. Br Daniel Boler Elder Sister Eliza Ann, Matilda R. Amy Reed, Ann Maria Greaves, Augusta Stone & Eunice Cantrel Antoinette Belkenap, & Polly Reed went on the

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mountain after Cranberries & Blackberries.  
 Br Daniel caught a few fishes after coaring them  
 till noon. We made preparations for having some  
 fried for our dinner, but we got nearly thro' eating,  
 before Br Daniel came to shore. So we dressed them  
 & carried them home. \*

fr 5 Andrew Fortier took Jane Smith, Molly Bennet,  
 Zillah Potter Sarah Bates & Margaret Reamer out  
 for a little ride. went to the Pool & round by  
 the broad place. Molly Bennet has been stay-  
 ing at the Physicians shop for twelve weeks past.  
 I know not what they call her disease. has been  
 very sick at her stomach chief of the time. A  
 kind of bilious fever as near as any thing. Sarah  
 has been confined for three weeks with a bad Aunt-  
 heap on her back. but is now on the mend.

Sat 6. Molly has left the physicians shop & come into  
 the house to her room. Sarah has left or about  
 leaving. Wateroliet visitors returned home.

\* 1h 4 Andrew Fortier, Betsy Crozman, Wealtha Manning and  
 Cornelia French went after Elder berries, but could  
 not find any, <sup>of any consequence</sup> so they had a good ride & returned.

Where he went to take Elizabeth Ransom & another woman. Felicia Shaw &

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tu 9. Br Daniel, Elder Sister, Miranda B. Maria DeWitt, Ann Maria Greaves, Wealthy Manning, Cornelia French, Fanny Evens Dorothy Wright & Myself, went on the mountain North of the ponds after black berries. Picked about four bushels. Elder Amos came up and helped us bring them home.

w 10. Elder Br D.C. Elder Sister, <sup>Matilda Reed</sup> & myself went down to the Patterson place & gathered a few pairs & picked about six quarts of cranberries from some vines Elder be set out in the Patterson swamp about two years ago. We went down on foot, started about 1/2 past 9, took our dinner, & agreed with John Dean to come after us in the afternoon when he returned from the Depot. \* We gathered our fruit & berries & before time for John to come put a writing on the gate & barn to let him know where to look for us, & then started on for the Pierce place. Called first at a family of negroes just at the corner on the right hand who seemed to think much of Mr Crossman (as they called him,) We gave them the remainder of our dinner. They blessed & thanked us much. From there went to Tildens Herb Establishment. He very politely conducted us over the building, showed us all his accommodations.

Where he went to take Elizabeth Rayson & another woman. Eliza Shoup & Ellen & Mary R. went with them for a ride. He expected to bring in the Groveland Minnie - but they got belated, & he come back without them.

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He runs seven vacams. Makes very nice liquorice stick, gave us all some of that. He then took us to his herb store, & up stairs where three young women were putting up Syrup. Gave us a glass of wild cherry wine which we drank amongst us. We, the sisters then went on as far as Doctor Wrights. Here Elizabeth, his wife came to the door & invited us in. we accepted, & had quite a chat with her. She was alone, the doctor had gone out to take a ride with his brother and wife from New York, who were up on a visit. They have one son ten weeks old. we saw him with his nurse at the negro family. His name is Prince Albert Wright. While here our team came along, which cut short our visit in the hallow. We came home by way of the grist mill, picked about two bushel of elder-berries on our way. Arrived home about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past four.

Same day Andrew Fortier, Margaret Peamer Augusta Stone & Ann Maria Greaves went about seven miles & got ten bushels of elderberries.

Groveland Ministry arrived here about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Got up in a stage.

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- th 11. Girls school closes. Kept by Anna D. & Ellen R.  
Visit the Groveland Ministry in the afternoon.
- fr 12. Brother Daniel, Calvin Green, Betsy Crossman,  
Maria De Witt, Anna Dodgson, Augusta Stone, Ann  
Eliza Scriven, Elizaette Bates Adaline Cantrel Cornelia  
French & myself went up on the Mountain after  
blackberries, got nearly four bushels. James Goodwin  
happened along in just the right time to help bring  
them home.
- sat 13. Andrew Fortier took Tabitha & Malilda to the  
Broad farm & Pierce place &c to see about the tomatoes  
Betsy Darrow went with them for a little ride.
- sun 14. Brethren visit the Groveland Ministry & the sisters  
have a little singing meeting to learn to sing. Sister  
Betsy attended.
- mon 15. John Dean, Rachel Sampson & Eleanor Potter  
went with Elder Emery to the Pool & round to  
our out farms.  
Sarah Bates & Augusta Stone went over to the  
South House on a visit.  
Lydia Lewis came down & offered to have Hennisah  
Ann come over to the South house & stay a night or two.  
& further to have Mary Taylor doctor her with the water.

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w 17.

James Goodwin takes Hannah Ann over to the South House according to previous arrangements. Eleanor Potter & Antoinette Belknap went over with her. They returned at night, leaving Hannah Ann to the mercy of her kind friends in that place.

Elder Sister & Helena W & Josephine M. went down to Elizabeth Taylors. Started soon after breakfast. At about 10 o'clock Eldress Avenath & Polly Reed started for the same place. Elder Sister & the two little girls took down some provision & we took dinner with Elizabeth. Just as we were finishing our repast Elder Sister Anna & Lydia from the South Family came down to bring Elizabeth a little present. They staid a short time & returned. We went to both Factories & saw br. Thomas Taylor & Zalmond Markham. Both fine brethren. Thomas works at the carding Machine, & Zalmond at the chair factory. At about 1/2 past 2 Eldress Avenath & Elder Sister went up to the Second Family & I returned home with the two little girls.

John Dean went over to the Second family about 1/2 past four & brought home E Avenath & E. Sister

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Yesterday Elder Amos & Br Daniel commenced painting the pickets round the meeting house yard. To day the sisters take the job. Four <sup>or five</sup> from the first order & two from the second. Viz Betsy C. Ann Maria G. Augusta S. Ann Eliza S. & Adaline C. from the first Order. Adaline Sears & Margaret Lyal from the second Order.

Commence painting the meeting House Elder Amos & Br Daniel are the overseers. The families provide the paint & the Church put it on.

th 18. Calvin Green, Miranda Barber & two of the little girls. agreed to go on the Mountain after blackberries. but thro' some misunderstanding they never met at all all day. Miranda & the girls went to the <sup>great</sup> pond expecting ~~expecting~~ Calvin to meet them there & he went to the little pond to find them, but they not being there he went on to the blackberry woods, where he staid all day looking & screaming after them. & they staid round the pond picked cranberries &c fearing to venture any further lest they should get lost. But they all returned home safe at night tho' Br Calvin was very much fatigued & quite hoarse owing to his frequent shouts after his timid company.

fr 19. Groeland Ministry go over to Hancock. Elder Sr rode with them as far as the South, where she stopped to see Hannah Ann, & the good people who have so kindly taken her into their family for a season. They have concluded to keep her a month & see what they can do for her. She feels very comfortable. Elder Sr returned about 10 o'clock & sent Julia Ann Scott over with some of Hannah Anns things.

on 22. Sarah Ann Lewis & Tabitha L. went over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family to see Fanny & Ann Eliza & make some arrangements & agreement with them to take the whole charge of Elizabeth & Billy Taylor & release this family from any further burden. They took <sup>over</sup> 25 \$ to begin with & are willing to give any thing Fanny & Ann Eliza desire.

tu 23 John Dean took seven of Eliza's girls to the Depot at Canaan Corners & back again, for a little ride. He had business there but not much loading. Had another letter from B G.

After supper Elder Sr went over to the South House to carry some articles to Hannah Ann. Found her very comfortable & lively spirited. Said Mary had given her quite a through that



day. She told her if she was going to use her so she was afraid she would kill her. Mary replied in her unconcerned way, Well you may die then if this will kill. But she survived I was very jolly.

fr 26. Elisha Blakeman went over to the South to take some provision to Hannah Ann J. and a few articles of clothing. Found her cheerful & rather on the mend.

Sat 27. This morning about 9 o'clock I heard the barn bell ring, I looked to discover the cause & Lo! our dear friends had returned from their eastern journey & little Horatio Stone was chiming the joyful welcome. We immediately started for the house, & such a joyful scene we have not witnessed for a long time. The sound of welcome rung from many voices. & tears or smiles or both were seen on every face.

The Mother of the Kendall children who came up from New York last winter & went to the Second Order, to live, came up here & raved & tore around determined to take her children at any rate. They all seemed willing to go, & Elder G. Giles took them down into the Hollow, where they took the stage & went on their way.

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w 1. Finish painting the meeting house to day, after a long rainy lowery tedious <sup>time</sup> of it. And the Sisters have commenced painting the blinds, they are chiefly from the second family & east family. Two of our sisters, Margaret Reamer & Maria Lapsley are painting instead of having any come from there, on account of Hannah Ann's being over there.

Sister Betsy Mary Hazard & Jane Blanchard went over to the South House to see Hannah Ann

th 2. Elder Amos Stewart & Sister Betsy Bates set out this morning on a journey to Canterbury from thence to Alfred & Gloucester. Eleanor Potter has gone with them for company. Their object in going is to help the Canterbury Ministry establish some new regulations among the leading part at Alfred & Gloucester. they being in a very broken condition which makes members in as bad or worse state.

fr 3 Elder Sister & P. R. helped Eldress Asenath clean the porch.

Abraham Newman here to see the Ministry to

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to get their union in taking his boy & going off & living with his wife till his boys were old enough to be set off in the world & then wants to return with his wife to believers. Three weeks previous to this he took his oldest boy to his Mother, & staid himself with her & her brother three weeks. He must be very flat & I am sure.

In the evening Benjamin went over to the South to see Hannah Ann, & carry her articles of food. &c. m. 6. Charles Sizer Sarah Ann L & Tabitha went over to Pittsfield to do some trading. Eldress Asenath & Elder Sister rode over with them as far as the South House to see Hannah Ann. Eldress Asenath staid awhile at the Second Family. Elder Sr. Returne home before dinner.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> there came here from New York a strange kind of a woman who wanted to stay awhile & get some acquaintance & make engagements for some roots & herbs. She seems to be an old fashioned doctress. is very loquacious. Says the Shakers are her friends, & she has a right to tell them any thing that she pleases. I told her my case relative to the disease in my head. She says nothing will do me any good but to use the water as I do, & magnetized Electricity two or three times a week. Today she

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tried the electricity on me to show ~~the~~ our doctors the proper manner of applying it.

tu 7. Julia Barker Maria Manning Wealtha Manning & Cornelia French took a walk down to Canaan. Had a good visit & returned in the same way.

John Dean Sarah Ann Spencer Miranda Barber Louisa Young & Ann Eliza Scriven & Emily Wilkerson went to Lenox mountain after Laurel leaves.

Betsy Crossman went over to see Hannah Ann.

w 8. Matilda Reed & Florinda Sears went over to the second family to bake some bread in their new oven. took over three tin pan loaves. left one to pay for their trouble. Peter Long went with them & carried the bread, & then went on with them to the South House to see Hannah Ann.

Finish painting the meeting house blinds today. Have worked on them four days in all.

th. 9. P. R. went over to the South House with Charity Vance (the doctress woman) to see Hannah Ann & others of their feeble ones. Tho before going she electrized me as she did the monday previous.

Lovina Belknap has been for some to all appearance, making arrangements fixing her things &c

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to leave the place. No great notice has been taken of her, as she had for a long time been off & on, & no dependance could be placed in her. After dinner to day she came to our room & said she had some thoughts of going down into Bigelow Hallows to see her Uncle & if there was no team at home she could go on foot! She was labored with I shown the folly of her proceedings, but all to no effect.

In the evening she was taken to the Office to stay till arrangements could be made for her to be taken to her Uncle in Albany, with whom her Mother had made previous engagements to take her if she ever left the Society which, <sup>thing</sup> she fully believed, would occur.

p 10. P.M. Lovina's things were picked up & as many of them as could be packed into a nice new trunk ready to be taken with herself to Albany on the morrow. But that we might feel ourselves entirely clear from her, we gave her another offer to return to the family, if she felt willing to endure all the mortification that must inevitably fall upon her & was willing to mend her ways. But her mind was fixed to go & live with her parents, who she believed would know how to have charity for her knowing her peculiar

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quick & irritable disposition, which for want of proper government had brot her to her present situation. We had no failing at all to hold her for she had properly weaned herself from the love & blessing of all her Sisters & all acquainted with her.

Sat 11. Charles Sizer took her out to her Uncle who seemed to understand it all & gave her a home in his family till arrangements could be made to take her to her Parents in Illinois. May Wisconsin.

Sat 12. The Wheels of time which never cease revolving have brot round another heavy cross for all or nearly all of us. Brother Jonathon who thro' age & infirmity is no longer able to fill his place as Trustee at the Office is released from that place, & Br Benjamin Gates is called to go there & be a help in bearing the burden that devolves on that apartment & Br Peter Long is to fill the vacancy left in the Elders lot. These are heavy crosses. Who will take Br Peters place in the lot of family Deacons is yet to be told. but all the brethren are requested to lend a helping hand on the other side of the house if need requires, till this thing is ascertained. We were assembled in the meeting

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room at 7 o'clock P.M. to be informed of the change, which is to take place the following Wednesday.

m 13 There came a man here today, to bring some roots and herbs, by the name of Oliver Wood. He brot with him two little girls. One 13 & the other eleven the oldest one wanted to stay & live with us, I seemed to be so earnest in her feelings that Benjamin wanted to have Elder Sister & myself go over to the Office & see her. We did so & found her steadfast in her feelings. Still desirous to live here. Her Father gave his consent, I thought her Mother would be willing likewise. Said he should come again in two or three weeks & would then bring her back. He is a German has five children all born in Germany. Says that Elizabeth the one who wanted to stay is a good girl to work & a clean girl too.

tu 14 Eldress Asenath & Sarah Bates went to the East Family.

w 15. The change spoken of Sabbath evening takes place this afternoon. Jonathan Wood moves into No 9. Benjamin goes to the Office, & Peter into N<sup>o</sup> 5. Elders Room. & in addition to this Br Solomon moves from No. 9 to 3. Florinda Sears from No 16. to 12.

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Elizabeth Cantrel from 16 to 8. & Ann Eliza Seriven from 8 to 16. All this has taken place & no bones broken or lives lost.

Rachel Sampson & Elizabeth Cantrel went over to see Hannah Am. find her very bright & comfortable.

11. 16. Brother Daniel & Elders Asenath went over to Hancock to see the ministry there. Amy Reed & Harriet Goodwin went with them.

11. 18. Barnabas Hinkley returned home from N. Y. having been gone since last Monday.

William Offord returned from England with his son & daughter.

m 20. Brother Daniel attended evening meeting with us, & informed the family what was concluded respecting our family deacons. That brother Dwight Hinkley would leave that lot & move into one of the other rooms. & Brother George Wickersham & Elisha Blakeman would move into the deacons room & officiate in that line.

1. 21. The aforesaid move takes place today. Br Dwight takes Elisha's place of residence in No 13.

Margaret Beamer went over South to see Hannah Am Elder. Sister & Lydia came down to see Elders Asenath



She is quite unwell & is at the Physicians Shop trying to doctor a little went there Monday night.

w. 22.

John Dean takes Eliza Sharp & Joanna Hitchel over to Pittsfield to meet Elder Amos Sister Betsey & Eleanor & escort them home. James Thompson went with a one horse team to bring their trunk & other Baggage. They arrive home about 15 min before 5, in cheerful spirits, after an absence of 20 days.

th. 23.

Elder & Caleb came down with a team from the South house this morning bringing Hannah Ann Treadway home to make a visit with her old friends Her doctor Mary Taylor, & nurse, Olive Wheeler bore her company & spent the day in visiting round in the family. Hannah Ann was taken to the Deaconesses room & nearly all the family made her a short call. She with her attendants returned back about 5 P.M. Gabriel Thompson conveyed them thither in a carriage. Hannah Ann is evidently on the mend & her courage is very good indeed.

m. 27.

Our moving & changing is not yet at an end. It is proposed for John Gildersleeve to move from No 12 to 14. & for Oren Haskins to take his place in No 12.

and take the immediate charge of two of the boys who are about to leave the childrens order viz - Groce Wright & William Drake.

t 28. There came a man to our Office today by the name of Morgan Bloom. He belongs to the Hope Dale community. He accompanied Nelson Hedeon (the sweed who visited here last summer) from Hope Dale to his home at Bishop Hill, & visited that community. Was favorably impressed with their principles. Thinks they are ahead of the Hopedale community. He is about thirty years of age; has been from early youth seeking for the truth. Has read a great deal & been developed as a speaking medium. Is one who has been very anxious to help reform the world, but has finally concluded that the only way for him or any one else to reform the world is to reform themselves. A number of brethren from the first & second Order & some sisters from the first order went over to the Office & heard him give a brief history of his experience which he did without stopping any longer than to take breath.

w 20. Ministry went to Waterloo D.  
Abigail H's brother, <sup>his</sup> wife & little daughter here  
Annis.

fr 31.

Elder Sr E J has this day prepared a fine dish for the sisters at the south Family, as a token of our unbounded gratitude for their care of Hannah Ann. It was as follows. A chicken nicely cooked with plenty of gravy & some sweet potatoes amounting in all to about 8 qts. 30 turnover pies & a few cookies some bread & butter & a good dish of tea, well sweetened and creamed. This they had put on the table with their dinner. And well pleased they were with such a choice repast.

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Sat 1.

Brother Samuel Johnson of the Second Order departed this life, a few minutes after five this morning aged 86. November 6<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Sab 2.

Br Samuel's funeral attended at Soebeck P.M. A warm pleasant day for the time of year, so that the sisters went to the grave. He is the first one interred in our new cemetery. And we are pleased that it has been opened to so faithful & righteous a saint. May all who follow him there be as righteous & worthy as he, is my sincere & earnest desire.

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I neglected to mention that Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> two brothers by the name of George & Edwin White were gathered into this family. George the oldest is 14 & Edwin 12. George comes in to the house & is under the charge of G. Cren. He lives in No 12. Edwin lives with the boys.

No 6. There came a man here to day from Green Co - N.Y. by the name of Thomas Powel. He brot with him his little son - Alfred B Powel, aged 11 years the 23 of last August, whom he wishes to leave here. He read one of our indentures & finding no fault with the article, freely but solemnly signed him over to Benjamin Gates till he should arrive to the age of 21. when he would become by law his own Master. He has two daughters that he wants to get here & if they will come thinks to come himself. He lost his wife about three years since.

Stewart Brown has moved into the house to make room for little Alfred in the boys Order. Stewart comes under the charge of G. Cren in No 12.

No 7. Barnabas Hinkley, Thankful Goodrich, Angelic Vedder & Elizabeth Sidle went over to Hancock on

a visit particularly on Sr Thankful's account whom they wanted very much to see.

on 10. P. M. Elder Sister went over to the North family to see Eldress Antoinette & took her one of her large cap baskets for a present. Staid all the afternoon, & had a little visit!

1<sup>st</sup> 13. Jonathan Wood went over to the South family to see Hannah Ann &c.

fr 14 Angelic Vedder went over to the South of an errand. About 2 weeks since Peter S Philips, Commissioner of the Schools in the nine northern towns of Columbia County gave notice that he was intending visiting the town of New Lebanon for the purpose of examining all the candidates for teachers in the town, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November at the School House on the flat near Tildens at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day. Br Calvin G. Reed very soon sent him a few lines beseeching him if consistant with his arrangements to come up to our Village & examine those of our Society at this place. He agreed to comply with the request, & proposed meeting with them on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>, after having fulfilled his commission in the Hallow. The day was spent in much anxiety on the part

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of our female teachers, who met at the school-house about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 A.M. for the purpose of becoming a little better acquainted with each other & changing ideas on literary subjects. Their names are as follows.

Anna Dodgson (<sup>from the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Order.) Emily Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> family.)

Betsy Stone (South House) Maria Bullard. (Canaan.)

They spent the day quite agreeably, Br Calvin attended chief of the time with them, asking questions, & giving answers as the case required. About

$\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 P.M. they left the School House & visited round a little with the sisters. Ate supper at

$\frac{1}{2}$  past five & about 6 repaired again to the School House with panting hearts to await their fate, for friend Phillips had arrived according to agreement, & the last hour of trial was at hand. Got collected & ready for examination not far from 7 o'clock.

Henry Mantle (from the South House) Mark Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup> family. Henry Hollister 2<sup>nd</sup> Order came on to fill up the number of candidates tho Henry Mantle proved to be a spectator with Calvin & myself.

