

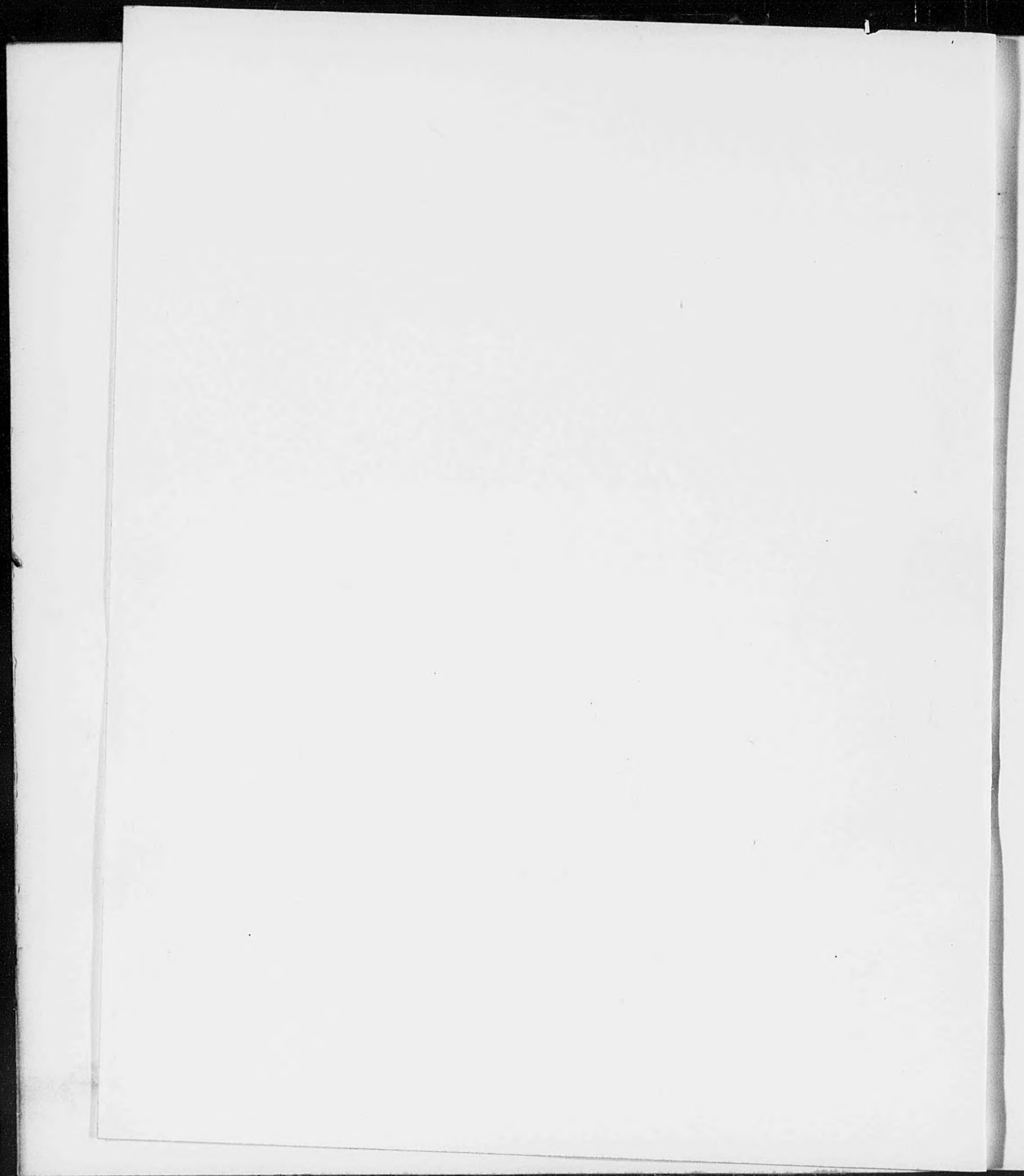
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Church Family  
Mount Lebanon

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Names January 1893

Elder Joseph Holden

Elder Calvin G. Reed

Brother Frederic Sizer

Trustee Benjamin Gates

" Robert Valentine

Deacon C. Ferdinand Garabine

Brother John Ross

" James Little

" James Glass

" J. Martin Jones

Benjamin Halford

Franklin Halford

Allen Wells

William Hinkle

Sydney Wells

Names January 1893

Elderess Harriet Bullard  
Elderess Helen Augusta Stone  
Elderess Dorothy Wright  
Sister Amelia J. Walver  
Off. Deaconess Mary Hazzard  
" " Emma J. Seal  
Deaconess Elisabeth Cantrel  
" Cornelia French  
Anna W. Lane  
Nurse Amy Reed  
" Eunice Cantrel  
Sister (Elderess) Ann Taylor  
" Anna Dodgson  
" Elvior Potter  
" Sarah A. Standish  
" Minerva Reynolds  
" Matilda Reed  
" Tabitha Lapsley  
" Maria Lapsley  
" Julia A. Scott  
" Anna M. Graves  
" Fannie Tyson



Names January 1893

Sister Louise Youngs  
 Sister Adaline Cantrel  
 Sister Alice Cary Wade  
 Sister Geneva M. Martin

Daisy Wells  
 Alice Halford  
 Sarah Hinkle  
 Rose Burrell  
 Nellie Kettle  
 Emma Shaffer  
 Kate L. Wells  
 Viola Romaine  
 Eva St. Clair  
 Fannie Hinkle  
 Ida Halford

Family numbers, including the Minis-  
 try, thirty seven females, fifteen

January 1893

- Jan. A, new year and a new book.
- Feb. 1 The Carter Family meet with us to-day. Br. Benjamin returned from Dayton Thursday last and was at meeting for the first time in a long while. A new set of silver plated pie knives make their first appearance at the dinner table. One dozen.
- Mon. 2 The pond is in bad shape. Preparations were made to wash at Carter F but a good rain, last night supplied water enough, so they began to mill just before dinner and finished nicely.
- Tues. 3 Elder Calvin R. and Br. Rob't. Valentine start this morning East, the former to Boston, thence to Sh' ley & Harvard to visit, and the latter to Worcester. Br. Benj. went away somewhere on Monday and returned this evening.
- Wed. 4 Work resumed at the Medicine.
- Frid. 6 This morning when Bennie went downstairs to make the fires, he

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found Br. John Ross sitting by the kitchen range, dead. The brethren and deaconess were at once informed a ladder procured, and the body removed to the Infirmary. No one knows how long he had been there nor how much he suffered all alone. He came to the table the night before and ate his supper as usual.

Br. Benjamin started this noon to see a Coroner.

"The gay will laugh when thou art gone,  
The Silent Brood of care, plod on,  
And each one as before, will chase his  
favorite phantom". He enjoyed an oyster dinner, also oranges and figs.

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Dr. Bell the Coroner from East-Chatham came today and after examining the dead body, and interviewing Bennie, stated it was "a clear case". He and Dr. White decided it to be neuralgia, round the heart.

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Sab<sup>8</sup> The funeral of Br. John Ross was held this A.M. at 9.30 Members from Center Second, South, and North families attend. A very good funeral.

I must state right here something unusual. Some of the older Sisters are authority. That now is the first time in 60 years that there has not been some one sick or feeble or aged to be cared for. Such now is the case. Since Mr. Setsey left us, there is no one ill or sickly. Everyone including the nurses come to the table.

Mon<sup>9</sup> Eldress Dorothy goes to Troy again to see her brother.

Tues<sup>10</sup> Bennie goes to Pittsfield. This is the first day of sleighing this winter.

Wed<sup>11</sup> Thermometer stood 10.5<sup>deg</sup> below zero this morning. Eldress Dorothy returns home. We again enjoy an oyster dinner.

Thurs<sup>12</sup> Elder Calvin returns home from the East.

Sab<sup>14</sup> Br. Benjamin returns from New York.

Sab<sup>15</sup> " " and Br Robt are both sick.

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- Sab 15 We attend meeting at the Center Family.
- Mon 16 Elder Joseph goes to Waterliet.  
Scarcity of water-power compels us to wash at the Center Family.
- Tues 17 A beautiful sunshiny day though cold. Mrs Mary, Julia, and Cornelia go to Pittsfield with the Office team. Dr. Robt. Sick at the Infirmary.
- Thurs 19 Elder Joseph returns from Waterliet. Dr Benjamin returns this evening accompanied by Elder William Wilson.
- Sat 21 Center Family meet with us to-day. Elder William Wilson is present. The Ministry go to the North F. to attend meeting and stay to dinner.
- Sat 22 Something seems to be the matter with the water, all that is used has to be carried from the house to the barn.  
Again the clothes are taken to the Center Family to be milled.
- Thurs 26 Dr Benjamin started away again on a trip to Dayton O.

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- Sat 29 A regular January thaw, after a freeze so hard that the water would not or could not run down from the mountain. Water is very scarce. No baths is the order.
- Tues 31 The girls Daisy and Alice have moved down with Anna Maria and the South garret will be unoccupied.

February 1893

- Mon 6 Yesterday was very cold, and icy paths made it bad walking for Chh. Family who attended meeting at Center F. The laundrying accomplished at the Center Family. "no water power."
- Tue 8 <sup>St</sup> Emma Jane and Carrie go to Pittsfield.
- Fri 10 Weather mild, southeast rain storm, the pond flume overflows, water wasting.
- Sat 12 Center Family come down here today.
- Mon 13 Laundry work performed at home.
- Tue 14 It commenced to snow yesterday A.M. 11 and this morning at daylight there was 16 inches of the beautiful snow on the ground; every twig, tree, bush

February 1893

- Tues 14 and place where it could find lodgment was loaded, reminding one of Bryant's Snow Shower:  
 "See how in a living swarm they come  
 From the chambers beyond that misty veil:  
 Some hover awhile, in air, and some  
 Rush prone from the sky like summer hail.  
 All dropping swiftly or settling slow,  
 Keet and are still in the depth below"
- Wed. 15 The Ministry sisters go to Water whet, Elder Joseph remains here to oversee the farm, until Br. Benjamin returns.
- Thurs 16 Br. Robert returns from New York.
- Sat 19 He go to the Center Family.
- Mon 20 Regular blizzard. no paths open drifts faster than a man can shovel; very cold.
- Tues 21 Pleasant and sunny some warmer.
- Wed 22 Stormy, worse than ever. no one but Br. Robt ventured out this Am. snow falling steadily, blowing almost a gale, drifting, very cold.

February 1893

- Sab 26 The Center Family quite with us to-day.  
 Mon 28 We do the laundry work at the Center.  
 The water supply grows less every day.  
 Br. Benjamin comes home.  
 Elder Caling starts for the Institute

March 1893

- Wed 1 H. Jones comes home from White Plains  
 Fri 3 Elder Balsin returns home from Ghent.  
 Sab 5 We attend meeting at Center Family  
 Mon 6 We learn of the departure of the well be-  
 loved and well known Elder Frederic  
 Evans to join the host all ready in  
 the spirit world. He passed away at  
 10 this AM.  
 Tues 7 Elder Joseph Holden left for Wateroliet  
 this morning.  
 Wed 8 A large coal stove is brought from Pillo.  
 field and placed at the north end of the  
 Meeting house and with the three wood  
 stoves. It will be quite comfortable.  
 Elders Rosetta and S. A. Neale from  
 Wateroliet arrive also Br. Benj. comes  
 home from New York.



March 1893

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

and such a day for a funeral. Chairs  
rugs, and mats were carried to the  
Meetinghouse and preparations made  
for a great many people; but it began  
to rain in the night and kept up a  
misty dripping all day, making the  
roads almost like a river. No one from  
Hancock or Canaan could come and  
the brethren from Center family, some  
were obliged to return home. Rubber boots  
and horses were all that could surmount  
the slush. Elder Geo. Wilcox and St. Emily  
Copley from Enfield and Elvira Martha  
Johnson were present, and about thirty  
five of the neighbors and tenants,  
also M. Pomeroy and wife, from New York  
The services were quite lengthy from  
one o'clock until half after four.  
M. Pomeroy and wife took dinner and  
tea at the office.

Fri 10

Br. Robt returned from New York trip.

Sat 11

The visitors (ie) Shaker leave for Hancock  
and Waterbury this A.M. Elder Daniel

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Offord accompanies them to Hancock on the cars as no team can cross the Mt.

Sat 11 A woman from Brooklyn brings her four girls to leave with us. Florence aged 14 years Annabel 11 yrs, Genevieve 8 yrs and Henrietta 6 yrs of age.

Their surname is Kerrigan

Sat 12 We hold meeting at home and, alone as the walking is so bad.

Thurs 16 Str Hannah Blake passed to the Spirit World this morning at 7 o'clock.

Sat 19 Attend the funeral services of Str Hannah Blake this afternoon at Center Family.

Mon 20 Marguerite Kerrigan left for New York this a.m.

Thurs 23 Dr. Benj. came home from Dayton

Fri 24 Str. Mary and A.S. go to Pittsfields  
Some new white cups are provided for the dining room.

Bernie Halford left on Mon. 13<sup>th</sup>

April 1893

Sat 2 Attend meeting at Center Family.

Mon 3 Begin to work at the wood.

Wed 5 A slight fall of snow this evening

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- Fri. 7 A regular blizzard and heavy fall of snow today. high wind, every crack and cranny filled full of the snow and driving sleet.
- Sat. 9 Sunny and pleasant. south wind  
Center Family meet with us.  
Lawyer Mitchel arrives to see Br. Benj. and leaves directly after by the next train.  
Wood finished this week; sawing logs.  
Robert sick at the Infirmary.  
Cornelia works in the office. Kitchen five weeks of this kitchen term, then releasing Mary for a while.
- Sat. 16 We go to the Center Family this week.  
Dr. Ancher, Vera Cary and Floreida go to Pillsfield Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Mon. 17 The Family enjoy clams, Br. Benjamin having bought a barrel we have 500
- Tues 18 Fifty lbs of halibut came to-day.
- Thurs 20 A terrible blizzard visits us today, rain sleet, snow,  
The Ministry return from Waterlois

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Fri 21 The blow and blizzard continued all night but this forenoon it cleared away and the sun shined brightly.

Several sisters and girls attend the General services of St. Maria Hedwika at the Second Family.

Sab 22 Center Family meet with us. We do a little raking in the dooryards this week.

Sab 30 We meet with Center Family.

May 1893

It has rained every day this first week in May; cold and dreary—

Sab 7 Center Family meet with us today—

Mon 5 A new man arrives Joseph Quinn by name, from New York and a harness maker by trade. Will live with James Little. A glorious week of sunshine and warmth.

Sat 13 Sisters and girls go out and help cut asparagus. Foot meal. The Ministry left for a short visit

May 1893

- to Enfield Conn. Tract Wednesday 10
- Sat 14 We go to the Center Family.  
A new man arrives from New York  
Martin Jones leaves for good Mon. 8<sup>th</sup>
- Mon 15 The new man G. H. Duncan comes  
into the house to live.
- Tue 17 The Ministry Sisters return from  
Enfield. Elder Joseph went on to  
Waterliet for a few days.  
Br Benjamin returns home.  
a stormy week; rain every day.
- Sat 20 Elder Joseph returns home with  
Elder Osiak Barka from Waterliet who  
will stay at our infirmary and be  
cared for the present.
- Sat 21 The Center Family meet with us.  
The Center Family and Ch. W. unite  
and at seven o'clock this evening  
walk over to the North Family.
- Tues 23 A new man Gustav Werner by name  
is taken into the family to live and  
will room in No 3  
The two men Gustav and George wife

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Take charge of the Medicine Dept.

Wed 24 Br. Benj. starts for the West. Frank goes to Chattanooga.

Thurs 25 Elder Joseph starts for the West, meeting  
Br. Benj. somewhere on the road.

Fri 26 All the help turn out and we clean  
the Laundry to-day.

Sat 28 We go to the Center Family.

Br Benj and Eld. Joseph return home

June 1893

Fri 3 Willie Kiuke leaves the community.  
We clean the Meetinghouse.

Sat 4 First Society Meeting

Mon 5 Meetinghouse doors receive a coat of paint

Tue 6 Elder John Vance, Eld.ress Harriet Goodwin  
and Eld.ress Elisabeth from Maine  
arrive this afternoon.

Thurs 8 The veranda ceiling, dining room walls  
and vestibule ceiling receive a coat of  
paint, also the outside doors, are  
painted; the vestibule woodwork  
gets a good coat of varnish.  
Frank Halford leaves the Society

June 1893

- Thurs<sup>5</sup> The girls go on the mountain for a frolic. The visiting Ministry visit the sisters in the afternoon and the brethren in the evening.
- Sab<sup>7</sup> A great meeting to-day. A delegation of Ministry from Hancock came over and the visiting Ministry were present. The meeting was full of inspiration and real deep feeling.
- Tues<sup>13</sup> The Ministry left for Hancock yesterday. Mrs. Dr. Benjamin, Neva Martin and Nellie Barkman from Center Family left this morning for a trip to New York.
- Sab<sup>17</sup> Our Ministry go to Hancock to spend the Sabbath.
- Sab<sup>18</sup> Good Society Meeting.
- Mon<sup>19</sup> Dr. Benjamin and Neva arrive home.
- Thurs<sup>22</sup> The Ministry leave for Wateroliet in a heavy rain storm.  
First strawberries on for breakfast <sup>20<sup>th</sup></sup> Tuesday
- Sab<sup>25</sup> A good Society Meeting
- Mon<sup>26</sup> <sup>30<sup>th</sup></sup> Fannie and A.S. go over to the North Family and have a little visit.

June 1893

Fri 30 Two young sisters from the North Sara Bodine and May Relhausen visit in our family today.

July 1893

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Reij returns from New York James and Annie Calver arrive this eve.

Sat 2 A very good meeting; a pleasant July day. A woman Thankful P Hale was present and gave a short address concerning her work which is in the line of reforms and some principles that are peculiar to Believers.

Mon 3 The Calvers leave today

Tue 5 First green peas of the season. We again hold singing meetings on Wednesday evenings.

Sat 9 A pleasant day for Society meeting. This week is filled up with work on the small fruits, cherries of which we have an abundance, currants, raspberries and the last of the strawberries.

Sat 10 Elder Joseph who has been around east stopped over at Ant-Leb. for a few days.



July 1893

- Sat. 15 - The photographer from Troy is at the Office. The Governor of Mass. The President of Harvard College and two others, one of them a Doctor of Divinity, took dinner at the Office. Senator Hoar was one of the party.
- Mon 17 - Jas Little Elder Calvin and Str's Anna Dodgson and Amy Reed go to Hancock to attend the funeral services of Str. Lucy Jane Osborn
- Thurs 20 - Sisters and girls go on the Mt. after berries
- Fri 21 - " have been very busy gathering in the small fruits, currants and red berries.
- Sat. 23 - A friend of the North Family, from Phil. Pa. Jas Dickson by name was present at the Society Meeting which by the way was a very good one. There were - also a dozen or more of each sex, from outside.
- Dr. Beef. sisters Mary Waggard Quince Cornelia T. and Elderes Dorothy, went to Hancock to attend meeting and remained for a visit.
- A terrible storm accompanied by hail visited this section last eve between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock.

July 1893

We learn of a great loss to the Canaan family. Their garden is almost ruined, especially corn, and over 600 panes of glass broken out of the windows.

The South and Second families also suffer loss on their corn and barley.

The North I presented us with a goodly supply of cauliflower and a string beans enough for dinner. We gave them a few raspberries. I also gave Canaan some raspberries.

Note  
"Hay"

Have secured this season from the replant lots, known as Chauncy lots upper and lower, one other and half of another making three and a half 130 loads of hay averaging over a ton to the load, and what was remarkable it was all cut and stored without one drop of rain touching it.

Lab 30

The oven hot-water pipes are all rusted out and Jas. Burke was obliged to take out the tiles and pipes today that they maybe sent to Albany for a pattern.

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August 1893

We bake the pies bread and cake in the cook stove for the present. That we may save some in the line of coal. The present times are bad for everyone, and almost impossible to collect a dollar very little company at the Office Store this summer.

Gustav Verney has been working quite steadily at the Center F. A new roof on their dwelling house, a new roof on the sheep barn, and a new floor in their big barn.

Tues 22

First green corn this season.

Wed 24

The Ministry return home today.

First ripe tomatoes for dinner.

Fri 25

A heavy rain fell today. Commenced last night. High winds, but no damage to us.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Sat 27

Quite a number of world's folks attended Society Meeting.

Mon 28

Br. Benj. M. H. and C. F. go to Pittsfield

Tue 30

Such a storm yesterday. Wind blew the fruit from the trees, broke off

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large limbs full of fruit. Rain fell in sheets and continued all day.

Wed. 30

A company of Sisters. Str. A. C. A. W. C. H. and the girls go to Ch. Family at Hancock for a picnic.

Br. D. G. starts for the West. A. W. L. goes to Pittsfield E. J. S. goes to Albany.

Thurs. 31

Elder Alex. Work spends the night at the C.

Paint

The Meeting-yard fence is getting a good coat of paint. "Elder Joseph is the artist" T. L. goes to Pitts.

September 1893

Br. Ferdinand gets ten baskets of peaches for the family: nice ones too.

Elder Calvin and T. J. go to the fair.

Thurs. 7

The mother of Nellie Kettle arrives.

E. C. and A. C. go to Pittsfield.

Eldress Harriet goes to Waterolick Wed. 7

Sat. 9.

" " returns from " "

The mother of Nellie Kettle leaves.

Tues. 12

Auna Lane goes to visit her parents.

Sat. 16

Eldress Auna White and a Sophia Rayne visit the Church this afternoon.

September 1893

- Sat 15 Anna Laue returns.
- Mon 18 <sup>5. Two</sup> ~~Five~~ sisters from Waterville arrive.  
 Angelina and Josephine Hewit.  
 Elder Joseph goes to Waterville.
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 Fri 22 " " returns from "
- Mon 25 The Waterville leave for Hancock.  
 Begin picking apples.  
 Fannie Burril arrives this a.m.  
 also Cla Smith, to visit friends.
- Tues 26 Several go on the Mt to pick cranberries.  
 The sisters finish weaving the new  
 carpets, one for the family, one for  
 the Ministry and two for the Office.
- Wed 27 Go after cranberries. - Three days in all.
- Fri 29 A slight falling of snow flakes.  
 Elder Joseph, sisters Fannie Tyson and  
 Mauda Tiffany go to Albany.  
 Bro Benjamin returns home.  
 Mrs Cla Smith leaves.
- Sr  
 Sat 30 Fannie Burril leaves to-day.  
 Amelia's Mother and Sister Mary  
 arrive this afternoon.  
 The last timber is down of the old

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joiners shop which is being taken down to be converted into an ice-house for the Center Family.

Paint The Infirmary windows are painted.

Thurs 5 Str Sarah & Handish is removed to the Infirmary

Fri 6 Str Amelias' sister Jennie and husband Frank Oaks arrive.

Sat 7 Str Amelias' brother Henry arrives.

Finish picking apples Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

W.F.D. 4<sup>th</sup> The Ministry go to Hancock.

Nov 9 Sisters Mary and Emma go after the Fall goods; return Tuesday night. Beautiful weather for this time of year. warm, and sunny.

The Calver party leave this morning.

Fri 13 Eldress Dorothy and Ava go to Pittsfield

Sat 14 Thankful Hale of Washington comes over to visit, and relates some of her experience to us. The sisters have a little social time in the Elders room with her and Sister Martha who accompanied her, over as she is staying at the North P.

October 1893

Elder Joseph came over from Haucok yesterday.

Sat-14

The man from Bringhamton, a Stephen Hines arrived this evening.

