

# Deborah (Mullett) Haight Bowerman

## Diary #2, 1887 - 1892

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### Notes

1. Many of the dates on the left hand sides of the pages were cut off. i.e. see page 3 –the entry before the 5<sup>th</sup> –the actual month is cut off. So for many of these (if I couldn't figure out the month) I put "[?]mo, 6<sup>th</sup>" etc. Also on one page there was a line at the top cut off so I think I made a note to you in the diary with square brackets. I made a few notes for you in the diary in square brackets.
2. Whoever numbered these pages, numbered them differently. Every two pages only has one number (i.e one of your photocopied pages has one number, but there are two pages of her diary to each photocopied sheet)/ So I put an "a" and a "b" after the page numbers, but there was no a or b in the actual numbering.
3. There were more words I couldn't figure out in this one. Her writing was worse by the end and harder to read. These certain flowers she's always talking about – looks like its spelt "cerus" –I'm wondering if she means cherries! (at first I thought she meant crocuses or something). See what you think.
4. I tried to put in a [sic] when she missed her apostrophe...
5. On one of the pages there was an envelope and then the next few pages were not pages from her diary just loose leaf papers. So I typed them up. Were they what was in the envelope?

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Diary of Deborah Mullett Bowerman  
written in and near  
Bloomfield 1887-1892

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[pg 2b]  
1887 5<sup>mo</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>  
Lydias [sic] Birth day [sic] 49, At home  
bakeing [sic] & churning, Mary on the Market  
with the Butter & Eggs, [Fowels?] 60 cents a pair  
then went too Carries [sic], The above written  
by my Mother most 83, writeing [sic] without  
glasses. \_ \_ \_

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\_18<sup>th</sup> Sallie [Ellicotts?] daughter married  
to a young man by the name of Thomas  
of Baltimore,

—  
\_19 Our monthly meeting, E Varney got  
home, Discovered buds on the Night,  
Blooming [Cerus?], \_ Mary Jane Williams  
here to see Rachel, Willie got here from  
Hamilton, \_ \_ \_

—  
\_21<sup>st</sup> Vincent Bowerman's birth day [sic],  
would have been 95 years Old.

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[pg 3a]  
[88?]/5/23<sup>rd</sup> Jane Cronk called on us,  
Stephen & Lydia in the afternoon  
fixed my dress sleeve [sic] for me.

—  
24<sup>th</sup> Lydia came home, Carrie went  
to John William's, \_

—  
26 Our quarterly meeting began, Levi

went to the boat to meet some of the  
friends, \_ Sarah Wood from the States,  
Mary Jones, Johan Ward & [Aize?] Willsey,

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\_27 Uncle Arthur here William Robnson  
& wife here also Levina [Merills], R Sills  
& Carrie, \_ \_ \_

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mo 2<sup>nd</sup> Maturah Bowerman here for a short  
visit, then went to Stephen Hubbs,

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4<sup>th</sup> Annie Mullett & Katie Impey here.  
W<sup>m</sup> Henry & Judith here also, \_ Alfred  
Mullett & his Sister, stoped [sic] one night  
with us \_ 5<sup>th</sup> Nellie Fox here for dinner

[pg 3b]  
\_11<sup>th</sup> Mary Elizabeth & Merton went over  
to see Mary Levens, \_

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\_12 E Cadman went to the fast friends  
meeting, in the morning, then started for  
home, going to Picton over night, \_ \_ \_  
Stanley & Rachel went to the Sematry [sic]

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\_13<sup>th</sup> Jane Cronk & Lena called in the evening  
to pay for some butter & Molasses, \_ \_ \_  
Found our first Night blooming [Cerus?] in  
[blossing?], which had been 24 days in comeing [sic]  
out, the largest one we have had at all  
measuring ten inches across, \_ \_ \_

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\_20<sup>th</sup> The second blossom came out as large  
as the first No person in to see it but  
ourselves, Henry Hubbs in the morning,

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\_27<sup>th</sup> The third blossom came out several  
came in to see it, Johnson Brewer  
spent the day with us, \_ \_ \_

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[pg 4a]

1887 6<sup>mo</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Stanley & Rachel gone out  
on a fishing partey [sic]. 6/24 Discoverd [sic]  
some more buds on the Night blooming  
[Cerus?], \_ \_ \_

[7? I think this is the last number of the year? but it got cut off when  
photocopied...]

7<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Dominon [sic] day, took Levi over to the  
little lot, then we went on to S Hubbs,  
where I had not been for seven years,  
neither on the road since last summer

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2<sup>nd</sup> A very hot day, Mary very buisy [sic] in the kitchen

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sixty six years ago to day [sic] my Grandfather  
& Grandmother Mullett landed in Quebeck [sic]  
with eleven Children, six sons & five daughters  
in the year 1821. Levi & Mary gone  
down to Carries [sic] this afternoon. \_  
Brought Lydia back, & left Mary there for  
one week, \_ \_ \_

[pg 4b]

1887 7<sup>mo</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Edith died 15 years ago  
to day [sic], Deborah Sills here sewing for  
Mary, Edwin Williams unwell with a  
Sun-stroke, Mary down there after  
buries [sic], did not get home till ten oclock [sic],  
all alone with Merton. \_ \_ \_

—

8<sup>mo</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Levi & Mary went to Belleville  
with the horse & Buggy, [Anthoey?] Haight  
& his Nephew Henry Niles called in.

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\_21<sup>st</sup> First day a dark cloudy day, Sarah  
Foster & Walter called on me.

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\_30 George Browning the Butter maker cam [sic]

here, talk of putting up a Creemer [sic] in  
Picton. \_ \_ \_  
9mo / 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Richie here plealing [sic]  
pares [sic] for Mary. \_ \_ \_

\_4<sup>th</sup> Levi & Mary down to Carries [sic].

[pg 5a]  
1887 9<sup>mo</sup> [3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>? it's cut off] Stanley Rachel & Lydia gone  
to Belleville takeing [sic] Merton with them,  
very much against our wishes, I hope  
nothing will happen to him before he gets  
back, A beautiful day, Mary washing  
Very, very lonesome day without our little  
boy. And Rachel gone also, \_ \_ \_  
Returned the 7<sup>th</sup> all right & well,

—  
8<sup>th</sup> Carrie and her Motherinlaw [sic] started for  
[Kinden?] Carrie to see Mary Elizabeth Garrett  
the latter to see her Sister,

—  
20, Our travelers returned from [Kinden?] all  
well & found all well at home, \_ \_ \_

—  
mo 14<sup>th</sup> Frank & Mary Wareing came down  
for a visit, Left for home on the 20, \_ \_ \_

—  
21<sup>st</sup> Nelson & Rachel called on us, on  
[on?] their way from Huntingdon, took  
[R: perhaps a word is cut off here?] with us, also there [sic] daughter Mary,  
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[pg 5b]  
9<sup>mo</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Levi begun to dig the fundation [sic]  
for the buttry [sic] factory in Picton. \_ \_ \_

—  
10mo 19<sup>th</sup>  
Uncle John came down on the boat  
alone, to make us a visit for the last  
time most likely, spent three nights  
with us, Levi took him to the boat,

he was 85 years old born in 1802, \_

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10mo 31<sup>st</sup> Grandfather Mullett died 22  
years ago this evening Aged 97, years,

—

11mo 29<sup>th</sup> My Birth day [sic] 83 years old, not a  
very pleasant day sitting alone most of  
the day, while the folks were putting up  
stoves & cleaning the pipes, mailed a letter  
to my brother James. \_

[pg 6a]

1887 12<sup>mo</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas day, also first  
day, A goose roasted, Edwin & Carrie here  
& their boys, also Stanley & Rachel,

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26<sup>th</sup> The above ones went to Samuel  
Yerwoods [sic], left the Children here  
Ryerson & Levi Sills, spent the afternoon  
with us, \_ Mary down with Carrie.