The time passed off very pleasantly, nothing perplexing or terrifying was hazarded forth from the commissioner, and when all was over & all the can-

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dictates had received their certificates, we found by our time piece that we had used up all of 3 1/2 hours in our examination & interview with friend Philips. We then returned to our places of retirement, feeling well satisfied that the Commissioner is a just principled man, & has justly merited our confidence & respect, & we have been edified interested & instructed by the opportunity afforded us.

to 18 Harriet Goodwin & Amy Reed went over to see Hannah Ann & carry her a little present of honey & quince sauce for herself, & 3 1/2 lbs of butter for the family.

th 20. This day we keep as a day of Thanksgiving. Had an excellent meeting in the forenoon & in the afternoon attended to the usual gift of cleaning up our dirty places. I moved my clothes from the garret & put them in a chest in our closet. In the evening we assembled in the dining room & heard Wm. Cofford relate his voyage to England & some particular occurrences that took place when he was there. His narrative was very interesting. He staid about 3 hours & would have staid longer, but some grew weary & thus we broke up our meeting, before he finished the whole story.

We conclude not to change our time of rising & retiring but keep on as we are now doing. rise at 5, & retire at 9.

- m. 24. I began a book for Lydia Lewis.
- t 25. Elder Sister went over to the North family to take a letter to Eunice Cantrel. (Understood by ourselves.)
- th 27. Elder Sister & I went over to the South family to take Lydia Lewis's book & a present of walnuts & candies for the sisters. & a few articles for Hannah Ann. & a pail for the Elder Sisters. Elder B took us over. & returned. On our return we stopped at the second family saw the Elder Sisters & office sisters a short time. Left there & stopped at the second Order had a short interview with Elder Sr & Augusta, then returned home picked up some articles for Hannah Ann & sent Elizabeth Cantrel & Ann Eliza Scriven over to stay with her thro' the night to release their sisters a little as she has been some worse for a few nights past.
- Br Barnabas returned from Wateroliet, having been gone 3 1/2 days. Says Sr Betsey is quite miserable & has been ever since she has been gone.
- fe 28. Florinda Sears goes to stay with H. J. tonight.
- sat 29. A very <sup>cold</sup> stormy blustering day. the worst by all odds that we have had this fall. Ministry



returned from Waterlot Arrived soon after 4 o'clock P.M. Sister Betsy is more comfortable than we were expecting to see her. Says she took an emetic after Barnabas left & it did her much good. & we are all glad she is no worse.

Sab 30. No public meeting to day. So we stay at home.

# December 1856.

m 1. Sister Betsy goes to the Physicians shop to be doctored. B. H. presides over the case.

It seems, that to day, as near as we can learn, that the evil spirits have taken possession of our little boys: for early this morning about 2 hours before time of rising two of them stole from their warm beds & made their escape. It was thought till some time after breakfast they had gone to ride down hill & no alarm was given. But it being ascertained by some of the boys that they had intended running off, a search was immediately commenced. James Goodwin & Chauncey Sears were put on the alert. James returned about noon, But Chauncey continued the search. About noon a number more were missing. Search was made & they were found & brought home. Some stole off to ride down hill some to find the two first

that run away, & others went after them. So that  
 among it all, we had something of a strange scrape.  
 After dinner Andrew Fortier started on with his  
 team in search of Chauncey in hopes to get both  
 him & the boys. Could not find either but as-  
 certained that Chauncey had borrowed a young  
 mare belonging to Rensselaer Delevan & had taken  
 in Reed Filkins for a sistant & was in pursuit  
 of the boys who he learned were on their way to  
 Schodock, having been assisted thus far by our  
 enimical neighbors, (of whom we have no small  
 number,) who took every means to cheat Chauncey  
 & keep him off the track. for instead of taking  
 the boys to Schodock they were carried to Albany  
 in the mail team. from thence to Troy & kept  
 over night, & some time next day shipped on the  
 Troy boat bound for N.Y. where their Parents reside.  
 But when the Devil works, our All Wise Creator  
 forgets not to assist the afflicted. On Tuesday  
 morning Benjamin Gates & James Goodwin set  
 off after Chauncey & the boys, Andrew having re-  
 turned the evening previous. <sup>without them</sup> James & Benjamin  
 both went to Albany together; there they parted

Benjamin <sup>went</sup> in pursuit of the boys & James of Chauncey. All the details would be tedious to write, but James returned home about 10 o'clock in the evening accompanied by Chauncey, who had been fooled & cheated about the boys on all hands & sides. Benjamin went on to N.Y. by Rail Road. Arrived there in time to go & see the youngest boy's Mother & get her to the landing before the Troy boat came in, (it having been hindered by the storm,) where she stood ready to seize & claim her boy the moment he landed. She reprimanded him sharply for his misconduct in running away; told him she had provided him with a good home & it was her will to have him return & be a good boy, & delivered him up to Benjamin to be brought back. The other boy Benjamin told them was his, but he was a rascal & he did not want him, & no money would hire him to bring him back, so he went on to his father, declaring he would not stay were he set back. But the youngest wanted to return & appeared mortified at what he had done.

Benjamin returned with him about 6 o'clock Thursday evening. So much for our runaway scrape.

- sub 7. Public singing meeting with the Second Order this Feb.  
 m. 8. The sisters have concluded to try the plan of stay-  
 ing away from washing till after breakfast during  
 the shortest days: all but the Miller & boiler who  
 will go at or soon after getting up time, & the  
 fine washers half an hour before breakfast  
 w 10. Brother Daniel Boler is quite unwell I has  
 gone to the East house to be doctored a little.  
 fr 12. Br Daniel is better I leaves his room.  
 sat 13. Sister Betsy Bates leaves the nurse room &  
 goes to the Meeting House this afternoon. Eldress  
 Asenath has staid & worked with the Elder Sisters  
 chief part of the time during sister Betsys ab-  
 sence of 12 days duration.  
 m. 15. We received intelligence from the south family  
 that Sarah Spencer who had been quite unwell  
 for some time was struck with a fit of the palsy,  
 & was considered quite dangerous. Sarah Ann  
 Standish & Sarah Ann Spencer went over & staid  
 with her & Hannah Ann T. thro the night. Sarah  
 Spencer deceased at about 1/2 past 4. on tuesday  
 morning. Her funeral was attended on Wednesday  
 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 o'clock P.M. BB leaves the sick room.

Sab 21. This day we keep our yearly sacrifice or general opening universal thro' out our society. After the work of the day was over the Ministry came in and attended union meeting with us, & informed us of a change that was about to take place in the Ministry & Elders lot. Eldress Avenath had made up her mind to leave the lot of Ministry & come into the family & Elder Sister Eliza Ann Taylor was appointed to take her place in the Ministry, & Sister Eliza Sharp was to be the Elder Sister. This was quite unexpected to the brethren who had not received the first hint of the kind, but the greater part of the sisters had smelled the rat, as usual, & we, (the Elder Sisters) knew how it was expected to be lost Thursday, & Elder Sister had made some preparations for the change.

w 24. Elder Sister Eliza Ann & myself, went over to the South family to take <sup>over</sup> a meal of ravin cake that had been made for the, for a christmas gift, & some other articles to help repay them for their kindness & care of Sister Hannah Ann. John Dean took us over & staid till we got ready to return which was about an hour & a half. It snowed & the wind blew tremendously. Br Thomas Damon & Sister Sarah

Harrison came over from Hancock to see the Ministry, & Sarah Jane Ocborn came along for company.

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Christmas. This day the family are informed of the change that is about to take place. And the Ministry have so arranged it that every family in this place at Hancock & Waterliet may be informed at one & the same time. This change brings many crosses, of which it seems that Elder Sister Eliya has a double portion, on account of her age & not being reared in this place. She is in her 60<sup>th</sup> year & was brought up in Ohio, & came to this country at the age of 37. She is well beloved in the family & able to do much good. Anna Dodgson & Abigail Hathaway are appointed to take charge of the children. After supper the moving commenced & quite a stir it is: for besides the change of Officers Dillah Potter moves from No 10 to make room for Eldress Avenath there & takes her abode in the garret lodges in the east Garret & lives in the west. Margaret Reamer moves from No 5 to 16. to make a place for Robina Guthrie & Fanny Evens to

come in from the childrens order. Elizabeth Cantrel takes charge of them.

fr 26. The mooving still continues.

sat 27. <sup>Eldress Betsy</sup> Sister Eliza Ann Taylor & Elder Sister Eliza <sup>Sister Asenath</sup> take their places at the table & in meeting. Sister Asenath works with Elizaette Bates in the north east corner third loft in the wash house.

sat 28. Eldress Betsy & Sister Eliza Ann go out to the sick house in the evening, to doctor a little as they are both quite out of health.

m 29. PR went over to the second family to see the office sisters & find out how they covered their rooms with cloth.

## January 1857.

th 1. Leah Taylor went down to see Elizabeth Taylor & took a New Years gift. staid all day.

fr 2. Jane B & Matilda R went over to see Hannah Ann & take over some eatables.

sat 4. Our Ministry sisters are both confined at the sick house. I have been all the week except one day or so that Sister Eliza Ann run about a little. Elder Amos & br Daniel went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order & 2<sup>nd</sup> family on official business.

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10 7<sup>th</sup> To day Sister Eliza Ann is at her shop making preparation for Eldress Betsy to return from the sick house. They have set up a couple of small beds in the South room, & are making calculations to live & lodge at their shop, till they go to Waterliet. on account of its being so cold at the meeting house & their ill health also.

11 22. Ministry start for Waterliet this morning. Eldress Betsy & Sr Eliza Ann have kept their shop pretty closely since the 7<sup>th</sup>. some one has stand with them every night since they moved from the sick house as they are both quite out of health. Mercury stand this morning 8 above 0. but has been gradually falling all day.

P.M. John Dean took Elder Sr. E S & Polly R over to the South House to see Hannah Ann & the Sisters there, & ascertain if possible how they felt about keeping her longer. They all seem'd anxious to have her stay till warm weather, & appeared willing to do any thing for her comfort. & she was positively unwilling to leave there: for she has all faith in Mary & her treatment.

12 23. Mercury ranges this morning at 27 below Zero. Patience Vining & Betsy Stone here to day from South House.



w 28. Betsy has been learning to knit socks. stay all day.  
Jane Smith & Margaret Peamer go over to the  
South House & stay all day. Jane went to visit &  
Margaret went to help Betsy & some more about her  
socks & Jane went for a visit.

Eldress Asenath went to the second order on a visit  
& Mary Taylor came down here on a visit.

fe 30. Sister Asenath went to the North family on a visit  
staid over night & attended evening meeting with them.

## February 1857.

Feb 1. Second order Elders came down after supper & made  
us a little visit.

Feb 5. Elder Sister Abigail Crossman came down here & staid  
all day & worked on a worsted gown for herself. The cloth  
was sent from Eldress Sally Sharp & Sister Naomi to her  
& Elder Sister Eliza Sharp. & it was concluded for them  
both to be made here at one time & for P.R. to super-  
intend the making. & Elder Sr Abigail has taken a large  
washing of woolen bedding to do for the Ministry to pay  
for the making of her gown.

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. P.R. goes in the kitchen to work this week to release Waltha  
cooks the potatoe.

- t 10<sup>th</sup> Elder Sister went up to the Second Order to see  
 the aged sisters & have a little visit.
- th 12 Elder Sr & Polly went over to the South family to  
 see Hannah Ann T. B. H. & J. A. went to see  
 her the day previous. The first time B has seen her  
 since the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. Just as we left home  
 Emily Sears & Elizabeth Garvey came over to see some  
 of the folks & make a little visit. & before we re-  
 turned Eldress Antoinette came over with a young  
 woman belonging to the progressive friends. I did not  
 see them. Elder Sister did & E. Antoinette invited  
 her over to the North very strongly.
- fr 13<sup>th</sup> Elder Sister went over & saw E. Antoinette, run  
 around & saw most of the sisters. The young woman  
 that was here <sup>yesterday</sup> returned homeward this morning.
- sat 14<sup>th</sup> P. B. went over to carry some little articles to H. J.  
 halted by the way & saw Elder Sr. Marilla & Ann & made  
 arrangements for Fanny & Ann Eliza to provide for her  
 till the Ministry returned, & close the door of communica-  
 tion between her & the other families for a season,  
 & give her time to rest & quiet her nerves, & see  
 if that would not be better for her than so much visit-  
 ing is.

N.B. Monday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Wealtha Manning moved from No 20 to 16. Leah gives up her charge of her & Sarah B takes it. She is going to work at Tailoring with Sarah Miranda & Florinda. Louisa G takes W's place in No 20. Antoinette B takes Louisa's in No 14 & Maria Manning takes Antoinette's in No 8.

- Sab 15 Elder Sister goes into the dining room to work awhile.
- Sab 22. Sister Asenath spent the day at the Second Order. Attended their afternoon meeting & visited the family. Had a satisfactory time & good entertainment. Sab evening Elders attended union meeting at the Office.
- t 24. Elder Sister went over to the Second family to see the Elder Sisters & office Deaconesses & took a little bread & butter over for Hannah Ann; but the weather was so bad, or at least the traveling so poor that she could not get over to the South House at all.
- w 25. To day we make preparations for the Ministry to return from Waterloo. But they do not come so we give up looking & fasten up the meeting house & conclude to rest easy till tomorrow. At about 1/2 past 7 o' B.G. came over & told us that Levi Shaw had footed it up from Canaan & brot word that the Ministry were there & he did not believe they could be persuaded to stay.

over night. So we went out to the porch & lit up the lamps & staid till nearly 9 o'clock, when we concluded to lock up & go home, for we were persuaded that they had made up their minds to stay at Canaan.

th 26.

Ministry arrived at 15 before 8. in cheerful spirits & tolerable good health.

fr 27.

Eldress Betsy & Sr. Eliza Ann went to the Second family & South House. While there they gave their union in having Hannah remain at the South House a year from the time she first went, & Fanny & Ann Eliza will see to providing for her what she needs. Will Elders here to see the Ministry not knowing that they were absent?

Samuel Rose & George  
Prison here from Waterbury.

### March 1857.

Sab 8.

Ministry spend the day at the Second Order.

Sab 15.

" " " " " " " Second Family.

su 16.

Maria Stewart came down to see the Ministry.

th 19<sup>th</sup>

Chloe Wilson & Ann Eliza Charles came to see the Ministry. Made a little visit in the family. So also did Maria Stewart.

wed 18<sup>th</sup>

A boy by the name of Robert Amos Cadwell aged 12 years next April, came into the family to reside. He goes to live in No 7. with Barnabas Winkley, which is considered more proper, considering the present condition

of our boys than it is to have him placed in that order. He is taken green from the forest. The trimming hewing & scoring is all yet to be done. He has the appearance of a bright intelligible boy, & one that may be a great help if properly trained & rightly willed.

Sab 22. Ministry went to the East Family. & attended meeting. While there they informed the family that Elder Sister Amy Bennet had requested to be released to be released from her place & take up her residence in the first order of the Church, & they had thought proper to hear & answer her request. Sarah Von Vike was also installed Elder Sister in Sister Amy's place, & Ellen Rushmore is associated with her.

mon 23. Ministry went to Hancock.

wed 25. A.M. Eldress Betsey & Sr Eliza Ann went over to the Second Family. P.M. Elder Amos & Br Daniel went over. & staid till after evening meeting Eldress Betsey & Eliza Ann staid over night & till ten o'clock next day. - Elder Sister went up to Nichol's store with Charles S. & Sarah Ann S.

Th. 26. John Dean, Elder Sister C.S. & P.R., went up to the East Family to move Sr. Amy Bennet down to the First Order. Where she has for many years, longed & desired to come.

# April 1857.

w 1. This day we effect what we have long talked of.  
 Br Peter L. took the stove & arch kettle from  
 the dairy, & two small iron kettles down into the  
 sap woods & Elder Sr. Sarah Ann Lewis & myself  
 together with all the little girls went down & gathered  
 & boiled sap. The little girls gathered the wood that  
 was laying waste, & jumped & played around &  
 tried the strength of their voices to the extent.  
 Soon after dinner we got off a small boiling & the  
 little ones all gathered round Elder Sr. & had a sweet  
 feast. About 4 o'clock they returned home with  
 E Sr & Sarah Ann & I staid with Peter & finished  
 boiling what we had on hand & returned home  
 soon after 6 o'clock.

fr 3. A number of the young sisters went down to  
 woods & spent the day in gathering & boiling sap  
 again. Elder br went with them & took two large  
 brass kettles which did much better than the dairy  
 stove. After supper P Br went down & see their  
 camp & returned home with them.

sat 4. Elder Sr & Betsey Crossman went down to the  
 sap woods to take care of some sap that the

young sisters left in the kettle over the fire. After dinner S Bates & Polly R, went down. V. B. C returned home. About 3. Elder Br came down & helped put away the things & bring up the sap we partly boiled down.

- Sab 5. Ministry went to the South Family & attended meeting.
- Sab 11. Ministry stay at home today.
- w 15. Ministry expected to start for Wateroliet this morning but the snow fell yesterday afternoon & last night to the depth of six inches or more which makes the traveling so intolerable that they conclude to remain here another day.
- th 16. Ministry start for Wateroliet this morning at about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6.
- tu 21. Office folks receive a letter from the Ministry stating that they arrived at Wateroliet about 6 o'clock P.M. same day they went away.
- Sab 26. Elders attend union meeting at the Office.
- tu 28. Frederick Wicker arrived here from Wateroliet. He has come to assist us & the Hill Family about cutting brethrens clothes.
- w 29. Frederick came over to the deacons shop

I cut a couple of frocks, but finding that no one was about learning I turned in & tried to get hold of his plan as much as I could. E.S. went to <sup>South H.C.</sup>

W. 30. Br Frederic cut some trousers for a number of our brethren. He is very feeble & quite unable to do much.

## May 1857.

Fr 1. P.R. went up to the Second Order with Br F.W. & assisted in cutting 3 frocks & 8 pair of trousers. Elder br confined at the sick house.

Sat 2. F.W. went to the Second Order again & cut 6 more pairs of trousers. Very rainy now days.

Sat 3. F.W. attended our afternoon meeting. Had quite a free simple & short meeting.

m 4. Elder br gets out again, by degrees.

F.W. & pr cut a frock for Charles Sizer.

P.M. F.W. goes to the Second Family & stays over night.

tu 5. F.W. goes to the East family James Goodwin took him up there after dinner.

th 7. F.W. returned from East family. came down to the shop & cut a pair of trousers for Sam<sup>l</sup> W.



- fr 8. F<sup>W</sup> came down to our shop, cut a pattern for Orrin for a pair of trousers & helped about altering Peter's trousers that he cut, they being too large.
- Sat 9. F<sup>W</sup> returned home. We cleaned our rooms to day.
- Sab 10. Attended meeting at the meeting house with the Second Order. First time this year.
- m 11. Elizacette Bates moved from No 20 to No 8 to take charge of Robinia's Elizabeth Cantrel having asked to give her up on account of her dairy work, and Miranda Barber has taken her place <sup>EB's</sup> in No 20.
- w 13. Cleaned the meeting house and Ministry's shop. Olive Brown helped us.
- Ministry returned home from Waterloo at about 10 min past 11.
- th 14. Cleaned our shop Springs cleaning.
- w 20. Elder Sister went out to the Physicians shop to have her lame ankle doctored & to recruit other ways having been very much out of health since last December.
- fr 22. P<sup>R</sup> went over to the South House to see Hannah Ann. found her very miserable (as usual) yet strong in faith & hope.
- Sab 24. Ministry went to the North family & attended meeting, & both Elder Sisters were absent from meeting at home which made quite a lack in our assembly.

- m 25. Elder Sister has recovered some of her lameness  
& returns into the house. We take in a little girl. S. J. Winters.
- w 27. Ministry went down to Canaan on a visit.
- th 28. Elders B & E J went to the South House & D<sup>rs</sup> Family.

## June 1857.

- tu 2. John Dean, Calvin Reed Henry Hollister, Polly  
Reed & Anna Dodgson went to Troy & Albany to  
see & procure some articles for the school. Met  
with Jeremiah Tallcot Jane Brainard & Emily Smith  
who came out on the same business. All put up  
at the Clinton house.
- w 3. Hancock Ministry visit here some to day.
- th 4. The sisters cleaned the brick shop to day.
- th 4. J<sup>D</sup>'s company returned home having had a very  
satisfactory time. Visited the Normal School, where  
we saw much that might profit one called to oc-  
cupy in that line. It was indeed conducted in or-  
der & systematically arranged with ample provisions  
to that end. They teach five hours in a day, com-  
mencing at 8 A.M., & closing at 1. P.M.  
In the afternoon called at Zechariah Standishe's &  
agreed with him to make us two 18 inch globes.