Mon 16

The new man comes in the house to live.

The brick shop has received two good coats of government paint. also the windows

Tues 17

Had heavy frost last night. all the tomatoes, ripe and green, are gathered in.

Fri 20

The brick shop halls, and all the shops that are used receive a good cleaning.

Wed. 25

<sup>St</sup>Sarah A Staudish's room, and shop receive a good cleaning and her things put in order.

Fri 27

Dr. Ferdinand arrives home from the west having been absent since the 16<sup>th</sup> attending the World's Fair and visiting accompanied by Dr. Henry George.

Nov 30

Margaret Dedel arrives with her sister for a visit.

# November 1893

- Thurs 2 Margaret Bedel leaves for home.
- Mon 13 School for the boys begins today.
- Thurs 16 Br. Benj. and Elder Calvin start for Boston.
- Fri. 17 <sup>Str</sup> Sabina and <sup>Str</sup> Fannie go to Pittsfield, also Adaline Cantrell.
- Mon 20 A. H. L. goes to Binghamton to see her Father, accompanied by Stephen Cline, also going to see his Father in Scranton.
- Tues 21 George returns to the new Ice House being covered. a load of waste paper is removed and the rope elevator set in order, the engine being rather of a trouble and expense.
- Fri 23 The stuff, old timber &c from joiners shop is cleared away, by Br. Ferdinand, with help of two boys. a good job accomplished.
- Sat 26 Meeting at home. Brewster the West-Indian <sup>attended</sup>
- Mon 27 Str A. D. Sabitta, Fannie Neva and two girls clean the Medicine shop throughout.
- Tues 28 Iron, and pick fowls. (12)
- Wed 29 Dip Medicine. G. W. dips as Br. James hurt his foot on Tuesday
- Thurs 30 Thanksgiving! Lovely!! Evening entertain- ment; in Organ room, services at Center.



## December 1893

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Elder Calvin returns with two boys, Frederic from Harvard and Frank from Enfield Conn. We get the first news from Stephen. He is sick at Scranton Pa.
- Sat 2 James Foot is getting better. Has continued at his post of duty.
- Sat 3 What a storm of wind and snow. First stormy Sabbath since April. Meeting at home. Gustav and George sing, and for the first time in a year we exercise!!!!
- Mon 4 School commences again. Elder Calvin Mary and Edith, are teachers. 21 Girls 6 boys. Again work at the Medicine.
- Tues 5 Dr. Benj. gets 6 student-lampes, for the Elders. room and No. 3, 5, 2, 6.
- Wed. 6 Eldress Dorothy and Cornelia go to Albany with Dr. Benj. C. F. goes on to Waterloot.
- Thurs 7 Eldress Dorothy returns.
- Sat 90 Snowy rather stormy past two days. But we get a good meeting. Both Orders attend also friend Brewster.
- Mon 11 Sister Anna D does the milling

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\* Wed 13 Sisters Emma and Carrie go to Albany  
Anna D attends the Office Kitchen.

Thurs 14 Sisters return.

A young woman aged 21 years Minnie Smith  
by name enters the family.

Fri 15 Dip a batch of Med. boys stay from school  
Str. Amelia and Steva go to Piltotfield.

\* Wed 13 Ministry return after an absence of 12 weeks.

Sat. 16 Steady rain takes away the snow. Thermom-  
eter has showed 8° below zero the past  
week, now is quite above freezing.

Sat. 17 Attend meeting at Center Family.

Mon 18 took at Med. on heated Shaker 1 1/2 days.

Thurs 22 Str. Amelia and 2 girls go to Piltotfield.

Fri 23 Dr. Frederic moves from Elders room into  
no 3 with George D. Gustave moves to no 11

Sat 24 Attend to the gift of general opening.

Mon 25 Mon. (was attend a very good and pleas-  
ant meeting. Evening entertainment  
in the Meeting room. The finest display  
we have ever had. Gustav arranged the  
trees and they were well filled with gifts  
in which all shared, music and singing

Candy  
Nuts  
Oranges  
for  
all.

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by the band. In the morning while just being seated for breakfast, the girls 14 in number dressed in white entered the dining room singing a Christmas song accompanied by ringing of bells. We ate dinner with music accompaniment.

Thurs 28. Dip medicine

Sat 30 a very good meeting. Singing 2nd exercise.

Sat. 31 Very fine fall of snow. Meeting at home. Singers go to Center 7 in afternoon.

### Supplement—

The year is ended and of the past.  
But one death to record, Br. John Ross.  
Eva St. Clair removed to South Family.  
Have gathered in the family 6 males & 7 female.  
Lost 6 members, 3 left, one detained with sickness, and two removed entirely.  
We have given up using gas in the rooms and are well supplied with kerosene & lamps.

# Sale Work

Days work at Med. 245

Elderess Ann picked and round 41 skins  
of fur yarn; finished and round 21 "  
Knitted of fur wrists 15 pairs.

A.D. gets ready for furnishing 12 trunk boxes  
6 light-trunk boxes trim and furnish  
12 octagon boxes (21 days work) Knits two  
fur caps, 18 needle book bags large and  
27 needle book bags small.

A.D. & L.Y. Cover 12 caskets 1 1/2 days work.  
We make three doz. miniature cloaks.  
Eight dozen eye glass wipers.

J.A.S. Made 70 baskets. finished off 14 brush holders.  
Jas. C.F. Knitted 30 pairs of fur gloves.

F. J. Emerys 12 1/2 doz dusters 20  
40 yds poplar wove; also wove 82 yds carpet with <sup>leg</sup>

A.J.C. 1 doz pin plates  
E.T. & A.J.C. 8 pairs bath mittens.

E.P. 1 doz. very nice holders.

A.M.S. works on cloak orders throughout the year.

L.Y. Helps Str. Mary on sale bonnets.

M. Reed 10 pair fur wrists and works on cloaks.  
12 " mittens

## Provisions 1893

Winter Apples 413 Bushels

Cider 6 barrels

Few plums, plenty of pears quantities of <sup>cherries</sup>

Eggs 14746

Sugar 10 bbl

Butter 3152 <sup>LB.S.</sup>/<sub>71</sub>

Ave. Unit of Flour

Cheese 2

	Gal.		Gal.
Tomato	195	Pie, Tomato	12
Cherry	90	Pear pickled	8
Rasp berry	12	Crab Apple	14
Peach	21	Sift. Cranberry	6
Black berry	5	Barberry	4
Elder berry	40	Jellies	20
Whortle berry	35	Catsup	28
Sifted Grape	12	Chili sauce	
Plum	6	Sliced Tomato	4½
Pear	65	Chow Chow	15

Of Rice, hominy Sago Tapioca Oat Meal  
 Crackers Coffee Molasses and other  
 good things we have had a bountiful  
 supply. Fresh fish and clams have  
 appeared on the table oftener than usual.  
 Box of Raisons. 2 casks of Cottonlene

Elder Joseph Holden  
" Calvin & Reed  
Brother Frederic Sizer  
Trustee Benjamin Gales  
" Robert Valentine  
Deacon Ferdinand Gambier  
Brother James Glass  
" " Little  
" Joseph P. Quinn  
" George Duncan  
" Gustav Werner  
Frederic Warner  
Allen Wells  
Sydney Wells

Eldress Harriet Bullard  
 " Helen A Stone  
 " Dorothy Wright  
 Sister Amelia Calver  
 Eldress Eliza Ann Taylor  
 Nurse Amy Reed  
 " Eunice Cantrel  
 Deaconess Mary Hazard  
 " Emma J Keale  
 " Elisabeth Cantrel  
 " Cornelia French  
 Anna W. Lane  
 Sister Sarah A Standish  
 " Eliza Posten  
 " Matilda Reed  
 " Minerva Reynolds  
 " Anna Dodgson  
 " Tabitha Lapoley  
 " Maria "  
 " Julia A Scott  
 " Fannie Tyson  
 " Ann M Greaves  
 " Louisa Youngs

Nellie Kettle  
 Viola Dornaine  
 Free Burvil  
 Annabel Kerrigan  
 Kate L. Wells  
 Fannie Bincke  
 Genevieve Kerrigan  
 Sida Halford  
 Berrietta Kerrigan  
 Sister Adaline Cantrel  
 " Geneva M Martin  
 " Alice Cary Wade  
 Minnie Smith  
 Daisy Wells  
 Alice Halford  
 Sarah Bincke  
 Florence Kerrigan  
 Emma Shaper

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Mon. 1

Another year we greet, all unknowing what it hath in store for us.

Poor prospects ahead. Scarcity of money. Medicine at a standstill, and the country full of unemployed. Cannot collect what is due us for past labor.

Tue. 2

Frank White is sent away.

Fri. 5

Several sisters and brethren attend the funeral of sister Martha Billington at Second Family.

Sat. 6

Anna Lane returns, after an absence of 7 weeks.

Sat. 7

Attend Meeting at Center Family.

Sat. 13

Our coldest day; below 0

Sat. 14

Center Family attend service with Chh.

Mon. 15

Begin to work on the ice.

Fri. 19

Finish working on the ice.

Sat. 20

Sister Mary Hazard is taken sick quite suddenly, fainting several times.

Dr. Benjamin is also under the weather.

Sat. 21

Meet with Center Family for service.

Tue. 24

Dr. Benjamin, Sr's Anna D and Cornelia go to New York for coon skins.

Sat. 28

The Ministry go to Hancock for the day.

We again meet with the Center Family for



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service, so many sick in our Family—  
 Str. Elisabeth been ill all the week. Str. Mary  
 very feeble, confined to the house. Str. Amelia  
 suffering with a bad cold—

Mon. 29 Elder Joseph starts away on a seed trip.  
 Eldress Harriet is off for a few days at  
 Waterlot. Eldress Augusta spends the  
 nights with Mary at the Office.  
 The party of "New Yorkers" return this P.M.  
 Sister Amelia is quite miserable.

Tues 30 Sister Emma Jane and Sister Clarissa  
 Jacobs start for New York this A.M.  
 a terrible storm is raging, wind and  
 snow—paths drifted. regular blizzard  
 Str. Mary not much better. Anna W. thinks  
 she will try being sick.

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No meetings this week on account of sickness  
 Feb. 4 Str. Emma returned from New York 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 No service today—Str. Amelia just able  
 to be around. Str. Amy down the past  
 two or three days. also Louise, Alice,

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Br. Frederic and Br. James Little, and St. Olenos.  
The Ministry returned home one from seed trip  
the other from Waterloo - on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Br. Ferdinand down. The others improving  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> No Meeting today, a few met for singing etc.  
Eldersess Dorothy, Sisters Fannie, Julia, Ann Maria  
and Eldersess Harriet - each confined to their rooms.  
also several girls are sick in turn, in all  
<sup>20</sup> 20 brothers and sisters, and 10 girls. N<sup>o</sup> School.

Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Gustav Werner left the Society today.  
A large box of clothing is sent away  
to New York for the needy ones.  
A large box was sent to the Salvation  
Army a few weeks ago, also for the poor.  
Ferdinand out again, also Sister Julia.

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Our dear Ann Maria very ill yesterday.  
No Meetings for two weeks.

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Our dear Sister Ann Maria is just a bit better  
but far from <sup>being out of</sup> danger. The past four nights  
has been but one continual struggle for life.

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Attend meeting at Center Family.  
We have one watcher every night - and the other  
watcher stays in a joining shop.

February 1894

Henry M-

Four brethren attended the funeral of  
Brother Henry Mault of South-Family, on  
Tuesday afternoon 20<sup>th</sup>.

The thermometer dropped to 15° below zero  
on Saturday Evening - the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sat. 25 The Ministry attend Meeting with the  
Second Family.

The North-Family send sisters over to watch  
with Str. Ann Maria. Sister Eliza Rayson  
Tuesday, Isabelle McLeod Wednesday, Sarah Jane  
Burger Thursday - night.

March 1894

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> The weather is very comfortable. Steam was  
kept up four nights, since then we use  
the little Chinese invention.

Sat. 4 Sister Eliza Rayson staid with Str. A. M.  
Meeting today. Center family meet with us.

Wed 7 The Ministry-sisters go to Waterwhit.  
Elder Joseph stays here a few days to  
attend to repairs on their furnace.

Thurs 8 Begin to work at the Medicine-red  
wrappers have come.

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Feb 11

Wed 14 Elder Joseph starts for Walerdliet.

Feb 18 We go to Center Family to meeting.

Nov. 19 Working on the rood: pleasant music of the saw is heard at the Machine Shop. Eldress Anna White comes over for a little visit and remains to tea.

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Peter Graves and son Harry came this evening unexpectedly.

Feb 24 Peter Graves and son leave this a.m. <sup>she</sup> Elivor Potter has moved from her shop into that known as Sarah Ann's shop, thinking she will be more comfortable in cold weather.

Our Family are in usual health once more after the siege of sickness the past eight weeks. Thirty cases of the distemper all.

Feb 25 Easter and a cloudy gloomy day. Center Family meet with us.

Nov 26 Intended to finish the rood, but will not until tomorrow. society.

Wed 28 Frederic Warner ran away from the

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Thurs 29 Emma Kane, a girl who lived here some years ago, arrives on a visit.

F A big fire on the flats last night - at what is known as the Perry place. A cellar window left out, the weather is cool enough to freeze the water on the veranda.

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April 1894

Sab. 1<sup>st</sup> Lewis Young a brother of Louise arrives. We go to Center Family for meeting.

Mon 2 Change time Eld. Joseph returns.

Tues 3 Lewis Young and Emma Kane each start for their homes.

Wed. 4 St. Mary and Cornelia go to Pittsfield.

Thurs. 5 C. F. cleans the shop vacated by Elinor two coats of kalsomine, woodwork is oiled also the floor. The Deaconess intend to occupy it in the winter. A. L. cleans Deaconess' shop.

Sat 7 Elder Joseph returned to Waterville - has been here a week nearly.

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April 1894

- Sat. 8 We have meeting at home, on account of bad weather, snow, wind, &c.
- Mon. 9 another fall of snow last evening.
- Tues. 10 A Floral exhibition this evening in the Meeting room. all the flowers are collected and massed in pyramid, or bank, 9 feet high, 8 feet in length and 4 ft. deep. Songs are sung, pieces read, and remarks make an entertaining hour of it.
- Sat. 15 Center Family unite with us today.
- Tues. 17 The other families visit here through the day and evening to view the flowers.
- Sat. 22 We meet alone today for service, rainy day.
- Wed. 26 The Ministry drove over from Hancock last week for a few hours stay and visit. a young man from Enfield, visits here for a few days.
- Sat. 29 We go to Center family for meeting.
- Mon. 30 Young people rake the dooryards, Saturday. Fr. Benjamin returns from Dayton after a long absence. Clean drying and ironing rooms, Friday. Rooms No. 20 are kalsomined.

May, 1891

- Tues 2 First asparagus of the season. -  
First tree in blossom Saturday Apr 30.
- Sat. 7 We enjoy the Center Family meeting  
with us today.  
All cherry, plum, and pear trees are  
in full bloom.  
School opened last week after a vaca-  
tion of four weeks.
- Mon. 7 Elder Calvin starts for the Institute
- Fri. 11 The Meetinghouse is cleaned.  
Elder Calvin returns from Institute
- Sat. 12 We go to Center Family.  
Room No 3, and Sisters Bath, and  
Water Closet were calcimined the  
past week.
- Fri 18 Sisters Ann Maria and Emma Jane  
went to Albany yesterday: return today.  
"Advance Couriers" are at work on the  
coonskins (ie) St. Mary, Dr. Fredric,  
That is the next interesting work.
- Sat 20 A very stormy day. We omit regular  
meeting and have a social family  
singing meeting instead

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May 1894

Tues 22 The fur is on hand this week - Washing and ironing is performed all in one day, and to-day work begins in earnest, some working at the Med. Shop and some at the washhouse. Dr. Andrew Barrett works at lining the skins.

Sab 27 Bentu Family meet with us. Washing postponed until Wed. finish the fur. Tuesday night, and the Stone room is cleaned on Thursday.

Tues 29 James Little starts away on a visit.

Wed 30 Dr. Andrew Barrett assists with washing. The Ministry return from Enfield accompanied by Eldress Ellen Green from that place.

Fri The weather has been miserable the past two weeks, cold, so we had a fire in the furnace, rainy, a continual rain, and drizzle. Frost, and weather too cool for much to grow but grass.

James Glass picked two ripe strawberries on June 1<sup>st</sup>. pretty good.



- June 1894
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> The Medicine Shop is cleaned.
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Elder Henry Blinn arrived this P.M.
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> On account of the cool and damp weather we postpone meeting at the Meetinghouse.
- Mon 4 A heavy thunderstorm this A.M.
- Tues 5 Waterollet. Elders Harriet <sup>Sty</sup> Amy and Mary go to Waterollet. Elder Henry Blinn leaves.
- Wed 6 Elder Joseph goes to Waterollet. Friends (3 in number) of St. Minerva arrive.
- Thurs 7 Br. James Little arrives home, also Elders Harriet.
- Fri 8 Br. Frederic goes to Albany in company with Dr. White. The party (Sisters Mary & Amy, Dr. White and Br. Frederic) return this evening. Quite a demand for carpets that have been washed. Five rooms are carpeted with them, among the number is No 6 occupied by Sister Anna Dodgson and Elders Ann.
- Sat 10 We go to Centee Family. First church.
- Tues 12 A new carpet for Lower Hall stairs

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is bought for future use, as they are  
very cheap; price for Avil-15 yds \$14.00  
also treads for both flights of stairs.  
The Deacons furnished the money—  
Full amount for stair treads and car-  
pet<sup>er</sup>

- Thurs 14 The Ministry spend the day at Hancock.  
Sister Emma <sup>and</sup> Anna D. go to Falls.
- Fri 15 The family enjoy three meals of Salmon <sup>from</sup>  
Clean lower part of wash-house.
- Sat 16 First-strawberries of the season for breakfast.  
Daisy Wells goes to work in the Office  
Sabbath 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Sab 17 First-meeting in the Meetinghouse  
A cousin of <sup>John</sup> Julia Ann, and Eld. Augusta  
came last-evening. Ruth Whittaker
- Mon 18 Said cousin Ruth leaves this AM.  
Relatives of Louisa Young arrive (is)  
her brother Lewis, wife, son and daughter.
- Tue 19 Louisa's relatives leave  
Elders Dorothy and Carrie go to Pitts-  
on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.

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Wed 26 First Green peas.

The mother of the Kerrigan girls arrives  
Thurs 28 Elder George Wilcox and Eld. Sophia Copley arrive

Sat 30 " " " " " " " " leave.

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Wed 4<sup>th</sup> First-ripe raspberriesA lawn supper and social time this evening,  
the family greatly enjoy.Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> A company - T. Ganetic, H. Duucard, J. Duim  
two boys - Eu. A. L. and Vera spend the day <sup>at</sup> Durechy.

The girls gather twigs of huckle berries,

Sat 7 A great time for green peas. We gathered  
the strawberries, raspberries, and early peas  
yesterday, and to-day we gather 12 bushels  
of green peas, (marrowfat)

Wed 11 The Ministry leave for Waterbury

Sat. 14 Anna Seal, arrives, on a visit

Wed 18 A great days work performed. 90 qts  
of currants picked for wine. Six go  
after huckle berries, some pick the  
raspberries, a large amount of

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caps currants and cherries are put in crates,  
ironed for market, and the girls carpet is  
put down. A <sup>dry</sup> thunder storm from  
the south, springs up and the lightening  
strikes a cherry tree in the new yard.  
A. C. Cantrel went to Albany yesterday

Thurs 19 Anna Neale leaves for home.  
Elder Calvin takes a new boy from  
Hancock. Harry Dunlap aged 9 years.

Fri 20 Three from this family and a party of  
St. Family Sisters go after huckle berries.  
They are very scarce this year.

Sat 21 A brother of Eldersess Augusta, his wife  
and three children arrive this a.m.  
Dr. Benjamin arrives home from Dayton

Tues 24 Sara Reyes, a visitor here since Sabbath  
Day left this a.m.  
<sup>She</sup> Adaline arrived home, last eve.  
A Mrs Ida Down, aunt to Emma Shaffers  
arrived this afternoon.

Wed 25 The relatives of Julia Ann leave.  
Elisabeth Siddle arrives.

Thurs 26 Emma Shaffers Aunt leaves.

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Sat 29. Addie Thompson arrives

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Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> Addie Thompson, and Elizabeth Pith leaves for Albany.

Sat. 5 A large congregation of people attend Society Meeting. 106 horses and 13 carriages and a number of bicycles were in the street.

Wed 8 Sisters Emma Jane and Carrie go on a trip Northward to secure orders.

Anna Daisy and Florence go to Pitts  
St Fannie Tyson and Katie went to  
Pittsfield Monday. Eld. Matilda spent the day at Hancock.

Fri. 10 A new boy aged 7 years from Stockbridge Harry Smith by name.

Sat 11 Sisters Emma and Carrie returned

Sat 19 Viola Romaine goes to Second Family to live.

Mon 20 St Mary and Rose goes to Pittsfield

Thurs 23 The Sisters J. A. S. L. J. Fannie S. M. R.

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Quince and Minnie & go to Kinderhook  
with North & and Hancock on a Picnic  
Thurs 23 We accept Lily Smith, sister to Harry aged  
6 years. - came with her father last eve.

Thurs 23 Dr. Benj. takes Allen Wells to Albany to  
have his eyes attended to.

The water tank has been repaired three  
times within eleven days; very bad at  
this time of year as water supply is  
very short.

Fri 24 Dr. Benjamin and Allen return  
A brother of St. Ann Maria arrives, her  
brother Samuel, from Syracuse

Mon 7 Finish shingling the Dairy roof  
Samuel Graves leaves for home

Wed 29 Some work is commenced to  
ditch on the mountain to save water.

Th 30 We are beginning to see tomatoes quite  
liberally on the table.

F 31 Anna Lane leaves for Binghamton  
to visit her Father and Mother.  
Cornelia Alice and Minnie go for  
elder berries. Get a large tub full.

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September 1894

- Sept 1 Joseph puts in a stone that has lain a long time by the Dairy path.
- Th 5 Ferdinand and Henry (George) go to the Fair in Hudson. Two men from Chicago at North on a visit.
- Sept 8 We have had a very little rain the most for three weeks. We have been enveloped in smoke from forest fires the account of which beggar <sup>captain</sup> Millet is furnished for cows. a new grain to us. Milk not very abundant.
- Sept 9 The men mentioned above attend meeting. Lord U labor beater gave quite address. in the eve, he, with the young Varshean attended a society gathering in our meeting room where he spoke at some length.
- Th 13 Eight Sisters go to the Currant berry Lot - get 5 bushels. very few in the center of the lot. They grow mostly on what was said to be the center families portion.

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September 1894

- W 12 Ministry returned from Enfield Con.
- F 18 Go again for Cranberries, get 3 bush.  
Pick half of them on Center of Portion.  
A fire in the eve at Brick yard, con-  
sumes all the old building west of  
the line fence except the New Barn.  
A great loss of dried Roots for Robert.
- W 19. Cut Tomatos. We have now 100 gal.  
put up. we have had small cuttings.
- F 20 The wind is South East, all day.  
This is bringing a fine rain, two inches.
- F 21 Cutting Tomatos again. Elder Calver  
and the boys pick them all.
- S 22 We have water for baths, the first  
week since the month came in.  
We are in great anxiety for Emma Jane  
who was taken sick a few days since  
with inflammation of the Throat.  
Sarah Ann Neal came on the 19. to  
to assist in caring for her.
- S 23 Charlie and Hattie web here. Emma Jane  
unable to see Hattie.