—

28<sup>th</sup> Jane Cronk & Leana here for a  
visit, \_ Some Cards received from Annie  
who is in England, also one from  
Rachel Sills. \_ \_ \_

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1888, 1<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> First day raining Levi & Mary  
went too [sic] meeting Lydia Merton and  
myself all alone. \_ \_ \_

—

\_ 8<sup>th</sup> Daniel & Deborah here for a evening  
visit also Walter & Mary, \_ Stanley & Rachel  
& Carried here for dinner, \_ Johnson Brewer  
came & stoped [sic] four days with us. \_

[pg 6b]

12<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>mo</sup><sup>th</sup> \_ A letter from Jeramiah Lapp  
Abbie Ellsworth & E Cadman.

—  
\_22 First day Quick silver 31 degrees  
below zero, \_ 19<sup>th</sup> Rachel Sills here for a visit

—  
2<sup>mo</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Our Quarterly meeting a very good  
one, came & had a little meeting in  
our house one evening, \_ Did not have  
much company, W<sup>m</sup> Robinson & wife  
Thomas Robinson & wife Chester Yerks &  
wife, & Justine Robinson from Leeds.

—  
\_6<sup>th</sup> Vincent Bowerman died about  
one oclock [sic] in the day, buried on the  
8<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1885, Aged 93 years,

—  
\_19<sup>th</sup> Robert & Elizabeth Came up for a  
visit stoped [sic] two nights with us,

—  
\_29<sup>th</sup> Uncle Benjamin & Maria came  
stoped [sic] three nights with us, had a very  
good visit with them, \_ \_ \_ \*

[R: there is a funny symbol here she makes that I've marked with an asterisk like I  
did on the other journals. In the other journals she used it to then continue writing  
about the same entry but in a later place. Anyway, here there is no other asterisk  
and I'm wondering if maybe the bottom of the page got cut off and so we don't  
have that?]

[pg 7a]  
1888 3<sup>mo</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Carrie & Rachel here for  
their dinner on there [sic] way to the Yerwood  
wedding. \_ \_ \_

—  
10<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Cadmans [sic] Birth day [sic]  
58 years old, does not seem posuble [sic]

—  
11<sup>th</sup> Johnson Brewer passed away to his  
long home about five oclock [sic] in the  
morning, of a first day of the week  
—

mo 22<sup>nd</sup> Aunt Hannah Mullett died,

—  
mo 2<sup>nd</sup> Moved into our new home again  
up in Bloomfield, Levi in Picton,

—  
11<sup>th</sup> Jane & Lena here for an afternoons [sic]  
visit. \_ \_ \_

9<sup>th</sup> Abbie Ellsworth here sewing for  
Lydia, here three weeks. \_ \_ \_

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[pg 7b]

5mo 3<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Anderson Died at Lewis  
Levens [sic], aged 73. \_

—  
\_6 Nelson & Rachel here also Walter &  
Mary, \_ \_ \_

\_7<sup>th</sup> Lydias [sic] Birth day [sic], 50 years old.

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\_24 The Queens [sic] Birth-day [sic] a fine day,  
W<sup>m</sup> Valentine called on us looking very  
feeble, Mary Richie also called on us.  
Lydia & myself all alone, been so all the  
week, Mary down with Carrie, Levi in  
Picton makeing [sic] butter. \_ \_ \_

—  
6mo 2<sup>nd</sup> Our quarterly meeting began,  
no strangers here only Sarah Wood from  
Laree, \_ Elizabeth came up stoped [sic] with  
us through quarterly meeting then went  
to Napanee with Lydia to have her teeth  
drawn, William Henry brought Aunt Eliza  
down to see us once more. stoped [sic] two

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nights with us, in her 81 year,

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1888 6mo 10<sup>th</sup> Rachels [sic] birth day [sic] 20 years  
old, took dinner with us also Stanley  
The first day of the week, the Hickete  
Yearly meeting. a great many folks here  
from the States. Caleb Gibson died,  
buried tomorrow in Picton. \_

—  
mo 2 Uncle James here for a visit, went  
to the Sand-banks haveing [sic] never been  
there, spent his birth-day [sic] with us, 80  
years old. \_ \_ \_

—  
3<sup>rd</sup> My father & mother landed in  
Quebec with eleven children. Also  
Joseph Sivetman with his family.

—  
22 Went down to Edwins & Stanleys [sic]  
stoped [sic] there one week, locking up the  
house, takeing [sic] the Cats Dog & fish.

—  
[pg 8b]  
This refers to Consider M. Haight's [daughter? it's cut off]  
1888, 8<sup>mo</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Fifty years ago to day [sic], my  
father died, on first day evening about  
ten oclock [sic] in the evening Aged 38 years.

—  
\_6<sup>th</sup> Margaret Jane Sivetman died Aged,  
nine Night blooming [Cereas?] blossemd [sic], \_  
a number of people into [sic] see them.

—  
\_19 First day, Levi Mary & Merton gone  
up to call on Eliza Varney, leaveing [sic]  
me alone not very pleasant, got a  
beautifull [sic] bunch of flowers sent  
me from the Cematry [sic].

—  
24, Uncle Arthur & Aunt Jane came  
down for a visit, stoped [soc] three nights

with us. \_ \_ \_

\_26<sup>th</sup> Willie Mullett wife here with her  
babie [sic], also Abie Ellsworth called on us,

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[pg 9a]

1888 9<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Cadman  
came up for a visit on the Cars from  
Picton, stoped [sic] with us till the fifth, went  
down to see Carrie & Rachel, also  
Mary Levens. \_ \_ The third Rachel  
Sills came up & spent two days with  
us, \_ The fifth of the month Anne  
Mullett & Nellie Fox came here spent  
two days with us. \_ \_ \_

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[?]mo 8<sup>th</sup>

Uncle Henry came here on his  
way to the States, \_ left on the 17<sup>th</sup> for  
Nelsons, \_ \_ \_

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18<sup>th</sup> Debie Brown buried at Hillier.

21\_ Levi & Mary gone down to see Amey  
Leer. \_

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[?] mo 21<sup>st</sup> Marys [sic] Birth day [sic] 53 years old, a dark  
gloomy day, Lydia & myself here alone,  
Levi & Mary down to Carries [sic]. \_

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[pg 9b]

11<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Very cold quick-silver down  
to ten, Mary Richie called on us,

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1888, 29<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>mo</sup> My birth day [sic] 84 years, old  
A roast goose for dinner Plumb pudding  
& a very nice lemmon-pie [sic], got up by  
Carrie\_ Edwin & Carrie & the Children  
here, Stanley & Rachel, \_ Walter Levens and

wife and son, & Eliza Varney, besides our  
own family. \_ a fine winters [sic] day \_  
A letter from Belleville & a small Birth  
day [sic] Card from Cousin Mary. \_

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12<sup>mo</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> \_ First day Levi & Mary gone to  
meeting, Lydia down to Carries [sic], \_

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\_25<sup>th</sup> Christmas day, Lydia & myself here  
all alone, not a very pleasant day,  
hope it may be better next time  
Mary Richie sitting with us part of the time.  
\_27<sup>th</sup> Cards from England from  
Sophia

[pg 10a]  
1888 12/28<sup>th</sup>  
Lydia got her pictures from the  
little boy Eaton \_ Grandmother Mullett  
died 43 years ago to day [sic], Aged 72, \_

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[?] \_ Lydia down to Carries [sic], Mary Richard's [sic]  
called on us. \_ \_

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[1 presumably. but cut off?] mo 1<sup>st</sup> 1889 New years day Lydia at Edds  
Mary home, Lewis Levens called in for the first  
time

[?]th A very heavy wind from the South such a on [sic]  
that had not been known for years, unroofing  
houses & blowing down trees & fences, but  
the worst of all killing my Grandson by  
the falling of the barn-door on his head, \_  
living but three or four hours after, \_ [R: "Edwin Williams" is written up the side of  
the page here so I don't know which line it should go on. I guess that was her  
grandson?]