This he agreed to do for 15 dollars each. Cheap enough too.

fr 5. Cleaned the meeting house, meeting room & lower hall.

w 10 Ministry start for Waterliet, where they will remain till Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> then leave for an Eastern excursion. I will not return till the 11<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

Sab 11. Elders went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order <sup>after supper</sup> to see the Elders there.

tu 16. A load from the Second Order go to Waterliet today. viz George Curtis, Charles Weed, Elder Dr Abigail C. Roby Bennet, Lovica Sears & Margaret Syall. Elder Dr & Margaret go to <sup>as far as</sup> Albany on the cars with B G. The rest go in the covered waggon.

Two of the little boys at the Second order, viz, Peter Debois & Samuel Shields got badly hurt in the sawmill. They together with several other boys were shoveling the sawdust from the lower part of the mill where the machinery was running. I venturing too near the main shaft it caught their clothes I wound the poor lads up, I wounding them sadly if not mortally Samuel had one of his legs broken twice & one arm badly broken & mutilated. The other

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had one finger torn off & his head badly bruised so that he remained senseless for many hours. They are both dangerously injured.

Groveland visitors arrived here at 1/2 past 8 P.M. Bro't in from the Depot by Charles Sizer. It has been a bad rainy disagreeable day.

17. Groveland visitors viz. Solomon Leonard, & Jacob Durr, Elder Sr. Polly Ann Smith, Laura Dole, Elizabeth Dell & Sarah Ann Crary spend the day here at the Chh. Elder Sr. E. S. Peter & P. R. go about with them. It storms & rains & blows S. & W.

24. Groveland visitors excepting Elder Sr. Polly Ann went up to the holy Mount. Charles Sizer, <sup>took</sup> Sister Laura Elizabeth & Sarah Ann. Julian Ann Scott and Elizabeth Cantrell, <sup>in a waggon</sup> & Jonathan W. Orren H. P. R. Matilda Sarah Ann Spencer Eunice & Augusta walked up with the brethren. (Solomon & Jacob. Had a good meeting & quite a ministration of love & power.

25. Groveland visitors attend our evening meeting. The opportunity was granted them on account of some of the company's being so bashful that they did not satisfy their own feelings in our Sabbath afternoon meeting, & they

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were afraid they should never get over it without a further chance to manifest their feelings. We had a good free meeting & I presume the greater part if not all felt very well satisfied.

fr 25 Elder Br D.C. & Andrew Fortier took each a team & conveyed the visitors to Hancock by way of the Broad farm, the Pool & Pittsfield. Sister Azenath, Molly Bennet, Malinda Reed & Elizabeth Sidle went in company with them. Stopped a short time at Hancock & a number of the sisters flocked to the office to see Sister Azenath & greeted her with many expressions of love & true respect.

Sat 26 The North Family having petitioned to the Chh for a class of brethren & sisters to come & sing for laboring brethren on the Sabbath, they assembled in the meeting room <sup>at 1/2 past 6. P.M.</sup> & sung over their songs to see if they could accord <sup>I agree</sup> well. The company were as follows. Barnabas Hinkley Orren Haskins, Charles Sizer Benjamin Gates, Andrew Fortier James Goodwin, Horace Haskins, James Vail & George Long. Sisters J. H. Ma. M. M. H. C. E. B. S. Spencer E. Sidle. J. Scott. Ann M. G. Eunice C. Augusta S. P. Blake. A. Sears & W. D.

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Sab 27 The forementioned company attended the public meeting & had an excellent gift.

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th 2. All the scholars in the village met at the second Family & had their supper & all sat down at the table. Each family helped about providing the victuals. But we have concluded to have this the last time that we suffer any such thing to be done, for we find that it gives trials in the family, & we wish to avoid such things whenever it is possible.

fr 3. Elder Sister & Andrew F. rode out with 8 of our little girls & stopped awhile at Hancock James Thompson Sarah Bates & Harriet Goodwin went to Hancock to see Ann Goodwin, Harriets Mother, This also gave trials, & we scarce ever do much but what does.

Sab 5 P R goes into the kitchen, makes the tea & takes care of the milk.

tu 7. A number of our brethren go to the East family to help raise their wood house & sisters shop combined.

Mary Hazzard, Jane Blanchard & Matilda Reed went down to the mill with Benjamin, to help about putting on the bolts which were made over at the office, by the forementioned sisters. Superintended by Mary Hazzard.

th 9. Barnabas Hinkley, Jane Blanchard & Amy Reed went over to Pittsfield. On their return stopped and gathered a few skunkcabbage leaves.

Andrew Fortier Florinda Sears & Robina Guthrie went to Lancasterborough after tea.

fr 10. The company of brethren & sisters who have been round east from the North family returned home to day. Their names are as follow Frederick Evans John Shaw. Eldress Antoinette, Lovina Salisbury, Phebe Wankouten & Elizabeth Sutton.

th 16. Charles Sizer, Sister Asenath & Sarah Bates, set out this morning at 1/2 past 11 for Waterliet. Matilda & Polly Reed accompanied them as far as Albany, for the purpose of examining the sewing machines

fr 17. Charles came back as far as Albany, where we concluded to take a Singer Machine, the bargain having been partly made before. We examined all the different kinds we could hear of in the City. If we were we rich enough, should like one of every sort.

After closing our business about sewing machines, went up to Zechariah Standishes I got the two globes he has been making for our people, I come on towards home as far as Vandenburgs where we put up for the night. Arrived home Saturday at 1/2 past 12. P.M. safe & sound with our globes & sewing machine

Sab 18.

Mon 19. Sarah Ann Standish Florinda & Maria Manning & two of the large girls went with Benjamin around Canaan & Lebanon after Elder flowers. & Mary Hazare & Maria Devitt went with Horace on the same business only a little different route.

Tu 18 Barnabas Winkley went to Albany <sup>& Hudson</sup> I took for company Sarah Jane Pea & Augusta Lannier.

Th 20. B & C & company arrived home late in the evening.

mon. 24. Received a letter last Saturday from Asenath & Sarah stating that their visit at Waterliet was out & that they would take the afternoon train & be at Canaan Corners this evening. So Elder he went to bring them home. Arrived here about 1/2 past 8. P.M. in comfortable health & spirits.



Anna Barker, Mother to our little. Anna and Andrew came in with them from the Depot. At first she seemed well pleased with the state & condition of her children & thought they appeared very happy & looked healthy. But finding out in some way that little Andrew had been switched a little for misbehavior, she examined & found the marks on his back which so exasperated her that she acted like a raving woman & threatened over & again to take her children & expose the one that did it & have him punished. She raved beyond description. One would have thought that her darlings were superior to any other flesh & blood just in the same form any where else on earth. She scolded & swung her fist & threatened this way & that. & acted almost insane. But the children being bound to be Frederic were not at her control. And after reasoning with her awhile & proving that he had the lawful right to hold the children so long as they desired to stay, which seemed evidently the case, she consented to leave them & be quiet providing little Andrew could have another caretaker.

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m 9.

Elder Sister & Anna Dodgson went up to the East family with little Ella & Mary Heart to see their Mother, who last week came here to see her children, with her mind partly made up to stay. Elder Sister took the matter in hand, consulted with the North family Elders & concluded to get Elder Sr Sarah Van Wyke to try her at the East family. and thus far she has given good satisfaction.

It has been quite a good week for haying berrying & both brethren & sisters have improved the time well. & one side of the raspberries procured from our own mountain four sisters went to the South Mountain & picked forty quarts from <sup>of whittle berries</sup> Dr Wrights land. & the South family gave us 20 more that they picked, making in all 60 quarts nearly two bushel.

m 10.

Some more sisters went to the South mountain after whittle berries. picked about 1 bushel.

w 12.

Elder Sr Sally Bushnel, Amy Bennet, Rachel Sampson, Sarah Ann Standish & P B, cleaned the meeting house & Ministry's shop.

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Aug 11. Elder br D. C. Elder Jr. E. S. & Elder Jr. A. C. went over to Hancock, to see Ann Goodwin & learn for themselves the true state & situation as many different reports are in circulation respecting the uprightness of her character. But they cannot learn as any body for themselves can personally accuse her from observation, but somebody said that somebody said that somebody else had seen her so & so. They also inquired to know how she would feel about having another privilege among believers providing the thing could be granted her. She replied that she should be thankful for any place that could be granted her, for she had to suffer many times in her lonely condition.

th 13. A man here by the name of Morgan Smith, with his wife & a young woman who lives with them also a horse to take care of his team. They are Edwards customers & insist on staying two or three days. The man has or appears to have quite a degree of faith, but thinks he cannot give up his wife who is about 20 years younger than himself. has been married once before but never had any family. Own a farm in Texas, and offers to give our folks 2000 acres of land if they will go & set up a Society.

August Con.

Jr 14. Lovina Belknap here to see Antoinette B &  
 tell her troubles. She has been gadding about here  
 & there ever since she left here. Her uncles have  
 both got worn out with her & are unwilling to  
 have any thing more to do with her. Benjamin  
 has agreed to see them & if they will consent  
 to bear two thirds of the expense he will make  
 up the amount & see her shipped to her Pa-  
 rents in Algoma Wisconsin, where she is very  
 anxious to go. & where we are all anxious to  
 have her sent.

Sat 15. The Elders by request of many of the family  
 went to Old Stock-bridge to meet the Ministry  
 on their return from their Eastern journey. When  
 we arrived there we found the Ministry waiting  
 our arrival & the Elders from the first order  
 at Tyringham who had accompanied them thither.  
 Had a pleasant visit with them for about an hour  
 then started on with the ministry for home  
 bidding adieu to our good friends from Tyringham.  
 After riding awhile we stopped in the woods &  
 ate some dinner which we took with us which  
 was a welcome repast to them. Arrived home

not far from 3 o'clock P.M. where we saw & met many smiling welcome faces, tho' some tears had been shed during the day by some who feel that it is an awful thing to be nothing, while others are noticed & made of all the time. Awful awful! Awful. What can we do with ourselves & neighbors.

Th 20. Sally Bushnell has moved up to the East shop to assist Anna Dodgson in taking care of the little girls & Abigail Hathaway has moved away her health being too poor to occupy any longer in that place & has gone to live in No 20, & Lodge in No 18. And Miranda Barber has gone from 20 to 14 & Joanna Kitchel from 14 to 8 to take Sally's place, & has also taken her place in mending at the Wash house.

Fr 21. John Dean Mariah Lapsley Zillah Potter & Ann Maria Greaves went up to Hancock Hallow to get some seeds of Taylor. Came home by way of Pittsfield. William Greaves arrived here about 1/2 past 8 P.M.

Sat 22. William has concluded to cut short his visit in this place, not finding the welcome reception he anticipated. He had calculated to spend the Sabbath & have a real social time, but being disappointed in the onset, left

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I went on his way to Boston about noon on Saturday. Brother Abraham Hendrickson is here on a visit from Waterliet arrives last Wednesday morning. 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> A company of brethren & Sisters from the Second Order set out for Waterliet & Groveland. Viz. Benjamin Lyon, Alanzo Hollister, Pamilla Dixon, Mary Stewart, Rhoda Blake & Phebe Smith.

on 31. Br Abraham returned home.

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th 3. A company of visitors arrive here from Enfield N.H. from the gathering order. Viz Elder Jesse Danford, Joseph Goslin. Eldress Philinda Minor, Malinda Hubbard, Julia Ann Carter & Caroline Slack.

fr 14. A company of visitors from our family set out for Tyringham. Viz. George Wickersham, Andrew Fortier, Jane Smith, Lillah Potter, Elizabeth Bates & Florinda Sears.

on 17. Our Tyringham visitors return home much pleased & well satisfied with their visit.

109. Maria Dewitt, Olive Brown, Margaret Peamer  
 Eunice Cantrell & Augusta Stone, Rode out for  
 pleasure in the new covered waggon. Went to  
 both Stockbridges, both Lees, Lenox & Pittsfield.  
 had a good time & come home feeling comfortable.  
 James Thompson drove the team.

Joanna Mitchell, Julia Barker & Cornelia  
 French went with Benjamin to Canaan Cor-  
 ners to get the visitors horses shod. Had a  
 short but pleasant ride.

Sat 12. Abigail Hathaway, Wealtha Manning, & Ellen  
 Rayson Went with Elder br over to Hancock  
 in company with the Confid visitors who left  
 here this morning. Wealtha & Ellen went on to  
 Pittsfield with Elder br, & Abigail remained at  
 Hancock till they returned.

Su 15. Hannah Ann T. has returned from the South Family  
 Elder Br went over after her with a one horse carriage  
 & Mary Taylor accompanied her home & staid over night.  
 She is much pleased with the place that has been prepared  
 for her to stay in. Her general health appears some  
 better than when she went over south. Elizaette Bates  
 takes care of her.

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wed 23. Edward Fowler Sarah Ann Lewis Tabitha Lapsley & Elizabeth Siddle set out for New York on business - P R takes Tabitha's place in the Office kitchen with Olive Brown.

Sat 26. Ministry returned from Waterliet, having been absent just three weeks.

1<sup>h</sup> 24. Benjamin set out for Saratoga after Hannah Train & Hannah Blake who went there on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst for their health. B G stopped in Albany saw Lovina Belknap, gave something towards paying her fare to Wisconsin where her Parents reside, purchased her a through ticket I saw her & her baggage on board. She returned many thanks & we are equally thankful that the time has come for her to go, for she has been gadding about here & there ever since she left our place last October.

w 30. Edward & Co. returned home, having had as prosperous a time as could be expected considering the hard times & scarcity of money in the country.



# October 1857.

- th 1. Justice Harwood Elder Sr Eleanor Vedder & Nancy Wicks arrived here from Waterlot late in the evening. Came down to see the Ministry concerning Mary Frains petitioning for another privilege among Believers. The Ministry have given their consent to have her taken back if they & their family are willing to take her.
- m 12. Nicholas Bennet down a few steps in the machine shop & hurt him pretty badly.
- th 15. Br Nicholas departed this life at about 11 o'clock this forenoon in consequence of his hurt. He was partially deranged from the first of his fall & continued so till he breathed his last. We lament his loss very much, for he was very kind and obliging to all, whenever it lay in his power.
- tu 13. Edward Fowler, Sarah Ann Lewis & Sarah Bates went to Pittsfield to do a little trading
- sat 17. Br Nicholas's funeral was attended at 1/4 past two o'clock Saturday afternoon. His corpse having been kept fifty hours.
- fr 23 Finished picking up apples. Our fall work is now nearly at a close, & we can begin to gather home in sense & feeling, from our scattered summers work.

- tu 27. Ministry went to Wateroliet.  
 fr 30. Eldress Antoinette & Harriet came over here on purpose to have a little visit with the Sisters. Came right after dinner & staid till  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. ate supper in the Ministrys kitchen.

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- wed 4. Elizaette Sutton & Eunice Cantrell sen<sup>rs</sup> came from the North Family to make a little visit. ate supper at the office.
- fr 6. Elder Sr & Polly went over to the North family afternoon, to make a little visit. by request of the Elder Sisters over there. Anna Crossman got us a little supper & a good one too in the nurses apartments.
- tu 10. Br Daniel arrived here from Wateroliet to inform us what was concluded about Sally Dean's having another privilege among Believers. The case has been in consideration ever since the Ministry returned from their eastern journey. & they have finally settled to have her go to Wateroliet to live. & Br John Dean, Elder Sr Eliza Sharp

I Polly Reed will go to Rhode Island & accompany her to place of residence.

w 11. Bro Daniel attended meeting this evening & informed the family of the arrangement. And alas, what a conflagration it kindled. We were positively told that there was not money enough in the Church to bear our expenses; & then to have both of the Elder Sisters gone at once & the Ministry at Wateroliet was considered very imprudent indeed. And another thing it had fallen to my lot to be gone considerable the summer past, while it was the privilege of others more worthy than myself, to stay at home & do the hard work. All this & more I might mention transpired to begin with.

However time rolled on & the feelings of the family became a little more appeased & money enough to convey us thither & back again, with a little extra if we should meet with any thing unforeseen was gathered up, & by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> we set off accompanied by Andrew Fortier Betsey Crossman & Sarah Ann Standish as far as Pittsfield, where we took the Cars for Providence. Arrived there about 6 o'clock in the evening, put up at the Mansion House

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tu 17. This morning sold a few small articles of  
 our make to the amount of about 3 dollars.  
 Walked about the City a little & at 11 o'clock  
 A.M. took the Stage for Chepachet. a distance  
 of 14 miles. We kept taking in & loading on  
 one after another till our number amounted  
 to 20 passengers, & I should think nearly as  
 many trunks. Changed stages at Chepachet  
 went on 1 mile & a half further then dismounted  
 I walked half a mile to Aunt Lydia Spragues  
 which brot us to the end of our journey. Here  
 we found Sally our object in view, & O how re-  
 joiced she was to see us & vice versa. the tears  
 flowed plentifully while we embraced each other  
 with love & tender emotions. Staid there next  
 day & helped finish packing her things, &  
 experienced the love & respect the neighbours all  
 entertained for her which was a very good mark  
 in her favor. The family where she has made it  
 her home ever since she left here consisted of  
 Lydia Sprague, the Grand Mother, Anthony Sprague  
 her son, Bethiah his wife & three children Mary  
 Sarah & Jinks. ages between 13 & 17.

14. 19. This morning about 9 o'clock Anthony got up the cart & oxen & took our baggage & yoked the one horse waggon for Elder Sr. Sally, & myself, to meet the stage, while on our way we said we should like to go clear to Chepachet in that style it was so much more pleasant than riding in the stage. When we came to our stopping place, & the father came up we mentioned the thing to him & he made no objections. So we set off again in that style. Halted a few minutes to see Harriet Brown, & while there the stage went along. We then drove quite briskly to give a little chance for seeing William Sprague. But alas! just as we were turning down to his door the forward axle tree to our waggon gave way, & in an instant we were all thrown to the ground. and in the affray Elder sister broke her ankle shockingly Polly hurt her knee badly & Sally injured her side & shoulder quite seriously. But <sup>in</sup> our favor in the midst of affliction John happened to be near by & stopped the horse, which prevented our things from being strown thro' the street & dashed in pieces. Elder sister was immediately carried to a house & laid

on a bed & two Doctors Smith & Mory set the broken bones & adjusted it in the best manner they were able to convey her home. They charged for the job 5 dollars apiece. 10 in all. They lost 3 hours in making preparations & setting the bones. When this was done & we had taken a little refreshment, we started for home taken the shortest route possible to affect this. And now to give the particulars of our journey home I will enclose a letter which we sent back to our friends <sup>in</sup> Chepachet It was sent in Johns name in behalf of the company.

New Lebanon Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1857.

Respected Friends,

Since we are all safely located in our respective homes & have time to turn our attention to sympathetic & kind friends who so cheerfully assisted us in our unfortunate & perilous condition at Chepachet, we feel it our duty to inform you how we proceeded on our journey homeward.

We suppose it is generally known that we had to make entirely different arrangements for

getting home from what we had previously calculated; which was to take the stage to Providence, from there Stonnington by Rail Road, then by Steam Boat to New York, & up the River to Albany, thence to Waterlot to Sarah's place of residence, and had written to our friends to that effect, & when & where to meet us. But after our sad misfortune it is also undoubtedly known that we hired two carriages to convey us and our baggage to Uxbridge; Of our success on the road & kind reception at that place, no doubt our good Samaritan who conveyed us thither, has given all interested in our behalf the particulars. The sisters remained in the Depot all night where they were visited by kind friends who rendered every assistance. Beds & bedding were taken there for their relief & Eliza was placed in as comfortable a condition as her circumstances would admit.

When I found that they were all well provided for & my services would be of no more avail, I repaired to a private boarding house for the night, where no pains was spared to make me comfortable in every respect.

Dr. Robbins was one among the many who visited us in the evening and also kindly assisted in the morning in placing Eliza in the Cars.

Left Weybridge at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 o'clock A.M. arrived at Worcester junction 15 past 10. Took the express for Springfield, stopped there about half an hour, then took the accommodation train for Shaker Depot where we arrived at 15 min past 3 P.M. At this station we removed Eliza to the house of Frances, the man who keeps the Depot & left her & Polly there, & Sarah & I went on to Albany to meet our friends there who we knew would be waiting our arrival, & would be sadly disappointed & troubled should they fail of finding us. Sarah and I staid in Albany over night & next morning we found that one of our brethren from Waterliet had been in Albany all night, & was quite troubled at not finding us on board the boat when it arrived. But after hearing our sad story he conveyed us to Waterliet a distance of seven miles, where a society of our friends reside. I tarried there over the Sabbath, and saw Sarah kindly received & comfortably situated. Returned to New Lebanon on Monday, where I soon learned that Eliza & Polly were safely conducted over the mountain Friday afternoon, by our brethren & sisters at Hancock, a society near the Depot, who furnished two teams for their accommodation. Polly & Co. arrived just enough



in advance of Eliza to give information of their misfortune, & make arrangements for her to be met and taken care of on her arrival.