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- T 25 Anna and Louisa commence  
buying Tomato pips for the store.  
dried in the little Kiln.
- W 26 Commence picking Apples.  
Louisa, Fanny and Anna Applesorters.
- F 28 The Mother of Rose Bawdel, a girl  
we have had several years from 14,  
is here to get her. She has quite  
needlessly applied to a lawyer,
- S 29 B.G. will take Rose to the Lawyer.  
Emma Jane able to walk to  
the Office. Sarah Ann returns  
to Waterwhet. From the first  
of Emma's sickness, Elsie  
Dorothy has confined herself to  
the Cloak business and will  
continue till Emma is able  
to take it herself. Probably  
Elsie Dorothy will remain thro  
the Kitchen low, which Neva is  
working in her place.

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- F. 2 Minerva and Anna, start quite early for Albany to meet a young woman from Michigan, Margaret Hoggstone, Cousin to Anna Bodyson, Return at 8 o'clock without her. The Western Ministry arrive. Elder Joseph Slingerland Elder Napoleon Brown Elds Lizzie Downing, the Ench, Robns, Ellen Ross.
- W 3 The girl from Mich arrives all right.
- F 4 Mary is making a success of the figs, dipping them after drying into maple syrup, and finishing like nuts.
- F 5 Weather quite cool, but little frost.
- S 6 Anna is still drying Tomato figs finds one bucket of fig tomatoes will make five tins, the kiln will hold 30 tins.
- S 7 The Western Ministry and Central Ministry leave very early for Waterbury where the Ministry will make their last visit.

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- M. 8 School Commences with a full quota of Pupils.
- F 12 Thomas Wells who left nearly two years since with his two youngest Boys, returns with the children.
- F 15 The girl Margaret came here to go to school, but finds her head unable to bear it so discontinues.
- W 17 Finish Picking and sorting apples. One hand extra hired.
- F 18 Cutting Quinces &c. It is estimated that we have in the cellar 1000 bushels of Apples Washington has 50 bu in the potato cellar at his service.
- F 19 Anna and Fanny pack 10 bbls of Apples for Ohio Believers' Baldwins 4 bbls Kings 4 bbls Russets 2 bbls from our cellar. We call them good apples.

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October 1894

- St 20 Elder Sisters summoned to Albany to meet the Ministry, return the same day A Sad fire at the Burnham industrial school, peris about 6 oc.
- Sb 21 A warm summer day, meeting as usual
- T 23 Thomas Wells is finishing off the garden getting in cabbage roots &c.
- W 24 Margaret leaves; she has been here three weeks; she is a fine girl
- Th 25 Emma Jane went yesterday and returns to day from Albany. Met the Ministry.
- T 26 We are informed that it is the gift for Sarah Ann Neal to move from Waterhill to Lebanon
- St 27 The lower Taylors shop is prepared for the reception of Sarah Ann.
- W 31 Cutting apples two women help us, the apples were gathered three weeks since quite poor now about 60 bushels

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- Th 1 Finish cutting apples about 10 o'c.  
44 baskets after they were cut.  
To be dried at 2 family.
- F 2<sup>d</sup> Clean the meeting room, Fanny  
and Elder sisters taking charge  
P.M. Fanny and George do a nice job  
whiting the west end of meeting room
- S 4 Fine weather, meet at Meeting House.  
Amelia goes into the kitchen, New  
staying with the girls. She has been in  
the kitchen 12 weeks. <sup>Elizabeth goes into  
and kitchen  
Julia Ann Cook.</sup>
- D 6 Elder Joseph, Benjamin and Elder  
Isaac should leave New York  
for Toronto. We get inches of snow,  
Frederic has been without medicine  
work and quite unwell, but he has  
picked some few years.
- Th 8 Mary & Elders Dorothy go to Albany.
- F 9 Sisters return from Albany. We  
hear bad news from Elders Horvick  
Dr Frederic at the Infirmary.

# November. 1894

S 10 Still continues very cold so sudden and unexpected we were unprepared. Br. Oredvic returns to his room.

S 11 Meetings at Meeting House discontinued very cold here but suppose our friends are warm in Florida.

D 13 Elders Anna White and Emma Jane go to Albany.

D 18 Our Co. Sort the Cranberries

S 17 A poor family in Stephentown were suffering from Scarlet fever. they receive some help from us.

D 20 Br Benjamin returns from Florida.

W 21 In the eve B. G. goes to Center Family to tell the story of Florida.

Th 22 He gives us an account of the place very interesting and pleasant.

F 23 Mary and Cornelia have knitted 2 pairs of gloves this week to fill an order. The New yarn is very nice The best we have ever had.

S 24 Mary and Emma go to Pittsfield.

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- St 24 The weather has been nice a few days so the garden is plowed.  
 St 25 We awake to find a deep snow has covered the earth. The snow plow and shovels are in requisition.  
 M. 26 We pick 16 fowls for table service at home to be of use on Thanksgiving.  
 Th 29 Thanks giving. The Ministry return about 10 o'clock. Elders Harvest able to return with the order.  
 F 30 Pine Apples arrive from Florida I think there are 42 very nice.

## December 94.

- St 2 A meeting of Covenant members to settle by voice the purchase of a section of land in Florida, general consent manifested.  
 M. T. W. Business moving about as usual. Dairy produce rather scarce. Medicine moving slowly at present.

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- Dec 6 Eldress Dorothy proposes taking the Elders Shop for the Tailoring. Anna and Louise to take the Tailors Shop and Amelia with Nera the North Shop. where the Piano is for the benefit of the children etc.
- Alice Hulped Sarah Hinkey, Nellie K. have a ride with Ferd to Pittsfield We dress 23 fowls for Washington, for Market. He gives three little runts.
- Dec 8 The change in the shops is completed. making work for all parties. The Counters changed in Tailors Shop and Elders Shop. Elder Joseph assisted Eldress Dorothy, Joseph L. and George the other Sisters.
- Dec 9 A fearful storm meeting ourselves.
- Dec 11 The old case of drawers from the North Shop. removed to the East room at the Wash house for large girls Radiators in North Shop Bronzed.
- Dec 14 We have had 7 days steady storm.



## December 94

- St 15 A warm pleasant day The double windows are put in at Meat Shop.
- S. 16 Yearly opening gift, both Trustees from home on unusual circumstances
- M. 17 Louisa makes a modle work table
- Th 20 Nedra and Florence go to Pittsfield Elizabeth takes her work to the Dairy to save fuel. She and Julia Ann have worked in the fruit room, since they went into the <sup>hitch</sup> kitchen. This is their first week out!!
- F 21 Call for fur gloves is increasing Mary and Cornelia have knit some double yarn, very hard work.
- St 22. We pick 10 hens for the table X mass is coming. Elder Hervey Bliss appears in our midst.
- M. 24 Wash and iron Elder Hervey leaves B. G. returns from Dayton.
- F 25 Christmas made very pleasant by the efforts of the younger people

December 24

Dining Room beautifully arranged  
The Organ brought from school  
House. Singing and music by boys  
and girls. Meeting at Center par.  
honey by Ford for Cranberries, dinner  
at one o'clock, chicken dinner too  
Oranges figs and Peanuts P. M.  
Supper at 1/2 past 6 o'clock, or properly  
entertainment. music, recitations  
Lunch. candies, cake, cocoa, Lemons  
and bananas, hold us till 9 o'clock.

W 26 Benjamine informs us that A. J. W.  
wishes medicine put up in small  
bottles 10 cts apiece.

T 27 We are having an awful storm com-  
menced last night.

S 29 Zero weather, the double furnace  
started for the first time this season.

S 30 Meeting as usual. P. M. The sisters assem-  
ble in Elders Room. to hear a writing  
by the North family, recommending  
the discontinuance of the C. M. P.

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- N. B. The request is granted. The long  
cherished Idol, falls at last!!!
- M. B. We get the 10 cts bottle medicine  
ready for shipment and to the  
Depo. by 12 o'clock. Water scarce,  
weather very cold washing done  
on Monday. Farewell old Year.

## Errata.

- Sept. 24 Owing to the fact that John  
Taylor cannot card the fur and silk,  
Mary H. & Cornelia I go to Pittsfield  
to the yarn factory of.
- W 26. The sisters return from the factory.  
Report success, beautiful yarn.  
Scoured and finished, All is Well.
- Dec 25 Among other things good, pretty, and  
useful, we receive by the kindness  
of Emma Jones, a set of nice silver  
plated butter knives.

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## Supplement 1894.

Our family now numbers  
Males 16. Females 37. Total 53.

Four go out two males two females.  
five come in, all males.

## Sale Work.

Mr. Cloaks days work. 142 A.M.C. 95 = 237.

Medicine bottles 16. days work 300.

Knitting Annewa Mittens small 9 pr.

Statilda Glove Wrist 12 in. 1 pr. Wristers,

Anna Gloves 7 pr Mittens 1 pr. Caps 1.

Cornelia. Gloves 40 pair. JS 6 pair.

Jubia S. Baskets 62, Coa 32 bound off 51 Sub baskets

Fanny Wove 40 yds of Poplar

Enveries 24, Mats 2.

Getting off fur 159 skins. 150 Coon tails,

Poplar. Anna & Louisa Photo cases 4 Tablets 2

Needle Books 56. Combined An. yowid 45

Drums 6. Pen wipers 18, very large

Caskets 18 Louisa work on Doll Bonnets

Dried 20 lb of Tomato figs.

## Provision Bill.

Presers Pecor gull	100	Tomatoes	gal
Cherry "	100	Stewed tomato	150.
Strawberry "	45	Green " pies	115.
Whortle "	15	Sliced tomato	6.
Apple "	18	Chow chow	12.
Plum "	50	Catsup	6 + 8 = 14
Kesp. "	19	Chillie.	16.
Quince "	11	Dried Apples bbls	3 1/2.
Burbery "	5	Clster berry	48
Jelly "	23	Eggs	13, 882

## Received

Molassie bbls 2

Sugarc 2500.

Flour. About 50 bbls. 1 Cheese,

Coffee. Barrel of Beans and chickory mixed.

" of Oyster crackers.

Oatmeal ~~two~~ barrels Two meals of honey,  
for Chamberlains by J. G. Charro for,  
soup and fresh fish occasionally

Cottone 8 tubs 56 \$ each.

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## Miscellanies.

We have had 6 meals of Pineapple.  
Ann Marie has Ironed 85 Caps  
and drawn up and finished 132  
the past year. No wonder the  
North family propose, it must end.

January 1895

Tues 1 So begin with we are having very cold weather, but we find another arrange and some reasons.

We appear to be in an era of change, commence this morning kneeling but once at table. Not when the meal is finished.

Anna and Louise are sewing books 10 volumes of the Century Magazine

Th 3 Br Robert Valentine has not been heard from for four weeks. He is on a seed tour, as Phegran informs us. He is sick at Binghamton. Br Levy Shaw is commissioned to go to him and bring him home.

Sat 5 Levy returns with Robert, He is taken to the Infirmary

S 6 We attend meeting at Home, are having a fearful S. East storm. Benjamin returns from Dayton.

# January 1895.

- W 9 Efforts are being made to introduce  
plains high necked dresses. Kava has one.
- T 8 B Guac Anstedt here on business
- Th 10 Coal begins to come in, a very much  
needed article we may get out.
- F 11 It is rumored that the Dayton fur-  
nace is exchanged for land in  
Florida. We hope it will work well.
- Sat 12 Benjamine again to see Dr. White
- M. 14 We are now washing and ironing  
on Mondays. will so continue.
- T 15 Commence cutting and getting in  
the Ice. about 10 inches thick.
- W 18 Th 17 Ice harvest. continued & finish
- F 18 Our absent and loved Sister Anne  
Lane comes up the street, in the  
snow, on her feet. I give her back  
this job with joy and find some other  
sweet employ.
- S 19 The girls are pasting seed bags. at m.s.  
Two lbs of Kerosene oil put in the cellar.



January 1895

- Sat. 20 The Center Family attend meeting with us.
- Mon. 21 Our dear Sister Elinor Potter is found lying dead in her bed by the little girls who went in to see about her breakfast. She died apparently without a struggle. Dr. Wight summoned gives heart-disease the cause. We think it dropsy. She is the first corpse that ever remained in Dwelling House over night.
- Tues. 22 We are obliged to bury the remains of our loved Sister Elinor this P.M. Sisters Amelia and Emma Neale go to New York.
- Wed. 23 We hold the funeral services of Sr Elinor this afternoon. Members from the South-North and Second Families are present. Bro. Benjamin is getting better. Elder Joseph quite miserable with a cold.
- Wed. an unusual thing. We are called upon to put up orders of the 10¢ medicine. We begin to dip at four o'clock this afternoon and work at it until 8.30

January 1895

in the evening, the older Sisters have their supper taken to them.

Thurs 24 A repetition of yesterday - dip a few gross of bottles finish them off - Small orders for Boston, Albany, 10 gross for New York, keeps us busy - Br Benj. helps, all he can.

Sisters Eunice and Julia Ann go to Pills.

Fri 25 Another 10 gross order for New York that we finish this afternoon. Sister Nancy D. assists us.

Sat. 26 Elder Calvin postponed School yesterday and today, as he is unable to teach, as he fell on the ice Thursday and hurt himself badly. The Sisters from New York, have returned. A terrible windy-rainy, east storm.

Sat 27 Elder Joseph and Elder Calvin resume their places with the family at the table. We go the Center Family to meeting.

Mon 28 Our Sister Ann Maria leaves the Infirmary after an illness of sixteen days.

February 1895

Fri  
Sat. 1 Elderes Dorothy, Annabel and Emma go to Pills. The past week has been clear and cold with one slight-fall of snow.

February 1875-

Sab. 8 The Center Family meet with the Chh. The Ministry attend meeting at the North. Terrible weather the past week. blizzard. One morning at Ste Davy it was 20 below zero, and now the snow is drifted, and there is no path from Sufirmary to Office. It has snowed and blowed three days and nights.

Flers. 7 Dr Benjamin left Thursday for New York - en route for Florida.

Sab. 10 Coal is something to be saved in these times and as it takes a great deal of heat to warm the Meetingroom. we clear the dining room and hold meeting there.

Wed 18 We again see Br. Robt at the table.

Mon 11 Sister Emma goes to Albany - remains over night. also Elder Joseph goes & returns

Wed 3 The Hancock Elders. visit here today.

Thrs 14 Dr. Andrew Barrele leaves New York today - I understand for Florida.

Sat 15 We again hold meeting in the Dining-room this evening.

Sat. 16 attend meeting at Center Family. Nice pleasant day -

February 1895

- Jan 17 Sister Sarah Ann Standish - passed from this world to the Spirit-land at 8.30 P.M. after a period of coma of 48 hours -
- Tues 19 We attend the funeral of St. Sara A Standish this P.M. at 2. Members from Center North and South attend.
- The past week school closed rather abruptly for the girls, to be recommenced in the Spring.
- Feb 24 Center Family attend meeting with us.

March 1895

- We still continue to put up Med. to order - Sending every day - Center Family Sisters come down and help.
- Feb 3 We attend Meeting at Center Family - Elders Elizabeth, Nancy and a girl take their dinner with our family two weeks - David Gile goes home to his dinner
- Feb 9 Br. Benjamin returns home from Florida
- Feb 10 Center Family meet with us.
- Tues 12 Br. Benjamin goes to New York.

March 1898

Fri 15

Dr Benjamin returns from N.Y. to meet Elder Isaac, who also arrives to-day, and will leave tomorrow. Important Florida business, that seems to be the thing uppermost in the conversation of present moment.

We are still at work on Med. but are working at a more moderate speed since it is not sent off every day.

Sat. 17

We attend meeting at the Center Family. I should have made mention of the

F. Tyson

removal of Sr Fannie Tyson to Enfield. She went there on a visit, and returned here Monday Feb. stayed, until noon packing her things - paid short visits to North and Canaan, before her return to Enfield, where she requested she might live.

Mon. 18

Some bedding enough for four Sisters and three Brethren was put together and carried to the Office, to be sent to Florida by freight.

The girls and, Louise and <sup>Sr</sup> Anna D.

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March 1895

go down to the Med. and fill on Tuesday afternoon, after washing. A new way of closing the ends of packages is tried, and we finish the batch in little more than two and our half 12 1/2 days, which is remarkable.

Sab 24 Center Family meet with us. Today

Mon 25 Boys school is out. Begin to work on the wood. keep school open for the girls, and as Elder Calvin is miserable. St. Amelia takes her place as teacher with Esther.

Wed. 27 Sisters Mary and Emma go to Albany - expecting to return tomorrow.

Thrs 28 O. G. goes to Albany -

Elder Joseph spent last Sabbath at Thiley. It is decided at last who of the Sisters are to go to Florida as pioneers. Sister Nancy Dow from Center F. S. M. Minerva Reynolds from Chh! the end not yet.

Medicine continues to boom.

Sab. 31 We go to Center Family - last meeting with the Ministry - as they leave on Wednesday next.

April 1895

- Mon 1 Elder Joseph leaves today -
- Tue 3 Finish the wood yesterday excepting a small lot of chopping at the Office.
- Thurs. 4 Dr Benjamin started for New York
- Wed. 3 The Ministry depart for Hancock.
- Sa 7 In consequence of Elder Cabwin's sickness. Elder Timothy leads the meeting at our House.
- Sun 9 A break in the Saw Mill pond sends columns of water that fortunately finds its way to the drain so no damage is done.
- Mo 10 A wash out in the road takes teams over and ashes & day <sup>steamed</sup>
- Tu 13 A fine spring rain set in last night rained all day.
- Sa 14 Still raining we go to center family to meeting
- Mo 15 Still raining but the snow goes.
- Th 17 Thomas and the boys trim the evergreens and rake the South Door yard.

# April 1895

- P 19 The week has been spent in repairing, calssomining & George Duncan, mostly employed. A man did some plastering in two rooms so they let up and room calssomined.
- N. W. Corner Shop and middle S Shop, in lower Tee. Washed calssomined & other rooms repaired where needed and the lower Tee Hall washed.
- Su 21 We attend the Funeral of Sister Thebe Vanhouten at Center, family.
- Th 25 Miss Louisa Green of Harvard arrives to see Minerva and others.
- F 26 The Garret at the House is cleaned and Cornelia and young folks rake the street and gutter.
- S 28 A lovely day, we have our parting meeting with the Dear Sisters who are selected to go to Florida, Minerva R. Nancy Dow, & Anna Lane. The past week has been a busy week of preparation, All have endeavored to assist.



April 1895

- M. 29 Amelia goes to Hancock to see the  
Minisbee, About 1/2 past 9 o'clock  
Our Sisters leave us for Florida,  
At Canaan they will meet a Brother  
Charles who goes with them,  
B. G. leaves P. M. to be there to see  
them safe on the steamer at N. Y.
- T. 30 A very rainy day, The party go  
down the river from Hudson  
arrive in New York in the morning,  
and to night will be on the ocean.

May 1895

- W 1 I should have mentioned, Anna  
had just commenced a kitchen  
tower, of course left it and Conice  
is to finish the job, or do it all. Maria  
assist Amy, which takes her from Wed.
- Th 2 Three of the Sisters A. D. L. G. C. F.  
go to Center farm to assist on Seven Barn,
- F 3 A. M. at dinner time finish " "

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May 1895

- F 3 Mr Louise Green who has spent several days at Canaan, returned
- St. 4 We learn of sisters are safe in Florida and in usual health. We have our first meal of asparagus. The garden is plowed. Thomas Wells is employed with Elder Galvin. Ferdinand has set out many fruit trees. George has grapes and peach trees in the vineyard.
- St. 4 We have our first day without fire in the furnace. Glorious weather.
- M 6. A Lady Friend Sister in law of Old Man here to see her with her little Boy.
- F 7. Cornelia is washing two days, as the weather is suitable for drying outside
- M 8 Cornelia commenced to repair four flights of stairs. The kitchen and lower Hall. New carpet on lower Hall.
- F 9 House cleaning occupies the time of all able bodied Sisters. Our Asparagus abundant & good

May 1875

- F 10 Two flights of stairs finished
- S 11 The first Ice from the Ice House  
 Elder Calvin returned last eve from the Institute, Eld. Dan. has been visited the past week by a sister in law and nephew. Br. Louisa Green is being entertained two days at Parsons her relatives. She is at North now and will leave from there.
- S 12 We are having a fine quiet rain so cool we have fire our bare bloom and verdure was never finer.
- F 14 We find frost before sunrise.
- W 15 A frosty morning Stairs on hand.
- F 16 Frost again vegetation stands still.
- F 17 A third frost. Clear. Drying room and Halls & evening room. Nothing seems much injured by frost.
- S 18 Brethrs Stairs refitted by Br Joseph Quin. Br James took of the old fixtures

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May 1895

- S. 19 We had no fire yesterday, but now the fire is renewed, as frost appears. Meeting at home pleasant morning.
- M. 20 Mr. Mateleta being 78 years old commemorates the day with a ride on Curice and Ann Marie accompanying her in the new covered carriage.
- M 22 The fourth flight of stairs is finished
- S. 23 The lower Hall is undergoing a spring cleaning and oiling. Mary Harvard and Anna Wolgastson make a visit to Curice and to the Burnham School.
- J. 24 Hulda Bagg spends a day with Julie Ann. The girls with Neva go to the springs. Heaving the old horse and driving him.
- S. 25 B. G. is in Florida. At present, we have the heaving of many interesting letters from our Society there.
- S. 26 Meeting at Center. No fire in the furnace since Thursday.

May 1895

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The week has been so devoted to public enterprise that will put it together. The carpet in Deacons room has been taken up and covered and a new table cloth by Sister Cornelia. The sitting room cleaned oiled and chairs renewed by Str Amelia Elders Dorothy & her renewing many cushions &c. Today we have something new a woman wishing to set up a commercial boarding house in the Astorville region, calls on our people, office sisters take hold of it and will make some thing on it. 14 Old chairs from the family 4 from the office, all are wound like new chairs. 4 Doz two qt jars of preserves of different kinds, from the family. Some from office and center. Nearly all the mats on hand in the office. A. R. M. L. to Pittsburg

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June 1895

- St 1 All good ready to ship to the Advertiser's on Monday, a successful busy week
- S 2 Changes in the kitchen.
- M 3 Anna D. commences twisting rags for mats for sale.
- T 4 We learn that William Cook, a resident of Center family, is found dead at the old kiln. Coroners inquest held. verdict heart failure. Sister Amelia and Anna go to Concord to meet Sister Ella Briggs. Elders Ebenezer Stratton arrives from W. Pittsfield
- W 5 Two Upper Hall floors oiled. The oil got by the Sisters for Cutsup & C.
- Th 6 We attend the Funeral. A rainy time for the interment. A coffin purchased by the companions of William they being people of means.
- F 7 We clean the Meeting House. Elders Joanna arrives. So we are having a quite a visiting time.
- S 8 9 Attend first meeting at Meeting House.

June 1895

- M 10 Canterbury Min leave for Waterloo.  
 Mary Ella Briggs very much prostrated.  
 Wash and iron as the pond is  
 out of order. &c
- J 11 A hired weaver employed at the  
 South farm. comes to weave a  
 piece of mats for ~~sale~~, sale. Anna  
 and Louise attend to the job.  
 Ann Cummings comes to join  
 Ella and have a visit. Last eve  
 the 10 we picked 17 qts of strawberries.
- M 12 Br Frederic goes to the Infirmary.  
 Sister Sarah Ann Neal comes  
 here to live yesterday Elder  
 Josiah came with some other  
 belongings by wagon conveyance.
- J 14 Elders Ezra comes to care for Ella,  
 Ann goes without much visit to  
 return home with Elders Joanna  
 The wash rooms cleaned by 6 sisters.  
 Pick 84 qts of straw berries.
- M 15 The mats finished. 11 yards.