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[?]mo 24<sup>th</sup> Our wedding day 38 years ago,  
Taken with a very bad Direah [sic] in bed five  
days, \_

[pg 10b]

1889 2<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Our Quarterly began not very  
large but good, No strangers not many  
friends called on us, knowing our situation  
Justice Robinson took dinner with us  
one day, \_ Carrie was with us and  
her three little fatherless boys. \_

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\_6<sup>th</sup> Three years ago To day [sic] Vincent Bowerman  
Died aged 93 years. Susan Dorland died  
about seven in the evening Aged 78, 1889

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3<sup>mo</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> My Brother John died aged 86 years  
buried in Bloomfield, by the side of  
Aunt Bathsheba, \_ \_ \_  
\_3<sup>rd</sup> I was taken sick & kept my bed for  
six weeks, with a bad cold, \_ Elizabeth  
& Rachel up to see me, \_ \_ \_

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4<sup>mo</sup> 11 Mary Waring came down for a visit  
went back into Huntingdon, \_ \_ \_

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[pg 11a]

1889 4<sup>mo</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>  
Levis [sic] Birth day [sic] 57 years  
old. Spent the day over to the Lott all  
alone, makeing [sic] his family feel very  
uneasy. \_

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5mo1\_

In the year 1819, My sister Mary  
carried our Queen Victoria about the  
room, at the George Inn (Hotel)  
in [Flminster?] Somersetshire  
Old England. \_ DB Aged 84 years,

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7 Lydias [sic] Birth day [sic] 50, born in 1838,

Not much of a Hollowday [sic], washing  
Annie Mullett came from Belleville,  
Lewis Levens [sic] birth day [sic] yesterday \_ \_ \_

—  
\_24 Amis Weaver here for a visit \_  
no other person, rather lonely, hope it  
will be better before long \_ \_ \_  
—

[pg 11b]  
\_29 Carrie makeing [sic] tea cake \_ Lydia  
picking up in the Cellar,  
A very cold day for the time of the year

—  
6<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>  
Our quarterly meeting Uncle  
James & Uncle Arthur down,  
no strangers here, but they had a good  
meeting, & an excellent sermon  
from Eliza Varney. \_ Samuel &  
Jane Bonestill here. \_ \_ \_  
—

6\_9 First day a wet day, none of our  
family at meeting, no person called on  
us but Mary Richards, \_ the last first  
day we spend in Bloomfield,

—  
\_10 Rachels [sic] Birth day [sic] 21, years old, Thought  
we were going to have a good visit  
with her, but had none, we moved  
over to the [left?] Lot, It does not seem  
much like home, hope it will better

[pg 12a]  
1889 6/10 \_ after we have been here  
longer Its [sic] not a very pleasant feeling  
for an Old person 84 years old to be move-  
-ing I did not think it would have  
[affected?] my mind so much. been  
thinking about it ever since four

oclock [sic] this morning. \_ \_ \_

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21<sup>st</sup> Merons [sic] Birth day [sic] 6 years old,  
out in a boat with Grandfather Williams  
& caught a small fish, \_ Stanley &  
Rachel up in the evening after nine oclock [sic]

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[most likely 27. cut off] Mary Richards came home from  
meeting with them spent two days  
with us, \_ 28<sup>th</sup> William & Mary Ann  
came over to see us, \_

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29 Our folks went to the Sand Banks

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30\_ Levi & Mary went to meeting, &  
then over to Levens for their dinner. \_

[pg 12b]

1889, 7<sup>mo</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sixty eight years ago this  
morning, My father & mother Landed in  
Quebec with eleven Children 6 sons & five  
daughters, \_ Also Jospeh Sivetman &  
his family. Mary & Carrie gone to Picton  
& then on to Stanleys & Rachels [sic]. \_ \_ \_

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\_ 7<sup>th</sup> Rachel Sills came here for a  
visit, left on the 10<sup>th</sup> \_ Little Daniel  
Dye here stoped [sic] one night with us. \_

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\_ 13<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Cadman came up for a  
visit, went home on the 15, First day  
evening spent in singing hymns [sic] with  
Lydia. \_ \_ \_

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\_ 25\_ Seventen [sic] years to day [sic] Edith  
died about three in the morning. \_

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\_ 27<sup>th</sup> Carrie Lydia & the two boys went  
down to see Rachel, stoped [sic] one night  
with her, Aunt Amey here for a visit

[pg 13a]

1889 8<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Consider Haight died  
51 years ago the 5<sup>th</sup> of this month,  
at Fredericksburg, \_ Lydia being  
three months old the day he [sic] was buried  
Code [sic] weather a fire in Stove,

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10 Stanley & Rachel went down to the  
thousand Islands, returned on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Lydia kept house for them. \_ \_ \_

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16 Walter Levens & Levi Sills  
called on us in the evening, sent  
Rachel a bundle of letters.

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20<sup>th</sup> Isabela Peterson here stoped [sic] all  
night with us, Mary took her back  
to Bloomfield this afternoon, \_

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[?]mo 4<sup>th</sup> Lydia went a fishing brought  
a fine black Bass enough for all our  
dinner. \_ \_ \_ 15<sup>th</sup> peeling pares [sic] yet.

[pg 13b]

1889 9<sup>mo</sup> [?] Benjamin & his granddaughter [sic]  
[Mimie?] came up for a visit  
stoped [sic] two nights with us,

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\_ 13<sup>th</sup> Carrie started for Toronto, with several  
others \_ [Mimie?] here serving for Lydia  
goes home tomorrow, Mary takeing [sic] her to  
the boat. \_ \_ \_

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15<sup>th</sup>

Lydia gone to meeting also Levi, \_  
took dinner with Jane Cronk, Mary  
Richards came back with her, to spend  
a few days with us, Our Rachel and  
Stanley came up in the afternoon, \_

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\_23, Carrie came from Toronto, saw a great  
many sights brought the Children a  
watch cack [sic], \_ \_ \_

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10mo 23<sup>rd</sup> Mary Richards came here from  
Andrew Clarks, not very well, Stanley  
& Rachel here in the evening, \_ \_

[pg 14a]  
1889 10<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Mary & Carrie gone too  
Bloomfield to paint the floar [sic], \_

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\_27<sup>th</sup> Carries [sic] little boy Birth day [sic] five  
years old, Thomas, turkey for dinner,  
Stanley & Rachel came in, Gilbert Jones  
& wife called on us, Mary Richards  
here sick, first day no person went  
to meeting. Our meeting got very  
small only two men at meeting to day [sic],

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11mo 12 Levi and Mary brought [away?] the  
last board from Bloomfield, got here  
about seven oclock [sic],

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14 Elizabeth came up for a visit, Eliza  
Varney brought her from the Sation [sic]  
went down to see Rachel, went  
home on the 18<sup>th</sup>, \_ !7<sup>th</sup> Mary Levens  
& Lydia Sills here for a visit, \_

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[pg 14b]  
1889 11<sup>mo</sup> 20,<sup>th</sup> Marys [sic] Birth day [sic] 55 years  
not a very pleasant day, a girl here  
sewing for Lydia, Manley Yerwood  
here on bussiniss [sic] with Carrie,  
Stanley & Rachel here for dinner,  
a wet day. \_ \_ \_

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\_29<sup>th</sup>



My Birth day [sic] 85 years, not a very pleasant day had three Ducks for dinner, Stanley & Rachel here for dinner, myself not very well, a girl here sewing, for Carrie. \_ \_ \_

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12<sup>mo</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Nathaniel & Isabela here for dinner  
Levi Mary Lydia & Merton went down to see Rachel. \_

—  
\_9<sup>th</sup> Washing two weeks wash, myself fixing up an Old Sampler for Lydia marked in the year 1873, \_ \_ \_

[pg 15a]  
12/ 20<sup>th</sup> 1889 Carrie & Lydia went to Picton, had to borrow a lantern to get home, A very dark day & night

—  
22<sup>nd</sup> First day a heavy wind, no one person went to meeting, raining \_

—  
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas day Stanley & Rachel here for dinner, A large goose for dinner

—  
26<sup>th</sup> Andrew Whycott died about ten in the morning. \_ \_ Aged 83 years.