She endured thro' out the whole journey the many moves changes, extreme pain & distress with unparalleled fortitude. Her ankle bled profusely from the time it was broken till she arrived home & some time after. Our Physician, (Barnabas Hinkley) immediately removed the outside dressing, which seemed to relieve her considerable. Next morning he redressed it thro' out & found that it had been kept straight & in good order so far as the dressing was concerned.

But it is a serious case: the dressing has to be repeated every day in succession; It discharges abundantly, & the Erysipelas seems to be raging in it to a great extent. It is quite uncertain whether she will live or die. Polly hurt her knee considerable, has been confined to her room most of the time since she returned home, but we hope that time & care will wear it away. Sarah's shoulder was hurt considerable, but to what extent was not ascertained before I left her.

We are aware that by this time our friends in

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Chepachet must feel very anxious to hear from us: for they proved to us while there that they were friends indeed: for they befriended us in a time of the greatest need, that we as individuals ever realized; and we shall never forget them while memory exists, neither shall we cease to be grateful for their sympathy, charity & assistance.

And now friend William, we still solicit one more favor at your hand. Please give these lines a free circulation thro' out your village, as far as an interest in our case extends, as it would be impossible for us to notice each individual to our satisfaction. Remember us in particular to the two physicians, Smith & Mory, Horace Clemens & wife, Harriet Brown, Sarah Gordon, Mary B Eddy, & the kind tender hearted man who conveyed us to Uxbridge, & perhaps others whose names we do not know.

Then if there is any thing left of it, please send it up to Aunt Lydia's for there we have many friends to whom we are greatly indebted for their kindness to us while there. And let each one that hears this receive our affectionate love & thanks for their kindness sympathy and care. And

Should any one of you ever meet with the like misfortune, we hope you will fall into hands of friends as kind & benevolent as those into whose hands we fell, & should it be ours, we will thankfully do all in our power to assist you. And should any one of you ever feel to give us a call, you shall be made welcome to do so at any time, & we shall be happy to see you.

Yours Respectfully  
John Dean

In behalf of Eliza Sharp, Polly Reed & Sarah D. Note. We all hope that no one will cast any blame or reflect on little Jinks for the misfortune that has occurred, for we consider him entirely blameless, for he held on to the lines like a man till the horse was stopped. Polly says tell him if any one is to blame it is her for saying they would like to have him take them to Chepachet if he could be trusted with the horse. Not once dreaming that the waggon was not sufficient to carry them safe so short a distance. She sends her respects to him & says she still claims him to be her boy: and when he makes up his mind to come & live with us,

His Father & Mother, Sisters & Grand Mother are willing to give him up, & he will be a good boy, our home shall be his, & of every blessing that we enjoy, he shall have a share.

J D & Co.

Eliza says, give my particular love to Harriet Brown & tell her that I have often thought of her kind offer to take me to her house & take care of me: & if I could not have gone home I should thankfully have accepted it. But I am well taken care of now, & every thing is done for my comfort that possibly can be.

N B. Elijah Armstrong & his family must by no means be forgotten or pass unnoticed by us, but must have a share in our love & well wishes, while we solicit their remembrance & prayers, likewise the prayers of all who can feel to offer any fervent desires to our Heavenly Father in our behalf.

Wed Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Today the broken limb has been re-set & put on an incline plane got up by our physician expressly to meet the present case. So adjusted as to keep it in a proper position while cleansing & dressing, which process continues to be repeated

every day as yet, for an extensive excoriation of the skin has taken place & also extensive exfoliation of the bone has ensued, & the discharge is still very profuse; & prospects that the limb will ever resume its normal position, is very slim indeed.

J. D. & Co.

tu 24

Rachel Sampson, Amy Bennet, Elizabeth Sidle Elder Sr. Abigail & Hannah Blake did the scrubbing at the meeting house & Ministry's Shop, as my condition would not admit of my being there.

Note.

Elder Sister was taken to her room in the house when she first returned home, & Mary Ann & Eleanor took care of her the first week, & a worrisome time they had of it. Polly went out to the Physicians Shop & staid twelve days, then repaired to the Elders Shop & was pretty much confined ten days longer.

w 25.

Ministry returned from Wateroliet. & never were we more thankful to see them than at the present time; for our souls are weighed down in tribulation & our bodies with distress pain & affliction. Sarah & Rachel meet & assist them on their return.

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th. 26. Thanksgiving Day. Meeting as usual.

## December 1857.

tu 1. Eunice Cantrell at the North House deceased, about 3 ocl. P.M. of a lung fever. Sorrowful event! She was about 47 years of age, & a very useful member of that family.

th. 3. A company went from here to the funeral at the North House. Viz - George Wickersham, Henry Cantrell, Sally Bushnell, Elizabeth, Eunice and Adaline Cantrell, & Mariah & Wealthy Manning.

tu 8. John Winchel came here to live from New York. Born June 27. 1815. Brooklyn L.S.

fr 18<sup>th</sup> Suicide. We understand that Lockwood Reynolds hung himself at the East Family in a barn. The brethren there gave due information to some of the towns people concerning Lockwood: they thought it needless to have any inquest about it, & advised to bury him. It was accordingly done: they buried him with his clothes on as he was: they had no funeral ceremony, any further than to pray for him as they benedicted at the table.

Sat 19. Our beloved & respected Sister Eldress Asenath Clark, departed this life this evening, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 o'clock. She had been confined at the sick shop since the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. had her regular sense this afternoon, I was calm & serene to the last.

Sab 20. Attended our yearly sacrifice of opening Minds. Eldress Betsy & Sr Eliza Ann assisted on account of Elder Sisters being unable to attend. They heard all the older part & middle aged down as far as Harriet Goodwin.

on 21. Eldress Asenath's funeral was attended at 2 o'clk P.M. It would have been attended at the Meeting House, if the weather had been warm & pleasant. But as it was not it was thought best to attend it in the Great House. The Elders from the 2<sup>nd</sup> & East family attended with us. Elder Bro Joel Smith came this afternoon & got here just in time to march up with us to the grave.

All this time our good Elder Sr. is confined in the great Chair with no favorable prospects of recovery as to her general health or the broken limb. Mariah Lapsley & Mary Ann M. are taking care of her. Her case is bad bad bad! too bad!

fr 25. Christmas kept sacred as usual. After the brethren and sisters at the Office had put away the things that were brot in for the spoor, Charles & Frederic Sizer, Sarah Ann Lewis & Tabitha Lapsley went up to the East family on a little visit.

w 30. Augusta Lannieur of the Second Order having been very much out of health for a long time & not feeling herself able to fill her place in the Elders let any longer, requested to be released. Her case has been considered & her request granted. Jerusha Smith aged 58 is the one appointed to succeed Augusta & live with Elder Sr. Abigail Crossman. Their family is informed of the change this evening. Elder Amos anoints and establishes her.

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Sab 3. Ministry go to the Second Family to day, & we are left to feel our own states & mine are pretty heavy ones. Elder Sister is no better yet. Last Thursday she had a heavy chill followed by a high fever & the Erysipilus has raged in her broken limb & foot to a great extent.



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- on 4. There is some talk among the Doctors and Deaconesses of removing Elder Sister from her room where she has been confined ever since she returned home. Her ankle scents very bad caused by the decaying of the bone, & it is feared that it will be injurious to the health of others to keep her in the house any longer.
- tu 5. It is settled for Elder Sister to be removed, & the lower room in the Martin Box Shop is the place settled upon to take her. She has felt a great deal about being in the Elders room & scenting up the house, & is very pretty & pleased to go notwithstanding she feels some cross in meeting the change as all sick people do.
- wo 6. The house being pretty well prepared & all things comfortably arranged Elder Sister is taken from her chair & placed in a little bunk suitably prepared to move her in, where she lay comfortably till the chair was moved & fixed a little when Elder Br. P. L. J. D. C. H. & B. H. came & carried her to her place of abode & put her again in the chair. She stood the journey well, & appeared pleased with the place.

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fr 8. B. H. took a large piece of decayed bone from Elder Sisters ankle. It was removed by making an incision on the top of her ankle & taking it out there. & he is fearful that he shall yet have other pieces to remove.

Sat 9. Elizabeth Taylor is quite sick with lung fever & Leah has gone down to see her & stay over night & expects to return Sabbath afternoon.

Maria Lapsley has taken care of Elder Sister for six weeks past, she is now coming away & Olive Brown takes her place. Mary Ann Mantle has been with her ever since she come home & chooses to remain yet longer. Elder Sr says she is her every day comforter.

Wednesday after Elder Sr. got moved. Little Wealthy helped me clean up the Elder brethrens room. & Thursday E. B. T. A. C. S. L. Q. & R. G. helped clean up the Sisters room. P. B. white washed it with som very thin whitewash. We then let it air till Saturday afternoon. I then put it in order & lodged there at night for the first time since the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1857.

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- Sab 10. Ministry went to the Second Order started about 12 o'clock at noon.
- mon 11. Barnabas H. removed another <sup>large</sup> piece of decayed bone from Elder Sisters ankle & some small ones & since that has been done it does not scent near as bad as before. A.B. J.H. to the N. house.
- Th 14. Susannah Shepherd of the Second Family & Horace Holloway Louisa Rice & Lucina McDonalds from the South house here for a little respite. John Dean went out to Albany with George & Edwin White, to see their sick father. Their folks wrote to us three times to have them come, previous to this. so it was finally concluded to give them a hearing.
- fr 15. Phebe Ann Jones here to see the Ministry.
- Sat 16. John Dean returned home leaving the boys to finish their visit.
- w 20. Br Frederic & Benjamin went to Albany to see about the White boys, having ascertained by this time that it was a contrived plan to keep them. When they got there they found that their feelings had become quite embittered especially George whom they left. But Edwin being younger & less reprobated by evil reports, they concluded to bring him back & did so on the following day.

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- th 21. Ministry went to Waterliet in an open waggon.
- Sat 23. Elder Sisters foot was removed from the instrument in which it has been confined for eight weeks, & a very thick skin taken from her heel; the instrument cleaned & the foot redressed & placed back again, & how much longer she will have to be thus confined God only knows.
- Sab 24. Socin Order Elders, viz Giles Avery Calvin Reed — Abigail Crossman & Jerusha Smith came down to see us. Had a very pleasant time with them.
- fr 15. On Friday evening Elder br, P. L. & myself went over to the Office to attend union meeting with the folks there Edward & Charles both being absent, Benjamin was the only remaining brother, which made plenty of room for us.
- W 13. R. Florinda Sears moved from No 12 to 16. & Julia Barker from 16 to 12.
- Charles Sizer returned home from the West on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> inst, and brot with him a girl from Brockport, by the name of Mary/ Eliza Oliphant, twelve years old on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.

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- m 25. Barnabas Hinkley went on a journey to Braintree and thereabouts to see some of his relations, there being some prospects of some of them being gathered here.
- tu 26. Dr. Norwood who has been here several days at the extract work, set out for New York; and took with him little James Bazely, who proves to be a bad boy, & ran away with another boy on the 18<sup>inst</sup>. Dr. Norwood is to take James to his Mother in N.Y.
- fr 29. Barnabas H. returned from the East, & brot several home with him, who have come for a visit. viz. Lydia Rice, (our George Rices step Mother) wife of Aaron Rice, whose first wife was Sally Hinkley, Barna's Sister. Lydia Jane Rice daughter of said Lydia, Harriet Charles & an infant Alfred. These lived at Petersham.

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- fr 5. Edwin White choosing the pleasures of sin and the Vanities of this world at the risk of poverty, took stage for Albany, where his parents reside.
- m 8. James Thompson took Barnabas H. Lydia Rice and three of her children over to the Depot. They

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are returning home accompanied by Barna. Lydia Jane made her choice to remain here & her Mother consented thereto. She was born in Petersham, December 7<sup>th</sup> 1843.

fr 12. Barna returned from the East & brot with him four boys. Vid. David Hinkley, son of Timothy Hinkley about 18 years of age. Horace Powers a Molatto about 18. & Two boys, Alexander and Charles Smith, about 14 & twelve years old. They have come for a visit.

tu 16. Benjamin G went to Albany yesterday & returned today; brot home a girl named Miriam Watson, who went to the Second Order to live.

Sat 20. Edward Pillow arrived here & Ann Pillow his Mother. We learn today that Elder Br Simon Mabee of Hancock was sadly hurt by a fall in a barn lately. Lydia Rice came into the house to live in No 11. Elizaette Bates takes charge of her.

m 22. Andrew F took David Hinkley over to Shaker Depot on his way home. He has been at the North house mostly, & over here occasionally. He has united with our faith but is under

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Obligation to return to his Parents.

fr 26. Benjamin Gates having been to Wateroliet Albany Co, returned to day & brot a boy named Augustus Watson brother to Miriam; he goes to live at the Second Order.

Sab 28. We kept this day in remembrance of our good Mother Ann, as it is uncertain about her being born on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

March. 1858.

w 3. Ministry returned from Wateroliet. Elizabeth Smith, Mother of the two boys that Borna brot from Petersham arrived here in haste to see her boys. She had been wrought up to some excitement by her neighbors concerning them & she felt so alarmed that she came on in haste and alone to see how it was with them. She soon became satisfied & pleased. In the evening two strangers called at the Office, & behold they were William & John Pillow. They were attracted here it seems by Edward and their Mother being here. They went over & lodged at the North Family.

th 4. Hannah Ann I is more than usually distressed.

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- th 4. William & John Pillow were over here & visited some this forenoon, & soon after noon returned home.
- fr 5. Hannah Ann was much distressed thro the day, & finally resigned up her breath 15 min before 9 o'clock P.M., but went very quietly.
- Sat 6. Elizabeth Smith with her two boys Alexander & Charles were taken to the Depot on their way home.
- Sydia Rice was taken to the East family last evening for a little visit. Staid all night & returned to day.
- Sab 7. Hannah Anns funeral attended at G. Mills.
- Sat 13. Several important changes occur to day of which we were informed in meeting Thurs- day evening. In consequence of Eliza Sharps misfortune in breaking her leg, she is unable to perform the duties of an Elder Sister and probably never will be able. She is therefore released from that office, & Polly Reed is appointed to take her place. Harriet Goodwin leaves the Physicians place & is second with P. R. Jane Blanchard leaves the Deaconesses lot, & goes into the Physicians lot. Joanna



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Hitchel goes into the Deaconesses lot in the family, and Rachel Sampson goes to the Office to occupy in that place, in connection with Sarah Ann Lewis, Mary Hazard & Tabitha Sapsley.

Sab 14. Ellen Rayson deceased at 2 o'clock before 6. P.M. She has been confined entirely but a few days, but she has been for a number of years an object of much sufferings, deformed in body & obstructed in growth, by a kind of spinal complaint. age nearly 18 years.

tu 16. Elder br John Orsment arrived here today from Shirley.

Ellen R<sup>d</sup> funeral attended at 3. P.M.

th 18. A woman named Jane Thompson came here today & brot a boy with her that she wants to have taken in. His name is Joseph Thompson. They are from Brooklyn. The boy was born in New York, April 1<sup>st</sup> 1847.

fr 19. E. br. J. C. Returned home today.

Chauncey Miller brot two sisters from Waterlot Jennett Angus & Lydia Annis. Came to visit & get some information about saddle business for sisters.

m 22. Joseph Thompson came here to live; he is bound to Benjamin Gates. His mother returned today.

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tu 23. Solomon King got sadly hurt this morning, getting up early & in the dark he stumbled over a chair & falling across one of the front posts, broke or cracked one of his ribs; was taken to the sick house.

w 24 Sarah Bates went to the Second family & South House with the Waterollet Sisters to visit.

David Parker arrived here; has been to the West - returning home. He brings sorrowful tidings of a sad event where he lives. (Canterbury). The sudden death of one of the brethren there viz - William Dennett, by falling, while taking down the frame of a barn. It occurred on the 18 of March about 1/2 past 10 o'clock A.M. He lived just 24 hours from the time he fell. David received intelligence by letter.

fr 26 D.P. set out for home.

Sat 27 John D. took Janet & Lydia to the Depot on their way home.

w 31. Jesse Street came to the Second Order to live. He is very much reduced by poor health, which seems to have produced aberration of mind. There is hope that by change of residence he may recover. He came from the Second family.

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- Sat 3. Sarah Woodrow came to the Second Order to live. 51 years old next May 30. moved from the East Family.
- w. 7. Charles Ferdinand Garabin came here to live. Born August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1816. Alice Webb came here to live. Born August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1818.
- Sat 10. Aaron Rice, George's & Lydia's father arrived here with yd<sup>oz</sup> palm leaf hats that his wife braided for us, by agreement when she was here last January.
- m 12. Elizabeth Ann Rayson & Sally Mariah Rayson came here to live, brot by their Father James Rayson.
- tu 13 Peter Long being quite unwell, went to the sick house.
  
- an 19. The Masons came on this morning & began to lay the foundation for the New Infirmary.
- Sat 24 Armanilla Cleaveland, Barney's niece arrived here on a visit. Brot with her a little adopted girl named Ella Mariah Spooner.
- w 28. Ministry went to Wateroliet, leaving us quite agitated about false teeth, which is at present the topic of the times with us. Some for, & some against

April 1858.

- th 29. Peter L. went with some sisters to Calvers to get Susan to come & see her daughter Ellen who has had a bad cough. She was not at home; but came up afterwards with Maria & her two girls. Maria went back, the rest staid over night.
- fr 30 Andrew T. went with some sisters to take Susan & the girls home.

May 1858.

- tu 4. Adelah L. Potter set out to day in company with Anna Davis & Anna Gates for Wateroliet on a visit, Clinton Brainard went as far as Albany & then returned.
- tu 11. Benjamin Lyon went to Albany to accompany the aforesaid sisters home on the Railroad. Andrew & James G. went to the Depot to bring Benjamin & the sisters in.
- th 13 Nathan W. got badly hurt by a horse kicking him.
- w 19. Some visitors from South Enfield are here a little while to day. Viz. Medad Smith Eldress Anna Erwin Abigail Bennet, & Clarissa Lyman.
- th 20. Aaron Rice & his wife came here last evening with a determination to take Lydia Jane home with them

This morning they demanded that Jane should go with them. She at first refused, but finally consented, and Dwight Esq. took them over to the Depot.

- m 24. Nathan W. after 11 days confinement began to get about a little. Jesse Street being deranged wandered away I went to Springfield.
- tu 25 Robert Valentine went to Springfield yesterday P.M. I returned about midnight with Jesse St.
- fr 28. Three Sisters arrived here on a visit from Wateroliet viz Eunice Johnson. Caroline Down & Matilda Wells. John Decker came with them but is to return tomorrow.

June 1858.

- tu 1. Benjamin G. returned from the Westward. went to see something about some property belonging to Matilda & Polly Reed.
- w 2. A company of visitors here from Hancock to day viz. John Van Valin. Mary Estus. Martha Van Valin & Lydia Hoyt. returned home at even —
- S 12. Isaiah Wentworth of Poland Hill arrived here today.
- w 16. Harvard Ministry here.
- th 17. New Infirmary raised to day.
- fr 18 The Mother of the Mercer girls came yesterday I to day went I took her three girls with her.

June 1858.

s. 26. William Calver went last Thursday with Charles Sizer to Albany & Wateroliet. Returned today.

July 1858.

tu 6. Ministry went to Wateroliet.

m 26. James Wright came here last week to see his brothers & sister. & to day has gone to the South Family to live.

Gorge Wickersham went over to Pittsfield & brot home a Dentist by the name of Charles Hall to do quite a job of filling teeth in the Church.

w 28. Ministry returned home.

fr 30. Our good Sister Thankful Goodrich deccased to day. 86 year 9 months 21 days of age.

August 1858.

Sab 1. The funeral of Thankful attended to day.

tu 3. A company arrived here from Harvard on a visit viz. Elder Daniel Myrick Godfrey Sparrow, Eldress Mary Babbit Catharine W. Walker Abigail Temple and Mary Reed.

th 5. James H Smith came from the Second family to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order to live today.

fr 6. The Atlantic Telegraph Cable is laid & the News offices over the United States with the

Speed of lightning. A Wonderful accomplishment.

S 7.

Rachel Webb with her little son Charlie came here last Monday & gone to the North Family this afternoon.

th 12.

Dr Hall has pretty much done repairing old teeth for the present but is expected to do some <sup>has gone home to do his casting</sup> plating before long. (Took ~~4~~ impressions to day)

S 14.

About 7 o'clock this this morning Deceased, Alanzo Bounds at the East Family. His age was 37. 5. 18. (A dreadful blow for that family.)