June 1875

- S. 16 Eliza's Elizabeth's meeting
- M 17 Elt Eliza with Elbe Briggs leaves for home.  
Pickled 132 qts of Straw berries.
- F 18<sup>x</sup> Mary H. Anna W. and Louisa G. go to  
Pittsfield, take a sail on the Lake.  
Cherries picked and sorted for Market.
- Th 20 A Picnic of young girls and sisters  
with three brethren go to the Lake.
- F 21<sup>x</sup> We have had a very dry week  
now a refreshing shower at evening
- S 22 We have meeting on the Straw <sup>bed</sup> <sup>bed</sup>  
pick 105 qts Benjamine returns  
from Florida. Finish cleaning D. Room
- x W 19<sup>x</sup> Anne and Daisy and Florence get out  
the bottles. Elizabeth clears the cellar.
- x Henry Dunlap leaves with his Mother.
- S 22 Benjamine returns from Florida.
- M 24 Cherries abundant. Put down  
some Strawberries and sort  
4 Crates of cherries for Market.  
We learn that a chance is offered  
to fill 800 gr of ten cent bottles



June 1895

M. 24 of medicine by September next  
so we shall be pinched for hands  
for the rest of the fall work. but  
it seems to now or never.

W 26 Benjarrine left yesterday and  
will return to Florida. Sorting  
cherries again. 4 crates.

Th 27. Center family by invitation pick  
one bushel of straw berries. we  
go over the bed.

F 28 Sort cherries, 5 crates.

S 29 Groceries arrive from New York.  
We are having refreshing rain,  
very much needed. Straw berries  
picked again perhaps the last

July 1895

M 1 Washing Ironing &c. A.M. P.M.  
Sort cherries and pick peas.  
Dining room floor cleaned & oiled.  
Picked the last of the strawberries.

July 1875

- J 2 Received 2 lb sugar and some coffee.  
The brethrens Bath Room renovated.
- W 3 Sorted cherries Picked Peas.
- J 4 Quite retired Br. Pick cherries,  
J 5 Thomas W. Nordlund and boys  
with Ch. Dorothy & Elizabeth C. go to  
the Lake. P. M. we sort cherries.
- St 6 tiled Bake room floor we have  
had three days of shower weather  
so Thomas & Boys Pick the Peas.
- St 7 A very good meeting quite cool.
- M 8 Finish whitening cotten cloth. & cuts
- J 9 Cherries still continue. yesterday  
we washed ironed pecked peas  
and sorted chrvies and took  
care of the pecked cellar.
- W 10 Commence picking raspberries,  
Orders for medicine will take  
off some of our fruit hands.
- J 11 Amelia goes for whortle berries  
with two girls and James glass

- T 12 Sister Eunice Cantret who has been absent 10 days on a visit and visiting at Ells, returns
- S 13 About noon we were visited with a severe hail storm, stones large as peas fell some inches deep in places rained an inch in 20 minutes, yet not much harm is done after the storm we pick 2 1/2 qts of Raspberries.
- S 14 Meeting as usual, P.M. we attend the funeral of Eliza Davis, Changing in Vetcher.
- M 15 Commence picking currants, and continue picking cherries all for the Market.
- F 16 Washing and ironing picking peaches finish cherries & pick currants
- M 17 Ground currants for jelly to sell, an improvement for getting out the juice is grinding

July 1895

- J<sup>18</sup> Picked 7 bushel of currants for wine and jelly some for home and some to sell.
- J<sup>19</sup> Ground the currants in the fruit room. another improvement. Added to this on wed we visited Sisters from Waterville. North Family. The medicine has been on hand employing all available help. on Sample Shaker. 100 gr a week being the required amount.
- J<sup>20</sup> Common Saturday duties, with Peas and berries
- J<sup>21</sup> A very good meeting, good speaking
- M<sup>22</sup> Sisters not employed at med commenced picking berries about 9 a.m. and continued all day Raspberries mostly 10 gals berries, Amelia and the girls pick peas.
- J<sup>23</sup> Wash and Iron released the three older Sisters for medicine
- M<sup>24</sup> Canned string beans and picked berries, very plentiful

July 1895

- J<sup>y</sup> 25 Older Cabin, Amy and Marie leave for a trip to Cheshire. An unexpected order for med. calls for more help. Elsie, Elizabeth, Lida, Carmen and David will come to help it along. Picking black berries 1 bushel, and more Raspberries.
- J<sup>y</sup> 26 Canned beans Picked some berries
- S 27 Picked black berries Raspberries and peas. and usual duties. I forgot to mention, that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst some repairs were found needful in the drainage of the bath sinks in the house. It was done. we have commenced using Green Apples. & New potatoes. Cloaks ordered fill the time of the Cloak makers.
- S 28 Meeting as usual. pleasant weather
- M 29 Boy and Ben picking for the few, for the medicine and cloaks can not be hindered for home calls.

July 1895

- P 30 A rainy washing day.
- W 31 Picking fruit in the Garden &c, Ministry return after an absence of four months, in usual health.

August 1895

- P 1 Elder Calvin and Co. return. Canned beans again, promise of success.
- P 2 Ted Langford here on a visit. Berry business going on as usual.
- S 3 We are having plenty of rain as newly every day we get showers. Yesterday cleared the Post Office and B. Closet.
- S 4 Heavy rain last night, but so far we have a good meeting.
- M 5 Benjamin returns from Florida. All business moving as usual berry picking medicine &c.
- T 6 Washing, Ironing &c. Tabitha Anna and Louisa working at Shop.
- W 7 Commenced canning Apples.

August 1895

- Th 8 Canned Apples for Florida 3 Doz  
two gr Jves. 1 Doz for the Office.  
James Little Daughter and her  
Daughters here to see James.  
Finish picking <sup>rasp</sup> berries in garden  
and green peas. have 14 1/2 bus.  
of Raspberries from garden.
- Th 7. We are in a sad dilemma about  
the water. It has stopped!!!??  
Our canning is suspended. The  
south end of the <sup>Rocky</sup> floor cooled.  
The Graham bread taken to  
Center farm to be baked and the  
Office cooking done at Imperium.  
Efforts are being made to find  
the cause of the trouble.
- St 10 Elder Hulvin and Thomas Wells  
taken out to help dig for the leak.  
The cause is found and so far rem-  
edied the water comes about 1/2 p.  
Water has been brought in pails  
and barrels from San Jose.

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August 95

- S<sup>10</sup> B. G. leaves again for Albany & N. Y. Elder Joseph goes with him to meet Elder Isaac. Elder Calvin and Thomas have made a new walk west of the House.
- S<sup>11</sup> Very fine weather, good outside attendance at our meeting.
- M<sup>12</sup> Apples again engage the attention of the few not employed at meal. 6 B Gall of preserved apple.
- F<sup>13</sup> Prepare for washing and pick berries.
- W<sup>14</sup> We attempt to wash and iron, but have some difficulty with machinery.
- F<sup>15</sup> Mary, Ch. Dorothy, and Cornelia go to Pittsfield and to the Lake.
- F<sup>16</sup> The funeral of Elders Abner Halle attended at Hancock, Elder Calvin, Mr. A. R. attend.
- S<sup>17</sup> Yesterday Maria L. assisted me to clean the East cellar. My first opportunity. The last grain in and street S. of House raked. Picking berries continues.



August 1895

- Sb 18. Meeting as usual. fine weather.
- M 19 Berry picking &c.
- T 20 Emma gone and Lucia leave for  
a peddling trip to Lakes George.
- W 21 Dipping the last 100 gr of sample  
bottles. 2 1/2 gr of large bottles. the last.
- Th 22 We clean the Brick Shop - Shoe  
Shop, Elders Shop. James Shop.  
halls &c.
- F 23 Sorted pears. J. A. S., Minnie Sarah  
and Alice drive old Ponce to the  
Lake and have a good time.
- S 24 Usual preparations for Vetchen change
- Sb 25 Enfield visitors attend meeting.  
A Shower last eve makes all  
nature smile this lovely morning
- M. 26. The Enfield visitors are entertained.
- T 27. Usual rounds washing & ironing.
- Th 29 We are enjoying Tomatoes plentifully.
- F 30. The first cutting of pears. The rush  
of medicine commenced July 27  
finished. As this rush was ordered

F 30 to meet the demands of the trade. it has taken all the young help, so boy picking in the garden has and fruit room work has had to be done without them.

S 31 Amelia has been in the kitchen a week. She comes out.

September. 1895.

S 1 We have a very fine day, rain all day yesterday.

M 2 Medicine to have a good ride of them 3 horses 1 single one double. Cut pears. Amelia and girls took a walk to the Springs.

F 3 Common duties. &c.

S 4 Go for Elder Berries Soda Quins & Kettle. S.M. Cut pears. 3 Kettles 1 sweet.

F 5 Look over berries and cut pears, all bottles two Kettles.

September, 1875

- S 7 Cut the first 2 bus of Tomatoes.  
 On Mon 2<sup>d</sup> Henry Culver & wife  
 here for a day only.
- S 8. Last meeting with the Ministry  
 M 9<sup>th</sup> Florinda Seave who has been <sup>gone</sup> 10<sup>days</sup> being  
 at Center Family returned to her home.  
 In the evening and till midnight  
 we experienced a severe storm of  
 thunder, lightning and rain.
- T 10 Usual duties quite warm & close
- W 11 Another night Thunder storm  
 with 2 in of rain
- T 12 Worked on crab apples, and  
 Anna & Louise commenced homeb figs  
 Ferdinand and George go to Hudson &c
- T 13 Worked at tomatoes. Tabitha and  
 newa go to Pittsfield. Brethren return  
 in corn with Susan Culver & Mary?
- S 14 We have light frost.
- S 15 A very heavy frost first fire in the  
 furnace. few for melons & tomatoes.

September 18

- 116 Washing Ironing &c.
- 117 On the Mountain for Crainberries  
Mary McCalver being here accom-  
panies the sister making 7 loads
- 118 At home we sorted 1 bush of bought  
Elder berries and put them up.  
The Crainberries being badly frost  
bitten we sort them having 5  
bushel of good berries which are  
spread at B. Shop. the frost  
bitten made into Cal-Sup.
- 119 Dressed tomatoes, 7 bushel. P. Sis  
go on the mount for Crainberries,
- 120 Spent the day either cleaning and  
other chores. Some hands on Mead.
- 121 Dressed 4 bush of Tomatoes given by  
Center family. Anna & Louise  
finish tying the mats for office  
10 mats. wove by them & the German.
- 122 O! How very warm, every thing  
hastening to ripe perfection,

September 1875

- M. 23 Weather very warm. Three girls  
 Florence Anna Bell and Genevieve  
 Norwegian go to their Mother Mary  
 C Whilling goes to Chatham,  
 with them Finnish sorting Cranberries  
 In all p. bushel of good fruit,  
 Commence picking and sorting  
 apples A. M. S. & S. G. Sorting.
- T. 24 Washing Ironing &c.
- W. 25 Worked at tomatoes & Cucumber till  
 7 o'clock at night.
- Th 26 Made Grape jelly girls worked  
 on meal. Culver Co. receive.
- F. 27 weather not very pleasant Mary P. S.  
 Carrie go to Pittsfield. Apples moving
- S. 28 A. M. Continued picking apples.  
 P. M. Elder Calvin Thomas & the boys.  
 Gather Butter nuts for the office
- S. 29 Our meeting today closes Society meeting
- M 30 Fried & canned peaches.
- S. 31 Washing Ironing Sorting Apples

October 1895

- W 2 We do a large job on tomatoes, for canning and Tomato figs we think for all 25 bushels
- Th 3 Elders Dorothy goes to see her Brother she goes in Co with Lucy trying the community experiment in Adirondack. We work on the green tomatoes for winter use. chow chow &c.
- F 4 Cooked the Sweet pickled &c. The School House is being repainted and repaired with the out buildings
- S 13 Two mattresses have been repaired. One bedstead lent to the office for Carrie. A lounge belonging to mamma is also in use there. A new pair of Springs got for the family is also in use there. We have had one meal of peaches and one of peach pie of the peaches sent for by James and a lot in Change in the kitchen. Carrie goes in for Cook.

Finish picking  
 Apples Oct. 11.

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October 1875

- M<sup>9</sup> Change in the kitchen The school, House is being painted and A.C. and the girls are mending the mats
- T. 8 Washing ironing &c.
- W<sup>9</sup> Louisa and Anna go to the office and help sugar the tomatoes they have been drying for figs. The hands are all employed in cleaning the school House.
- Th<sup>10</sup> Elder Calvin has picked 2 q. bushel of tomatoes 4 bu. from the works up today P.M. The sisters go to the medicine shop to try and <sup>work on</sup> ~~finish~~ the 20 q.
- Fr<sup>11</sup> Yellow tomato preserves and green tomatoes with working on the medicines the day packed the tomato figs 30 lb. when finished.
- S<sup>12</sup> Made the catsup.
- S<sup>13</sup> W<sup>B</sup> invited to the North to meeting so the sisters have day of Rest.

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October 1895

- M 14 Cut the peaches from Sarah Ann's tree 14 jars of sauce. And we have had one meal cut, on the table.
- T 15 Usual duties fill out the day.
- W 16 Cut Quinces, and the sisters commence cleaning or splitting Roots for Washington.
- Th 17 More Quinces success and jelly.
- F 18 Gathered Peas Cornelia helps G. Medicine Co finish Roots.
- Sa 20 Our meeting quietly at home.
- M 21 Cut pears for pickles.
- T 22 Washing Ironing and dressed 11 chickens for market tomorrow.
- W 23 Commence cleaning Louage Roots for Robert. Only three steady hands so the bottles long waited for have just come and the orders must be attended too immediately.
- F 25 We still are rooting it all who care drop in evening to help on the job



October 1895

- Sb 27. Meeting at Center family, Elder  
Timothy absent on a journey.  
M 28 Still at the roots getting on well.  
T 29 washing &c. Dress 16 fowls for  
beef down table.  
W 30 Again at the roots Medicine &c.

November 1895

- F 1 We finish the roots and the 100 gr.  
order of medicine leaves for N.Y.  
S 2 We have a snow storm, weather  
quite cool, an early young winter  
Sb 3 Snow lies on the north side of the  
buildings all day. Pretty cool.  
M 4 Again picking barberries,  
T 5 Washing & ironing fine weather  
W 6 Finished picking barberries and  
getting them off in the evening.  
T 7 Amy & Cora take ride to Pittsfield  
F 8 Put up the barberries very warm  
70 in the shade. Wind rising.

# November 9<sup>th</sup>

- S 10 Meeting at Center, Two strangers from Mass George Crane & person. In the evening we all assemble at Center family to hear an account of the Connecticut Reform school, but the Superintendent, who is one of the above mentioned men,
- M 11 Prepare for cleaning the fruit Room
- T 12 The Boys commence sorting a bushel of Beans, raised on the farm for our Florida Branch,
- W 13 Finish the beans and P. C. T. alone and unaided commence to clean the fruit Room!!
- Th 14 Thomas washed the wall & ceiling,
- F 15 Business suspended at mid stop, to do the full house cleaning per paratory to the kitchen change. The fruit room is oiled.
- S 16 Three bbls of apples including the bush of Beans leave for Florida. 2 Boxes of soaked old med corn to be redressed.

November 75

- S. 17 A company of singers with Elder Calvin and Sr. Amelia go to Hancock to attend singing meeting. Win all.
- S. 23 The week has passed with out any remarkable thing except changes of weather, On the 29 we were quite comfortable without fire. On the 21 we arose to find the ground covered with snow and thermometer 60 above zero! Rain commenced on the 23 rained all night, by morning 24 the snow had all disappeared.
- S. 24 Meeting at Center fairly Sister Rhoda Blake is quite sick.
- M. 25 Picked 38 fowls 14 for Market. P.M. we were startled by the report of fire! at School House, caused by over heating a closed register some damage done, but not so serious as might be. Sidney goes with Emma J. about his eyes.

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# November

Nov 26<sup>o</sup> Washing ironing and preparation  
for the Shinsbey, M. Eunice  
helps Elizabeth Dort Cranberries.

Nov 27 Work again at Cranberries <sup>Shinsbey</sup>

Nov 28. We have an unusual Thanksgiving  
The Ministry attended at the <sup>North</sup> ~~North~~

The Center family came to meeting  
and dined to dinner, we had

a feast of good things, provided  
by those who are selling the Fruit\*

The day passed very pleasantly  
singing, visiting & quite satis-  
factorily, to all concerned.

Nov 29 We are having the finest of weather.

Nov 30 Our sisters commenced watching  
with Rhoda Blake, the 28.

Nov 30 Eunice goes to Center family to  
take care of Rhoda. Blake, who  
sawey in the evening about 10 o'clock.

This date should have been December 1<sup>st</sup> 1897

\* The things for  
first order were bought  
with perhaps money,  
Nov 29.

## December 1895

- M. 2. We are informed that to save expense the Furnaces at the Office are to be let off. So Sister Mary Hazard is to move her work into the Dwelling she will occupy the lower N. W. Shop and sleep in No 16 Preparation is accordingly made.
- T. 3. Washing Ironing &c P. M. 4 Sisters go to help Center family iron &c
- W. 4. Attend the Funeral of Mr Rhoda.
- T. 5. George Duncan moves to No 13, leaving No 3 vacant, to be used as circumstances may direct. Mary and Emma Jane go to Pittsfield Daniel Offord leaves North Family
- F. 6. Medicine hand at liberty O. N.
- S. 7. We have had a very cold week out of coal, so large green wood is being mostly used. Double windows put in at med Shop and House.
- S. 8. Bly. returns meeting at Center Emily J. with friends here to meeting.

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# December 1895

- M. 9 Br Robert D. came home Saturday  
leaves again on Mon.
- F 10 Usual family duties.
- \* W 11 Benjamin leaves for Florida  
in Co. with Levy Show, hoping  
to meet Daniel Afford
- Th 12 Isaac Anstett of Waverlet and  
Arthur Bruce of Can arrive. Isaac  
leaves immediately to meet B. G.
- F 13 Our Br visited the families we  
visited our sisters &c. Levy returns  
without finding Daniel.
- W 14 Father and Helene go to  
Pittsfield.
- S 15 Gift of general opening attended at  
Elder Sisters both in the kitchen
- M 16 The sisters who usually work at meal  
go to the shop and pick out 2 bushel  
of Butternuts cracked last week.
- W 18 We are having very fine warm  
weather for the season. No storms
- S 21 So warm, the furnace out till evening.

# December. 95'

M 22

T 24 Nothing wonderful transpires.

W 25

We find ourselves on the morning of Christmas meeting at Center Farm. We have a great eating day. Honey for breakfast, Oysters. Ice cream and cake for dinner, and a replenish of Ice cream, cake and crackers handed in the rooms at evening. Took dinner 1/2 past 12.

T 26

We used a new tin starch pail for washing this week.

F 27

Several feel the effects of high living

S 28

Change in the kitchen as usual.

S 29

Meeting attended at Church family.

M. 30

Pick fowls 14 for New Year's dinner.

F 31

So we are bidding adieu to another eventful year. Our family has kept quite regular. We have had very little change. No one has entered the family <sup>from outside</sup>. The four Kerrigan girls have left. Still we live some flow!! Florinda Sears, Sadie Neal come in

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It is difficult to look backward  
over the lapse of even one year  
and not to see with sorrow the  
religious apathy of the surrounding  
atmosphere, The demands for  
change of fashion in costume,  
The longing for new and different  
scenes, the want of something  
to occupy the mind engross much  
of the attention of the young and  
often weary the news of the old.  
But all this is necessary to the  
well being and growth of society  
for it fits it I hope better to meet  
the conditions of the outside world.  
They can no longer find us as  
we were, If they find us at all, they  
must find us as we are. And  
perhaps we are as near right as  
we ever were, according to our day.  
So farewell Old Year 1895  
God bless the New 1896. Amen.



## Statistics for 1895

Provision bought for the farm 1895  
 Sugar lbs 7. lbs 2559. Beans lbs 1  
 Cat meat lbs 4. Molefies lbs 2  
 Graham flour lbs 2. Rice lbs 1  
 Wheat flour lbs 39+  
 Cottonine Gubs 7. lbs 392  
 Coffee very good lbs 232.

## Family Preserves Made for Use.

Gall	Pears 80	Tomato for pies 12
"	Elder berry 29	Pickel Pear 18
"	Crab apple 8	Raspberry 12
"	Chaw Chaw 13	{ Apple preserves 60
"	Sweet Pickel 3	{ To Florida 3 for jars
"	Strawberry 18	Quince 14
"	Tomatoes 137	Tomato pie 6
"	Cran berry Cat 4	Peach 9
"	Tomato Cats 21	Black berry 20
"	{ C. Tomato Cat 12 }	Baw berry 12
"	{ Nine sold for Chris }	Canned beans 30.
	Eggs 11, 832.	

Sale Work. 1895

- A. D. Drums 18 Pinks 18, needle Books 80  
& Combined Pin flats 37.  
L. Y. Bag pin flats 36 Lacy Basket 1  
On Mats preparing Rags &c two weeks.  
L. Y. Inside Strips Doll bonnets unnumbered  
Tomato Sigs dried 44 lbs.

Medicine and Med hands.

Days works on Curative Syrup &c  
Batches of med 22. days work. 700.

Sample bottles 14,000. Mats 4 days.

On Louage Roots 18 days work. w. f.

A week spent by all available help on  
Louage Roots for B. Roberts Market.

Two Knitting, Yarn picking &c

M. R. Wristers 2 pr Small Mittens 6 pr.

A. D. Largest Gloves 12 pr. Elders Ann

J. S. Gloves 8 pr. Picked Yarn

A. M. G. Gloves 5 pr. and for locicirculars

C. S. Gloves 30 pr. for steady business.

3 Sisters Work on Cloaks, A. M. G. 112 days and  
5 days finishing baskets. Matilda and  
Florinda work on Cloaks.

1895

The Church family now numbers  
42. Males 14 Females 28 During  
the year 2 Sisters left for Florida  
4 girls went away. two Sisters  
have been admitted

Statistics Farm. Dairy. Gardens

Farm Beans bush. 60. Cuts bush 1400. Potatoes bush 00.  
Dairy Butter made \$55.60. Sold \$1422.  
Garden Strawberries bu. 16 Raspberries bu. 14  
Blackberries bu. 8.  $16 + 14 + 8 = 38$  bu fruit -

January 1896.