—  
28<sup>th</sup> Levi & Mary went to the funeral to the house over night. \_

—  
1890, 1<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> \_ Walter & Mary Levens here for dinner, no sleiging [sic] raining hard most of the day. \_ \_ \_

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[pg 15b]  
1890 1<sup>mo</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Lydia married to John Williams in Picton at the age of fifty one years, started for Whitby next morning

and so on to Toronto, was gone four weeks, had a nice time with her friends I hope it may prove a happy union for it has been a heavy trial for her [poor?] Old mother, now in her 86 year. \_ \_ \_

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\_2mo 13<sup>th</sup> Our Bride folks returned home to John Williams house, took dinner with us the next day. \_

—  
\_17 Charles Gidion very low, died a few days after

—  
3mo 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Cronk & Lena here for a short visit took tea with us.

—  
\_7<sup>th</sup> Dr Nash called here to see Carrie Reuben Branscom & Sarah here for a visit \_ \_ \_

[pg 16a]  
1890, 3<sup>mo</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Deborah Sills that was once, & Mary Levens here for a visit took dinner with us, no sleighing \_ \_ \_

—  
\_10, Elizabeth Cadmans [sic] Birth-day [sic] sixty years old, Levi in the Swamp [sic] chopping [sic], saw a robin for the first time, very early we think

—  
8<sup>th</sup> Lydia came home & stoped [sic] all night with us, a great treet [sic], for the little boy, as well as for her poor old mother, who had lived with her over fifty years. \_ \_ \_

—  
\_24 Carries [sic] Birth day [sic], Aged 35 years

\_26 Samuel Yerwood died Aged  
27 Lydia spent the day with us brought her ironing over with her. \_

mo 11<sup>th</sup> —

Lydia came across the feilds [sic] and  
stoped [sic] all night with us, a grate [sic] treet [sic]

[pg 16b]

1890 4<sup>mo</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> A most beautifull [sic] bright  
warm day, the first day of the week,  
Levi went to meeting alone Mary  
down with Rachel for a visit gone  
two nights, have not seen Lydia  
to day [sic] \_ pretty lonesome for an Old woman, or  
rather her poor Old mother, who lived  
with her most 52 years.

—  
\_22<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Sills up for a visit over  
with, Mary Levens, \_ \_ \_

—  
Went to John Williams the 21<sup>st</sup> while she was  
here for dinner, also Nelson & Rachel  
Walter & Mary, Mary Bowerman & self \_  
the first time I have been on the road  
since I came here ten months ago. \_

[pg 17a]

1890 5<sup>mo</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>

Lydias [sic] Birth day [sic] fifty two  
years old, Spent the day with us  
& fixed my flannel dress. \_

—  
\_14 How strange we should keep  
the wrong day for Lydias [sic] birth-day [sic]  
the sixth instead of the seventh. \_

—  
21<sup>st</sup> Vincent Bowermans [sic] Birth-day [sic]  
would have been 99, Lydia spent  
the day with us, helping Mary & Carrie  
clearn out my room, or their front  
room \_ \_ \_

—

24<sup>th</sup> Stanley & Rachel here also Lydia  
Carrie & her two boys went home with  
them, stoping [sic] there till Second day the 26,

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[pg 17b]

1890, 5/25, First day no person went  
to meeting, Levi tired out, wet day  
all alone, \_

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\_28\_ John Williams & Lydia went to  
Belleville, returned on the first of 6<sup>mo</sup>

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6<sup>mo</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Prepartive meeting Mary & Lydia  
went, came back here & spent the day  
with us, a heavy thunder storm, Levi  
took her home in the evening.

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\_10 Rachels [sic] Birth day [sic] 22 years old  
expected to have spent a pleasant day  
with her, but other company comeing [sic]  
in, broke it all up, we are all liable  
to disappointments. \_ Thomas Stinson  
& his two daughters came in. also  
John Williams [sic] Sister & daughter

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[pg 18a]

1890 6<sup>mo</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Mary on the Market with  
potatoes & eggs, 11 & 12 <sup>cts</sup> a dozen,  
potatoes seventy five cents a bag \_

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\_15<sup>th</sup> First day \_ Levi went meeting alone  
Rachel Sills here & Lydia also Isabela  
Peterson, I forgot John Williams. \_  
Mary Carrie & the Children took Rachel  
back to Levens in the evening. \_

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6\_22\_ I went to stop with Lydia one  
week, \_ Mary Levens little boy born, our  
Mary being with her, \_ Carrie & Lydia

went for her, First day afternoon, \_

—  
8<sup>th</sup> Fox & Mary Mullett came here, spent  
a week with us, \_ \_ \_

—  
29\_ First day two men friends from the States  
at our meeting, Benjamin Brown &  
Thomas Hogue, \_ was at John Williams  
on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Gilbert Jones bringing  
them there, \_ \_ \_

[pg 18b]  
7mo 1<sup>st</sup> Dominon [sic] day \_ Mary Bowerman  
& Mary Mullett, gone up to see Lydia,  
Levi in Picton makeing [sic] butter. \_

—  
\_2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Mullett here yet, Carrie has  
taken her to Andrew Haight's to day [sic]  
Lydia going also, \_ \_ \_

—  
—  
3\_ Sixty nine years ago this morning  
we landed in Quebec father mother  
& eleven children, \_ Also Joseph Sivetman  
with his family in the year 1821, \_

—  
\_5<sup>th</sup> Mary Mullett left for hom [sic], going  
to Picton with M Bowerman on  
the Market \_ then on to the Steem-boat [sic]  
Our Rachel here for a short visit. \_

\_6, Levi & Mary went to meeting, but  
few there, \_ \_ \_  
Carrie & the children gone over to  
Levens for a ride, & to see how  
Mary is, \_

[pg 19a]  
1890 7<sup>mo</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Carrie & Lydia gone to  
Picton, to get trimmings for a dress  
caught in a heavy thunder-shower.

—

9<sup>th</sup> A great change in the weather  
[Geeat?] coats wanted this morning  
And a fire in my stove, also a  
brick under my feet. \_ \_ \_

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17\_ William Valentine died aged 84  
years Buried the 19, at the Semetry [sic]  
at Picton, \*

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6\_ Rachel Sills here to spend the day  
with her Mother, also Lydia,  
continued cold yet, a fire in my  
Stove, a brick under my feet,  
mufflers on my wrist, \_ \_

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\* The meeting held at the Methodist  
meeting house, James M [Lauling?]  
had a great Sermon for the  
inhabitants, \_

[pg 19b]  
1890 7<sup>mo</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> First day our folks  
gone to Wellington, to attend a  
four oclock [sic] meeting appointed  
by James M Laughlin. \_ \_ \_

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\_21<sup>st</sup> James M Laughlin & two  
other friends took dinner & tea  
with us, then went on to Picton  
to have a meeting in the Methodist  
meeting-house, Levi takeing [sic]  
them down. \_ \_ \_

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23<sup>rd</sup> I was up to John Williams [sic] to spend  
the day to meet James M Laughlin  
& two women friends from the  
States, had quite a nice visit, \_

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24\_ Carrie up to J Williams [sic] picking  
berries, \_ Stanley & Rachel here in the

afternoon, for a short time.