Sab 15.

The funeral of Alanzo was attended at 2.00 P.M. The Elders of the Church & other families attended

m 16.

Ministry set out on a long journey to Ohio Via Waterliet & Cleveland.

A very sudden death has taken place in our family Dr Solomon King ate his breakfast with the rest, & at 9 o'clock A.M. he was a corpse. He was seized with a pain which he said he could not account for, & in a few minutes dropped away without a struggle or a groan or even a scowl.

tu 17.

Attend the funeral of our good br Solomon.

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They were for Matilda Reed Jerusha Smith Hannah Agnew & Amy Reed.

August, 1858.

- tu 24 Peter Long & Orren Hawkins went to what is called Tyrringham Village near by the Believers there to see a man & three children, that he has been for some time trying to get taken among Believers.
- th 26 Three sisters from Waterchit visited here to day. They make their home at the Second Family. Their names are Emeline Clark, Thankful Coply & Polly Bacon.
- Those three boys that Peter & Orren went to see came here to live to day. Their names are Lawrence Leroy, John Summerfield, & Charles Lorenzo, Sariner. Some changes made in the family.
- At Orren H. went to the Brick Shop to take charge of the boys. Chauncey Sears came into the house to live in Number 11. John Gilderleeve moved from 13 to 15. Gabriel Thompson from 13 to 11. Henry Cantrell from 7 to 13. Horation Stone from 7 to 15. William Drake from 11 to 13. Likewise 4 boys came in the House to live with Chauncey from the boys order. Viz. Joseph Stingerland, Samuel Pierce, John Winchell & Aron Stingerland. Stewart Brown & Grove Wright also moved from No 11. to 7.



Cynthia Hamlin being very feeble left the dwelling House I went to stay at the Sisters Sick Shop.

September 1838.

- m 6. Two load of Sisters went up North after Black-berries. John Dean & Andrew S. drivers.
- tu 14. Benjamin Brower at the South House deceased yesterday. at 1. <sup>o</sup>ck P.M. Aged 30. 3. 14.
- m 20. A Woman from New York named Mary Figsbee came with 2 girls wishing to have them taken in.
- tu 21. It was concluded to take the girls; & Elder Br. Daniel Crooman set out for New York with the Mother to see the Father. The girls names are Mary Ann & Matilda Figsbee.
- th 23. Elder Br. returned from New York. He has seen Alphonzo Figsbee, father of said girls. & he has signed indentures binding them. An older sister named Catharine Figsbee came home with Elder Br. to see her sisters, & the place where they lived.
- th 30. A little boy came here to live, named Thomas Rayson. Nephew to Mary & Washington.
- A company of visitors arrived here from Canterbury. Viz Nehemiah Trull. William Libbey Mary Ann

Gillispie Elizabeth Stickney, Petsy Campbell  
& Julia Ann Briggs.

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- tu 5 John Dean & Charles Sizer accompanied by Sarah Bates, Sally Bushnell & Petsy Crooman went to Canaan four corners to meet & accompany the Ministry home. They have been to Waterliet a few days since returning from the West.
- tu 12. Elder Isachar Bates, Eldress Paulina Bates & Irena Bates arrived here from Waterliet.
- s 9. Amelia Calver came out of the girls order into the great house to live. Augusta S. takes charge of her.
- th 14 James H. Smith went on the Hill to be the Elder Brother there.
- w 20. John Lockwood came here to live today. He has been officiating as Elder Br at the Hill family for some time past.
- s 23 Samuel White moved from No 15 to No 9.
- tu 26. Sarah Jane Winters went to the South family to see if they are willing to keep her a while.
- w 27. Elder Anos & Br Daniel went to Waterliet on the 25<sup>th</sup> & returned today.

fr 29. Philemon Stewart moved from the Second family to the Second Order & resigns the office of Elder Br. having occupied in that calling since Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1854.

s 30. Elder Amos Stewart went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family to take up his residence there for a season. Elder Richard Bushnell, being the one appointed to fill the vacancy in the Ministry, came over to day & took up his residence in the meeting House. He feels very unable to fill the place & it is with great reluctance that he makes any attempt.

November 1858.

fr 5. John Dean took Elders B & Sr E T over to Hancock yesterday, & brot them home to day.

m 8. P.M. We heard that Zechariah Standish died at Albany last Saturday about 4 o'clock P.M. In consequence of this Benjamin G. Sarah Ann Standish & Tabitha Lapley on short notice started for Albany via R.R. & arrived there in the City about midnight.

w 10. Benjamin & Tabitha returned home & left Elizabeth & Sarah Ann Standish there to take care of Zechariah's things. Charlotte Bounds

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also came home with Tabitha. She having gone out to Albany yesterday with Elizabeth. Zech-ariah is natural brother to Sarah Ann & former husband to Elizabeth.

The Ministry except Elder Richard went to Waterliet.

- th 11. Charlie Palemon Webb. came here to live.
- s 13. Elder Richard went to Waterliet attended by Elders Antionett & Olive Holden.
- tu 16. Benjamin went to Albany Saturday & returned to day with Sarah Ann & Elizabeth.
- s 20. The Elders of the Chh at Hancock came over here on a visit. Viz Elder Br. Simon Maybee, Fidelio Collins. Elder Sr Jannett Angur Angur & Lucy Jane Osborn. staid over the Sabbath.
- tu 23. Several individuals changed rooms in the great house. Olive Brown from 10 to 8. Florinda Sears from 10 to 14. Margaret Reamer & Fanny Evans from 8 to 10.
- sat 28. The Second Family Elders viz Elder Br Amos Stewart Mark Patterson Elder Sr Marilla Fairbanks & Ann Buzby attended our afternoon meeting.
- m 29. Eliza Sharp moved from the Martin Boy to the closet of the Room No 10. where accommodations

have been made for her to pass the winter. She is gaining slowly & able to help herself some. Frederic Wicker of Waterlot came to convey Elder Richard home. Leaves him at the North Family.

tu 30. Frederick W. set out for home & took Jonathan W. with him for a visit.

There is much talk now a days about a strange noise that has been heard in the night west of us. A good many have noticed it in the course of 8 or 10 days, & it cannot be accounted for.

## December 1858.

th 2. Alphonzo Figsbee, his wife & little son George here.

s 4. Figsbee bound his daughter Catharine.

tu 7. Fanny Evans set out this morning for New York in company with Elder Frederic Evans & Eldress Antionette Dolittle on business concerning some property.

It comes out today what those strange noises are that have been within a few weeks past. But the less said about it the better, as it originated within our own borders, & nothing wrong was intended.

fr 10. Several of our sisters went up to the Second Order to put up a quantity of Dr. Norwoods tincture. (8 days work

December 1858.

- tu 14. Zechariah Reed & wife here on a visit.  
Returned Sat 18<sup>th</sup>
- Sat 18. Elizabeth Taylor deceased this morning about  
7 o'clock. Aged 87<sup>y</sup>-7<sup>m</sup>-5<sup>d</sup>.
- tu 21. Elizabeth Taylor's funeral was attended today  
at the house where she lived near by the carding  
machine. A number of our folks went to the  
funeral. Viz.\* Sarah Bates, Leah Taylor Mary Ann  
Mantle Sarah Ann Lewis & Mary Hazard. & P. R.  
\*Peter Long. Elisha Blakeman, James Goodwin  
& Gabriel Thompson. Some of the North Family &  
Second Family were there, also some of the world.  
Jesse Lewis, Daniel Copley, Clinton Brainard  
& Elder br Henry Mantle & two or three other males  
went to the Grave. Three sisters went viz. Fanny  
Taylor, Leah Taylor & Polly Ann. There was a  
tedious storm all the time.
- th 30. Peter Long & George Wickersham went to Waterlot  
Returned Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1859.

## January. 1859.

- m 3. John Lockwood moved to the South House to live.  
Has gone to be a help in temporal care.
- th 6. The Elders of the first Order Waterlot arrived here on a visit. Viz Elder br Chauncey Copley, br Austin Buckingham, Elder Sr Betsy Harrison & Mariah Treadway. (Mariah has lately left the Elders Order, & Lydia Annas has taken her place. George Price also came with them on some mechanical business.
- tu 11. Elder Abraham Perkins & Henry Blinn arrived here. Returned Friday 14<sup>th</sup>
- m 17. Br Daniel Boler set off by Rail Road for Ohio!
- tu 18. Elder Groves Blanchard of Harvard arrived here.
- s 22. A company of 10 persons from Rutland came over here to visit us. John Landon is chiefest among them. Was a leader at the Rutland Convention. They are staying at the North Family a few days.
- s 23. Elder Br Daniel Crossman Peter Long, Sr. Eliza Ann Taylor & P. R. went over to the North House this forenoon to attend meeting there.
- w 26. Dudley Barret having been sick but a few days departed this life about 8 o'clock this evening.

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- fr 28. Sarah Hawkins departed this life about 1 o'clock this morning. Sarah is one of the aged, & Dudley is but a youth.
- s. 29. The funeral of Sarah & Dudley was attended this P.M. at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 o'clock.

February 1859.

- s. 5. Elder Sr. Abigail Crossman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order sick.
- tu 8. We learn by way of Charles Greaves who has been up to Wateroliet that Frederic Wicker deceased on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst at 2 Omin past 12. P.M.
- fr 11. Jane Smith departed this life early this morn, but no one knew the exact time. It was quite unexpected, tho' she had been confined several days. She made the remark the evening before that she did not see as she could die, & she had concluded to get well. But she wished she could go to sleep & never wake up again. And it seems she was fortunate enough to have her wish in a good degree, as the lifeless body did not indicate any death struggles. (returned from the west 8<sup>th</sup> inst)
- w 16. Ministry went to Wateroliet (Br. Daniel,



# March 1859.

- tu 1. Kept as Christmas in remembrance of M. Ann.
- fr 4. The little girls have been to the wash house for several days doctoring for the itch. Maria Lapley has generously turned in & taken care of them. As Anna has had very sore eyes & almost disenabled for every kind of business.
- sa 7. Clark Hall the Dentist came to do some more at setting teeth. had a boy to help some.
- s 19. Clark Hall returned to day having made at this trip 9. single plates of teeth. They were for Rachel S. (Mary H a whole set) Olive Brown Leah Taylor Eleanor Potter & P.R. first Order. & Joanna C. & Nancy Dow 2<sup>nd</sup> Order.
- w 23. Ministry returned home. Br Daniel came with the horses & waggon, & the sisters by Rail Road. & Br Daniel instead of coming directly home went to the Depot & brot in the Sisters.
- w 30. Wm. Taylor jr (called Billy) died this morning after a confinement of some months. aged 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. 5<sup>m</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>. (2<sup>nd</sup> Family.)

On the 29<sup>th</sup> Sarah Ann Spencer moved from 14 to 16. & Eliza Ann S. from 16 to 14.

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April 1859.

- m 11. Abijah Estus set out for Michigan to take charge of a farm that the North Family have just bought. Abijah came from Michigan not long since & set out to be a Believer.
- m 18. Ministry set out for the East.

May 1859.

- w 14. Ministry returned from the East.
- tu 3. Stanton Buckingham arrived with Lucy Fuller & Sarah Dean from Waterliet.
- tu 10. John Dean went with the two Waterliet Sisters, Angelic Vedder Anna Doolson and Emily Wilkerson to Cheshire. Returned 11.
- s 14. Lucy Fuller & Sarah Dean returned home by Rail Road.
- tu 17. Ministry went to Waterliet.
- s 28. Nehemiah White & Freegift Wells here from Waterliet.
- m 30. Benjamin G. Sarah B & Sarah Ann Standish set out for New York on business about some property belonging to Sarah Ann.

June. 1850

- fr 3. Benjamin Sarah & Sarah Ann returned home.
- tu 7. A company went from here to Waterliet viz  
Gabriel Thompson William Calver, Matilda Reed,  
Miranda Barber Augusta Stone & Adaline Cantrel.
- w 15. Ministry returned from Waterliet also our vis-  
itors. who went to Saratoga after their visit was  
thro' at Waterliet.
- w 22. Eliza Sharp moved from the closet of No 10  
to the Wash-house lower north west corner room.
- th 23. Visitors from North Enfield arrived her very late.  
their names are Simcon Childs, John Bradford,  
Roena Morrel, Martha Curtis Julia Ann Hammond,  
& Mary Ann Crane.
- tu 28. Amy Bennet has for some time past appeared  
very strange, is very melancholy & seems to  
be deranged on some points. She has been stay-  
ing at the D<sup>no</sup> Order a few days. but has again  
returned.

We have lost 2 very nice horses the past  
month by Death. Something very mysterious  
is connected with the affair particularly with one  
which it appears was pricked with a fork.

July. 1850.

- s 2. There was a terrible thunder shower this evening which terminated in a flood, & did a great deal of damage
- sub 3. 21. hands went down to our grist Mill to throw up a breast work of stone to keep the water from undermining the wall. The loss occasioned by the flood is very great all around us & will require much time & labor to repair what is torn in pieces.
- 11. 7. Amy Bennet remains in a melancholly & strange condition so we have concluded to have her go to the East family & stay a while.
- s. 9. Sr. Eliza Ann Taylor & Polly R went up to the East Family to see Amy who took it into her head to run away about 3 o'clock this morning. She was found on the mountain sitting under a tree. We concluded to bring her home & not leave her there to be a burden.
- 11. 14. Edward Fowler set out for Springfield taking Antionette Belknap & Elizabeth Cantrell with him for an outlet. Returned. 15<sup>th</sup>

Sarah B & Polly R. went with Elder Richard to the Campbell Place, for a ride.

tu 26. Harriet Goodwin & Sally Bushnell went up to the East Family Elizabeth Ann Rayson whom they will leave there, thinking she will make out better there than in this family.

August 1850.

th 4 Isaac Youngs Betsy Crossman & Matilda Reed went to Hancock to show them about cutting the New fashioned frocks. Half way between coat & frock.

fr 5. A very lamentable event occurred to day at the herb shop. Alanzo Hollister got his hand caught in the cutting machine, cutting off a part of all the fingers on the left hand & a part of the under side of the hand.

s 6. John Dean, Harriet Goodwin & Mary Hazard went over to Hancock to accompany David Parker Elder Sr Dorothy Durgin & Mary Whitcher, <sup>of Canterbury</sup> to our place.

su 10. Ministry went to Wateroliet. David & Co. set out for Groveland. J. Q. Went with the Ministry.

August 1859.

- d 13. Hewitt Chandler of New Gloucester arrived here having been to Waterliet; he came from there in company with Br. Daniel.
- m 15. Two boys absconded last night. Viz. Aaron Stingerland & John Winchell.
- fr 19. Benjamin Gates Sarah Ann Lewis & Mary Hazard went to Albany on business.
- s. 20. Charles Sizer & George Long returned from the West. George saw Blonden walk the rope across the Niagara. An awful performance!

September 1859.

- 1<sup>st</sup> 1. Peter Long, Leah Taylor & Polly Reed went to Canaan Corners to meet Isaac Y. & escort him home. He is some improved in health & spirits.
- S. 3. Joseph Bennet & wife here to see Amy Bennett. Returned. mon. 5<sup>th</sup>
- tu 6. Elder Br Daniel C. Elder Sr Abigail C. & Polly R. went to Waterliet to see the Ministry. Ret<sup>n</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> 8. A very melancholly event occurred at the North family's new barn. The staging fell & three men fell with it. One of them was so severely wounded that he died the same day, in about four hours.

the other two recovered. The name of the one that died was Michael Fa.

- w 14. Peter Long Sarah Ann Standish & Amy Bennet went over to Cheshire Monday & returned to day. Amy is still absent minded. A humor she has had in her hands seems to have shifted to her head & thus to derange her senses.
- Th 15. Orren Haskins Leah Taylor & Elizabeth Siddle went to meet some visitors from Canterbury viz Elias Smith, Benjamin Hought, Hulda Garland Lovina Lucas, Mary Ann Hill, & Sally Beely.
- fr 16. Attended Cynthia Hamlins funeral at 3<sup>o</sup> P.M. who deceas'd Wed. 14. Aged <sup>77</sup> 77 <sup>11</sup> 11 <sup>2</sup> 2.
- Sab 18. Joseph Tillinghast came here with (John Robe) & spoke to our children who were assembled in the meeting room. At the close he gave each one a little printed book & three cent piece.
- w 21. Barnabas Hinkley Andrew Fortier, Harriet Goodwin Eliza Sharp, Amy Reed & Ann Eliza Scriven went to Waterlot. Eliza has gone to stay a while.
- Th 22. Ministry from Alfred arrived here. Their names are C. Joseph Bracket, Elders Lovina Mc Intire & Louis Wentworth.

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Elder John Haine was also with them but belongs to Gloucester.

S 24. Ministry returned home from Waterliet having been to Groveland in their absence.

October 1859.

tu 4. Eldress Betsy and Sarah Ann Lewis went up to the East Family to accompany Amy Bennet, who is going there to remain for the present.

w 5. Elder Br Giles Avery, Eliza Ann Taylor, Jerusha Smith & Mary Stewart went up to Waterliet. Mary goes there to be a help as a nurse of the sick & infirm at the 2<sup>nd</sup> family, of which they have a number, & not many well ones to take care of them. Returned Friday 7.

th 6. Eliza Ann Lesters Grandmother came here after her & took her: it being her choice to go.

w 12. A load of visitors arrived from the 2<sup>nd</sup> family at Waterliet viz. Jesse Wells, Calvin Reynolds, Rebecca Carter, Permilla Carl, Cornelia Rogers & Sarah Delvin.

th 13. Brother Giles B. Avery moved from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order to the Meeting House to stand 2<sup>nd</sup> with Elder Daniel B.



- fr 14. Benjamin G. went to the Depot & brot in Sarah A Lewis & Mary Hazard from New York. also a little girl that came from New York to live here. named Letecia Brown half Sister to Stewart Brown.
- th 20. Ministry set out for the East to Alfred &c.
- fr 21. Benjamin Gates, Sarah Ann Lewis & Polly Reed went over to Pittsfield with Louiza Young to see her Mother, Amelia Young, who is boarding & stopping there a few days with her son. They are on a doctoring mission.
- tu 25. Chauncey Miller Elizabeth Seely & Abigail Messenger came from Wateroliet to convey Eliza Sharp home
- th 27. Joseph Dodgson, Anna's Uncle & his daughter here on a visit. Also Anna Scriven, Ann Eliza's Mother came to see her.

## November 1859.

- tu 2. Eliza Sharp moved from the Wash house to the Physicians Shop. She is slowly gaining some is able to walk some with crutches.
- s 12. John Dean went to Pittsfiel & brot in the Ministry. who have returned from the East.

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November 1859.

m. 20. John Dean took Bro Giles Avery & Orrin  
Haskins to the Depot on their way to visit the  
Eastern Churches in Maine. Also Amelia Young  
& her son John. went from here with them.

m 25. Joel Smith & two Sisters here from Waterville.  
viz Eliza Peamer & Emily Conklin.

Amy Bennet deceased  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11. A. M. East Family

December. 1859.

th 1. Elder Br. Joel & Sisters went home. Jerusha  
Smith went with them from the Second Order.

tu 20. A man named John Clark came here  
for a kind of a visit. Great healing medium.

th 22. We hear that a murder was committed  
last night between here & our Murdock place.  
an irishman killed his wife.

# January 1860.

- w 11. We hear of an awful disaster that occurred yesterday, about dusk in the evening, a large Factory called Pemberton Mills, in Lawrence near Lowell Mass. that fell in one sudden crash into a heap of ruins. It is said 150 persons were killed & 165 wounded.
- s 14. Justin Brownson of Enfield here. Also William Buspel & Alfred Lomis of Waterlick here also. Returned Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>.
- th 26<sup>th</sup>. John Dean moved up to the East Family to be Elder Brother there in place of James N. Smith.
- s 28<sup>th</sup>. James N. Smith moved from the East Family into the 1<sup>st</sup> Order. into No 9.

# February 1860

- tu 7. Eldress B. B. & Sister C. T. went to their Shop, having been confined at the Meeting House since the 5<sup>th</sup> of last month.
- th 9. Mary Jane Tyrel taken to Canaan to live.
- tu 14. Mary Jane being determined not to live at Canaan is taken to the world.
- s 18<sup>th</sup>. Ministry (excepting Eldress Betsey) went to Waterlick. by R. R.

February 1860.

- tu 21. Ann Eliza Mason here with her little daughter Susan.
- th 23<sup>rd</sup> Little Susan came into this family to live.
- S. 25<sup>th</sup> Sr Eliza Ann Taylor & Aurelia White came from Waterliet by Rail Road with Chas. F. Evans.
- m 27<sup>th</sup> Peter L. took Sr Eliza Ann & Aurelia to the Rail R. & accompanied them to Albany, & then returned. Ann Eliza Mason started on her way back to N.Y.