- Wed 1. We enter upon the New year well  
housed and fed. The bar of coal  
we have long looked for has arrived  
so we hope Br James will not have  
to handle so much heavy green wood.
- Th 2. About these times as we are not  
pushing the med. Thomas Wells and  
James Gaps are putting their time  
in on chopping wood in the lots near  
home. The weather is lovely no snow  
the ground frozen so ~~yesterday~~ Amelia  
and the girls went a piece up the  
mountain. We had a two inch  
rain a few days ago, so the freeze  
now makes every thing look lovely.  
Br George D. has bound 10 vol. of the  
Century Magazine. He has done the  
job diving odd times and picked up  
means. They are pronounced well and  
beautifully done and merit praise.
- Fr 2. All are pursuing the even tenor of  
their way. some consoling others producing

January 1896

- Sb 6 Meeting at Center family
- x M 6 Thermometer 20° below zero.
- T 7 Commenced snowing quite fine.
- W 8 The ground covered with snow, no wind so it is beautiful. Ida Halperd goes with her mother to find a home in Pittsfield.
- Th 9 The week has been quite eventful. An Monday Elder Joseph seemed quite sick. Br Benjamin here from Florida. He takes a room in the dwelling house No 3. His bed is brought over from the office so he is comfortable.
- Th 9 Elder Isaac Anstett here to see B.G. by his request. arrived Nov. 23, left with Benjamin 3 or P. M.
- F 10 The sisters are engaged in the fancy sale work for the store. Lovely winter weather.
- Sb 12 Meeting at Church family

January 1876

- Ms Lovely winter weather continues  
unbroken. Commence cutting Ice.
- Th 14 Commence getting Ice. very fine.
- Th 16 Finish the Ice never could be a  
more prosperous job well executed.
- S 18 Sisters all busily engaged on fancy  
sale work. no letters in the camp.
- Sb 19 Meeting at Center family.
- M 20 Mary Hazard and Cornelia French  
go to N. Y. for Coon skins Very good luck  
The weather is very fine. no storm
- T 21 Cornelia absent from washing.  
Annice takes part of her place.
- W 22 Ministry leave for Waterlot.  
Annice Jane and Carrie go to N. Y.  
Mrs Maria and Lucie attending office
- Th 23 We are enjoying beautiful weather.
- F 24 We now have a storm snow & sleet  
The covered wagon is taken for Mary  
and Cornelia who return comfortably.  
B. G. returns to Florida business with  
Chas Isaac Ansell

## January 1895

- Sb 28 Meeting attended at Church. Washing has hurt his hand and is unfit for duty in worship or business.
- T 28 Emma Jane and Corrie return from N. York. Fine weather. Kate Corrie here to see Mary, as fuel is scarce and only one furnace running. She occupies No 3 in the House.
- W 29 Robert leaves for N. Y. and Boston.
- Th 30 Robert Halford leaves for an outing.
- F 31 Washington is suffering with his hand so the Dr is called.

## February 1895.

- Sb 1 We have storm of wind & ice & snow. So the friend Kate Corrie cannot get to Pittsfield.
- Sb 2 Meeting in the sitting room. to attempt getting up street. Kate attends our meeting.

# February 1876

- M. 5 Kate Clary leaves for Pillsfield She has had a very nice stormy time.
- T 4 A New Storm sets in yesterday the only clear day, washing P.C. Henry George's gone for an outing.
- F 7 Mrs Sister Catherine Van Houten is released from suffering, she deceased about 10 o'clock P.M.
- S 8 The change in the kitchen comes round again Eunice takes her second turn as Cook,
- S 9 O! What a storm, It is well the corpse was interred in the forenoon. We have a full funeral. People came from Canaan. All families represented a very long good funeral
- M. 10 Sisters working at seeds for Robert Hope we may save some sweet flour.
- F 11 Washing only one day. Ironing &c stormy and cold
- W 12 The day promising tolerable. Mary



## February 1896

- W 11 Anna and Elizabeth go to town with  
A hired man and double team have  
quite a good day.
- Sa 15 We still had renewals of storm, but  
to monotonous to mention. better  
to day another bar of coal has arrived.  
But it will not last long.
- Sa 16 Meeting at Church. Washington absent.
- F 18 Benjamin returns from Florida.  
Washing evening & was usual.
- F 20 The Sisters and George employed at  
the medicine shop commence to sort  
16 bushel of Beans for Washington.
- F 21 The school celebrate Washington's  
Birth day. A New Flag \$6.00 purchased,  
and erected. 6 of our family and the  
same or less from every family attend.  
Satisfactory exhibition of the school,  
under supervision of North family.  
Elders Anna staid and made short  
visit in our family. Snowy & stormy.

# February 1896.

- S 22 The real birth day of Washington. Three of our Sisters Neva Daisy & Nellie have a sleigh ride, and witness the Demonstration in Pittsfield fine day.
- S 23 Meeting at Center family.
- F 26. Eunice Adoline and Alice go to Pittsfield Adoline goes on to Albany Elizabeth does the work at the Dairy.
- T 28 Adoline returns a short outing.
- S 29 A Barrel of Pillsbury flour is bought as the old flour is nearly used up & must be saved for paste. Mary paid for the flour. Robert V. is absent. A freshet follows our cold good winter weather.

# March.

- S 1 Meeting at Church family
- M 2 A severe storm. Making paper Boxes for medicine formerly done at Center family returns to Church we finish 3000 Boxes.

# March 1896

- T 2 Storm seems to follow storm.  
Henry George returns from Florida.
- Th 3 Benjamin returns or goes to New York.
- St 7 Amid a storm of wind snow and rain Alice Halford goes with Henry George & a little boy to join the family in Pittsfield.
- Sa 8 Meeting at Center Family. Bad walking
- M 9 Dr Robert returns from Seed rout.
- F 10 Sickness at North family causes some excitement
- W 11 Amy goes to North to advise in regard to Elders Anne & others
- Th 12 Very stormy. The Teachers, Dr. & Sisters Ada & Rosetta are invited here to dinner in Minister's kitchen. The hayfield bedstead is borrowed by 2<sup>d</sup> family for Joanna? We hear of critical condition of Elder John Vance.
- Sa 14 B. L. leaves for Albany to meet Elder Isaac, &c

# March 1896

- St 15 Meeting at Church. Storm;
- M 16 B. G. Returns from Albany;
- F 17 Commencement of a severe storm
- Th 19 After heavy snow it is raining; very fast so we are nearly flooded. Sisters cannot get in from the Ferry, walk unpassable,
- St 21 The first pleasant day First takes Lucie and two girls, Henry George take Mary and Florence to Pittsfield. Change in the kitchen. We are living high on Eggs and Halibut. B. G. after finds something to eat. Change in the kitchen, Eunice takes another turn
- St 22 Meeting at Center family
- M 23 Mary and Adele's Ann commence to get out the silk for the Fergym,
- F 24 Usual studies attended to
- Th 28 <sup>over</sup> Cornelia commenced on the silk David Ray deceased to clock A. M. P. M. Finished the good silk

March 1846.

- Fr 27 B. G. leaves for N. Y. The hearings of fear and the knotty silk finished. We have quite a pleasant day. So they dig the graves.
- Sa 28 We have a beautiful day, so the heavy snow of the past week begins to melt. We have had a snow storm.
- \* Th 26 Jane Cutler and Bell Bulthousen made a visit had supper &c.
- Sa 29 O! What a storm! We have funeral at 2 o'clock. The corps was buried this A.M. The rain and storm making it necessary to do so.
- Mo 26 I forgot to mention some new oil cloth carpets we laid in the upper South West shop, where Anna and Louisa occupy.
- Ma 30 Commence work again at medicine & herbs.
- Th 31 Commence sawing wood. We have had a very stormy month. So the coal has disappeared but more has arrived.

# April 1896

- W. 1 A new thing under the sun!! The hired men, being all settled near by are to board at their own homes. So we are released from office cooking and chowrs for hired men. April enters with a beautiful day!
- Th. 2 Cornelise cuts and makes a piece of brown towels.
- St. 3 The towels are finished Mary Hargart market 90 letters on the towels.
- St. 4 The June order of 65 pr of fine gloves is newly ready for market.
- St. 5 Meeting at Church family very good P.M. Attend the Funeral of Joanna Freelon at 2<sup>nd</sup> family, M.H. A.D. C.F. & A. Amala
- M. 6 Washing and medicine as usual.
- F. 7 Washing, Ironing thinking Fur & c.
- W. 8. Mary and Cornelise commence to prepare the Coon skins
- F. 9. We are having fine April weather
- F. 10 Elder Calvin and Benjamin meet Elder Joseph at Springfield. Ch. C. returns

April 1869

- Ap 12 Meeting at Center. Quite pleasant.  
 M. 13 Much of the tanning was done on Sat,  
 to enable as many as possible to com-  
 mence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec. Three from Center  
 five of our sisters make a beginning  
 on the 256 tails which are preparing.  
 The weather so warm no fire is needed.  
 Th 14 Three sisters are added and 3 girls  
 making 16 sisters Joseph and George  
 also employed. The tails well finished.  
 W 15 Thos joins. As the skins first  
 soaked with wet cloths and un-  
 skived pull very hard Mary re-  
 quests George to strike the rest  
 of the lot amounting to 150 or  
 more. And Cornelius is soaking  
 them in suds & rinsing &  
 curing them. we hope for the  
 best. Not much courage yet.  
 Th 16 Very warm weather. Clams and  
 Stubbwilt, Live well enough.

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- P 17. The sisters hands who were out the tanning are very sore, they were really sufferers, in the consequence we are not quite sure of our new idea of soaking the hides, we find to many quite greasy & gummy. We hear a paper from Elder Joseph appointing Elder Calvin as a pasture to Mr Benjamin, and James Little to take charge of James Burt &c. The farm has gone into the hands of an overseer. Three weeks since as we sat waiting for supper a Thunder bolt struck our Horse Barn ploughing the slate in a furrow. It frightened us awfully, but fortunately the damage ended with the torn roof. we had  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of rain.
- S 18 A. M. we leave chowes and work on the Fur. Elsie Elizabeth is in the Kitchen but does not fail to come. We finish 54 skins 256 tails.



April 1898.

St 25 I condense the week, for it is as it has been still on the Fur. weather continued warm till Wed 22 when we had a fine rain Th. 26 fire was resumed in the furnace.

St 28 Meeting at Center Family.

W 29 We succeed in finishing the Fur, and get the room at the Med Shop cleaned up, partially.

Th 30. Cornelie and Mary Barrow who have been working at wash house clean the lower Room. A Big job. We have a meal of Asparagus!!

May 1898.

Fr 1 Cornelie Mills and washes the fur clothes. So all is finished. I would now for after thought copy some remarks concerning the fur job that may be of use. We commenced with the tails which we finish at 5 P. Mon ~~Day~~

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and altho the skins had been soaking as usual for a week, they were still stiff and hard to pull, then it was decided to skive the skins. But to do so they must be soaked only 30 being as yet on hand. So the skins were soaked and cleansed as the tails had been, in quantities at a time sufficient for skiving. The next question was, does washing the skins draw the grease or gum into the fur, as some of them proved so greasy and gummy, that on some skins it took 2 days to clear a skin and preserve all the fur possible. The skins were large, but some were thin furced. We had on average 14 hands, for the 14 days we worked, 22 being the greatest number at work at once. Days work 201

May 1896

Her continued Skins 229 making an average  
1 1/8 skin per day for each person.  
The few hands at the wash house  
cleared 27 skins, besides the la-  
borious work of preparing them.  
We have 44 lb of Tude which  
is pronounced by all a good  
yield for 256 Skins.

The Brethren were very kind in  
both Orders and did all they could  
to assist in the disagreeable job  
We had no occasion to complain  
of the weather it was uniformly  
beautiful We had a meal of  
Asparagus in April I think,  
and Fresh Fish often appears on  
our Table, Hamilton Diston Deal.

Sb 2 Change in the Kitchen and Melia  
and Eliza Elizabeth go to see Mir.  
Elder Joseph is seen in our street.  
F 5 Benjamin returns as usual.

May 1898

- W 6 The Elders who started to see the Min turned the Concord road postponing the Ministerial visit till to day.
- Th 7 Elizabeth cleans the shop at wash-house and moved from Dairy and fruit room, to her own place.
- F 8 The Sisters commence to wash the medicine shop windows G. is putting them. Other time they fill with flower cleaning so G. is cleaned and the carpet shall Neva and Daisy assisting.
- Th 14 Anna Doolson goes to Harvard.
- F 15 B. G. Sumner to New York.
- F 19 Cleaned the Dining Room floor, B. G. returns from New York. Reins a little go the first time recently.
- W 20 An account of Med mixing part of the hands clean the evening Room.
- F 22 Cleaned the Drying Room School closed minus the closing exercises. which will be attended to

May 1896

- F 22 Minnie, Sarah Flinck & Fanny, have a ride with Ferdinand.
- S 23 B. goes to meet Elder Grand Inacerto
- S 24 Meeting at Center. By C. J. Pretern.
- F 26 Mary goes to Pittsfield with N. Family.
- W 27. The Ministry return after an absence of 5 months. welcomed by all. I have C. C. Irons part of the 100 yds of cloth she has bleached.
- Th 28 Anna Dodyson returns from Harpers, with sister Margaret Eggleston, who is rather feeble. B. G. Leaves for Florida.
- F 29 C. C. cleans the Store Room.
- S 30 O! What a fine rain this eve brings us. More than for months.
- S 31 Every thing looks refreshed with the rain green bright and beautiful. I must mention the Turner Room is white washed and renovated. No B. Carpets shaken.

# June 1898

- M 1 Commence washing as usual & clean the Pickel Cellar.
- F 2 Prepared for the school festival.
- W 3 Elizabeth and Eunice clean the Bedwood Carpet taken up in No. 2 upper projecter. School festival and Picnic attended by the Society in the Cherry Orchard.
- T 4 Cleaned the Meeting House.
- F 5 Three dwelling rooms cleaned & painted finally it was four rooms. Elbert H goes to Waterloo.
- S 7 We have a very timely and much needed rain Meeting at Center.
- M 8 Clean the West Juice Cellar.
- F 9 Washing and ironing as usual
- W 10 Ann Marie, Sadie & Eunice take a ride with Henry George Driver. Yesterday we had Pine Apple for dinner.
- Th 11 Another Coriolis out Ned & Daisy & Melie The first party got train in the morning the second in the afternoon !!

June 1896.

- F 12 Three Sisters from Enfield, N. H. arrive here. we have the first meal of straw berries. A girl at Inez formerly of Canterbury taken here. What cleaning is done to meeting room done to day.
- St. 13 Preparation for kitchen change.
- St. 14. A rainy day. visitors to meeting. Center fam come in the rain.
- St. 21. It will be seen that a week is omitted in which the kitchen change and a disappointment in regard to the time appointed for the factory job rather interrupted or plans.
- W 17 Cornelia cleaned the Deacons Shop, continued and cleaned the Deacons Room.
- St. 21 Meeting at Center family.
- M. 22 We left home about 7 o'clock and the Enfield visitors followed to Harcourt. We went to the factory where we were

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met by the Proprietor according to agreement. All things being ready we went on with our business at once

Th 23 Caroline Whitehead and Herwitta Spooner of Enfield come to work on their fur, having about 13 lbs.

Th 24 We finish the fur and return home about \$45. Enfield people leave the factory 1/2 past 4. Theirs being finished. All the yarn was scoured by a new process. very satisfactory. The charges

\* at the Factory was \$30, 69. board \$250. We purchased 40 lbs of Potash for \$2,20. Mary took some refuse dyed cotton, some cocoon silk, got some fine wool and made 13 lbs of knitting yarn, and got some duck yarn for boys stockings.

Th 25 G.F. commences to make soap of the potash and home collected grease.

Th 26 Dressed a bar load of coal. Took of the East Front door.

\* all but the board bill is included as Factory charges. \$30, 69.



June 1896.

- M 29 Elders Dorothy gets the Elders Shop  
 .  
 S. 20 The floor, the Carpets in the Elder B.  
 room are taken up and rapped apart.

July 1896

- W 1 The Carpets are washed by Cornelia,  
 Th 2 The room being cleaned the Carpets  
 are replaced, and the Linoleum  
 taken up in the lower hall, and  
 the Hall cleaned using in our  
 house cleaning the improved method  
 Gold dust and Vero-sene oil.  
 F 3 Oiled the Hall and Carpets which  
 are spread at the upper part of the  
 meeting House. Have had to purchase  
 another gallon of oil at 4.50 per gal = 90cs  
 Sisters go on our Mountain for  
 white berries get 60 quarts <sup>small</sup> Meal of Peas  
 S 4 Finish oiling Carpets 4 Sisters for berries  
 P. M. get 25 quarts

July 1898.

- Sb 5 We were informed there will be no meetings at Meeting House this season, O. V. ? visitors will attend family meetings.
- W 8 Clean the wash House annual cleaning and Elders & George Clear Paint the Stoop P. M. Pick two crates of current for sale and pick pick Peas, Big days work, Eld J, Eld A. & Florinda with Old black horse go on the Mountain with North Family Sw. Co. got 48 qts. Whortlee Cornes.
- Th 9 A large Co. again on the Mountain, drove by hired man, got 90 qts, have very good picking.
- F 10 Pick beans for canning 4 1/2 bushel. making 27 gall of canned beans.
- S 11 Picked Raspberries 11 qts & Peas.
- Sb 12 Rumors of a change Probably the Center family will remove to Chh.
- M 13 Sisters of the medicine order with Mary Hergard commence <sup>or continue</sup> pecking out Brittwonts, A. M. Pick currents <sup>at office</sup> Bell The hired men from Center Family eat

July 1890

- T 14 Washing, Ironing, and picking small fruit still continue.
- W 15 Hannah Ann Agnew commences to move to the Infirmary.
- Th 16 Some of the Center Family Br come to dinner. Sacket goes to <sup>the</sup> Infirmary. A Bushel of Raspberries gathered for market in exchange for <sup>two</sup> bushels of Currants. Two crates of currants for market, and currants for jelly.
- F 17 Nuts picked out, and two sisters go for whortle berries, Peas every Day.
- S 18 Berries and Peas over and over.
- S 19. Nearly all attend meeting.
- M 20 The Ministry Sisters who commenced last week to assist the Center family in moving. We joined by the Elder Sisters and others in the work, One hundred years of accumulation makes a great deal to be handled over, and this week will be devoted to the regulating business.

July 1898

T 21 Picked the 2<sup>d</sup> bushel of Raspberries for Fwd. to balance the strawberries he purchased. And a bushel for Ch. Timothy for Market.

W 22 Picking pears and Raspberries and assisting about the moving

Th 23 So much has accumulated that we find it necessary to have a wash day. Among the rest, one room carpet

F 24 Perhaps it will be remembered that now berry picking includes the lot of what was formerly both orders.

The center family include a large piece of fine red raspberries

Sa 25 Finish raspberries and pick 1 bpts of Black berries. We have now in the House Ch. Elizabeth at Infermer Washington, Martin Esther and Sarah.

Sa 26 We have a very good meeting for the times, all are heavy hearted. A man attends our meeting Normed Crane.

Pr 22 Chlrs Joseph left for Water blit.

July 1896

- M 27. The move makes it necessary to remove and secure the carpets formerly used in the Center House. The accommodation for washing carpets is better at Cheever farm. So, all the carpets are brought down ripped into breadths and washed also the mats. It being the only safe way to guard against moths.
- J 28 Preparing carpets and picking berries, those raised at Center being added to our amount.
- M 29 Cornelia with a hired woman, commences on washing carpets, James little helping all the time.
- F 30 Cornelia alone the woman leaving. Eldress Harriet and Ch. Augusta leave for Waterloo. They have worked 3 weeks at the Center House.
- F 31 The carpets are finished, some sold to workmen. The remainder will be ~~sold~~ stored at Center House.

# August.

- St 1 The two past days we have picked in both jam, about 4 bushel of B. Berries.
- St 2 The change in the Vetchen is a week, later than usual. The Clap just out staid 7 weeks. on account of the move. Rd. Emily Oxford who has long been sick deceased and the funeral is attended to day. She resided at Canaan.
- St 3 The raspberries being finished. The blackberries have the attention, being more than we need some will be sold.
- St 4 Elders Dorothy and Emma have set out on a peddling trip to Cutsville. Washing & ironing as usual.
- St 5. A bro of B went for whortleberries had good success 54 qts.
- St 6 Eld D. & Emma return, report money lacking to do much business etc. This eve we are visited by a terrific thunder storm. Commencing at half past 6 oc. and continuing till half past 9 oc. Shows without ceasing.

August 1896

- Th 6 Several buildings were struck with lightning. 3 in the Town of New Lebanon, among them the Waterbury House built by the Shakers. four buildings were struck in Pittsfield.
- S 7 Elder Joseph comes in Co with Elder Calvin who went to Waterbury to see him. He and B. G. leave in the afternoon for financial business.
- Sa 9 All the Dear friends formerly of Center Family took dinner at Church Table. God Bless the Home!
- M 10 The logs again to Whittle berries etc.
- T 11 B. G. returns again. Robert not at home.
- W 12 Sarah Cutler goes to Albany with her Mother on business.
- Th 13 Amelie and two girls go to Pittsfield, very warm weather 90 and higher.
- Fr 13 On the Mountain Currier Co.
- F 14 We get a fine refreshing rain & returns.
- Sa 16 A good meeting all home but Robert.

# August 1876

- M 17 A Company of 6. 2 brothers & 4 Sisters go to Perry's Peak for whortle berries.
- T 18 Usual duties home berry picking
- W 19 Field day in Pittsfield. quite a Company of young people and others attend. Some of the Sisters at the Meat Shop picking out Butternut meats.
- Th 20 Continue at the Butternut, yesterday Emma Jane left for the North on a peddling tour in the Adirondacks.
- F 21 Another berry tour on Ferrys Peak. B. C. leaves home with Elder Jane for Florida. Robert returned on the 18. We have had
- S 22 We get some rain which <sup>continues</sup> part of the night
- M 24 Disappointment on berrying &c
- T 25 Washing, &c. Peaches, exchanged for black berries arrive. five bushel. Tomatos gathered 5 bl. from Center P.
- W 26. A Company go to the Peak again for whortle berries, we work Tomatos 17 gal.



## August 1896.

- Th 27. Put up the Whortle berries & Peaches.  
 I & Whites bottles long looked for arrive.  
 Fr 28 Medicine dipped. Blackberries gleaned  
 2 bushel of Peaches exchanged for Apples.  
 St 29 Benjamine returns from N. Y.  
 Sb 30 We dress some the Peaches for Tea.  
 M. 31 At the medicine all day.  
 F

## September 1896

- D 1 Go to Med after ironing finish sit  
 x W 2 Med Shipped. On the Pea again  
 for whortle berries. Worked on Tomatoes  
 Th 3. Benjamine leaves for Florida. Florida  
 goes to spend a few days in Albany,  
 yesterday Emma Jane returned  
 to Albany on account of her eyes.  
 Go again for whortle berries. we  
 get out 1 1/2 bushel of silk grass. Have  
 a violent Thunder storm. P. M.  
 D 4 Pick over the berries, commence  
 drying figs, and work on Med.  
 x W 2 Eve Lecture by a Dane. quite interesting

# September.

- S 5 Another bushel of Peaches. Some repairs to be done on Furnace at Med.
- S 6 We have more than 2 inches of rain. Some go to North Family to meeting. Peaches again for tea.
- M 7 Wash and iron to prepare for the annual picking of Cranberries. Thomas Wright comes to see Elder Dorothy. She is again the Vitcher, after being detained during Emma's absence on the boats which are now in demand.
- T 8 The day being fine and all prepared 14 hands Brethren, sisters, horses and waggons start for the mountain. We who are at home (elderly people) prepare 14 bushel of Potatoes. finish by noon.
- W 9 The street is alive again with people. The families having been invited to participate in the berry harvest.
- T 10 Fine weather. continuing the berries are still in order. We cut Peaches and Pears A.M. Pick out butternuts P.M. M.S.A.D.S.L.L.P.

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Fr 11 Again on the Mountain. The home stayers cut another batch of tomatoes. So the good work goes on.

Sa 12 Work up 1/2 bush of fig tomatoes. The effort to replace the old sringers, with the one formerly used at Center family, is quite difficult. not yet accomplished. Over Mountain to return about 1/2 p. Had 5 days of uninterrupted berry picking. Witcher Change. Amelia has been 4 days on the Mountain out of the Vetchin.

## Statistics of Berry Picking

Tue	bush 40	hands 14	} Families received in payment,	
W	" 72	" 38		North. bush 21
Th	" 36	" 16		South " 16
F	" 32	" 18		Second " 3
S.	" 14	" 9		Total " 40
Total " 214		" 95		

214 — 40 = 184 bushels retained in Church.