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[pg 20a]

1890 7<sup>mo</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>

Eighteen years ago this morning about three oclock [sic] in the morning, Edith died Aged fifteen years, at the brick house back in the Concession. \_ \_ \_

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26\_ Lydia came down & stoped [sic] all night with us, & all first day, also John Williams took dinner with us, \_ Stanley & Rachel here a little while in the afternoon, Rachel in a peck of trouble, on account of some person breaking into their house while they were at meeting, takeing [sic] away all her little trinkets. \_

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22

Mary & Carrie up / John [Wille?] picking berries,

[pg 20b]

1890 7<sup>mo</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Carrie gone down to Stanleys [sic] with Flora Williams [that?] was once. \_ \_ \_

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8<sup>mo</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lydia Emaley [Harzard?] died about six in the morning, buried the 4<sup>th</sup> \_ Flora Mullett here all night and starded [sic] for home,

8mo 1<sup>st</sup> \_

\_ Lydia & Mary & the Children went down to the Semetry [sic] to a [flareupt?] or a something else. Lydia lost her gold Spectacls [sic], so much for these [spreas?].

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[1838?] \_  
8/5<sup>th</sup> Consider [Merritt?] Haight died  
52 years ago about three oclock [sic] in  
the morning \_ Fhorthy [sic] six years old,  
Lydia was three months old the  
day her father was buried.  
Mary down to Stanleys [sic] picking  
berries, a very wet day a thunder shower \_

[pg 21a]  
1890, 8<sup>mo</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 Consider Haight  
buried, in Adolphus town, \_  
A very unpleasant day Mary & Carrie  
doing up berries. \_ \_ \_

—  
Carrie picking berries all day at L W  
11<sup>th</sup> Quite cold fire in my room Levi  
with his overcoat on in the morning

—  
12\_ Went to Jane Cronks for dinner,  
Mary Lydia & John Williams, eleven  
of us sat down to [dine? din?] \_

—  
20, \_ Rachel came up to see us, went up  
for Lydia, so we had pretty good  
time, Levi went to Kingston, to sell  
butter, \_ 16<sup>th</sup> The teacher came here  
to board, \_ 21<sup>st</sup> Monthly meeting at  
Hillier, none of our folks there  
a wet day. \_ \_ \_

—  
[pg 21b]  
8mo 24 Consider here also Walter  
Levens, Mary Levens Lydia Sills  
& Libey Dimond, \_ Levi & Mary  
Went over to Stephen Hubbs, \_

—  
\_26,  
Lydia & Ellen Williams down here



to spend the day. \_

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28<sup>th</sup> Stanley [sic] sick sent up for Mary,  
but Carrie went, \_

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30 A cold day fire in my room all  
glad to get under the blankets.  
a letter from [C?] M Collins.  
The teacher gone to see her sister. \_

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9<sup>mo</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> First day a very warm day  
quicksilver up to 82, in my room  
Levi went to meeting alone, Stanley  
been very sick for the last week,  
John Williams & Lydia went down  
Stanley better \_ \_ \_

[pg 22a]  
1890, 9<sup>mo</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Rachel Sills [sic] Birth day [sic]  
59 years old is it possible [sic], And  
there yet, \_ John Williams and  
Mary Richards took tea with us.

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17, Elizabeth went home to day [sic], spent  
a week with us, Mary took her Picton  
took dinner with Levi at the Creamry [sic]  
also John Williams & Lydia, then  
down to see Cemetery [sic]. \_  
Mary Richards spent two days with us  
last week. \_

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10<sup>mo</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> First day Levi & Mary gone  
to meeting, then down to see Rachel,  
I have been looking for Lydia, yesterday  
& to day [sic] up till three o'clock [sic], then she  
came also John Williams \_ how little  
they know a mother's [sic] feelings, especially [sic]  
after living with a child fifty two years,  
Patience it will all be over soon, \_

—  
[pg 22b]

10<sup>mo</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Carrie gone up to help Lydia  
about her Carpet, \_ her three Boys  
with the Hooping-cough, \_  
Lydia lost her gold Spectacles [sic] on the  
Decoration-day in the Cemetry [sic], got  
them again about six weeks after  
being picked up by an honest woman

—  
\_14 Went up to see Lydia or rather  
to stay with her while J. Williams  
went a Duck shooting, a great job  
to get me off, but was glad I went  
poor Lydia I think she has got out  
of the frying-pan into the fire. \_

—  
11<sup>mo</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Levi & Mary went too [sic] meeting  
then to Jane Cronks [sic] for dinner,  
John Williams & Lydia here for dinner  
John Garrett & wife called on us last  
week. \_ \_ \_

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[pg 23a]

11<sup>mo</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1890, Would have been my  
fathers [sic] birth-day [sic] had he been  
living, \_ Snow last night for the  
first \_ \_ A letter from Mary Mullett  
saw Uncle Henry at W<sup>m</sup> Henrys

—  
\_8<sup>th</sup> Levi & Mary on the market  
with Fowels [sic] & Butter, 40<sup>ct</sup> for fowels [sic]  
a pair, butter 20<sup>ct</sup> a pound, \_ \*

—  
9<sup>th</sup> First day a very wet day no person  
went to meeting, very unpleasant  
day very lonely, miss Lydias very much

—  
\* 8<sup>th</sup> Bought four & a half of flannel for  
my shimeys, seventeen pounds of  
sugar [sic]. \_ \_ \_

[pg 23b]  
1890 11<sup>mo</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> First day Levi & Carrie  
went too [sic] meeting, rather a lonesome  
day. 12<sup>th</sup> of this month Lena Robinson  
married to James Sivetman, \_ \_

—  
17\_ Nelson & Rachel here for a visit,  
brought me a new apron & made it  
for me, brought me a nice bar of  
Sented [sic] soap. \_ \_ Our little boy  
Merton sick. better to day [sic]. \_ \_ \_

—  
\_20<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>mo</sup> Marys [sic] Birth-day [sic], fifty five  
years old, Not a very pleasant day,  
Rachel up with Lydia, \_ goes home  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> \_ Levi & Carrie gone up to  
Monthly meeting at Wellington.

—  
23\_ John Williams [sic] & Lydia here for  
dinner, First day Levi & Mary  
went to meeting. \_

—  
[pg 24a]  
24<sup>th</sup> 1890\_  
Carrie went up to help  
Lydia wash with her new machine

—  
26 Sarah Foster & Walter here  
for dinner,

—  
\_29<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>mo</sup> My Birth day [sic] 86 years old

Lydia & her husband here for dinner  
also Rachel & her husband. not  
feeling very well myself

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11<sup>mo</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>mo</sup> First day dark & cloudy  
Levi & Carrie gone to meeting. \_  
Lewis Levens [sic] barn burnt down  
that evening. \_ \_ \_

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12\_ 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jane Cronk here for a visit, had  
not seen her for some time. had a  
first rate visit with her. \_

[pg 24b]  
12<sup>mo</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Nathaniel Sivetman and  
Isabel here for a call to see  
their Old Aunt once more. had  
not been here for a twelvemonth.