March 1860.

- m 12. When the Ministry went to Waterliet on the 18<sup>th</sup> ult, Eliza Sharp went out to the meeting house & staid with Eldress Betsy who was there confined on account of ill health, & staid there till this date. P.R. staid with them nights & attended to them by day.
- th 15<sup>th</sup> Ministry returned home, Eldress Betsy went to her shop, & P.R. repaired to her own room & shop, having spent the greater part of her time both by day & by night at the meeting house since the fore part of January.
- m 19. Several Sisters changed residence. Elizabeth Cantrel moved from No 20" to "12. Abigail H. 16" to "20.

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- Julia Barker from 12<sup>th</sup> to 8. Mary Rayson 8<sup>th</sup> to 16.
- s 24. Joseph Goodnow. Eldress Paulina B. V. Mary Ann Clynes of Waterchit came here on Thursday. I returned to day.
- m 26. Elizabeth Long here to see her relatives last Saturday, I returned home to day.
- tu 27. Ministry set out for Groveland by Rail Road.
- fr 30. Elder Br D. C. went to Canaan with Sally B. Cornelia French & three Tigsbee girls, to see their Mothers.

April 1860.

- m 2. A beginning is made towards repairing the Dairy. Betsy Darrow departed this life about 4<sup>o</sup> P.M. Aged 82 years 7 m. 26. d.
- w 4. Attended Sr Betsy's funeral.
- w 11. Ministry returned home.
- tu 17. Daniel Remington & his sister Anna came to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order to live.
- tu 24<sup>th</sup>. Harvard Ministry arrived here viz. Elder Grove Blanchard. Br William Leonard. Eldress Nancy Crossment & Sr Mary Babbitt. Also Lucy Badger. Deaconess at Shirley.
- s. 28. Horatio Stone moved from No 15- to 9. & George Rice from 9- to 15.

May. 1860.

- to 2. Canterbury Ministry arrived here. Viz. Elder Abraham P. Br James Kaine. Elders Harriet Hastings & Sr. Mary Whiteher.
- tu 8<sup>th</sup> Alfred Ministry arrived here to day. Viz Elder Elias Sawyer & br Samuel Kendrick. Elders Hester Adams & Sister Lovina Mc Intire.
- tu 22. Nathan Williams & Isaac Youngs set out on a journey to Harvard.
- w 29. Ministry went to Wateroliet.

June 1860.

- fr 8. Nathan & Isaac returned having been to Howard & Shirley, Boston Portland & New Gloucester.
- tu 12. Ohio Ministry arrived here. Viz. Elder Aaron Babbitt & br Peter Boyd Elders Sally S. & Naomi L.
- th 14. The Dairy is so far completed that the Sisters Julia & Ann Scott & Elizabeth Cantrell are beginning to move in. Peter Long has been the principal hand at repairing it.
- s. 16. Ministry returned home <sup>18<sup>th</sup></sup> Philemon starts for New Gloucester to be a help here.
- th 21. Elisha B went on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult to see his sick father about 12 miles N<sup>E</sup> of Clyde. he also visited Groeland and returned home to day.
- S. 23. Caleb M Dyer, Elder Sr Rebecca Robinson & Mary Fall

June 1860.

arrived here. have been on a journey & are returning home

th. 28. A company of visitors here from Waterliet. Viz. Charles Brackett, Philip Smith, Catharine Vedder, Elmira Treadway, Semantha Bowie & Maria Finch.

A boy belonging to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family named Edwin Corstan got drowned this evening at the Trip hammer pond.

Sarah Bates went with Elder Sister Rebecca Robinson & Eldress Antonette to Canaan.

July 1860.

m. 2. Elder Daniel Boler & Sr. Eliza Ann Taylor went to Waterliet & took & took Olive Wheeler & Margaretta Lannicus with them from the East Family, to go & be a help to them at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family.

tu 4. Elder Daniel & Sister Eliza Ann returned & brot with them Laura Prentis & Phebe Lane for a visit.

sa 7. Waterliet Visitors returned home.

th 10. Edward Mason, Susans Father here to visit.

sa 12. Edward Fowler returned home. He had a narrow chance for his life last night, while coming up the River from N.Y. A sleep ran against the boat he was on & stood in the hinder part, & displaced one of the boilers. But the break being above water they just escaped sinking.

## July

- tu 10. The old East House kitchen wood shed built in the year 1818 was taken down to day, and so one generation tears down what another built up.
- w 11 The white stone posts the East side of the road are finished being set.
- s 21. A very extraordinary meteor was seen by a few of our folks last night. It first appeared in the S.W. and passed swiftly bearing S.E.
- Elder Daniel Dyer of Groeland here to see the ministry Returned 24<sup>th</sup>
- th 26. Elder Otis Sawyer here to see the Ministry. Came yesterday & returned today.
- m 30 Charles Sizer set out on his Western Sea Route.
- fr 27. Mary Jane Tyrel having lived out among the world awhile got sick of it, & petitioned to be taken back again & was therefore taken back to the second order her former home.

## August 1860.

- m 6. Peter Long, Polly Reed & Sarah Bates went to Hancock.
- Elder Daniel C. & Benjamin Sp. set out for Michigan.
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Benjamin returned home & brot two girls to live here. Elizabeth Chapman aged 19, April 8<sup>th</sup> 1860.



<sup>Jane</sup> Jannett Fuller aged 12, September 8<sup>th</sup> 1860.

Elder Daniel Boler & Br Giles having went from Waterliet to Gloucester a few days ago, Br Giles went on by Rail Road to Waterliet & Elder Daniel stopped here & brot with him Ransom Gilman <sup>home</sup> & left him at the second Family probably as his,   
 tu 21. E. Daniel B. went to Waterliet.

Elisba B. went with Polly R. & Rachel Simpson to Senox to take some baskets &c to the boarders.

Elder Daniel Crossman returned home. He parted with Benjamin at Rochester & went to Groveland & visited the people there.

Eliza Sharp went to Waterliet with Elder Br John Dean C. Sr Sarah Van Wyke, & Charlotte Bound from East Family.

## September 1860.

u 15<sup>th</sup> A Company of visitors arrived here from Alfred viz. Elder Br Josiah Bangs & Isaac Coffin C. Sr - Harriet Wakefield Lydia Nowel Eleanor Coffin, & Elizabeth Cummings. Eliza Sharp also came with them from Waterliet.

tu 18. John Gildersleeve went to take care of the Wash house,

the place Johnson Shapley had occupied.

w 10. Johnson Shapley departed this life 20 min past 7 o'clock A.M.

th 10. Funeral at 3 o'clock A.M.

fr. 28 Canterbury Ministry arrived here also Philemon S. George Song of the Second order has foolishly made up his mind to join the lovers of sin.

Sat. 1. Helena W. Emma E & Catharine F left the girls order & moved into the great House  
October 1860.

tu 2. Canterbury Ministry returned home.

A Company of visitors arrived here from Waterlot viz. Nathaniel Fry, Sarah Taylor & Hester Ann Gustin. Margarett Lannieur came with them but went up to the East Family after some of her clothing to take back with her expecting that to be her residence awhile longer.

w 3. Ministry went to Hancock.

Edward F Sarah & Ann Lewis & Tabitha Sapsley set out for New York on business.

Sab. 7. Ministry went to Hancock its sanction in public meeting a change that had become necessary there in the Ministry, in consequence of the decline of Elder Groce Wrights health. Thomas Damon

takes Elder Groves place, & Fidelis Collins is appointed as Second.

Nov 10. Andrew Fortier & George Rice went to Waterlot after a load of apples for the East family, presented them by the Waterlot folks.

A man came here yesterday from Vermont named Thomas Nichols. He brot a daughter here named Abbey, Georgianna Nichols, born Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1857. He bound his child, & left today.

Nov 11. Edward, Sarah Ann & Tabitha returned today.

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> William Drake, has concluded to leave.

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> The Physician Sisters, Jane Blanchard and Amy Reed have for some time been moving their effects into the New Infirmary & have so far succeeded that they took up lodgings at night for the first time. They have had a serious & heavy job to prepare the house & get moved in.

## November 1860.

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Eliza Sharp left her habitation at the physicians shop & moved into No 4 in the great house as a retiring room, & into the wood house to work

November 1860.

in the small room south of the stairs where  
• Adelah Lillah has worked for a few years. Just  
mending for the little boys, till last week on the  
27<sup>th</sup> she moved to the south chamber in the  
physicians shop, where she is to continue to  
take care of the boys clothes. Also Maria Sapsley  
left the washhouse work & gone there to assist  
in that business.

m 5. Molly Smith & Molly Bennet moved from  
No 4. Great house to the south Garret in the  
New Infirmary. there to live, lodge & work.

Molly Smith has been a mender of brethrens clothes  
for several years past, at the wash house &  
Molly Bennet seamstress, working at the wash  
house since it was repaired.

Joanna Hitchell left the Deaconesses lot &  
moved to No 10, to live, & took Molly Smiths  
place at the mending room.

Miranda Barber left No 14 & took Joannas  
place in the Deaconesses lot.

w 7. Ministry went to Waterditch.

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> The two Mollys ate dinner in the New Infirmary  
the first meal eaten there.

- m 12. Barnabas Hinkley & Gabriel Thompson set out for New York, taking with them little Henry Drake. They had great labor to find his relations & finally left him with his step-mother. Church school commenced, 26 scholars W<sup>m</sup> C. teachers.
- m 19<sup>th</sup>. Eliza Blakeman set out for Groveland. is to stop a little at Wateroliet. His business at Groveland is to assist them in teaching their school, as there is none there qualified for that duty.
- tu 20. James Long having turned from his faith & fallen into sin, this day left believers to associate with company more congenial.
- th 22. Josephine Martin & Anna Barker left the childrens order & moved into the great house. Barnabas returned home from New York.
- th 29. Thanks-giving.
- fr 30. Edward & Gabriel returned home & brot with them David Thompson Gabriels younger brother.
- tu 20. Olive Brown, Julia Barker & Josephine Martin upper North room physicians shop & Angelic Wedder Sa. St. & Eleanor P. moved to the South upper room Dairy house.

December 1860.

wed 5. Jerusha Smith returned from Waterliet in company with Augustus Blaze, Elder Sr. Elance & Charlotte Young.

sun 17. David Thompson returned home, in preference to uniting with us.

fe 21. Two young Believers John & James Howarth belonging to Canterbury visited us this evening. We met in the Meeting room & they addressed us on the subject of Faith in the gospel and an outline of their own experience.

w 26. Jonathan Wood moved to the Infirmary as his future residence, being quite infirm & reduced both mentally & physically.

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Clark Hall the Dentist came here on the 12<sup>th</sup> & finished on the 18<sup>th</sup> Made plates for Jesse Street Harriet Goodwin, Hannah Agnew & Matilda Reed.

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Number of Males in the 1<sup>st</sup> Order 55.  
Females. " " " 74.

1861.

January.

- fr 14. This being a day appointed by President Lincoln Buchannon, for a day of Fasting and Prayer on account of National Troubles, we noticed it by holding a Society Meeting at the Meeting House.
- m 7. Molly Bennet moved from the Infirmary back to great house No 14 to live, & to the North room up stairs to the former physician's shop to work.
- w. 9. Anna Dodgson moved away from girls shop to No 13 great house, and Emily Wilkerson moved from No 10 to girls shop to take Anna's place.
- fr 25 Gabriel Thompson has this day forsaken his home & best of friends for the shadows of time.

February 1861.

- Sat 2. Rachel Sampson left the Office & moved to No 14 great house.
- Sat 23. Lucy Chapman at the 2<sup>nd</sup> family was found lying on the floor just before dinner. She spoke & said a pain struck her in her head & knocked her down. She lived only about 3 hours after.

February 1865.

m 25 A very sudden & shocking event occurred this day. Barnabas Hinkley was found dead at the Blacksmiths shop. Was first discovered about 10<sup>min</sup> after 12. o'clock at noon. He must have died instantly as there were no signs of struggles. His body was partially dissected by Dr Wright & Salmon residents in the hallow. His case pronounced a stroke of apoplexy.

w 27. Funeral at 1/2 past 2 P.M. A number of spectators from without attended. viz Rev. Simlow Dr Salmon. Dr Clark Hall. Sanford. C. Bowman. Geo Barker. Orren Parsons. Col Tanner, - Rice & two females.

March 1865.

fr 15. A man by the name of Brown here to exhibit a knitting machine. Considerable knitting done on it at the Office.

fr 29 Elisha Blakeman returned from Groveland.  
sat 30. Elizabeth Chapman went to the Depot to see her father he not feeling able to come any further. Andrus F. & Polly R. went for company.



April 1861.

Great excitement outside. Civil War is about commencing & military forces are ordered to collect at Washington, seat of government

- Sab 25. A narrow escape from fire at the Stone Saw mill. caused by putting ashes into a wooden keg.
- tu 30. Owen Haskins left the boys order as caretaker & Augustus Stone takes his place.

May 1861.

- we 1. John Brown of North Family came here to live. moved into No 11. Dorn in Ireland, May 20<sup>th</sup> 1824. Whole name John Mullen Brown.
- 1h 12. James V Smith is appointed to fill the vacancy left by Br Barnabas in the Medical department.
- fr 3. Ann Eliza Scriven having run away & gone to Albany on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> ult was brot back on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> by Benjamin Gates Eliza Ann Taylor & Polly Reed. Staid at the Office till today when she was taken down to the hallows to go back to Albany in the stage. She chooses the world & we are willing she should have it.

May 1861.

m 13. Peter H Long and Chauncey Sears were  
R taken by James Thompson to the Depot on the way  
to Groveland, where they are to remain & be a  
help to that Society spiritually and temporally.  
Harriet Goodwin & Matilda Reed accompany  
them to Albany.

w 15 James T returned from Albany with H C & M R.  
Peter & Chauncey go on to Groveland with the Ministry.  
Emma Jane Neal came here to live from East family.

June 1861.

w 15. || Josiah Vining of East Family deceased last night  
tu 11. Ministry returned from Wateroliet & brot with  
them a little girl by the name of Ann Magill  
born in Albany May 14<sup>th</sup> 1858.

m 10. Augustus Blaze Simon Bower Orpha Degreat  
& Elvira Couklin here on a visit. - Returned - 13<sup>th</sup>

|| Suza Walker deceased last evening. South family.  
th 27. James Thompson, Peter Greaves, Olive Brown,  
Anna Dodgson, Julia Barker & Maria Manning  
went to Wateroliet. Returned July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ministry set out for an eastern journey. same day, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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- Sat 6. || Jonathan Wood deceased this morning at 8 o'clock aged 69 years 10 m. 9 d. Funeral Sat 7<sup>th</sup>
- Wed 23. Alarm of Fire. Roof of the North Families dwelling house caught fire by sparks from the chimney. but by prompt & energetic exertion was extinguished.
- Mon 30. || Groce Wright, early this morning left the society - accompanied by Samuel Pierce.
- Wed 8. B Calvin Green started for Groveland to officiate as Elder in West Family there.

August, 1861.

- Mon 5. Samuel Pierce returns from New York, is admitted, goes to live in no 7.
- Mon 12. Margaret Falkenburg, born July 4<sup>th</sup> 1849 in N.Y. brot here today from Albany by Benjamin Gates.
- Tue 15. Finish papering Ministry's Shop. . P.R. & H.C.
- Sat 18. A company of brethren & sisters from the first & second Order go over North to hear a lecture from the celebrated Dr. Griscomb on Physiology &c
- Wed 21. Company of visitors from Groveland arrive here. are met at the Depo, by James Thompson, Rachel Addick Dillah, Anna D Miranda B. Elizabeth S & Emily W. The visitors are Elder Joseph Pelham Malichi Sanford, Polly Lee, Sarah Sizer, Susan Looe & Caroline Austin.

August 1861.

Sat 31. Ministry returned home after an absence of nearly 2 months.  
 m. 27. John Mantle deceased at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family aged 88 y.  
 7 m. 21 days.

A Company of visitors from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order went to Waterlot. Joseph Holden Henry Hollister, Lucy Ann Haskins Joanna Vining Elizabeth Sears, Mary Lyall.

Fr 30. William Gastin left the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order.

September 1861.

m 2. Ex Governor Briggs of Massachusetts shot himself by accident, died in a few days.

o Lovina Salisbury of North Family appointed Eldress of the South Family at Waterlot.

th 5 Our favorite White Puppy who has inhabited the kitchen for 12 years past was smothered to death in the kiln.. he was a terror to all the rats & mice.

R Elder Joseph Pelham who has visited here for some time leaves for Waterlot, where he is to remain and officiate as Public Speaker. He has lived at Groeland ever since that society was organized.

fr 10. Sarah Ann Lewis Catharine Van Houten & Lucy Jacobs went to Saratoga. Returned 19<sup>th</sup>

Sat 14 || George Hodgson of Canaan deceased. 79 y. 5 m.

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- tu 17. Elder Daniel Boler has spent two days assisting the East family repairing & painting the roof of their house.
- th 26. This day is observed as a National fast, recommended by the President in consideration of the war-like attitude of the Country. We observe it similar to Thanksgiving
- fr 27. James Smith Smith Mary Hazard Eliza Avery & Hannah Ann Agnew who went to Great Barrington on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst returned to day.

A Company of visitors here from Enfield N.H. viz. Nelson Chase, Francis Bradford, Cynthia Griffin, Anne Post Charlotte Hart & Amanda Curtis.

Also a Company from Waterlick. Elder Spachar B. Elders Lovina Salisbury, Irena Bates & Clarissa Shufelt.

October 1861.

- tu 1. A New Post Office is established at the North Family named Mount Lebanon, Columbia Co. N.Y. Richard Bushnell Post-Master.
- Sab 6. Hannah Ann Agnew released from the Elders lot at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order, Rhoda Blake takes her place. Rhoda released from being deaconess & is succeeded by Adaline Sears.
- w 9 0 Joel Neal & Charlotte his sister came here to live over

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from the East family. Joel is 8 years old & Charlotte 5.

on 16. Ministry went to Wateroliet.

on 30 Meeting house Chimneys laid over at the north end. Perkins the mason has worked at them several days.

## November 1861.

Sat 9. R. Charles Sizer is relieved from the Office & moves into the family to Room No 15 - great house. James Goodwin leaves the lot of family Deacons & takes Charles' place at the Office. George Wickersham gives up the charge of business at the Machine Shop and Charles takes his place.

on 18. # Horace Hurlbert of South Family deceased.


on 20 Ministry return from Wateroliet.

on 25. Elder Peter & Elder Calvin arrived from Groeland.  
Returned Friday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

## December 1861.

Sat 1. Society Meeting held today began at 1.00 and 4-4.0 m.

on 9 # Amos Lewis deceased has been living at the South Family some time past.

 A Company of boys were skating on the pond above the chair factory when some of them broke

thro' the ice two got drowned & two or three more  
came near drowning. Those drowned were Edward  
Sheroun, aged 15 years. & William Mills 7 years.  
Their bodies were taken to Albany to their relatives.

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There were residing in the Church on the  
last day of December 203 souls. 84 males 119 females.  
127 in the first Order. 51 males 76 females. 76 in the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Order. 33 males. 43 females.

Came in the year past.

John Brown. May 1<sup>st</sup> Emma Jane Neal May 15<sup>th</sup>  
John H Rapine May 25<sup>th</sup> William A Rapine. 25<sup>th</sup> Ann Magill  
June 11<sup>th</sup> Margaret & Washington Lester August 17<sup>th</sup> Nicholas  
& William Hendrickson August 10<sup>th</sup> Henry & Byron Lester  
August 11<sup>th</sup> Margaret Talkner August 12<sup>th</sup> Joel and  
Charlotte Neal October 9<sup>th</sup> David & Henry Hamilton Nov 11<sup>th</sup>.

Deceased.

Barnabas Hinkley Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Wood July 6<sup>th</sup> -  
Went from the Church.  
Gabriel Thompson Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Thomas Shields Feb 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Jane Tyrel April 26<sup>th</sup> Ann Eliza Scriven May 3<sup>rd</sup>

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Peter Long & Chauncey Sears removed May 13<sup>th</sup> Edward  
Grey May 29<sup>th</sup> John & William Rapine June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Calvin Green removed July 8<sup>th</sup> Groves Wright July 30<sup>th</sup>  
William Gastin August 26<sup>th</sup> Henry, Margaretta  
Washington & Byron Lester September 1<sup>st</sup> and  
Abbey Nicholson September 18<sup>th</sup>.

1862.