Sa 13 Meeting of all kinds except the Lounge omitted. Three meals! other wise a day of Rest!!

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- M 14 James Little goes to Troy to get what is necessary to set up the wringer, which is the one formerly used at Center Family. The remaining jugs used at Center are brought down for use here.
- F 15 Work at tomatoes, Have a large supply. Box making finishing meal &c get on with little Fanny to help.
- W 16 The wringer is being made ready. I make Cal sup.
- Th 17 Wash and Iron wringer proves a splendid success. All well that ends well.
- F 18 Tomatoes, Four Sisters go to the Cranberry Lot from Hancock, pick 4 bushel. We have put up 100 gal of Tomatoes with.
- Sa 19 Sister Florinda, who has been staying with Adda Thompson 2 weeks returns accompanied by Adda, and by Eld Dorothy who went out to meet her. We have a heavy Thunder Storm. Visitors from Wintonhill P. M. quite too short. Clares Alvin & Howard the book.

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- S 20 Elder Timothy Washinton & wife & Esther go to Hancock to meeting. We have meeting the benches or seats are rearranged East and west, instead of North and South as formerly.
- M. 21 Apple picking and sorting commenced as usual in Meeting House by good washing and winnowing.
- F 22 We can the first batch of Tomatoes for Market James Stark sold us the cans, It is cooked at the wash House in the large copper Kettle.
- x W 23. We fear a frost it is so light no harm is done. Cornelia goes with her Cousin Alder to Pittsfield.
- Th 24 A freeze but no frost to harm, - Crabapples were being gathered and grapes both worked into Jell. Some demand for Crabs etc.
- F 25 Four bushel of Peaches arrive very good and in good order.

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September 90.

- Fr 25 We hear of the death of Br Com-  
Thresher. 100 years old, Dress  
Tomatoes again for Canning  
Apple picking suspended today  
Apples sorters M.D. L. Y. S. H.
- Sa 26 All hands again at Apples the  
weather is fine for the occasion
- Sa 27 We have a public Funeral at the  
meeting House Many Spectators  
a very good funeral 2 hours long.  
George Baxter of Enfield is here  
on a visit arrived on the 24.
- M. 28 Washing and ironing as usual.
- S 29 Tomatoes again. Chopped with  
Canadian People 2 bushel of Crab Apples  
for 3 bush of Tomatoes. 1 of Melons
- W 30 Cut Pears, peaches & Crab Apple.

# October 1898

- Th 1 Four bushel of beets for Elder Timothy  
 T 2 Tomatoes again changed with  
 North Fremely 5 bushel of Crabs  
 for 10 bushel of Tomatoes.  
 S 4 The North family attended meeting with us.  
 M 5 Wash and iron as usual.  
 T 6 Tomatoes as usual & sorting apples.  
 W 7 Made crab apple jelly.  
 Th 8 Made Chile sauce and Grape jelly.  
 F 9 We are having rainy weather and  
 consequently broken time of business.  
 S 11 The North family attend meeting with us.  
 M. 12 Washing as usual. 60 gallons of blanned  
 Tomato goes to the Orlicot Hotel.  
 T. 13 Tomatoes not so much as usual  
 altho in our garden being late they  
 are quite good.  
 W 14 Made Sweet Pickle Sliced Tomato.  
 Th 15 Commence to bring the remainder  
 of Provision from Center family.  
 F 16 Took the tomato which was sour  
 & worked it into catsup successfully.

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October 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Sp 18. Mary Hazard, Elizabeth & F. Donald & G.  
Go to the Cranberry Patch and get  
more than 2 bushel of ripe berries.
- Sp 18 Two Ladies here to meeting, Rainy  
It may be well to mention that  
Sister Amelia the girls, and some  
help from North, Second & South fam.  
have been four days employed at  
the school House the past week!
- Sp 19 Washing ironing &c as usual Sorting  
apples P.M.
- Sp 20 Rainy. Cutting apples for canning  
and for apple butter P.M. The remainder  
of the apples sorted. Commenced  
taking apples to the Lida's mill N.Y.  
takes two loads, and brings some cider  
for apple butter. 5 Doz cans of apple.
- Sp 21 Make the apple butter, 6 galls.
- Sp 22 Commence putting things in order.  
Amelia and four girls have a ride  
to Spring field a nice day.
- Sp 25 Change in the kitchen.



## October 96

- B 29 Commence to wash and Iron.  
 X W 28 A Co, leave home Pederson and G.  
 Esther, G. Ned and Daisy for an  
 outing Esther and Nellie to meet  
 their Mothers. Elizabeth & Adeline  
 Can. go with Henry George to Town.  
 Yesterday Benj. left for Florida,  
 Th 29 Finish picking out nuts. 5 bushel.  
 St 31 The sisters go and take another  
 look at the Cranberry bed. find  
 them plenty but just bitten.  
 X W 28 The Ministry returned again.

## November 96

- Sun 1 Time changed as usual.  
 M 2 Sisters commence sorting  
 Cranberries. First those spread  
 on the Washhouse, because Mary  
 wants to weave in that room.  
 T 3 Washing and Ironing. Then to

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the medicine shop to the berries.

W 4 Both the Elizabeths join in the  
Crain berries, they were quite decayed.

Th 5 A. M. Again at the berries we have  
2 1/2 bushel as brought to the shop  
We finish the berries for this time  
Ferd and Co return from N. York.

F 6 A new trap is put in the fruit rooms,

Sa 8 A Rainy Day. But the North Family  
attend meeting with us.

F 10 Washing and ironing. B. L. returns  
suddenly by order of the Ministry  
yesterday C. C. picked two chickens C. C. Timothy.

W 11 Medicine Dipping on hand

Th 12 Adeline goes to Albany, C. C. to the Dairy  
B. L. returns to Florida P. Alving to Enfield

F 13 Elder Timothy and Washington on bus-  
iness some, on these days.

Sa 15 Quite cold, Sawing coal and burning  
wood, quite a hard job for Br James.

M 16 Elder Leavin leaves for Enfield N. H.

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- M. 16 Esther Gill returns with her mother.  
 F 17 Elizabeths Gill leaves this morning.  
 Washing as usual. O. C. & Dairy.  
 W 18 Fathes and Curic go to Pittsfield  
 Th 19 Slony summoned on account  
 of Extract Orders.  
 F 20 Adoline returns. People to see Lorraine  
 S. 21 A storm of snow and sleet, quite cold.  
 Sb 22 A finer day than yesterday.  
 M. 23 Picking fowls for home use 14 hens.  
 F 24 Washing and ironing as usual.  
 W 25 Splitting Louge roots for Robert A.  
<sup>Eight</sup> ~~Four~~ sisters employed all day.  
 Th 26 Thanksgiving, very well attended.  
 F 27. At the Roots, Seven sisters employed  
 The first day we had 6 brethren  
 - Second day 3 br. A. M. 2 P. M.  
 S 28 Three boilers just repaired. A new  
 one added except the cover.  
 We have had two barrels of sweet potatoes  
 changed by W. J. 2 bushel of Fryer's  
 S 29 Miss attend meeting at Canaan.

# December 1878

- T 1 Washing and visioning an order from Florida for 5 bbls of Cranberries calls hands to the Med Shop to sort them.
- W 2 Eld. Tim. gets order for 10 fowls. dressed wh. by 10 o'clock all available help on the berries 7 hands employed.
- Th 3 Six hand continue on the ~~pot~~ berries.
- F 4 Early this morning the five barrels were shipped. But we pick over 2 barrels ready for order. Clean the Fruit Room or begin it.
- F 4 Henry George takes 2 1/2 bushel of berries to Posp. retails them by Marys request. Elder Joseph has assisted on the berries.
- S 5 The new arrangement of Ben Close is very satisfactory it is painted and looks well!
- S 6 Newely gift of opening Elder Calvine being absent. Elder Joseph takes his place. Change in the Kitchen. Amelia & Sarah are to stay 2 weeks. Cecile & Elizabeth out. Cornelia and Sarah C. commence working at Center Med Shop. A few Cranberries sorted at Josephs Shop. M.H.D.
- W 7

## December 1896

- Fr 11 Elder Calvin returns from the East  
 Ministry leave for Watershit.
- Sb 13 Have a very good meeting by ourselves.
- D 15 Washing and ironing no snow yet.
- Th 17 The Barn is painted and looks quite  
 respectable, Old Pierre must be happy.
- Fr 18 Meal at Center finished.
- Sb 20 North Family attend meeting.
- M. 21 Sisters Amelia and Elizabeth go to Town.
- D 22 Usual duties attended to
- Th 23 Robert Halperd and Cornelia go to Henry  
 with Henry George. Who returns this  
 evening with Oysters & gull Smoked  
 Hallelbut 50 lbs. instead of Passengers.
- Th We have a very fine snow fall, the first  
 of the season. We are having heavy weather.
- Th 24 Washington Corinna & Esther go to town.
- Fr 25 We attend Christmas meeting and  
 partake of the usual dainties, In the  
 evening we enjoy a lovely entertainment  
 Christmas Trees. Presents &c with good  
 good Christmas resolutions

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# December 1896

- M 28. Elizabeth comes out of the kitchen to  
W attend to the washing for C. G.  
D 29 washing and ironing as usual.  
W 30 There is still one flock of Cramberries  
undisturbed except by frost. we  
think best to sort them and to  
have them ready if any call should  
come so we commence the job  
School being closed for Christmas week  
D 31 So we are all at it - 9 hands 26 bush.  
of Cramberries. we find suitable  
for use 13 bushel. or 4 bbls. The  
soft berries are mostly given to the  
hired men. who appear pleased.  
On Friday New Years day we finished  
the berries A. M. Now the old year  
has passed, and leaves us in sum  
about as it found us. of course the  
center family is added. so we are  
together. In proper place we will be so.  
We are having lovely weather

# Statistics for 1896

No. of	Days work. on	231	Days
	Curative Syrup.		
"	" Paper Boxes	38	"
	Preparing Flour for Carding.	212	"
	Sorting Beans for sale.	6	"
	Closing Seed bags	12	"
	Splitting Sorage Root	15	"
	Getting out nuts	45	"
	Sorting Cranberries	48	"

Sales Fancy Work. by Sisters and others.			
Combined pin & needle Books	No	50	
Bag needle Books long & short	"	$37 + 5 = 62$	
Needle Books plain	"	100	
Small needle Books for trimming	"	150	
Retiches Silk bags	"	7	
Pond lillies	"	12	
Pen wipers & needle tabs cheap	"	13	
Velvet Tea holders	"	12	
For stems of Cranberries & gathering			
See September 12.			

# Provision for 1896

Sugar 2	-----	lbs	10
Oat meal	-----	"	5'
Wheat Flour	-----	"	38
Graham flour	-----	"	4
Cotton lene	-----	Tubs	4
Molasses	-----	lbs	2.
Rice	-----	"	1
Kerosene oil	-----	"	6
Gasoline	-----	"	9
Chests of Tea	-----	"	3
Coffee	-----	lbs	70
Honony	-----	"	50
Salt cod Fish	-----	Quintals,	3
Usual amount of fresh fish.			
Oysters 1 meal	-----	Smoked fish	lb 30.
Honey	-----	lb	25'
Matches 1 Box	-----	Flaird Soap	(8 boxes) <sup>25' each</sup>

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## 1896 Produced by the Family

Strawberries preserved	gal.	14.
Raspberries	"	18.
Whortleberry	"	90.
Blackberry	"	50.
Pear	"	7.
Peach	"	18.
Quince	"	7.
Tomato	"	6.
Beans	"	25.
Jelly	"	20.
Tomato Stewed	Home	230
"	Sale	572
Apple Stewed	Sale	36
Cutsup	Sale	10
Cutsup	Home or Sale	22.
Butter	Hotel	\$1362
	Total	\$4211.46
S. M. G. Days worked for sale. Clocks 120 days		
	Baskets	36 "
	Coon Skins	13 "
	Washed Fur gloves pr.	7 "
Eggs	18, 103.	why dont we have more.
		- on the table?

Store work by Sisters 1876

M.H.	Cushions in baskets	185'
	Baskets for cushions	15'0
	Small covered baskets	20
	Twoneshong baskets	138
	Maple Sugar cakes	244
	Sugared nuts	19
	Doll bonnets	142
	Large bonnets	6
	Fur gloves	per 17.
H. Ann.	Knitted Fur gloves	per 58.
	Picked and wound skins fur.	40
	Cut 32 gross Norwood tin labels.	
J.S.	Splint baskets of nicest grade.	100
	Knitted of large Fur gloves	per 10
C.F.	" " "	per 40
A.D.	" " "	per 12
M.S.	Eye glass wipers	230.



January. 1897.

F 1 We find ourselves again in the embrace of a New year finding us just where the old year has left us. B.G. is still in Florida our coal bin is very low, But we are unceasingly looking for money in some form to reach our dear Sister Mary Hazard, who is all this time doing business for our absent Trustee. Whether we are all right or all wrong, Time must prove.

S 1-2 Br Robert Halpud and Cornelius return

S 3 North Family attend meeting.

M 4 Some change among the Brethren. George Duncan leaves the med department. Robert H and Martin take all the med business George to work with Elder Calvin enabla - voring to again start the basket business. Shades of Elder Daniel Boler cover us! Peace to his Ashes!

January 1897.

- Th. 11 We were having fine winter.  
 Fr 12 All the business is moving  
 very well. The North med Shop  
 is running. Making paper Boxes  
 and putting up Curatives. So the  
 upper Shop is closed. having fuel.  
 Sat 9 A friend Hattie <sup>Webb</sup> staying, car comes  
 with H. to make a call.  
 Sat 10 We are getting to the bottom of the  
 Coal Bin. So we use little as  
 possible for the Meeting Room.  
 T. 12 We hail the arrival of soft coal,  
 as extra is ordered in haste  
 Th 14 A car load of hard coal arrives  
 Fr 15 Coal is being drawn. So all is well.  
 For glove Money \$183 pays the Bill.  
 We finish at the med Shop, so there  
 will be no more fire in that shop.  
 at present except packing  
 Sat 16. Change in the Wilchens.

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January 1899.

- M 18 Elder Calvin and George D. go to Pitts field to pound out some basket stuff so we are preparing to go into basket making on a small scale.  
A very stormy day & very cold.
- F 19 Washing and ironing as usual.
- W 20 Emma Jane went to New York,
- P 22 Robert returns from business troubled
- S 23 Emma Jane returns quite late.
- S 24 North family attend meeting with us
- M 25 Brethren commence about the I.C.C.
- T 26 Fine weather washing &c cold!!
- W 27 Brother Frederic Sizer deceased S.M.  
He has been confined a year 1/2.  
Continue getting in Ice, &c.
- Th 28 Elizabeth assists to do the washing  
A very severe storm raging wind & snow  
Cruel on the Ice for the present
- S 30 Roads breaking is now in order  
Fine winter weather. fuel burning &c
- S 31 Attend Br Frederic's Funeral.

## February 1899.

- M 1 New Daisy and Kate went to town  
A fine sleigh ride for them. James G. and  
and Thomas Wells commence chopping wood.
- F 2 Washing ironing &c.
- Th 4 Amy and Maria go to Town. with P. G.
- F 5 Elder Calvin and George Duncanson are  
beginning to build a bleaching House  
in the North end of the Stone Tub.  
for bleaching basket stuff which is  
now in state of preparation.
- S 6 We have enjoyed a most lovely  
winter week.
- S 7 Very rainy quite a thaw but the North  
Family ride over to attend meeting.
- Th 8 Amelia Harma & Esther go to Town with D. J.
- F 10 Amelia and two girls go to Pittsfield to  
get girls teeth repaired &c.
- Th 11 Quite stormy snow melting &c.
- F 12 A Snow last night fills paths and  
makes passing about quite hard C. C.  
and Adeline stay at Dairy all night  
Snow Blough and Shovels in requisition.

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# February.

- Sh 14 The paths are opened to the North. It  
so we have a very good meeting  
lasting 2 hours. Eliza Anna Reed  
a petition to be presented to Congress  
from Shakers, an. Tribulation &c.
- M. 15 I should have mentioned as there is  
an effort being made to start the basket  
business left by Elder Daniel Bolen. a new  
bleaching house is made in use the  
old Stone Mill. It is ready for use.  
Again they commence to finish the  
Ice. The weather being favorable
- S 16 Ice Harvest completed O. M. to the flat
- Sh 18 A Boy taken William. A. D. M. S. Guide
- Sh 20 Florinda Julia Ann go to Pittsfield.
- S 21 A Fine day for meeting. The boys open  
the path to N. S. with horse & plough.
- M 22 Eunice and Adeline go to Pittsfield.
- W 24 Singers go north to Meeting to sing.
- F 25<sup>3</sup> A severe storm of sleet and snow
- S 26 We are having very fine weather
- Sh 28 Attend meeting together all very good.



March 1897.

- W 3 Fanny Tyson comes to make call, she is brought over from Hancock. Two young sisters accompanying her. quite stormy.
- Th 4 Elder Joseph comes from Caraan.
- F 5 Elder Joseph returns East. The lower north stairs are repaired by Cornelia Mfg. We are having a very severe winter storm.
- Sa 6 Fanny goes to the North family.
- Sa 7 The Caraan people who are preparing to move to Infield attend meeting at the North family so we meet alone. The weather is fine, all are moving on.
- F 9 Benjamin returns from Florida where he has been since Nov 12. 1896.
- F 12 Benjamin and Levi Shaw leave for N. Y. on Trustees business
- Sa 14 Very stormy we have a farewell meeting with the Caraan Family. The Bro of the North family attend so stormy the sisters could not come. Dinner was served with us for the Caraan Family.

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- <sup>16</sup> T<sup>16</sup> The aged Sisters of Concord left for  
Enfield Elder Joseph still assisting  
Benjamin returned from New York.
- <sup>17</sup> W<sup>17</sup> Sister Amelia leaves for Washington  
and takes Inez with her to her  
Mother in New Jersey.
- T<sup>18</sup> We find it necessary for a Sister  
to go to Florida on Sister Nancy's  
account. Elders Dorothy <sup>& Emma (Sore)</sup> go to Enfield  
to consult with the Ministry.
- <sup>19</sup> T<sup>19</sup> Elders Harriet returns with the Sisters  
and it is decided for Elizabeth Sears  
to go to Florida. P.G. leaves after  
dinner for New York.
- S<sup>20</sup> Elders Harriet is busy among the Sisters
- S<sup>21</sup> North jam attend meeting. Farewell  
to Dear Sister Elizabeth.
- M<sup>22</sup> Commence at the wood. quite good  
weather for the season
- T<sup>25</sup> Continue at the wood. Mary and  
Elizabeth go to Pittsfield.

- W 24 A severe storm of snow and cold weather. Iceals for 6 feet long.
- Pa 25 Talk about thrashing Br Washington superintending business.  
Levy Shaw and Robert Valentine summoned to New York on Law matters.
- F 26 The Law business has so interfered with other matters that Elizabeth has not yet left for Florida.
- S 28 Elder Joseph arrives, and Levy & R. V. are expected. This P.M. Eld Jos leaves.
- M. 27 Elizabeth Sears leaves A.M. 5 oc. for New York. where on arrival she will meet Benjamin and set out for Florida.
- P 31 The men finish sawing wood and the splitting is nearly finished.

April 1847.

- Th 1 Some hired men are released. James Duckaman long employed will be missed. Only one man employed at the barn. Br Robert has helped to weave a piece of Carpets for the office.

April 1899.

- S 2 Washington at present looks after the farm.
- S 3 We have enjoyed a most lovely week, scarcely a cloud has darkened a serenely blue bright sky.
- S 4 Beautiful weather and good meeting.
- W 7 Cloudy, also Thursday: cloudy,  
We commence to weave for an order of table mats an English order, 2 doz.
- S 9 Rains all day a fine spring rain. Cornelia has been working on baskets the past 6 weeks, to considerable disadvantage with unsuitable stuff; Mary H. Anna and Luccia are weaving the Table mats.
- S 10 Change in the Kitchen
- M 12 Continue weaving palm leaf Curice doing the washing Elizabeth C. being quite unable for duty. Robert Hatford has taken the Wash House, James Little the Laboratory, Martin the Furnace James Glass the Cow Barn. W. J. the Farm

April 1877.

- D 13. Martin and the boys commence milking May, success attend it.
- W 14. The sisters finish the table mats. 45 chips.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mats per chip. — 2.
- Th 15. Elizabeth and Emma Jane go to Albany.
- F 16. Return. Two Seneca Sisters, Ang B. and Florence Staples have been to Can. to finish picking up and to get their current bushes. They call here take dinner, and make a short visit.
- Sa 18. A Beautiful day & very good meeting.
- M 19. Robert commenced at washing &c.
- 20 F. A cold change of weather. Benjamin and Elder Joseph arrive, colder than Florida.
- W 21. Elder Joseph returns to Hancock. where the Ministry now we located.
- Th 22. B.G. leaves to accompany Elder Joseph to Waterwheel to meet Elder Isaac &c.
- F 23. Brethren do a good job on the street raking leaves & sisters in door yard.
- Sa 24. Robert Halperd goes to N.Y. on Med business.
- Sa 25. Fine weather, Thermometer 80.0 in the shade.

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April 1897.

- St 24 All the Brethren went out to plant potatoes  
have good success and union!!!
- W 28 Robert Halfred returns from New York.
- P 30 Elizabeth Cantrel and Emma Jane go to Albany.  
Sister Amelie returns from Washington.

May 1897.

- St 1 We have Maple syrup from Enfield N.H.  
returns for apples.
- St 2 Eld Timothy Washington, Emma J. & Esther  
go to Hancock to attend the funeral of  
Eld Louis Wentworth.
- M 3 We hear of the death of Olive Chapel South J.
- ~~W 5 Sister Amelie returns from Washington~~
- P 6 Amelie goes to Hancock to see Men -
- F 7 Ministry Sisters call here
- St 8 Elder William Willson of Enfield N.H.  
and a young brother here for a visit
- St 9 All the families meet at South farm  
for a pleasant walk and time.
- M 10 Neva Martine leaves for time unlimited.  
Another summons to Court at Fendson.

May 1897.

- M 10. Robert V. Eld Wm Anderson Elder Leavin  
Levy Shaw Emma Ja Neal Superior.
- F 11 We were startled to hear at early morn,  
of the death of Elder Clinton Brownard!  
of 2<sup>d</sup> family. He was found sitting  
in his chair, as he was last seen  
on Monday evening. Sad occurrence!  
James L assists in washing
- Th 13 The funeral of Elder Clinton attended  
at our Meeting Hall. A very rainy day.  
The funeral was made public, but  
the storm prevented a large assembly.
- F 14 C. C. bears the bed garret &c.
- Sr 15 The Ministry return to Lebanon.  
They have been absent since Dec 11
- Sa 16 Meeting attended as usual. Nice day.
- M 17 Commencing to bleach 140 yds of cotton  
and clean The boys mending shop. C. C.  
washing ironing &c and house cleaning
- F 18 Amelia and Daisy commence cleaning  
at the top of the house. Louisa  
W 19 commences to clean the Ice Upper Hall

May 1891.

- P. 20 Oldress August helps Esther clean Room No 20 where sisters Corinne & Esther are expected to reside.
- P. 21 The carpet is laid in No. 20 Room
- S. 22 Corinne commences to move, so she sleeps in her new home. God bless it all. Henry George will take meals with us but remains at the center possessions. our guard pectwo cows are transferred to the Cheech family Herd, and the Dairy is discontinued.
- S. 23 Change in the kitchen. Good Meeting Elizabeth released this turn.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> Matilda Andrews, Cornie, a little grand-daughter, and Judge Longley ride in Carriage from Hudson stay over one night. In the evening we enjoy a pleasant visit with them.