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\_16<sup>th</sup> Went out in the kitchen & took my  
dinner with Carrie & her two children  
Thomas & John, Merton being up with  
Lydia, I had not been to the dinner  
table in eight weeks before, being on  
my bed complaining of great weekness [sic],  
or rather Old Age, being now in my  
87 year. \_ Mary up with Lydia,  
Levi at Picton, \_ \_ \_

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26<sup>th</sup> Levi & Mary gone down to Stanleys  
to see Rachel not being very well,  
Carrie over to Hubbs last evening for a  
visit also the teacher, \_ Sarah Kingston  
married, & starts for the West this morning  
a widdoer [sic] [with?] seven children. \_

[pg 25a]

91 2<sup>mo</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Levi & Mary gone up to John  
Williams, as he is not well, I think  
its [sic] concluded [sic] at last for Levi to go  
to Picton again this summer to make  
butter, & I do not know but what  
Mary is going with him, \_ I wonder  
what they will do with the poor Old  
woman, it does seem as tho [sic] she  
outlived her usefulness [sic]. \_  
I have been complaining for the six  
weeks, not well yet. what a  
blessing to have your health. \_ \_  
a Postal Card from Uncle Arthur this  
morning. \_ \_ \_

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3<sup>mo</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

Snowing fast a Card from  
Elizabeth. \_ myself being in bed  
ten weeks to day [sic]. \_ not able to do  
much of any thing yet. \_ \_ \_

[pg 25b]

1891 3<sup>mo</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Levi & Carrie gone to  
meeting, \_ After dinner Levi & Mary went  
down to Stanleys. \_ Mary stoping [sic] all  
night, Rachel not very well. \_

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\_9<sup>th</sup>

Raining Levi going down for  
Mary, Lydia down there yesterday  
myself far from well, Sent  
Mary Richards a letter yesterday, \_  
I doubt if I ever write her another

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\_10<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Cadmans [sic] Birth-day [sic].  
Sixty one years old, it does not  
seem possible [sic], \_ Lydia here this  
afternoon, \_ Mary & Merton down with  
Rachel, \_ \_ \_

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15 \_

First day Walter & Mary Levens here  
also Lydia for dinner, brought the  
baby nine months old, a cold day

[pg 26a]

91 3/19<sup>th</sup> \_ Monthly meeting to day [sic]  
Mary stoped [sic] at John Williams [sic]  
after meeting. \_

—  
24\_ Carries [sic] Birth-day [sic] down  
to Stanleys [sic] with the two children  
myself with a very lame back

—  
4<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Lydia here for supper,  
had some sausage meet [sic] for supper  
[cut off?] Levi gone to Picton, with butter eggs

—  
[R: there is a thing in brackets here that says “J. F. Mullett was 52” but it’s  
someone else’s writing I think]

4<sup>mo</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> John Fry Mullett Died aged 42,  
Sophia Mulletts [sic] husband in England

—  
\_9<sup>th</sup> Prepartive [sic] meeting Levi went alone,  
Amos Bowerman here for dinner. \_

—  
9<sup>th</sup> Edith Birth-day [sic], 34 years old, \_  
a bright sunney [sic] day \_ A letter from  
Sallie Ellicott with a photograph

—  
[pg 26b]

4<sup>m</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> First day Levi & Carrie  
went to meeting, brought Mary Ann  
Richardson back with them, \_ \_

—  
15<sup>th</sup> \_ Stanley & Rachel here in the  
afternoon eating sugar, eat [sic] our last  
sausage-meet [sic], \_ \_ Resewed [sic] John Frys  
[H unaoral?] Card from England

—

20\_ Lydia & Rachel here for dinner  
looking for a boy to work for  
them, \_ \_ \_

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21<sup>st</sup> Writeing [sic] to Mary Elizabeth  
Garrett, \_ Our Mary killed  
the first flie [sic]. \_ my sight failing  
fast \_ scarsely [sic] read what  
I have wrote, \_ \_ \_

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[pg 27a]  
1891\_ 4<sup>mo</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Levis [sic] Birth day [sic] 59 years  
old \_ A very cold day, plowing in [he]  
garden. Four months a go [sic] the  
23<sup>rd</sup> of this month I came down  
stairs [sic], burnt a light every night  
since most, And had my  
breakfast in bed ever since.  
28<sup>th</sup> Considers [sic] Birth day [sic] born in  
1802, At Adolphus town \_ \_ \_

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30, Jane Cronk & Lena here for  
a call, also Lydia & her girl  
Mary cutting my toe-nails,  
made a great fuss about it

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[?] <sup>mo</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Walter & Mary Levens here  
Carrie Lydia & the Children went  
over to Stephen Hubbs, found them  
all gone. \_ \_

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[pg 27b]  
1891 5<sup>mo</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Lydias [sic] Birth day [sic]  
53, years old, spent the afternoon  
at home with her Mother, the last  
one very likely \_ As I am feeling

very far from well but will it  
not be a happy exchange, from all  
our trials, \_ Edmond Richardson  
died the day before yesterday. \_ \_ \_

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11\_ Mary gone down to Stanleys [sic] he being  
sick \_ Mary Richards going to the  
States, wanting to give her a book  
but our Mary refuseing [sic] to let her have  
it, makes me feel very uncomfortable  
But suppose I shall have to put up  
with it. \_

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12<sup>th</sup> A fine day Stanley better Mary  
comeing [sic] home to night [sic] \_  
Sarah Foster & Walter gone up to  
Edmond Richardsons [sic] funeral

[pg 28a]  
1891 5<sup>mo</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> \_ Mary Richards here  
stoped [sic] all night with us, going  
to Oregan [sic] starts tomorrow with  
her brother Edward, has a daughter  
living there, \_ \_ \_

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16\_ Carrie Lydia went onto the Market  
with butter & Eggs got 16<sup>ct</sup> of butter &  
12<sup>cts</sup> for eggs a dozen, let one basket  
of eggs out of the wagon breaking 8 dozen  
Lydia got herself a new dress, cloth  
for a new jacket, [looks like "ttr rung" possibly tire rung?] for the  
sleigh, \_ \_ \_

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21<sup>st</sup> Vincent Bowermans [sic] Birth day [sic]  
would have been one hundred  
years old if he had lived, Born in  
seventeen hundred and ninety one  
93 when he died at 13 Bloomfield  
in 1885, \_ Levi & Mary at Hillier  
Monthly-meeting. \_ \_ \_

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[pg 28b]

1891 5<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Cadman  
came up on the boat,

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24 Henry Haight here for dinner  
the first day of the week Levi &  
Mary went too [sic] meeting. Elizabeth  
at John Williams. \_ \_

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25, Elizabeth here & Lydia also  
Rachel & Stanley, \_ \_

---

26, The folks got me up to John  
Williams to spend the afternoon  
with Elizabeth, \_ \_ \_

---

28, Elizabeth going home, Carrie &  
two of the Children gone with her,  
Lydia takeing [sic] them down to Picton

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30, Mary planting potatoes or rather  
helping Levi, \_ \_ \_

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[pg 29a]

1891 5<sup>mo</sup> 31, \_ My brother James came  
here with his son Edmond started  
for home again the next day,

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6<sup>mo</sup> 2<sup>st</sup> Nelson & Rachel came she stoped [sic]  
one night with us. \_ Carrie came  
home, after haveing [sic] a good visit

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5<sup>th</sup> Mary Waring came here, stoped [sic] with  
us three days, through Quarterly meeting

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My brother Arthur came to attend  
the Quarterly meeting, also Stephen  
Robertson and wife. \_ \_ \_

—  
9<sup>th</sup>

Uncle Arthur going home,  
Mary takeing [sic] him to Picton,  
I am going up to spend the day  
with Lydia, Our Rachel is to be  
there, her Birth day, 23 years old.