January.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Very warm for the season. a shower at dusk.  
tu 7<sup>th</sup> Two boys came to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order to live viz- William  
Roe Shanley & Livingston Roe Shanley. William was born  
1851.- Washington 1853.  
sat 11. \ Ministry set out for Waterliet. by Rail Road.  
Terrible wind with snow.  
sat 18. # William Trent of 2<sup>nd</sup> Order absconded.  
su 20. William Calver went with Elder Calvin<sup>sr</sup> to Water  
# liet on school matters &c. Returned 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
tu 28. / Andrew T took William Page of 2<sup>nd</sup> Order to  
# the Rail Road. having concluded to leave  
th 30. David Hamilton of 2<sup>nd</sup> Order proves unfit  
# to remain & is taken to the Rail Road.



February 1861.

- Sub 2. Betsy Sizer of East Family deceased last night. 10 min before 11 o'clock.
- m 17<sup>th</sup> Charles Greaves of North Family sick. with small pox. it is supposed contracted on a journey out.
- w 10. Ministry returned home brot by Daniel Sherman. of Waterlick, had an agreeable day.
- m 24 A thaw to day with rain  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. In the evening the wind changes to N.W. a boistrous snow storm ensues. The wind raged furiously, & in its violence tore off the tin on the Second Orders house. nearly half of the west side.

March 1862.

- m 3. Sad to tell! Washington Rayson this day leaves our Society. chooving the world in preference to crops.
- tu 4 Heavy wind & snow. A sad disaster occurred in Pittsfield. A large brick building belonging to one Burbanks fell with a dreadful crash, killing an aged woman & wounding seriously several persons. It was occupied by several men as stores.
- th 6. We were alarmed by fire this morning about 2 o'clock. and soon ascertained it was a store near

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The meeting house on the flat formerly owned by Moses Tilden. but of late by one David Spire. It is evident the house was robbed of the goods when fired.

fr 14. We learn that the culprits who robbed & fired the store are a part of them arrested, & a portion of the goods found

tu 25. Our worthy sister Ruth Johnson departed this life this forenoon about 11 o'clock. aged 83 y. 14 d.

w 26. Ruths funeral attended 1/2 past 2. P.M.

April 1862.

tu 1. R Miranda Barber left the Deaconesses lot, & went into No. 8. & Louiza Young takes her place. Oliver Prentiss came to the North House to live.

th 3 Ministry went to Waterliet.

Sat 5. || Augusta Sanieur deceased about 10 o'clock P.M. aged 38 years 7 m. 26 d.

|| James Bishop of 2<sup>nd</sup> family deceased about 8 o'clock A.M. aged 93 y. 3 m. 29 d.

Sat 6. Augustas funeral P.M. 1/2 past 2.

Sat 19. \ Br Giles Avery & William Dickinson arrived here from Waterliet. William came from Groeland & is to live at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order.

- tu 22 Br Giles returned to Waterliet.
- fr 25 John Brown went to Canaan with Harriet Goodwin & Sally Bushnell. They took little Susan Hendrickson to her Mother, who is about to leave Believers. Susan came February 26<sup>th</sup> about 3 years old.
- Sat 26. A Young Believer by the name of Melancthon Riggs deccased at the North House Otis Barker came to the Office.
- su 28. A company of brethren & sisters from the Chh attended his funeral

## May 1862.

- th 1. Otis Barker, manifesting a feeling to be one of us, went to the North House. He left here when a boy on account of his health. by request of his father.
- w 7. Ministry returned from Waterliet.
- Sat 10. Elder John Dean from East family stays at our sick house 3 or 4 days. is lame & some unwell.
- m 12 We hear by the papers of a great Fire in Troy, on Saturday which took by a spark from the Locomotive, which was drawing a train over the Rail Road bridge. Upwards of five hundred buildings were burned. Total loss roughly estimated at over two millions. Today a great many cinders, light bits of burnt shingles paper & cloth were found in various places

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on our lands & even on the mountain.

- ms 14 \ Harvard Ministry arrived here. I left the 20.<sup>th</sup>  
Heard of a terrible fire on Long Island lately,  
60 thousand acres of wood land burnt over &  
many buildings.
- th 15. There was a fire this evening at Canaan Depo  
The freight Depo & some freight were consumed.
- tu 20 Canterbury Ministry arrive here.
- tu 27. Joseph Lafume & Chauncey Dibble arrive here  
from Waterliet for a little visit. Returned June 2.
- fr 30. A company of visitors here from Hancock, Vt.  
Benjamin Whipple Charles Roberts, Hannah  
Williams, Looice Patten, Sarah Smith & Anna Smith.

June 1862.

- fr 6. Fire at the Pierce place this A.M. A small  
barn belonging to us was consumed - Value  
about 450 \$. insured about 200 \$. How it  
took fire is not known.
- Philemon Stewart arrived here from Poland Me.
- w 11. Andrew Fwent with the Ministry to Waterliet.  
They are going to stay at Waterliet a week, &  
then set out on a journey West.

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- fr 13. Andrew returned with Ministry's horses & waggon.  
tu 17. Edward Fowler, Sarah Ann Lewis & Sarah Ann Spencer  
went to Albany by R.R. Returned fr 20.  
Benjamin Gates went to New York, where he is to  
meet the Ministry on the morrow.  
m 23. Elisha Blakeman & Office Sisters are getting the  
paint off from the Meeting house doors, so as to  
paint them over & make them look better if possible.

July 1862.

- tu 1. Benjamin returned. Went with the Ministry  
to Economy, thence on to North Union, arrived  
Saturday & left Monday, then went to Michigan.  
Elish Myrick was in his company from New York  
to North Union.  
fr 4. A company of about 50 men, mostly on horse back,  
went thro' our street to day. Nearly all of them had  
masks on their faces, with many different dresses  
& laughable appearances. They had music with fife  
and drum. They cut quite a shine.  
Sat 5. Our dining room floor has been painted over.  
Table been out nearly 4 weeks, removed back to day.  
m 7. Ephraim P. & Abram H. of Waterliet here on a visit.

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- th 10. Eliza Sharp went to Canaan with E. Richard & Elders. Antoinette for a visit.
- Tu 15. An aged Woman named Newsworthy was here to day looking about; made a misstep, fell & broke her wrist. Dr Salmon happened to be going <sup>by</sup> was called in & set it. I attended to it.

Sat 26. Abram & Ephraim return home by stage. Ephraim has done a good deal here at pulling & fixing teeth.

m 28. A company of brethren went down in the hollow to raise a barn at the pierce place. in lieu of the burned one.

A little girl named Florence Gregg came here to live, born October 14<sup>th</sup> 1855. Staid about a week & was taken away.

August 1862.

Sub 10. Some of the brethren & sisters of the Society went down to the Meeting House in the hollow to hear a quaker preacher. He preached good doctrine.

w 20. A great day of going out stowing. A company from 1<sup>st</sup> Order set out on a journey to the Eastern Churches for a visit. Viz. George Wickersham, Charles Sizer C. Polly Reed, Olive Brown. Matilda Reed & Tabitha Lapsley. Augustus and Horatio Stone rode out with five boys.

August 1862.

Benjamin Gates, Mary Hayward & Elizaette B. went by Rail Road to Sharon Springs about 69 miles west of Albany<sup>to</sup> sell baskets cushions &c. Re Sat 20. George Thompson took Molly Bennet & Mary Ann Mantle to the East Family for a little visit.

Edward F set out for Pine Plains. Also a load of six from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order set out on a visit to Waterliet. Viz - James Vail, Andrew Barret, Sarah Smith Hannah Blake, Hannah Ann Agnew and  
Returned Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>

on 25. Benjamin Gates & Henry Hollister set out on a journey to Canada. &c. Returned Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

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on 8. Edward F & Peter Greaves set out for New York Peter goes to see Munn, printer of the Scientific American about an invention he has got up & got a moddle of it, for a new way of setting glass in windows. Returned thurs 18<sup>th</sup>

pr 12. || Esther Walker deceased at the East Family has long suffered with a cancer.

tu 16. Benjamin Gates went to Albany on the cars, & took Ann Maria by & Eunice C. for pleasure.

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September 1862.

- w 17. Ministry returned from their Western journey had a remarkably prosperous time considering the dangers & uncertainties on account of the war. They did not lose the worth of a pin & had but little obstruction occasioned by the war.
- on 22. Chauncey Sears from Groveland here, also Albert Lewis from Waterliet.
- tu 23. A man by the name of James Turner came & brot four children. They are from Michigan near our farm.
- th 25. Sarah Ann Lewis, Florinda Sears & Julia Ann Scott went to Hudson
- sat 27. Anna Parilla Laellum here to live from 2<sup>nd</sup> family.

October 1862.

- fr 3. Elizabeth Sidle & Emily Wilkerson went to Hancock to help them about ironing & putting on caps. staid over night.
- th 10<sup>th</sup>. Charles Sizer & Co. returned home. - having visited all the Eastern Societies. Had a good time & visit.
- sat 12. Society Meeting held at the Meeting House. a good agreeable & profitable time.
- on 13. Elder Chauncey Copley of Waterliet here, accompanied



by a brother from North Union George Ingalls, who came here to escape the draft, or get an exemption in some way. This Br Benjamin succeeded in obtaining, by meeting the President in person & presenting the case of our Society in connection with that of Br George, which he very courteously considered, & granted an exemption from draft & military service, and ordered the necessary writings which he signed. These Br Benjamin had the pleasure of presenting to Br George, which set him at liberty to return home & enjoy his religious faith free from military claims.

November 1862.

- on 3. Had the hearing of a letter from Pleasant Hill W.V. giving details of the distressed condition they are in on account of the war. truly lamentable.
- on 10. Male school commences - 37 scholars. James C. Teacher - his first season.
- tu 11. Ministry went to Wateroliet.
- we 12. Orren Haskins takes charge of Ministry's horses Barn &c in place of Andrew J. who has had

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them since January 1860.

Fe 21. Augustus Stone, C. Polly Reed, Mary Hazard  
& Anna Dodgson went to Chatham to get Turkey  
Feathers of one David Mosier who raises turkeys  
for sale. Staid over night.

December 1862.

Nov 10. Ministry returned from Waterdict.

Oct 27. Elder Peter Long here from Groveland. Returned 31.

There were residing in the Church on the  
last of December 204 souls. 83 males. 121 females.  
132 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Order, 55 males - 77 females. 72  
in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order. 28 males - 44 females.

Come in the year past.

William & Livingston Roe Shanley. January 7<sup>th</sup>

Joseph Thomas Hull & John Foster Hull Feb 26.

Susan Hendrickson Feb 26<sup>th</sup> William Dickinson

April 10<sup>th</sup> Lorin L Cook Charles C. Cook. & Henry

Benjamin Cook. May 19<sup>th</sup> Peter Estus Aug 13.

George Mortimer Rogers August 21. Eugene Smith

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Charles D. Rebecca J. Coridon & Alice

Amelia Turner September 23.

Virginius Lockwood Sept 23.<sup>rd</sup> Anna Parilla Ludlum  
 Sept. 27. Altha Holton Aug 9.<sup>th</sup> Thede Ann Clarke  
 Oct 1.<sup>st</sup> Francis Lee Mills Oct 4.<sup>th</sup> Margarette Herrington  
 Nov 10.<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Hannah Handy & Nancy Handy  
 Nov 10.<sup>th</sup> (24 in all)

Deceased.

Ruth Johnson March 24.<sup>th</sup> Augusta Lannieur Apr 4.

Went out from the Church.

William Trent. Jan 18.<sup>th</sup> William Page Jan 28.<sup>th</sup> David  
 Hamilton Jan 30.<sup>th</sup> Mary C Baker Feb 1. Simcon  
 D. Clinton Feb 3.<sup>rd</sup> William & Livingston Shanley Feb 3.  
 Washington Rayson. March 3.<sup>rd</sup> John Sarriner March 20.<sup>th</sup>  
 Susan Hendrickson. April 25.<sup>th</sup> Frederic Couse July 7.  
 Charles Weed July 10.<sup>th</sup> William Bishop September 6.  
 Joseph Thompson Sept 11. Lizzie Chapman Sept 9.  
 Peter Duboise Sept 28.<sup>th</sup> Mary Jane Duboise Nov 28.  
 William Drew Dec 17. Joseph Hull. December 19.  
 Charles Trent Dec 22.<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Falkenbury Dec 29.<sup>th</sup>  
 (25 in all.)

1863.

January.

Nothing unusual transpiring now a days except the horrid war of which we are daily hearing & from which we suffer more or less.

s. 4<sup>th</sup>

James Vail leaves the Elders Order at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order, & Alanzo Hollister succeeds him.

tu 13.

A woman here visiting to day by the name of Merrimitt, (or Anna Meister.) Is guided entirely by spirit influence. Thinks Christ has made his appearance in her. Has gathered to her quite a company. She with two female attendants & one male are staying at the north Family a few days. They all visit here with her. appear very sincere & seem to love & confide in their leader.

m 19.

Job Traverser here on a visit. A barrel of good wheat flour was found at the depo- consigned to Edward Fowler. a great wonder what it meant. When Job came he explained it.

m 26.

Nathan Williams 82 years of age gives up the Office team & Dwight Hinkley takes it. Horatio Stone takes Dwights place at the barn.

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February 1863

- m 2. Elder Giles B. Avery commenced learning to cut brethrens garments. it being too much for Horatio (who has latterly attended to that business,) besides working at the barn.
- w 11. Ministry went to Wateroliet
- R Henry Cantrel moved from No 7 to No 1 to be an asistant in the Family Deacon line there being much to do & few to do it.
- m 16. John Gildersleeve got his shoulder sadly hurt to day at the Wash House by falling.
- tu 17. An old thief name unknown, slipped into the infirmary last evening & stole a pen knife & some little pies—

March 1863.

- tu. 3. Eldress Ann Taylor came from Wateroliet with Ann Buckingham & a girl named Eliza Hayms. The girl is going to live at the East Family. Oliver Prentis accompanied them.
- fr 6. Eldress Ann & Ann B—returned to Wateroliet.
- w 18. Ministry return from Wateroliet.
- tu 24 Benjamin went to New York to see Ex Goernor

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Morgan concerning our being drafted on  
sat 21<sup>st</sup> & returned to day. Morgan was very  
affable & friendly to our cause. Advises us  
to be quiet & still about it. So say other noted men.

### April 1863.

- no 1. Ministry went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family last Sabbath  
& staid there till this evening. They have been ma-  
king an important change in their temporal con-  
cerns: dividing the land & property between  
them & the South Family. They have long been  
dissatisfied with difficulties arising from a  
joint interest & have wanted to be set off.
- Sab 5. Ministry went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> family again.
- tu 7. Julia Lovica Sears went to the Office yesterday  
and removed to the East Family to day.
- no 15. Emily Wilkerson moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order  
to occupy as 2<sup>nd</sup> Eldress with Eldress Abigail  
Crossman, in place of Rhoda Blake.
- sab 19. Ministry went again to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family.
- Sat 25. A bridge was erected this week between the  
Herb house & building south of it to accommodate  
the herb business.

tu 28. John Van Valen with three Sisters here from Hancock  
Viz. Eldress Sarah Harrison, Maria Dome & Julia  
Johnson. They came to learn something about ironing  
caps. Eldress Betsy has been making some im-  
provements The long strings that have formerly  
been put up over the head are left off entirely.

th 30. Pursuant to a Proclamation by the President  
Lincoln. this day was kept as a day of fasting &  
prayer.

May 1863.

su 4. Female school commenced with forty scholars.  
Anna Dodgson teacher.

tu 5. George Rice left Shoemaking & went on to the farm  
Three boys, viz, Loren, Charles & Benjamin Cook  
R were taken to the Upper Canaan Family for a home.  
proving unsuitable to remain here.

th 7. Oren Glaskins went over to Hancock & brot in  
R. Philemon Stewart who has removed from Poland  
Hill. He will now make it his home at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order.

sat 9. Ministry went to Waterliet. They were all ready  
to go on Wednesday morning but it rained so they  
post-poned it.

fr 15. Lorenzo Scriver had his thigh broken this morning

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by the falling of an apple tree he was cutting down.  
Sab 17. Society meeting to day.

on 18. Elder Frederic & Benjamin Gates went on the  
14<sup>th</sup> to Washington to some proper Official  
concerning the income tax. as it is likely to  
come extremely heavy upon Believers. They had  
a satisfactory interview with judge Lewis. (Joseph  
J. Lewis, He agreed to return an answer within  
a few days. They returned to day.

on 20 Office Deaconesses went to Canaan for a visit.

June 1863.

Elder Frederic & Benjamin received an answer to day to their enquiries. The Commissioner of Internal Revenues gives his decision in writing & ends in these words. "I am therefore of opinion that an assessment allowing to every covenanting male member in the Society during the year 1862, & still residing there and capable of retaining the privilege the sum of \$600 out of the income of the Society for that year will be proper. On this principle the assessment is to be made.

Commissioner Joseph J. Lewis.



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- fr 5. Our folks tore down the old building that stood right west of our big Wood shed. formerly used for a kind of wash-house. built not far from the first gathering of the Church. joined to an old building called the Hammond House.
- tu 9. Mary Hazard & Harriet Goodwin went with Elder Richard to Pittsfield.
- m 15. Eliza Ann Seal came here from the East Family to live.
- th 18. A company of visitors from Canterbury arrive here from Waterlot. viz Benjamin Smith, Andrew Thompson. Sophia Lowd. Martha Crooker. Asenath Stickney, & Joanna Haine. - James Goodwin & Polly Reed Harriet Goodwin and Elizabeth Siddle went out to meet & escort them to our place.
- Henry Cantrel leaves the Deacons Room & George Rice takes his place.
- th 25. Canterbury Ministry arrive here They bring intelligence of a sudden death at North Enfield. viz Lucinda Hartford. by a fit of apoplexy.
- fr 26 Elder Caleb Dyre arrived here.

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- th 2. Canterbury's Ministry set out for home and Alfred's Ministry arrive same day.
- th 16. Daniel Kennedy a resident on the Hill was drafted yesterday for military service. & to day went over to Pittsfield for further orders.
- tu 21. Shocking Occurrence. Tidings came in the morning express that Caleb McDyer was shot at North Enfield. This was soon confirmed by a letter. He was shot about 5 o'clock Saturday P.M. by one Thomas Wier, who had two children here among Believers. He came & wished to see them but Elder Caleb refused to let him where upon in a fit of passion Thomas shot him. He was arrested & put in irons for trial. Tidings were sent in every direction & the most skillful surgeons summoned. Everything was done that could be to revive the fainting body. It was a sorrowful time.
- th 23. A letter was received dated Tues 21<sup>th</sup> saying that Caleb is Dead. He lived 56 hours from the time he was shot.
- Sat 25. We learn that Desire Harwood of Waterliet deceased very suddenly. She went to bed as

usual, tho' not very well I died quietly; and no one knew the time of her departure.

### August 1863.

- tu 4. Elder Peter Long here from Greenland.
- as 5. Elder Amos Stewart of the 2<sup>nd</sup> family got seriously hurt in pulling off a boot. rupturing a blood vessel.
- wo 12. James Richards here staid over night - formerly of South Union Ky. But got into difficulty about the negro slaves. He is a poor wandering object of pity. He left here for Waterliet to see the Ministry.
- tu 15. Andrew took Sarah Bates & Angelic Vedder to the depo, on their way to Waterliet for a visit.
- fr 21. Petsy Scott of Canaan lower family, attempted suicide. but did not succeed effectually. A doctor was called, it was thought she would live a few hours.
- tu 25. Sarah & Angelic return from Waterliet.
- tu 27. A company set out for Waterliet on a visit. Viz - Augustus Stone, George Rice, Petsy Crossman Sarah Ann Spencer Wealtha Manning & Cornelia French.
- an 31. Petsy Scott, the suicide died this morning at 4 o'clock. & was buried at 4 P.M. at a little burying

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burying place a few rods South west of the former Benjamin Ellis place, on the road from here to Canaan. She frankly expressed by whisper a regret for her rash act. Sarah Ann Stan- dish has staid with Betsy since the 25<sup>th</sup>. She returned to day.

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p 11.

Ministry returned from Wateroliet. We find it published in the papers to day that a number of our society are drafted into the military service. names as follows. G.C. Brainard. Peter Greeds. Andrew Foster James Calvin Francis Ray. James Games Joseph Holden. Stuart Brown. Samuel White James Thompson Calvin G Reed. James Goodwin E D Blackman R. M. Wagan. A number of these names are spelled wrong thro some means.

on 14. Andrew Fortier Sarah Ann Lewis, Joanna Kitchel, Miranda Barber & Florinda Sears went to the depot on their way to Groveland to stay three or four weeks.

September 1863.

16. A company of visitors here from Enfield Conn. viz- Solomon Parsons. Lorenzo C. Brooks. Lovica Davis. Sarah M. Lyman. Clarissa H. Lyman, Sarah H. M. Mullen.