28 Sister Florinda moves to the wash.



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26 - house - takes her place with Gubie G. in the mending room. Will continue <sup>working</sup> on cloaks. Harriette will move into the shop she has occupied.

28 Some new wire drainers are bought for the dining room, and sister Amelia is well pleased with them.

31 The sisters are commencing the long job of spring cleaning. Every sister now finds enough to do to keep her busy from morning till night.

The weather through this month has been unusually fine, and we hope it will bring forward fruit and vegetation, & we feel in haste to have a taste of something new and refreshing: yet we know, Mother earth will yield her supply in due season.

June 1899

Tue 1

Margaret Russell here on a short visit of two days. Her health has improved.

Fri 4

Emma J. and Elizabeth go to Albany to see the doctor.

Sister Anna moves into No 16 and rooms with Louisa her shop companion. Her health failing so rapidly for the last few weeks. She requires constant care and attention. Eldress Ann also being frail the change became a necessity. Sarah Cutler who lives with Louisa will now sleep nights in Anna's place.

Sat 5

The Ministry go to Harvard, also visit Enfield  
S. H.

Sat 6

Charlie Webb and Hattie came to see Eldress Ann and sister Anna who does not get up hill any. We fear her tarry with us will not be long.

June 1894

- Tue 8. Two women and four children come from New York. The children are expected to remain. Mrs. Chatfield with son and daughter. Charles age 11 & Mrs age 9. Mrs. Kupper and two daughters. Emma 12 and Annie 10.
- Thur 10. The sisters are taking turns watching nights with our darling Anna. It takes two sisters. She is a great sufferer, and to get any rest a hyper is administered twice a day by the doctor. Amy and Louisa are with her constantly during the day. Her lungs and heart are both seriously effected.
- Fri 11 Robert Halford returns from his visit with his relations in Lenox and Pittsfield. He left home on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Sat 12 Cornelia has pushed public scrubbing.

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Sat 12 - along this week. And with French elbow grease has cleaned her cellars all - alone.

Mon 14 sisters clean the drying room.

16 pick a few strawberries.  
work at the medicine two days.

Wed 16 The Ministry return from Harvard and Empfield N. H.

The school closes for a long vacation to day.

Fri 18 Clean the Meeting House, do not wet the floor. The ironing room is also cleaned.

Sat 19 Eldress Dorothy has given her room a thorough cleaning. Carpets taken up and wall Kalscedined.

Sat 20 We attend our first meeting at the Meeting house. have our first meal of strawberries for breakfast.

June 1899.

Thur 24 Two sisters come from Waterliet on a visit.  
Elizabeth Sidle and Elvora De-graw.

Fri 25 This a.m. about 10-30 our precious  
sister Anna passed to spirit life leaving  
us all to sadly feel her loss. Emma J.  
and Elizabeth cared for the corpse.

Sab 27 We attend the funeral at the Meeting House.  
The coffin first used proved to be too small,  
a coffin was bought and undertaker came  
also. the body was embalmed to keep.  
Our sister looked beautiful in her casket  
which was covered with flowers - the last  
expression of our affection and love.

Mon 28 No 16 is thoroughly cleaned, carpets  
taken up - Kalscedined - and a place in  
the wall mended.

" The Waterliet sisters leave Lebanon for  
Hancock to day to spend a few hours - and  
from their home.

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Mon 28

William and Polly Langbridge came in the P.M. Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Anna Langford and a niece came to attend the funeral.

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William returns to Albany also the niece. Anna and Polly remain to visit.

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Cherries are being picked.

Wed

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The sisters are picking a great many strawberries. 200 qts at one time. The second family are invited they pick 80 qts.

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George finishes off, by Kalsmining, the mended piece of plastering in the fruit room that was begun several years ago and left in the rough. We are having some refreshing showers.

"

This is a great blessing in the growing season, increasing the supply of berries and fruit.

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Ice cream for dinner, and thus the month closes.

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Thur 1 The School enjoy a pic-nic on the mountain  
Emma J. and <sup>my</sup> Fanny Hinkey go to Pittsfield.

Fri 2 Minnie Smith suddenly appears in our  
midst. Is taken <sup>back</sup> to the Depot after supper.

Sat 3 Anne Langford and Polly leave to day.  
114 qts of strawberries picked this p.m.

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Sat 4 Bro Benjamin arrives home unexpectedly  
from <sup>at</sup> Florida about 4-30 this p.m.

Wed 7 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> family again - pick 32 qts. strawberries.  
Two sisters go to the machine shop to sort  
poplar for weaving.

" Bro Benjamin returns to <sup>at</sup> Florida.

" James Little has been absent a week on  
a visit to his relatives. returns to day.

" first meal of new potatoes on the table for dinner.

" Elder Calorn and one hired man have  
begun to prepare a room for a Separator  
south end of the Barn. Tried once, but with-

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been soon melted. It is difficult  
to see how much better it is at present

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success. It is tried again but the power to work the machinery is insufficient. Will be experimented upon again in the future.

July 9

The brethren and sisters sign a paper by order of the Post-Master to be sent to Washington a petition for two mails a day.

Lat 10

We have been paying \$200 a year for Sarah Ann Spencer - a request was made by the Office sisters to the State Commissioner of Licensure living in Albany. <sup>that we be exempt from it</sup> A repeal was granted, and the last bill paid in June.

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seen soon melted. It dripped down so thickly that pans were set to catch it. A gl of honey secured and the bees took their flight which was just 9:45. The Ministry did not know their characters as it was at their characters.

Elder Timothy has two brothers come to visit him, Joseph and Henry. They have been visiting Eliza at the North Family the week past.

A rather curious event occurred in the absence of the Ministry to Howard. A swarm of Bees made direct line to their shop south end near the roof crept into a little hole, and have been making honey with all their might both inside, and outside, which the extreme heat of the



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Mon 12

The sisters are up early sorting cherries for market. Eunice is taking care of Eldress Ann who is gradually wearing away. Her other duties included. The strawberry season ended, we have had 30 meals. Picked 33 bushels.

Hattie Wright from Pittsfield calls to see Amelia - it rains so powerfully she stays over night.

Tue 13

Besides washing and ironing 30 hours of labor was spent in picking and dressing 14 Ducks.

A present from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family here returns for the strawberries given them. Ice cream for dinner.

Elder Timothy's brothers leave this morning.

It rains continually. 7 1/2 inches since the month came in. - - - clears off in the night.

Wed 14

Daisy and Nellie go to Canaan Depot to meet Nellie's sister Violet 13 years old.

The lower part of the wash-house has its annual cleaning.

Thur 15

Currants and green Peas picked to day, first time. Early cherries continue to be sorted for market.

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Sat 17

an order for 10 kegs of Extract are shipped to London this morning. A fine thunder shower at noon - and another later.

Sun 18

Our Ministry go to Hancock to spend the day. The afternoon singing meeting is omitted, the brethren pick cherries which are a bountiful yield this year and rotting on the trees. The sisters sort them. Florencia and Eunice pick the Raspberries which could not be done yesterday because of the rain. Also the sisters and girls pick the Pears for the same reason. We must save our fruit or lose it. Therefore we all banded together and the work was performed in good

Mon 19

union. We have our first meal of Raspberries for breakfast, and they were delicious!

Washington takes Sister Mary Hazard and sister Hannah S. Snew to Hancock to fulfill a long talked of visit. Time to remain indefinite, it may be days, and it may be weeks. The sisters pick pears, Raspberries, and currants in the p.m. Elizabeth and Eunice clean the old pickle cellar.

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Tue 20

The sisters sort cherries in the after-noon.

Wed 21

sister Mary returns from Hancock having enjoyed a splendid time. Two young sisters come with her to pick cherries. They have permission to come and pick some cherries from the Center Family trees as they have none. have been several times. The sisters are picking currants for wine. In the p.m. Rasp-berries and pears are picked. When nearly done a heavy shower drove them all in.

Thur 22

The Ministry start for Waterlot. Shows all fore-noon. Eunice is helping Amy make currant-wine. Elizabeth is making currant jelly. The sisters pick Rasp-berries between showers in the p.m.

Fri 23

The boys pick some string-beans to can for winter use. The farm teams are drawing coal for the furnaces, when the weather is unsuitable for haying. Garden fruits picked.

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Sat 24

The fruit harvesters start out in every direction in the p.m. to work with a will, but are suddenly hurried indoors by another, not shower, but flood of rain that pours in torrents. A beautiful rain-bow is seen about 6 o'clock. A promise of dry weather we hope. This week some of our roofs have been mended. The Office, Infirmary - and Meeting House roof which needs mending and painting badly.

The "Separator" for milk is again being tested, results not satisfactory.

Sat 25

Again our afternoon is devoted to picking cherries and sorting, - also the sisters turn out generously to pick raspberries. 78 qts from our garden. 18 qts from Center Family vines.

Mon 26

sisters rise early and finish the cherries. Elizabeth makes raspberry sauce. Early pees finished. sister Annie and four girls go on the mountain huckle-berrying. get 87 qts. Henry George takes Florida and Julia turn out for a little <sup>ride</sup> in

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- Mon 26 the p.m. Annie's Aunts comes to visit. Sister Olive Holden and Ann Afford ride thro' the Village - call to see Eldress Ann.
- Tue 27 Martin and four boys pick 18 qts of huckle-berries. It rained all after-noon.
- Wed 28 Two large loads of hay were taken to Pittsfield which found ready market. Heavy rain all afternoon.
- Thur 29 Finish picking Cherries. Farm teams again drawing coal. Sisters pick 67 qts. of rasp-berries.
- Fri 30 Elizabeth makes rasp-berry sauce and jelly.
- Sat 31 11 gal. of string beans canned. A longer pipe is attached to the hot water tank extending over the range to where the Tea-kettle usually stands. It will be a saving of labor in carrying water to fill two boilers much used.
- The North Family picked 5 bushels and 15 qts. of Strawberries off Center Family bed.
- We have had 14 1/2 inches of rain this month. Sisters picked 50 qts. of rasp-berries this p.m.

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- Sat 1 At early morn a shower of rain greets the new month much to our disapprobation. Services are held at the Meeting House as usual.
- Sun 2. A company go on the mountain huckle-berrying are carried up - but the picking is poor - glean all day - get 40 qts. A Telegram comes to us with the report that Sarah Ann Spener died yesterday. Sarah Seal immediately started for Doughkeepsie to take charge of the corpse.
- Mon 3 Washing and ironing with other duties go on. Sarah returns about 5 o'clock p.m. The corpse is placed in the Meeting House porch. We now learn that as soon as Sarah arrived at the Asylum she made arrangement with an undertaker to prepare the body for burial, which was neatly done, also embalmed - and placed in a nice Coffin enclosing it in a rough box for the journey. But as the day was very warm - upon opening the coffin it was soon discovered that she was not suitable to be seen, and unsafe to remain uncovered. It was then decided to have the body buried as soon as possible - which was

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Tue 3

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done in the evening - funeral post-poned until Sunday following - business duties preventing our attending it sooner.

Wed 4

A company of 12 go to the Hastings lot buying. The sisters at home look over the berries picked on Monday. and Elizabeth puts them up. also Canns 5 gallons of string beans. The older sisters pick the Rasp-berries in the p.m. 24 qts. Glorinda and Julia Ann finish the Center Family berries which have yielded 100 qts this season. The huckle-berry company brought home 77 qts.

Thur 5

It rained last night and continues to rain. sisters pick over the berries which are put up, but saving enough for dinner, and they are <sup>delicious</sup>. We have the first meal of squash today. Currants finished picking. In the evening a company of sisters and girls go to the North Family to hear Mrs. Woody read an essay written by her, eulogizing her favorite poet - Browning. Those who attended say it was very interesting.

Fri 6

An Order for Brown's Med. is sent for. a company of 5 sisters work on it in the after-noon.

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Sat 7

The same sisters work on the medicine in the p.m.  
Rasp. berries and Black. berries picked.

Sat 8

The Meeting House roof is painted this week.  
Service at the Meeting House. Mrs. Moody was  
introduced by Eldress Turner, and spoke with  
much interest to the assembly, particularly of  
her appreciation of our Order and life.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock we attend the  
funeral of our departed sister. The meeting was  
not made public. Eldress Emily and two sisters  
from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family, our sister's early home,  
and Louisa Rice with another sister from the  
South Family, were all that came. Hymns appro-  
priate for the occasion were sung, and four pieces  
read. Brethren and sisters spoke of her very  
feelingly. The sisters especially, as they were more  
acquainted with her in years of active life. Her  
prominent virtue was her unselfishness, this  
has endeared her to the hearts of her gospel kindred.  
Her great benevolence was a marked trait of char-  
acter in the Asylum where she spent the last  
years of her life. Thus we parted with our sister in kindly  
affection.



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- Mon 9 Elder Joseph comes home on garden business rasp-berries and black-berries picked. first meal of cucumbers on the table for dinner.
- Tue 10 Washing and ironing done. black-berries and rasp-berries picked in the afternoon.
- Wed 11 Three sisters work on the medicine. sister Mary, Elizabeth, Louisa - and three girls pick out 4 bushels of Butternut meats. Heavy showers with thunder and lightning thro' the day. Elizabeth and Eunice put up black-berry.
- Thur 12 Elder Joseph returns to Water-lit this morning sisters work on the medicine. finish the Order of Seven-barks. The Office roof is finished painting. A terrific thunder storm at noon.
- Fri 13. An Order for Curative Syrup with the Seven-barks is shipped this morning. Berries picked. Sister Hannah Ann returns, absent 3 weeks & day.
- Sat 14 Wash-house and Infirmary roofs are finished painting to day. 2 bushels more butternut meats picked out. Black-berries picked. Rasp-berries had had their day, a bountiful supply - and we have enjoyed them very much.

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- Sat. 15 change in the kitchen. Eldress Dorothy comes out, sister Amelia takes her place as cook. Daisy with her. Eunice and Esther in the Bake room. Two youth girls in the dining room. Meeting at the Meeting House.
- Son 16 Sister Matilda has a cousin and niece come to see her. black-berries picked.
- Sun 17 Washing and ironing done. Black-berries picked. Adeline and a little girl go to Pittsfield with Ferdinand.
- Wed 18 Offic' sisters start north to make sales for store goods. Lashie and Carry. Correnice and Esther to Pittsfield. sister Matilda's relations leave. Cornelia & the girls pick up apples. Ten house roof mended and painted.
- Thur 19 sisters cut apples. - Cornelia cans them for winter. Henry Leahr, Fanny, and Helena Dolton arrive by the noon train. Carson Winters by the late train. Butter-cuts picked out, and sugared for the store by good wish<sup>ing</sup>.
- Fri 20 More apples cut and canned. Black-berries picked.
- Sat 21 a lovely day. Lashie and Carry return. Sister Amelie's group on the mountain in the p.m. with her brother Henry and company. also Correnice and two girls go in <sup>the</sup> company. The oats are being harvested which yield a large crop.

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- Sub 22 Public Meeting as usual - quite a large attendance. We hold an extra singing meeting in the evening to sing some of the good old songs with Henry and Parson, who learned them with us in child-hood and youth.
- Mon 23. They leave this morning by early train. The South end of the Office is peraped and painted, once more. The Verandah roof is also mended and painted. Black berries picked. Eldress Dorothy has been employed at the Office on sale Cloaks the week past, and will continue another week.
- Tue 24 Washing and ironing goes on. A pouring rain all fore-noon.
- Wed 25 The sisters cut and prepare Peaches & Apples for Canning. Emma Jane goes to Albany riding on late train
- Thur 26 Elder Timothy has a nephew and wife come to visit. Cornelia makes Jelly. A large Box is shipped to Florida containing household goods, and some things belonging to the Brethren and sisters there which they

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Thur - needed, and sent for.

Frid 27 Clark, his wife, and some other Ladies call to see sister Mary. Also Dr. Bates and Emily being in town - call at the Infirmary and spend a little time visiting. Blackberries picked.

Sat 28 Bro' Robert Halford receives word that a friend by the name of Allen, living in Lee, died suddenly. He immediately starts to Lee to attend the funeral. Elder Timothy's relatives leave this morning. Blackberries picked.

Sat 29 Public meeting - which was filled to overflowing with excellent speaking. In the afternoon Elder Calvin, Amy and Corinnie ride up to the Springs to call on Dr. Bates and Emily.

Mon 31 Our little Violet Kettle who has spent six weeks with us for summer vacation, leaves this morning for New York - in company with Helena Dolton who has been spending a week longer at Lebanon Springs.

Bro' Robert H. returns this afternoon.

Tue 31 Robena Guthrie and her brother William walked up from the Depot last evening.

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are shown around some - leave this a.m.  
 Bro' Robert V. takes them to the Depot.  
 Washing and ironing as usual. Yesterday  
 the older sisters picked out 3 bushels of <sup>insects</sup> bitterweed.

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Wed 1

Bro' Benjamin arrives home in the  
 after-noon. Had business in N. York and  
 with the Ministry who are at Waterloolet.  
 Cannot afford to pass by his old friends and  
 home at Lebanon. Cornelie and Sarah  
 C. make pockets for horwood Tincture.  
 Black-berries picked.

Thu 2

Business morning as usual, more black-  
 berries picked which grow better all the time.

Fri 3

Bro' Benjamin leaves this morning for  
 New York, and back to Florida. Cornie  
 Sarah H. and Kate go after Elder berries.  
 Henry G takes them. Get the small tub full.

Sat. 4

Elder berries looked over - Cornelie cans them,  
 with some Phum for winter. Today finishes  
 Eldress Dorothy's third week working on sale  
 Cloaks at the Office.

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Sab 5

Public meeting. About noon Elder Joseph rides over the mountain with horse and buggy from Hancock.

Mon 6

A Fair is held this week in Chatham, and our people are strongly invited to take part in it, which is accepted by the Church, North, and South Families, and to day Trunks well packed with a variety of sisters work - fancy articles - and plain, are on the way. A daughter of Charlie Webb's spends a few hours here. James Calver and Annie comes late in the p.m. James rides in from Albany on his Bicycle. Annie in waggon from Depot.

Tue 7

Sadie Seale who went out this morning to take charge of our goods at the Fair, returns at night. Monday was her first day. Washing and ironing as usual. The water is very low - we fear a leakage in the pipes some where - which is being attended to.

Wed 8

Sadie goes to the Fair this morning - also a company from the family. Elder Calver, Elder Timothy, Anna Maria, Corennie, Sarah Cutler, & Esther. Ferdinand takes sister Matilda, Florence, and Julia Ann to Pittsfield in the Ministrys Covered waggon.

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Thur 9

Emma Jane goes to the Fair to day, Sadie stays at home to rest. Elder Timothy takes Sarah Cutter to Pillsfield to have her teeth filled. Cornelia puts down the first Tomatoes Blackberries <sup>picked</sup>

Fri 10

Sadie returns to the Fair. Emma returned last night. Two brethren and six young sisters start for Chatham at an early hour this morning. Washington, Martin, Daisy, Sarah H. Kate, Emma S. Nellie, & Annie H. It is the last day and the children's floral parade finishes the Fair, which has received much credit from all who attended it. James Glass had some relatives call a few hours. Blackberries picked.

Sat 11

Three Sisters go to the Second Family to help cut Pears for canning, are paid 75<sup>cts</sup> and dinner. Cornelia and some of the sisters work up a few more Tomatoes. Eldress Dorothy spends another week at the Office on Gale Cloaks. Elder Joseph left Lebanon on Tue. The ministry still at Waterville. Weather warm and dry.

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- Sat 12 We hold service at the Meeting House. Second Family were absent. Singing meeting in the afternoon.
- Mon. 13 Our visitors James and Fannie Calver leave this morning. Sisters cutting Pears for Canning. Plums sorted for market. Showers in the p.m.
- Tue 14 Washing and ironing post-poned on account of failure of water. Sisters engaged in the fruit room working on Peaches and Plums for sauce. A company of eleven from Lenox take dinner at the Office.
- Wed 15 The brethren and hired men are working every day now to find the leak, constant digging. To find the track of the pipes and the source of the trouble. Sisters still working on Pears. A company are also picking out better nut meats.
- Thur 16 Iron to day. Ferdinand takes three boys to Pittsfield to attend the Fair which is being held there this week. Return 3 o'clock p.m. bringing 13 baskets of Peaches. Cornelia makes jelly to day.
- Fri 17 The sisters cut some of the Peaches for breakfast the rest is made into sauce. Sarah Cutter to Pittsfield again about teeth filling.
- Sat 18 The water has entirely stopped thro' the pipes



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every where. The Cistern being very foul it is emptied and thoroughly cleansed. Elder Calum and George have taken an active part in all this work. We dip water for use from the Spring House - also bring it from the well in the Meeting House yard. Sisters work up 5 bushels of Tomatoes for Canning. In the p.m. the Cistern being made ready - a hose is attached to the Center Family Cistern and our Cistern filled from it - About 5 o'clock the water again comes to us thro' the pipes for which we are very thankful. Water had not run at the Dairy for more than a week causing them much added labor in carrying it all there. The pipes are found to be in a very bad condition - much new piping to be laid before the job is well finished. Polypus has choked the water off in some places. The search is made as far up as the Artesian Well, and it is all under repair. Elders D. gives another week to sale Cloaks. Our weather is splendid this week!

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- Sab 19 Service at the Meeting House. a fire is made on the sisters side which is very acceptable. some frost.
- Mon 20 Two weeks washing done to day. Elder Cahlin goes to Waterville to see the Ministry. Carrie Hollister arrived about 4 o'clock to make a visit. Shows all day.
- Tue 21 Sisters work up some more Tomatoes. Elder Cahlin returns. 3 hands on medicine to day.
- Wed 22 A company go on the mountain for Cranberries. 4 sisters and Martin. get 4 1/2 bushels. Sarah Custer goes to Albany.
- Thu 23 Huldah Bagg comes to spend the day with us the water pipe at south end of kitchen range sprung a leak this morning and Washington soon had it repaired as a good plumber was on the ground. 3 barrels of Gasolene brought from the Depot, also the new piping to lay the drain from Artesian Well in place of the old which is taken up. Washington and George with hired help have spent most of the week past in digging up the ground which covers up the piping. Early Peas finished. begin to harvest the winter Apples. Green Tomatoes sliced for pies and sweet pickle.

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Fri 24 Cornelia Cunn, Plums, and Pears a great quantity. Some peppers put up for winter. Sarah Cutler returns from Albany.

Sat 25 Eldress Dorothy finishes her six weeks on Blacks.

Sab 26 Meeting at the Meeting House. Change in the kitchen, sister Amelia remains in a week for Eldress Dorothy.

Mon 27 Time changed. The bell rings at 5 o'clock for rising - breakfast at 1/2 past 6. Four of our sisters help clean the school house. An addition has been added to the lower school room, by taking in the hall, and a portion of the south room.

Tue 28 Washing and ironing as usual. A heavy frost.

Wed 29 Sisters work on tomatoes and crab Apples. Carrie Hollister leaves at noon, takes the train for Chicago at Pittsfield. Lorennie & Esther ride over the mountain for company. Washington <sup>take them</sup>

Thur 30 Sisters work on medicine. Elizabeth makes grape jelly. The deaconesses changed 5 bushels of Blackberries for 220 lbs of sugar. \* The new pipe was laid from Reservoir to cistern 300 ft. 2 inch iron pipe. instead of from Artesian Well, to Cistern.