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[pg 29b]

12<sup>th</sup> Well I went but did not find my  
little Granddaughter there, so I spent  
three days with Lydia \_ Nathaniel  
Sivetman & his daughter came in  
while I was gone, for which I  
was sorry. \_ \_ \_

—

14 First day Levi & Carrie went to meet  
ing \_ Levi & Mary went down to see  
Rachel in the afternoon, takeing [sic] the little  
boy with them \_ \_ Carrie gone out for a  
walk with the Children, \_ We here [sic] that  
Samuel Naish is very unwell, \_ \_ \_

—

19 \_ Carrie & Lydia went to Picton  
got me some letter paper, Lydia  
lost her veil, \_ the second one within  
a few months. \_

20<sup>th</sup> Carrie gone again to day [sic] takeing [sic]  
all the Children with her, for a ride,

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[pg 30a]

1891\_ 6<sup>mo</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Mertons [sic] Birth-day [sic]  
eight years old, First day of the  
week, Levi Mary & Carrie went  
to meeting, But few there most all  
gone to Yearly-meeting, Mary Ann  
gave them a good sermon, from  
the Text,, \_ “ They that hunger and

thirst after Rightness [sic] shall be saved”  
Carrie cleaning out the little parlor.  
Rachel came up for her Mother to go  
down & spend three or four days  
with her. \_ \_ \_

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23<sup>rd</sup> John Williams gone to a funeral  
Daniel Youngs [sic], Lydia came this far  
with him, helped Carrie a little,

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25<sup>th</sup> Levi went to meeting found  
some friends there from the States  
going to have a meeting here tomor-  
-row, at half past three. \_ \_ \_

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[pg 30b]  
1891 6<sup>mo</sup> 28, Mary Mullett & Ellen Fox  
came here from Belleville, stoped [sic] all  
night with us, also Mary Levens, took  
dinner with us, \_ \_ \_

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\_29<sup>th</sup> Our folks gone to the Sand-Banks  
Four friends called on us from the  
States, \_ Barckley Straton & wife, Elizabeth  
Rusel, & her Nephew Robert Rusel.  
Elizabeth had a few words of encourage-  
ment for me. \_ \_ \_

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7<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Dominon [sic] day raining most  
all the day. \_ Libbie went home  
for the Hollow days [sic] wrote too [sic]  
Sophia & Annie, \_ \_

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3<sup>rd</sup> Seventy years ago to day [sic] my father  
And mother landed in Quebec with  
eleven children after a passage of seven  
weeks, also Joseph Sivetman and  
his family in the 1821, \_ A bright  
sunny day. \_ Deborah Bowerman

[pg 31a]

1891 7<sup>mo</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Went up to see Lydia spent  
two days with her, \_ 4<sup>th</sup> A very heavy  
thunder shower, hail stones an inch  
round, \_ Stanley & Rachel up in the  
evening for potatoes, mailed a letter  
for Uncle Arthur. \_

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4<sup>th</sup> With Lydia, Mary Levens and  
her Sister May with her, \_ \_

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5<sup>th</sup> First day John & Lydia went  
to our meeting, Levi & Mary came  
to J Williams for dinner, Carrie & her  
two boys, went to dinner with E Varney  
I came home found a cold house,

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6<sup>th</sup> Cold weather a fire in the Stove  
Brick under my feet, quite unwell  
myself, \_ \_ \_

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[pg 31b]

9<sup>th</sup> Levi & Mary went to meeting  
left Carrie up with Lydia to help  
her about moveing [sic] some things.  
Thomas Robinson to be buried tomorrow  
Cold weather yet. \_ \_ \_

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\_ 12<sup>th</sup> Went to meeting were [sic] I had  
not been for three or four years,  
A friend from the States there, gave  
us an excellent sermon, on the  
subject of prayer & faith, after meeting  
sent to J Williams & got our supper,  
also Silvanus [Outwaters?] & his wife

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14<sup>th</sup> Our Rachel here drove herself up

the little girl comeing [sic] with her.

—  
15<sup>th</sup> Archebald Crosbie & his Sister here  
for dinner, Attended our Monthly meeting  
his sister Isabela Henderson, from  
Norich, —

[pg 32a]  
1891 7<sup>mo</sup> 16, Young potatoes for dinner  
the first time \_ \_

\_17 Carrie & Lydia went on the market  
with Butter Eggs & hog-fat 11<sup>ct</sup> a pound  
a wet day, got very wet, \_ Nettie Cronk  
went home, Carrie takeing [sic] her to the  
Station, \_ \_ \_

19 First day Carrie & the Children  
went to meeting \_ after down to  
see Rachel \_ In the evening  
Jane Cronk, Lena & James Sivetman  
made us a call in the evening.

—  
20<sup>th</sup> A cold morning, glad to put on  
on [sic] my winter dress again, & get  
round the stove, warmer in the  
afternoon, \_ \_ \_

—  
21<sup>st</sup> Cold morning again a winter  
dress comfortable again. \_ \_ \_  
—

[pg 32b]  
1891 7<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Another cold morning fire feels  
good, \_ \_ \_  
21<sup>st</sup> Sarah Whycot & her daughter  
here for a visit had not seen her  
before in seven years, had to be  
lifted in & out of the buggye [sic], walk  
with Crutches, made my apron

for or in part, seventy seven years  
old. \_ \_ \_

—

24<sup>th</sup> Lydia here geting [sic] her jacket  
made by Nettie Cronk, stoped [sic]  
all night with us, & the next day  
fixed my dress for me, spent some  
time up stairs with her mother  
reading over some memorandiums [sic] about  
Edith, made by her Grandmother, during  
her last sickness \_ \_ \_

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[pg 33a]  
1891 7<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lydia came home from  
meeting with them, We had five  
Night blooming [Cereses?] out in blosom [sic]  
no stranger into [sic] see them \_  
Nettie sewing yet. leavs [sic] to day [sic]  
or tomorrow. \_ \_ \_

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25<sup>th</sup>

Mattie Richardson came for a  
visit also her little boy gone up to  
see Lydia, \_ Mary & the Children  
gone up to Wellington to take Nettie  
Cronk home, \_

—

26, Lydia & Mattie went to Nathaniel  
Sivetmans. \_ \_ \_  
27<sup>th</sup> \_ Daniel Mullett & wife called  
on us. \_ Mattie started for  
home, Mary takeing [sic] her to Picton.

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30<sup>th</sup> Lydia down here helping Carrie  
Mary down with Rachel, Sallie  
Mallory here for a visit \_ \_ \_

[pg 33b]  
1891, 7<sup>mo</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Mary down with

Rachel picking berries, Levi and  
Merton gone also. \_ \_ \_

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31\_ A very cold day for the time of  
the year glad to sit round the  
Stove, & a brick under my feet  
boiling up the berries that Mary got

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8<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Levi gone down to help Stanley  
raining again \_ \_ three barns burnt  
day before yesterday with lightening.  
A very cold day glad to get round  
the stove to warm my hands,  
Mattie went home \_ \_ \_  
\_2<sup>nd</sup> First day Levi & Mary went  
to meeting \_ Lydia went to stop  
a few days with Rachel, Levi  
& Mary went down to see  
Stephen Hubbs

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[pg 34a]  
1891 [8mo ?] Consider Haight died  
in the year 1838, Aged 36 years,  
Lydia was three months old the  
day her father was buried. \_  
Was buried the seventh in  
Adolphustown [sic]. \_ \_ \_

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\_8<sup>th</sup> Mary went on to the Market  
with butter Eggs, & fowel [sic], butter 18<sup>cts</sup>  
Eggs 13<sup>cts</sup> a dozen fowels [sic] or rather  
Chicken 55<sup>cts</sup> a pair, \_ Lydia  
down here with her Mother. \_

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9<sup>th</sup> First day Levi went to meeting  
alone one little boy. \_ Carrie down  
with Rachel. \_ \_ \_

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10 & 11<sup>th</sup> Very hot weather, quick silver

up to 84 in my room so warm  
could not do any thing [sic], \_

13<sup>th</sup> Prepartive [sic] meeting not one man  
there, a sad job our meeting going  
down so \_ \_ \_

[pg 34b]  
1891 [date and first line cut off?]  
And than to Stanleys. Myself  
feeling quite unwell.