17. We have just received notifications warning those who are drafted to appear to be examined according to law. The following is a copy.

Provost Marshalls office. 12<sup>th</sup>

District State of New York Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1863.

To James Goodwin New Lebanon.

Sir. You are hereby notified that you were on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September drafted in the service of the united States, for the period of three years, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress for enrolling & calling out the National forces & for other purposes. Approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863. You will accordingly report on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1863, at the place of rendezvous in Poughkeepsie or be deemed a deserter, & be subject to the penalty prescribed therefor by the articles of war. Transportation will be furnished you on presenting this notification, at the Station

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nearest the place where you reside

Isaac Platt.

Provost Marshall 12<sup>th</sup> District N.Y.

S 19. James Goodwin went yesterday to Pough-  
keepsie & saw the Provost Marshal & Doctor  
who examines Conscripts & they agreed that  
those of our society need not go before the 6<sup>th</sup>  
of October, a week later than the time specified  
in the notification

to 22. Ministry set out for N. Enfield by Rail Road.

th 24. Orrin H. went with the Ministry's horses to  
give the D<sup>rs</sup> family sisters a ride out. Teams  
& drivers being scarce among the brethren there  
at present, and the Ministry thought their  
horses might be devoted to give the sisters  
there all a good ride.

Sat 26 Ellen Ward & Almira Teachout here on a visit.  
Returned October 9<sup>th</sup>

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to 6<sup>th</sup> Edward, Tabitha & Joanna Vining go to New York

th 15. We learn that Daniel Henedy of East family  
was arrested & taken by a military Officer, hav-  
ing been drafted & accepted, but did not report

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himself, his name being spelt Conady, which he hoped would excuse him.

S 17. Ministry excepting Elder Giles returned home. He stopped at Springfield, having heard that Daniel Kennedy was there in jail. He saw Daniel - bowed down in sorrow. Elder Giles sought an interview with a Judge & the Provost Marshall, & plead for some means for Daniels relief, but the way seemed hedged up, nothing could be done for the present. Those men concerned in these matters are very rigid & unrelenting.

on 19 Elder Giles stopped in Pittsfield to see Lawyer Emmer-son. who agreed to undertake to do something for Daniels relief. He says Daniels name being spelt wrong does render the notice to Daniel ineffectual and should excuse him. Elder Giles returned late in the evening on foot.

tu 20. Nathaniel Bishop Justice of Peace in this town was here to day taking depositions of those brethren who are going to be examined tomorrow.

Following is a copy of one of the Certificates.

Certificate of exemption on account of alienage.

I Andrew A. Fortier of the Town of New Lebanon,

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County of Columbia & State of New York, having been enrolled under the provisions of an act of Congress, for enrolling & calling out the National forces, & approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863, as liable to perform military duty in the service of the United States, hereby certify that I am not legally subject to such liability, & for the following reasons.

That I am an alien, & subject of the Queen of Great Britain; that I came to the United States in the year 1839. & since that time have resided in New Lebanon aforesaid & for the past 24 years in <sup>the town of</sup> New Lebanon County & State aforesaid. That I have never declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States, & have not exercised the right of suffrage by voting, at any election in any State. That I claim to be exempt from military service on the ground that I am a subject of a Foreign government, to wit. Great Britain, & have not declared my intention to be <sup>come</sup> a Citizen of the United States and have not voted in any State.

Andrew A. Fortier.

Sworn & subscribed (c) (see next page.) x



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Witness George M. Wickersham.  
State of New York. C.C. } ss.

George M. Wickersham,  
of the Town of New Lebanon, C.C. State of New York,  
having been duly sworn, deposes & says that he is  
well acquainted with the aforesaid Andrew A. Fortier,  
that he has known him intimately for the last 24  
years. That he has never known him to vote, or ex-  
ercise any act of citizenship, & that he verily believes  
that the foregoing Certificate by him signed is  
correct & true in all respects.

George M. Wickersham.

x Sworn & subscribed before me,  
this 20 day of October 1863.  
Nathaniel Bishop Justice of the Peace.

tu 20. || Joseph Allen of East Family deceased very sudden-  
ly this evening. He fell from his seat while at the  
supper table. Some one asked what was the matter  
& he replied "Nothing as I know of." He lived only  
a few minutes & died without a struggle.

w 21. || Anna Demming of 2<sup>nd</sup> Family deceased  
this morning.

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th 22. The drafted Conscripts set out this morning for Poughkeepsie. to pass examination as to whether they are able or liable to military service. They are 11 in number. Viz. Elisha D Blakeman, Andrew A Fortier, James Goodwin, Samuel White, James Thompson, Peter Greaves, James Calver & Stuart Brown of the 1<sup>st</sup> Order. Elder Calvin G Reed, Andrew Barret & Joseph Holden 2<sup>nd</sup> Order. They went apparently in good spirits. Two went from North Family viz. Francis Rey &

Sat 24. Our Conscripts return home with joyful tidings. They are chief of them exempted from military service. Some by having poor teeth some by infirmities & several by being aliens. Their religious scruples did not seem to be called in question much.

Four only were held to service. Joseph Holden, Andrew Barret & Peter Greaves. <sup>James Thompson</sup> but

on 26. were parolled for 14 days.

Edward F returned home from Baltimore (where he went on the 6<sup>th</sup>) having met with a very narrow chance for his life, on the

Steam boat Oregon in a harbor at New York, on Thursday last, by another vessel running into it. thro' mismanagement: in consequence of which the Oregon sunk, I with it chief of the baggage & goods. Edward was the last that left the boat as she was sinking. He was up to his knees in water helping the passengers off, but fortunately escaped drowning. He saved his Valise but lost a lot of sweet potatoes & other goods.

To 29. James Thompson set out for Pennsylvania to see his Father

fr 30. Orren H. brot br Emery Brooks & Elder Calvin Green from the depot. They are from Groveland where C. Calvin has been living since July 8<sup>th</sup> 1865.

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m 2. A very remarkable boy was at our Office today, attended by an adopted Mother. He was born in New York, (abandoned & left by his Parents.) He showed remarkable talents when only three years old. His adopted Mother taught him his letters after which he obtained all his learning by his own efforts. Has a great knowledge of languages: knows

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several hundred pieces by memory, and can repeat them in great perfection, & with all the grace & force of an orator. Barnum of New York has offered 25,000 but his governers will not accept it. She devotes the profits of his exhibitions to the poor & needy.

th 3. | The conscripts that were parolled went to day to Poughkeepsie to report themselves - James Thompson, Peter Greaves, Joseph Holden & Andrew Barret.

th 5- Conscripts all returned today; were not discharged by the Prov. Marshall but parolled for 14 days. James Thompson met the brethren at Poughkeepsie on his return from Sterling in Pennsylvania. <sup>I came home with them</sup> He found his Father very low in health, nearly helpless & unable to talk.

th 6. Ministry set out for Wateroliet.

m 9. Benjamin Gates went to Wateroliet to see the Ministry & inform them of his doings & success at Washington the Seat of Government. whether he has been a number of times lately trying if possible to get believers who were drafted exempt from military service. & has finally succeeded in getting the following

order sent from Washington by Secretary Stanton, to the Prov. Marshall at Poughkeepsie. "Stay all proceedings, until further Orders." Thus the Conscripts are free, till call upon by the <sup>war</sup> Department at Washington.

Feb 15.

Cornelia's brother & Uncle called late last evening to see her. Her brother lives at the West Indies had not seen her since an infant & she never <sup>tried</sup> him to remember him.

Feb 16

Boys School commences to day James Calver teacher 35 scholars. 29 from Church. 6 from East Family.

School at Second Family also commenced. William Calver teacher. William Offord assistant. They have 26 scholars 11 from 2<sup>nd</sup> family 10 from South & 5 from North.

Feb 26.

Thanksgiving. Our hired men who are at work on 2<sup>nd</sup> Orders house continue at their work.

### December 1863.

Dec 9.

Ministry returned from Waterlot.

Dec 25.

Christmas kept sacred as usual.

There were residing in the Church on the last day of December,  
204 souls. 82 males 122 females. 131 first order. 57 males 79 females.  
73 second Order. 28 males & 45 females.

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Came in the year 1863.

George Rice - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Maria Haden Cook, & Mary  
Louiza Cook Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Florence Emmette Lyon.  
Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Edgar Rice March 22<sup>nd</sup> George Figsbee April 13.  
Capitola Isadora Turner. April 18<sup>th</sup> Philemon Stuart  
Returned May 7<sup>th</sup> Eliza Ann Neal. June 13<sup>th</sup> Narcissa  
Correnah Bishop. July 30<sup>th</sup> Jane Maria Saunbury &  
Anna Augusta Saunbury October 8<sup>th</sup> Sarah Matilda  
Poitras, Joseph Octavo Poitras & Emma Louiza Poitras &  
Harriet Amelia Boardley Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Edward Furman  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Harriet Jane Haylin Dec 12<sup>th</sup> (18 in all)  
Deceased.

Sarah Jane Rea. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Went out from the Church.

Mary Jane Roe. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Lovica Sears Removed April 17.  
Sarah Ann Carpenter Apr 20<sup>th</sup> David Syall Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> Samuel  
Shields Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Loren. Charles & Benjamin Cook removed May 3.  
Mary Syall May 7<sup>th</sup> George Jones, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Thede Ann Clark -  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Margarette Herrington May 25<sup>th</sup> Lovina Page. Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Ann Magill Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Edward Furman November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Caleb Wright Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Hannah Handy  
& Nancy Handy. December 18<sup>th</sup> (19 in all.)

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January.

Jan 8. Received two letters from Benjamin in Canada. The first indicates mirroring good success, except much obstructions by snow. The 2<sup>nd</sup> speaks of a disaster & ran a narrow chance for his life. Train off the track, truck broken down all in a heap of confusion.

Jan 10. Benjamin returned home. met with two disasters, but escaped with his life.

Jan 11. The sisters first used a new ironing arch or stove made some months past by George Mikerhand.

Jan 19. Betsy Clisby deceased at Canaan, lower family.

Jan 22. Clarissa Fay " " " Upper family.

February. 1864.

Feb 1. Arren Haskins & Augustus Stone went over to Shaker Depo, & brot in 14 boys who are from an institution in Providence R.I. Their former Superintendent Tallcott accompanied them to the depot, & delivered them up to remain with us. They all staid at our Office over night. Three of them went next morning to the East Family. The others remain here.

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tu 2. || George Henry deceased at Canaan.  
w 3 Ministry went to Waterliet. James Goodwin went with them.

tu 16. Emily Helmer & her husband arrived here yesterday & leave today.

m 22. Sarah Ann Standish & Mary Hazard go to Waterliet to assist them a little about making fans & visit a little. Returned sat. 27<sup>th</sup>.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Wells deceased, aged 89, at Waterliet.  
March 1864.

Sat 12. A boy by the name of Frederic Pospel came from Waterliet with the Ministry. He is to live at the Second Order.

tu 29. Ministry visit Hancock. The Society there are in rather of a low state of health at present.

w 30. We learn by the public papers of a dreadful inundation on the 15<sup>th</sup>, at Sheffield in England by which half a million worth of property was swept away in the night, and 250 lives lost, by the breaking of a reservoir of water.

April 1864.

Sat 3 Ministry brethren went to Hancock to attend meeting.



- a 6. Elders Giles & Nehemiah White of Waterchit went  
 to Sec & got five swarms of bees.  
 th 17. David Terry of Hancock deceased aged 85 years.  
 th 21. The second Orders began to eat in their old wood  
 shed & are otherwise preparing to move their old  
 dwelling house a few rods North to make room for  
 their new house on the site of their old one.  
 Sab 24. Held Society meeting. 4 hours 20 min long.

### May 1864.

- tu 3. A fir Tree was set out by the young brethren  
 South of the Ice house for a shade. It was years  
 ago brot from Washington Mountain by Henry  
 Youngs & set out in what used to be called the  
 medical garden. It removed from there where it  
 now stands, by the aforesaid company.  
 th 5. Ministry went to Waterchit.  
 w 15. Elders Hannah Taylor & Calista Slack of  
 North Enfield, Second Family, here on a visit.  
 tu 31. A little boy named Charles Clough died at  
 Canaan with measles, about four years of age.

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June. 1864.

- su 1. Chic Ministry here. Viz Elder Aaron Babbit,  
E. Cephas Halloway, Eldress Sally Sharp & Eldress  
Klomi Liger. (Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jacob Roe 2<sup>nd</sup> Oran had his leg broken.)
- th 9. Chic Ministry leave here for Canterbury. & other  
Eastern Societies.
- tu 14. A Company of visitors set out for Waterchit. Viz,  
James Calver, Horatio Stone, Eleanor Potter, Elizabeth  
Sidle, Fanny Coans & Robina Guthrie.
- tu 21. Orren H. takes the Ministry to the Depot on their  
R way to Greeland. Henry Cantrel accompanies  
them & is to remain there to be a help in things  
spiritual and temporal. He is to live at the  
West Family with Elder Chauncey.
- w 22. James Thompson leaves the Deacons room &  
R goes to No 11. & takes the Office horse team & going  
to the Depo. & James Calver goes into the Deacons  
Room to officiate as family Deacon.
- Sab 26. General Tom Thumb here to day at public meeting.  
Cornelia Blakeman Elisha's half sister here for a season

July 1864.

- tu 5. Orren Haskins started for Waterchit with Minis-  
try's waggon. and took with him Sarah A Lewis

and Julia Barker as far as Albany to do some trading. Returned wed. 6<sup>th</sup> by Rail.

th 17. Elders Sarah Van Dyke & Sally Neal of East Family here on a visit. They are going to Waterliet to stay awhile, time will tell how long

m 11. Robina Guthrie left taking care of the little girls, & Maria Manning took her place with Sally Bushnell.

th 21. Ministry returned from Groveland & Waterliet.

th 28. It has been terrible hot & dry for a long time, with dreadful fires about the country. Forests are being consumed dwellings burned, grain & fields destroyed. The smoke obscures every thing within a mile or two. Several Millions worth of property has already been destroyed.

### August 1864.

th 5. Edward & Benjamin returned from Washington to day, where they have been to see some of the Officials concerning the late movement about the taxes which are enormously high going several years back, much further than seems to us just and reasonable. The case is not really settled, nor very encouraging.

August. 1864.

- m 8. Elizabeth Ann Rayson who went from the Church to the East Family some time ago, July 26<sup>th</sup> 1859. has now returned to be tried here again (rather poor prospects).
- th 11. Eugene Garchin came to see his brother Ferdinand. & stay a few days.  
 Helena Winters here to see her children.
- Sat 13. A very heavy thunder shower this evening. We learn that some buildings in Pittsfield were struck by lightning & burned down. Also three of Elder Willards cousin Hancock were killed by the same destructive element.
- tu 23. A new born infant was found this morning at the door of the seed shop 2<sup>nd</sup> Family. They soon applied to the proper officers of the town, & it was taken to the County House.
- m 29. Jacob Roe broke his leg the second time. This is bad luck for poor Jacob.

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- Sat 3. Louiza Sears left the East Family & came to our Office to be taken to the world, where for some time she has been wanting to go.

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- Sat 10. David Hawkins of Waterlot, Jason Kidder of Enfield & two sisters arrived here. Some of the brethren have been shingling the wood house west of the dwelling house.
- m 12. Jason & sisters returned home. Jannett Fuller moved from girls order into No 12.
- w 14. Edward F & Elder Daniel Crossman set out for Poughkeepsie.
- th 15. Isaac Youngs went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> family to be doctored a little for his nervous disease. Ministry went to Waterlot.
- tu 20. A man by the name of Tub, came here and took a daughter of his, named Lucy Orianna Tub, by force.
- tu 27. Second order & help began to raise their new house and finished raising on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>.

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- fr 7. Nathan Williams took Elder Chauncey Sears & Alexander Work to the depot, on their way to Groveland. They arrived here September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- w 10. Ministry returned from Waterlot.
- th 27. Robert Valentine took Catharine Bricket to New York.

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- w 2. # Ministry went to Canaan to stay over night.
- th 3. Some of the brethren began to set out a row of shade trees on each side of the road between the herb house & brick shop.
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Daniel Copley of the 2<sup>nd</sup> family deceased. Age 74.  
Thomas Taylor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family was found dead in the creek at Sternsville. He was returning from Pittsfield, and it was thought his hat blew off. And in dismounting to recover his hat he fell from the bridge and struck his head on a stone. The water was 7 feet deep where he was found. Sorrowful accident.
- # Orianna Tub brot back again by a friend.
- w 16. Ministry went to Hancock in a sleigh.
- R. Edward Chase from the lower family at Canaan to the East family to be Elder Brother
- Sat 19. Elder John Dean returned from the East Family, to his home in the Church, and gave up the Eldership to Br Edward Chase.
- W. 23. Ministry go to Waterwheel.
- Sat 26. Benjamin returned from Washington with a man by the name of Samuel Hurlburt.

He was drafted into Hospital Service from North Union, about six months ago. He has written to Elder Daniel Boler requesting assistance. Benjamin finally procured papers from Secretary Stanton, which has effected a temporary kind of paroll.

- m 28. Elder Daniel Boler came from Waterliet, and decided to have Samuel go to the Second family to live. Returned to Waterliet on the 30<sup>th</sup>
- w. 30. William Calver went with his father to New York. left him there & returned on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

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- th 1<sup>st</sup> We received the shocking intelligence that the great round barn at Hancock was burnt this forenoon, with two or three buildings of less note together with 100 tons of hay & waggons and all their utensils for farming of much consequence. How it took fire is unknown.
- Samuel Herbert went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family to live.
- w 21. Ministry returned from Waterliet.
- fr 23. Letters from Pleasant Hill Ky. are received, giving a distressing account of the state of things there

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both spiritual and temporal of the ruinous  
state of Kentucky. How it is infested with  
Gurrillies, who rob murder and destroy property.  
And the Believers suffer inexpressibly, living in  
constant jeopardy, fearing lest their buildings  
will be burned or themselves robbed or murdered.  
A dreadful case has lately occurred in which  
a gang of those Gurrillies beset a company of  
Believers, & robbed them of three horses a good  
watch, & 50 dollars in Green backs. & made  
many awful threats.

Sab 25 Sabbath & Christmas both together.

th 29. A telegraph dispatch came from Elder Peter,  
requesting Elder Daniel Boter to meet him in  
Rochester. Elder Daniel went on the Cars.

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### Miscellaneous Items, for 1864.

There were residing in the Church on the last day  
of December 208 Souls. 90 males & 118 females. 136  
in the first Order. 63 males. 73 females.  
72 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order. 27 males & 45 females.



Come in the year past.

Daniel White - January 13<sup>th</sup> also Elias F. Amiel  
 White. Angelo Lockwood, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> (Washington  
 Horton, Clinton Carroll, Franklin Horton, Ben-  
 jamin Harris Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> from the Institution.)  
 George F. Peppall March 13<sup>th</sup> John Winters March 13.  
 Orianna Meacham, May 6<sup>th</sup> (George E. M. Sherman,  
 Nellie Sherman, Martha Sherman May 21<sup>st</sup>.)  
 Charles Winslow Piper July 4<sup>th</sup>. Julia Ann, and  
 Josephine C. Bushnell July 30<sup>th</sup>. Francis & Mary  
 Perry July 30<sup>th</sup>. Martha Jane Bushnell. July 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Edward & Cordelia Perry August 1<sup>st</sup> Juliette  
 Spencer Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> (James Harris, Susannah  
 Braccwell, Alice Elizabeth Murphy, August 30<sup>th</sup>.)  
 Adolphus G. Edwards, September 26<sup>th</sup> Alvira  
 Meacham., October 27<sup>th</sup> Orianna Tubor Meacham,  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Austin & Seward Young December 15<sup>th</sup>  
 (31. in all. 2<sup>nd</sup> Order 21.)

Deceased.

Hannah Train. July 17<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Order.

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Went out from the Church.

Matilda Poitras Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Daniel, Elias & Amiel  
White. January 25<sup>th</sup> David Hamilton Feb 15<sup>th</sup>  
Altha Holden May 4<sup>th</sup> William Dixon May 19<sup>th</sup>  
(Henry Cantrell to Groveland June 21<sup>st</sup> Emmanuel  
Jones July 21<sup>st</sup>. Emma Bishop. Marilla Ludlum  
& Eliza Ann Neal Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Susannah Bracewell  
& Elizabeth Murphy September 10<sup>th</sup> Catharine  
Bricket October 4<sup>th</sup> Juliann Bushnell, Josephine  
Bushnell Martha Jane Bushnell, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Edward Jones Edward Perry October.  
John Hull November 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Elizabeth Drake  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Cordelia Perry October. 22 in all.

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