\* A mistake corrected

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- Fri 1 sisters work on medicine and in the fruit room.
- Sat 2 A little mending done to the furnace, still more to be done, before it is in readiness both parts, for winter use.
- Sat 3 We meet at the meeting House. a fire is made on the sisters side. another heavy frost! Eldress Dorothy takes her place in the kitchen. Elder Joseph Slingerland having business East calls to see his Lebanon home and friends.
- Mon 4 He leaves at 7 o'clock A.M. for Enfield, Conn. to see the Ministry who are performing their ministerial duties in that place. Winter term of school begins today. The lower room post-poned a week on account of painting. Sister Marcia Bullard and Lottie Tremper of Harvard come for a week's visit. Angelina Cox of Waterbury came on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sep. and is also enjoying a pleasant season in our home.
- Tue 5 Washing not done. pond water fails. pipes clogged, one more job for brethren and hired help. a plumber unsolders them, and they are dug out a piece to a time. and then <sup>the</sup> <sup>instead</sup>

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Tue 5. which takes some time to dry. Drying done as usual. Tomatoes picked. Sisters work on medicine.

Wed. 6 Sisters work in the fruit room. a large amount of green Tomatoes chopped for Chaw-Chaw.

Thur 7 Ripe tomatoes prepared for canning.

Fri 8 Washing done at the North <sup>East</sup> Family.

Sat 9 Address Anna takes the visitors down to Canaan for a ride - and to see the place that was once their home. In the after-noon about 3 o'clock we are startled with the cry of fire! A tenement house at the place known as the East Family - is burned to the ground. The woods take fire, brethren and hired men immediately start to extinguish the flames if possible. The family were saved, and their household goods - and are taken in charge by some relatives in town. The north west wind is blowing a gale and the fire is spreading rapidly in the woods. Brethren remain <sup>to watch</sup>

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- Sat. 10 Public meeting. the visitors attend. Bro' Robert has been absent a week to New York returns to day. no wind. the fire sub-dued.
- Mon 11 The Harvard visitors go to Hancock from there home on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Daisy begins to sew on Cloaks. Elizabeth pickles some small onions.
- Tue 12 No washing or ironing done today. The paper yet under repair. We have our first meal of honey on the table produced by sister Amelia's Bees. The amount made is not yet ascertained. Sisters work in the fruit room. cann Grapefruit Peaches. more small onions pickled.
- Wed 13 Bro' Sear, Robert, and Emma J. are subpoenaed to Hudson to attend Court again on Robert's case.
- Thur 14 Washing and ironing done today. The machinery on the wheel pit failed as they began to wash, and so it dragged on till night. Now it is mended and a new plank floor laid the old one having rotted out. The company subpoenaed return. The Court decided the case in our favor. This ends the law suit.
- Fri 15 Some Peaches and Pears canned.
- Sat 16 Sear of coal has been ordered. The men drave it loads to day.

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Sab 17 No meeting. Brethren fighting fire on the mountain which has never been extinguished. It takes its course South and smouldering among the dry leaves. brightens up with a strong gale of wind. Also our Sap woods is set on fire by a man shooting Coons. he tried to burn one out of his hole. and the dry leaves caught making a half a days labor for the brethren. added to the other fire. And thus our Sabbath ends with more fright & anxiety. than rest for soul or body.

Mon 18 President Garfield's youngest son and wife called at the Office. and ordered a Cloak.

Tue 19 Washing and ironing as usual. The hydrant north of the wash house being out of order, is now under repair by brethren & hired help.

Wed 20 Eldress Dorothy and Cornelia go for a days ride to Lenox. Henry G. takes them. Robert Halford to New York on medicine business. the sisters working on Quinces in the fruit room. Daisy sewing on cloaks. Sister Mary H. has finished weaving 2 <sup>boxed</sup> chips.

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- Thurs 21 Winter Apples picked and stored in the cellar. Angelina Cox finishes her visit and leaves to day. Florinda and Julia Ann ride to Canaan Depot with her. Ferdinand takes Elder Calvin, Amy, and Maria out for a days ride in the Ministrys covered Carriage.
- Fri 22 The sisters are employed in the fruit room Canning Juices and making jelly.
- Sat 23 Sisters, Lucisa and Esther were the apple sales.
- Sab 24 Our public meetings at the Meeting House close for the season to day.
- Mon 25 Bro' Robert Halford returns from New York.
- Tue 26 Washing and ironing done. Henry George starts on business trip of a few days for Elder Earnest of 2<sup>nd</sup> Family. A lovely day.
- Wed 27 Sister Anselia Elizabeth C. Charlie and Avis Chatfield go to Pittsfield. Esther Gill also goes at the same time and takes the train for Springfield expecting to visit her sister Maggie who lives near that place.
- Thurs 28 Sister Anselia with help is giving the Meeting Room a very thorough cleaning.



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Fri 29 A new grate is put in the north end of Kitchen Range. A small order for White's Curative Syrup is being put up. 3 sisters employed. Cider Apples are picked up and carried to the cider mill. Bbls of cider returned.

Sat 30 Sister Amelia, Cornelia, and the young sisters, also Elder Timothy and bro' Monroe go to the North Family to attend meeting this evening.

Sat 31 Again we gather at the Meeting House at 10-30 A.M. and listen to a lecture by Earnest H. Crosby of New York. Subject - "The moral and religious aspect of the Single Tax". It was very interesting. A company from Hancock attend. Also a very few spectators. "Hand Bills" were circulated freely around town, but the people did not respond to the invitation. The "Single Tax Law" is not popular around these parts. In the evening at 1/2 past 7 o'clk we hold a meeting in our meeting room. The North Family attend also our noted visitor Earnest H. Crosby, who

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Sat 31 wished to see our manner of worship, exercises  
P.C. also to hear our faith and principles  
presented by the brethren and sisters. This was  
done with great credit to our testimony  
and to the meeting.

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Mon 1 Henry George returns from his business  
trip for Elder Earnest. Our friend E. Crosby  
makes a short call to learn something of  
our industries in Church Family. He  
leaves for New York by the noon train.

Tue 2 Washing and ironing as usual.

Wed 3. Esther returns from her visit to her sister,  
Daisy and Sarah H. go to Pettusfield to meet her.  
Elizabeth and a girl give the fruit room a  
thorough cleaning.

Thur 4 An Order for Whites medicine, four sisters  
employed working at medicine shop.

Fri 5 falls cleaning begun in earnest.

Sat 6 Thomas Wells and three youth boys cover  
the <sup>water</sup> pipes with dirt that have been under repair  
this fall. This finishes the job.

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Sat 7 The North Family attend meeting with us this morning. A good spiritual gift is maintained.

Change in the kitchen. Elizabeth C. and Esther work in the cook room. Daisy and Nellie in the bake room. Sister Amelia in the dining room.

Daisy has worked ten days on the blocks this season! Sister Eunice is still caring for Eldress Ann who is so feeble that she requires constant attention now.

Mon 8 The Ministry ride over from Hancock and spend the day in conference with officials in Church, and North Family. Make a short call on their return, at Second, and South Family.

Tue 9 Washing and ironing goes on. We are having one of the greatest rain storms of the season.

Wed 10 Sisters work on medicine. The North Family singers attend singing meeting with us this evening. Weather cold and clear.

Thur 11 We are having our first snow storm!

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Fri 12

The waste pipe at the Dairy is being over hauled and thoroughly cleansed. Ferdinand has drawn six loads of kindlings for the kitchen this week. We hear the sad news that our much loved sister Martha J. Anderson has had a stroke of Apoplexy! What a great loss she will be to our Community! Henry Cantrill arrives here from Chicago about 5-30 p.m.

Sat 13

Address Merriam Cofford of Empfield Conn. makes us a short visit last evening. She is stopping at the North Family a few days.

Sun 14

The North Family attend meeting with us. The spirit manifested was as strong and powerful against sin, as was Mother Ann's in her day. We do not forget our beloved sister Martha - she is spoken of by many of the brethren and sisters in love and tenderness. A healing gift is prayed for at the close of the meeting, which is united in by many earnest sincere hearts.

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- Mon 15 Church sisters begin to watch with our stricken sister Martha. Emma Jane goes to night. So beautiful sunshine to day - the elements are in sympathy with us.
- Tue 16 <sup>at</sup> Hamilton De Grace from Waterliet comes to visit Mt. Lebanon. Cornelia watches to night. Washing and ironing as usual. We have some nice fresh cod-fish for dinner. Elder Timothy bought it.
- Wed 17 Sisters are working on medicine. Corinne watches to night.
- Thur 18 Bro' Robert Halford goes to Lenox.
- Fri 19 Our beloved sister Martha passed to spirit life about 8 o'clock this morning. Our great loss will be her infinite gain. Henry Cantrell started for Chicago this morning after enjoying a pleasant little visit with his sisters and friends of early days.
- Sat 20 snow and bluster. winter has come in earnest. Bro' Robert returns.

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Sab 21 We attend the funeral of our beloved sister this p.m. services commenced at 1/2 past 1 o'clock and held full two hours. The meeting room was densely crowded. A large company from Hancock were in attendance, also from every family in the Village. Quite a number outside our Community were present. It would be impossible to give any idea of the meeting in the limited space of this Journal.

Mon 22 Sisters pick and dress chickens for family use.

Tue 23 Washing and ironing done as usual.

Wed 24 Four sisters work on medicine.

Thurs 25 Thanksgiving Day. The South Family meet with us. We enjoy a soul cheering season, tho' a feeling of solemnity prevailed. We mingle our tears and joys together. Eldress Anna remains, and a young sister Bell R. to spend the after-noon with us for a change. She is nearly heart broken over her great bereavement in the loss of sister Martha.

Fri 26 Henry George buys a meal of clams for the family.

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Sab 28 The North Family again meet with us and we are pleased to have them come. And we feel that the bond of Union is strengthened thereby. Our precious Mother Eldress Ann is drawing near the close of life. Sister Eunice is her faithful attendant to the end which is near.

We did not think it was quite so near, a little unexpectedly our dear Eldress Ann passed to spirit life this p.m. about 6 o'clock. Her last moments were peaceful and calm. She had a stomach trouble which caused her much suffering during her last sickness. She bore this affliction in the same patient, enduring spirit that she has manifested through her long, useful life, bearing heavy burdens with a cheerful spirit.

Mon 29 sisters work on medicine.

Tue 30 Washing and ironing as usual.

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Wed 1. We attend the funeral this afternoon commencing at half past 11 o'clock. Took our dinner at half past 11 o'clock. The Ministry rode over from Hancock just in time to dine with us. Another company arrive from Hancock later to attend the funeral. Five come from Waterlicet, two brethren and three sisters. Five from Enfield, Conn two brethren and three sisters. Elder George Wilcox was one. The meeting was filled to the last moment, which was opened by the Ministry, in loving kindly remarks upon the long life, and ministries of parental love and care we had all received from her great mother heart from time to time. Eldress Harriet spoke of the humility our dear Eldress Ann always possessed in discharging the duties incumbent upon her. The Elders then followed in speaking which was in heart felt expressions of gratitude and respect to our parent. Singing was nicely interspersed between the various



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Wed 1. speakers. Four pieces were read which were written for the occasion. Twelve sisters and eight brethren spoke during the meeting which continued full two hours. Alas, it seemed that too much could not be said in praise and eulogy of the unselfish life and noble character of our worthy, and devoted Leader (Eldress) Ann. We had a good attendance from every family in the village.

Thur 2 Sisters work on medicine.

Fri 3 Preparation is being made to put in a new boiler to heat the house. One of the old boilers being worn out.

Sat. 4 Sand and lime is being drawn to make mortar, and the new boiler also is also brought.

Sab. 5 We attend meeting at the North Family. It is unusually good, and therefore held out until near 12 o'clock. We walk over in a storm of sleet and rain.

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- Mon 6 The man to put in the boiler comes and business commences.
- Tue 7 Washing and ironing with house chores.
- Wed 8 The Ministry return home. we hope, to remain a few weeks. Washington and Henry with the hired men get the said boiler down cellar, which is quite a difficult job to perform.
- Thur 9 <sup>ref</sup> sisters work on Brown's medicine. The Ministry sisters are very busy taking care, and settling with Eldress Ann's things.
- Fri 10 A mason comes to finish off the brick work.
- Sat 11 business continues to go on. 10 ft. in length and 1 ft. in depth is cut through the cemented floor in front of the new boiler that the fire may be lower, giving better draft to the furnace. A new coal bin is being prepared east of the entrance to the cellar, where the fireman as usually kept his wood and kindlings.

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Sab 12 We attend meeting at home. The Ministers are present. also the North Family tho' it rained quite fast. Singing meeting in the p.m.

Mon 13. The men fit the pipes to the chimney. It is necessary to cut a new hole, the old one is not right. The carpets are taken up in A & B and George is going to wash the wall in vinegar and water to cleanse it.

Bro. James Little not being able to fill the place as fireman and Engineer at the Extract building any longer as he is quite run down in health. resigns to day, and Tim the hired man who has been there for many years, and left it for James last spring, when some of our hired men were released, is now hired again to fill the place.

Tue 14 Washing and Ironing. We are having a severe East storm with high wind. Not much fire in the house to day.

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Wed 15

The men are yet working to get more draft for the new boiler which seems to require more than the old one. It is a "Tubular Boiler" giving us 10 pounds of steam and safety guaranteed! The old Boiler only 5 pounds, with a great deal more labor to run it and keep the house comfortably warm. It is found necessary to close up both Ventilators in the chimney west end of the Meeting room. The first fire is started under the new boiler this evening. The man who bosses the job sits up all night so as to see if every thing is right, watching it with much anxiety, keeping a slow fire.

Thu 16

A new pipe is put in No 5 the old one leaked. The radiators around in the different rooms are being re-packed. No 5 is Calcemined and thoroughly cleaned. Eldress Dorothy, Cornelia and Sarah Hinkey engaged in the work.

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The old carpets not being suitable to put down again, a carpet that was taken up at Center Family and washed is put down instead, being nicely matted and pieced by Eldress Dorothy. Louisa helps on the sewing. The carpet is put down by Joseph right after dinner finished at 3 o'clock. Beds and furniture is being moved in. Sister Tabitha who has been occupying No. 27 North East Abbie moves down and takes her place in this room. As she is an aged sister and memory much impaired the change became a necessity. Anne Maria moves from No. 14 to live with her, so both occupy their new room to night. We thank the dear Elders and all concerned who helped prepare this beautiful home for those sisters. The men who put in the "New Palace" finish and leave about noon.

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Sat 13 Sister Florinda Sears also moves from No. 14 into No. 12 to live with Julia Ann. This leaves No. 14 vacant for the present.

Sat 19 The Ministry informs the family at the breakfast table that the day will be improved in the yearly sacrifice gift. The Ministry expressed their feelings in regard to an increase of peace and union in the family with an exhortation to all to unite with them and banish all dissension and hardness of heart one toward another forever from our home. The Elders united in a few words.

A change in the kitchen. Eldress Dorothy Cook, Sarah Henkey assistant. Cornelia and Sarah Butler in the bake room. Corinne with a girl in the dining room. Corinne was bound to her six weeks out of the kitchen. The dining room wall was washed by George last week.

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Mon 20 Sister Amelia has been preparing a "Memorial" for Eldress Ann, giving a brief biographical sketch of her life and Ministry - with the funeral services, and tributes of respect from each Society. Also Eldress Anna White is engaged in arranging a "Memorial" of love and respect for our dear sister Martha J. Anderson, whose death we all so deeply lament. These Memorials will be embraced in one Pamphlet which is now ready for the Press. Elder Henry Plinn (publisher and Editor).

Tue 21 Cornelia has given Eldress Ann's shop a good cleaning. More digging in the cellar to make room to put the coal. Washing and ironing as usual.

Wed 22 Three men continue to draw coal. A bear coat has been bought for the furnace by the proceeds of the Medicine, which is filled in small orders. "Browns."

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Thur 23  
Fri 24

The new Boiler so far gives good satisfaction  
We are having a fine snow storm, just falls  
quietly, in a way to make good sleighing.

Sat 25

Christmas - we have a very pleasant  
greeting at the breakfast table from the  
youth and children by music and Christmas  
song. It was well performed. The youngest  
girls five in number were dressed in white  
the least one held a banner with "Merry Christmas"  
printed on it. Two Oranges for each was  
also on the table, and a nice dish of honey.  
The dining room was beautifully decorated  
with ever-greens. The organ was played  
by Daisy. We held our usual Christmas  
services. The meeting was filled with excellent  
exhortation from Ministry and Elders, the  
burden of which was that we honor our  
profession at home and abroad. One strong  
point of the testimony was against Intemperance,  
hatred, malice, and revenge. Sister Amelia  
proposed that we enter into the spirit of prayer



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Sat 25

for a week, and seek aid from above to help us to overcome these blighting influences that hang over us as a family.

We kneeled in prayer and the meeting closed.

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In the evening at 1/2 past 7 o'clk the family are invited to again meet in the dining room where we are very pleasantly entertained by the young people in music, songs, and recitation. We spend two hours very agreeably, have refreshments - oranges, bananas, nuts, candies - with lemonade and Cocoa for drink, cake, crackers and cheese. The company expressed great satisfaction for the entertainment. We all left the room feeling better than we had met. The Ministry were present.

Sab 26

We have a good spiritual meeting. Many spoke and gave evidence of the spirit that was working within.

Mon 27

No unusual events occur.

Tue 28

Washing and ironing in proper order.

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Wed 29

Elder Joseph goes to Springfield to meet brother Benjamin who is staying in New York a few days on business. Bro' Robert Valentine returns from his seed route in Penn. Absent three weeks.

Th 30

We enjoy a good Turkey dinner provided by brother Ferdinand!

Fri 31

The last day of the year. 18 inches of snow falls.

## Supplement

During the past year we have had four deaths in the family, one brother and three sisters. Gathered in four children, one boy and three girls. Small fruit medium. Berries of all kinds a good supply. Early pears abundant. Apples early, fair. Late, scarce. Potatoes almost a failure. Garden vegetables a usual supply - excepting Tomatoes which were blighted by over-abundant rain in the early part of the season.

# Statistics for 1897

Provisions bought for the family.  
 Sugar 7 bbls. Molasses 2 bbls.  
 Cat meal 6 bbls. Wheat Flour 50 bbls.  
 Cottonline 6 Tubs - 56 lbs in each  
 Graham 5 bbls. Coffee 70 lbs.  
 Carosene Oil 6 bbls. Gasolene bbls.  
 Tea 3 chests. Some fresh fish.  
 Matches. 1 Box.

Family Preserves made for home use.

Cherry	109 Gallons	Jelly	16 gal.
Strawberry	62	" " Sifted Grape	4 "
Pear	75	" " String-beans	22 "
Plum	54	" " Stew-tomatoe	90 "
Peach	51	" " }	for pies - -
Raspberry	25	" " }	Tomatoe 8 "
Blackberry	36	" " Sweet Pickle	17 "
Whorteberry	34	" " Chew-chaw	10 "
Elder berry	12	" " Onions pickled	3 "
Stewed Apple	60	" " Honey	150 lbs !!
Quince	8	" " all made by sister	
Crab Apple	8	" " Amelia's Busy Bees	

# Butter made in 1897.

4,211 lbs total.

1,637 lbs Delivered to Washington for sale.

Eggs 13,690 . 18 bbls of Cider.

Good stored Apples 300 bushels.

Winter Potatoes " " "

## Sisters Sale Work 1897.

On Medicine 150 days work.

Corinne finished off 75 Ther. Work 1 Doz Bonnets

has made 36 shirts. Overcast 140 Cloaks.

over-cast 96 pockets. Knit 15 pairs of mittens

and 5 pair of wristers. wrists for 11 pr. of Gloves.

Made 10 Cloaks for the store. and several

for home use. Cut a great many rags for carpets.

Picked 20 skeins of fur yarn. Picked 25 pair

of gloves. Make hoods for sale Cloaks.

Baskets, splint, 124. 36 of them covered

Box Baskets. Gloves 9 pair.

Work on Cloaks 126 days. 21 days work

on Baskets. sale Gloves 7 pair.

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Matilda  
made  
35  
Hobbs  
for store

Florinda

Julia Ann

Ann Maria

## Sisters Sale Work continued 1897

Sale work by sister Mary Hazard - " "	
Pin cushions and baskets	186
New fashioned work baskets, furnished	10
Quart Baskets 12. Silk tops with bell	3
Small with handles and bell	12
Card Baskets 3. Doll Bonnets	155
Gathered, trace and wove braid 35 yds. Chefs	40
Home use Bonnets 13. Childs - sale	11
Four Gloves knit 2 5 pair. Four Caps	5
Sugared <sup>nuts</sup> for the store 159 lbs. <sup>10</sup> lbs.	
Sugared, or made maple cakes 259. Amen!	

## Work for sale, by sisters Anna D. &amp; Louisa Young.

Long bag needle books	21
Short " " "	30
Combined pin and needle book	55
Single needle books	82
Shell pen ciphers	10
Shell pen cushions	50
porcel Lilies	25
Pinks	24
Bird Holders	28

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Sister Anna's cabinet  
12 pairs of fur gloves.

Securing Monuments	3
Trunk Boxes	8
Covered Box boards	90
Inside strips to sale Bonnets	15 6
Needle Books for furnishing	42 8
Traveling Baskets	4

This closes the eventful year of 1897. we have shared the common blessings of life to a greater fulness than have many of our fellow mortals. For this, we thank God, the giver of all good gifts. This family is a veritable Bee Hive. All the sisters, not engaged on sale work are faithfully improving their time in performing other important house-hold duties. And to great beauty adorns the sister-hood, it is this, that we have held the "Bond of Union" unbroken, in all our conduct and business transactions through the year. May we have grace to continue to practice and grow this Christian virtue through all the coming years.

The Church Family in 1897

Elder Calvin Reed

Elder Timothy Rayson

Sacket Root - 90

Robert Halford

James Little

James Glass

Alonzo Hollister

Thomas Wells

Washington Jones

Joseph Quinn

Martin Jones

George Duncan

Ferdinand Ganabin

Allen A. Wells

Robert Valentine . Henry George .

Children

Sidney J. Wells

Stanly W. "

Sanclott "

Charles J. Chatfield.

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Eldress Ann lived until Nov. 28th  
she knit out a great many flax fingers for  
- Sister Anna D.

Sisters 1897

- Eldress Dorothy Wright
- Sister Amelia J. Calver
- Mary Hazard
- Matilda Reed
- Amy Reed
- Tabitha Sapsley
- Hannah A. Agnew
- Maria Sapsley
- Florinda Sears
- Julia Ann Scott
- Louisa Young
- Anna Maria Graves
- Eunice Cantrell
- Adaline Cantrell
- Corinne Bishop
- Sarah Cutter
- Esther Gill

Deaconess Elizabeth Cantrell  
Cornelia French

Office sisters Emma J. Seale  
Sarah A. Seale  
Carrie Wade.

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# Ministry in 1897

Elder Joseph Holden

Eldress Harriet Bullard

Eldress Augusta H. Stone,

Youth and Girls.

Daisy Wells

Sarah Hinkie

Emma Sheffer

Kate Wells

Nellie Kettle

Fannie Hinkie

Annie E. Cuppers

Frederica E. " "

Mrs M. Chatfield.

## Note

Cornelia Knit 45 pairs of Gloves. Besides knitting foundations for all the splint Baskets.

Hannah Ann - Picked yarn and knit 40 pairs of Gloves. Knit 20 dishcloths for the store, and helped Mary on the butter-nuts. The sisters in the family picked out all the butter-nut meats

Sis. Amelia Made 50 Gentleman Cushions

Eld. Ann Knit 50 fingers for Anna D's fur Gloves.