—  
20<sup>th</sup> Mary just gust [sic] got home from  
Rachels [sic], been gone five days.  
Levi gone too [sic] Kingston looking after  
the butter makeing [sic], poor man I hope  
he will not miss it [?] leavs [sic] his family  
in a very unpleasant situation. \_  
Monthly meeting to day [sic] at Wellington  
no person gone from here. \_ \_ \_

—  
23 First day a wet day Levi and  
Mary went to meeting, in the evening  
went down to Stanleys, Levi stoped [sic]  
all night. \_ \_ \_

—  
25<sup>th</sup> Thirty eight years ago to day [sic]  
Levi & Mary married, this day cold  
glad to put on an extra shawl, and  
a brick under my feet. \_ \_ \_

[pg 35a]  
1891 8/28<sup>th</sup> A very heavy wind rather  
cold, Amey Lear here came over a  
foot, Levi takes her home to night [sic], \_

—  
29 Seventh day of the week, Mary down  
with Rachel, her baby born about  
ten in the morning, \_ Merton got  
kicked in his face by one of Shannons [sic]  
colts, \_ Heard that Sallie Mallory



was buried on the 27<sup>th</sup> also that  
Elizabeth Comstock was dead, died  
a few weeks ago, \_ \_ \_

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30<sup>th</sup> First day \_ Mary Levens & her sister  
Lydia called here, also Mary Jane  
Bowerman & Sarah Ann Derbyshire  
Eliza Varney & Willie Richardson took tea  
with us, Lydia getting supper Carrie  
gone down to see Rachel. \_ \_ \_

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27 of 8<sup>th</sup> month Sallie Mallory buried.

[pg 35b]  
1891 9<sup>mo</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Lydia And Ella Williams  
down for a visit, Lent Ella the  
Diary men daughter. \_ \_ \_

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6<sup>th</sup> Lydia And Merton & Thomas gone  
down to see Rachel. \_ \_ \_

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5<sup>th</sup> Carrie & Lydia gone on the Market  
then back to see Rachel, Mary came  
home with them. \_ \_ \_

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9 I went up to spend the day with Lydia  
while the folks went to the Picton show

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10<sup>th</sup> Frederick Richardson & Hannah here  
for dinner also Stephen & Lydia John  
Williams & Lydia, \_ Levi Mary & Carrie  
going up there to spend the evening.

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[pg 36a]  
1891 9<sup>mo</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Mary gone back to Stanelys  
again, will be very glad when  
Rachel gets well. \_ \_ \_

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[2?] \_ Aunt Rachel came here,  
[3?] \_ Daniel Mullett & Deb called on us in

the afternoon, then Rachel Lydia & John Williams went down to Stanleys, then back to stop all night, next day I went up there to spend the day, with Rachel \_

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[5?] Rachel came back here, Walter comeing [sic] for her in the evening. \_ \_ \_

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[?] 3<sup>rd</sup> Warm weather yet Mary Levens & Mary here for a visit.

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20<sup>th</sup> Carrie Lydia & the Children went down to the Sematry [sic] Levi and Mother at at [sic] home, did not get home till dark. \_ \_ \_

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[pg 36b]  
1891 9<sup>mo</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> And 30<sup>th</sup>,  
Quite a change in the weather  
not very pleasant for Old people,  
no Stove in their room, \_

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Lydia went up to Wellington  
for her Carpet, got very cold.  
next day came down here & spent  
a few hours with her Mother.

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10<sup>mo</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Elizabeth came up, left for home  
again on the 5<sup>th</sup> \_ the sixth was her  
wedding day 45 years ago, \_ \_ \_

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6<sup>th</sup> Uncle Arthur came on his way  
way [sic] from Quarterly meeting at Leeds,  
stoped [sic] all night with [Aichelans Suthard?]

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19<sup>th</sup> Arnold Haight & wife came here, took  
dinner with us, \_ \_ \_

[pg 37a]

1891 10/12 \_ Uncle Arthur left here for  
home, \_ Lydia came down to help  
Carrie, so as to let Mary stop with  
Rachel, \_ \_ \_

—  
[?] 2<sup>mo</sup>

Stanley & Rachel here stoped [sic] all  
night with us, \_  
Mary Ann Valentine sold all her  
things off \_ going up to Pickering to live

—

27 Uncle Henry came here Sarah  
Foster bringing him here, \_ Lydia  
also came down, & took dinner with us

—

<sup>mo</sup>10 30<sup>th</sup> Coppied [sic] a verse for S A Derbeshire  
And Mary Jane Bowerman,

—  
[11/12?] Dominon [sic] day, Lydia here fixing  
of her little girl, send her home

—

[pg 37b]

13<sup>th</sup> Stephen & Lydia called on us,  
also Walter & Mary. \_ Our Mary  
went down to stop a few days  
with Rachel. \_ \_ \_

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29<sup>th</sup> My Birth day [sic] 87 years old born in  
the year 1804, in England \_  
Nathaniel & Isabela Sivetman,  
happend [sic] in here, after meeting first  
day also our Lydia, Mary went  
down to Stanleys \_ Nettie Cronk  
here sewing. \_ \_ \_

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6<sup>th</sup> I went up to John Williams,  
to see Lydia spent two days with her

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10\_ Rachel came up to see us, to spend  
a few days, \_

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16<sup>th</sup> Rachel went home,  
18<sup>th</sup> Mary up helping J Williams clean  
a lot of flowels [sic] for Toronto market. \_

[pg 38a]

12<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1891 Levi took Libbie  
home, a wet day \_ Mary took on  
the market, with two geese four  
turkeys & four fowels [sic] \_ Lydia  
here looking after work & the Children  
myself feeling quite unwell. \_ \_ \_  
A new teacher comeing [sic] on after the  
Holadays [sic]. \_ \_ \_

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1892 first month first, so unwell  
cannot think of any thing. \_  
Stanley & Rachel here, the former on  
his way from Belleville \_ \_ \_ My eyesight  
& memory getting worse \_ \_ \_

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19<sup>th</sup> Levi & Mary went to Picton  
a very cold day quicksilver down  
to 24 below zero \_

22 Abigale Garret & Mary Elizabeth  
here for dinner went to J Williams,  
and stoped [sic] all night \_

[pg 38b]

1892 1<sup>mo</sup> 23 \_ Stanley & Rachel here

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24 Walter & Mary Levens here first day  
heard that Joseph Baker in England  
was dead \_ \_

26<sup>th</sup> Lydia [re?] helping Rahcel  
about [tucking?] up the babys [sic] cloths [sic]  
a very cold day, the Children  
not at school \_

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26, Had my hair cut did not  
seem like the right time for  
Mary,

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27, Got word that Elizabeth was  
sick, Levi & Mary gone down  
Stanley & Rachel gone over to see  
Mary Levens, for a visit. \_

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[pg 39a]  
1892 2<sup>mo</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> A rough day Our folks  
gone down to look at the Creamy [sic] \_  
Stanley & Rachel here yet. \_ \_ \_

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[?] /31<sup>st</sup> First day A fine day none of our  
folks at meeting, Levi & Mary got  
home in the evening, left Elizabeth  
quite unwell,

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2/5 Silvanus Outwaters here for dinner  
& Ephraim Robinson also from Leeds,

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\_6 Our quarterly meeting began,  
Thomas Robinson & wife here stayed  
all night with us. \_

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3<sup>mo</sup> 24\_ Carries birth day [sic] \_ 37 years old,  
Levi walked to meeting \_

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25<sup>th</sup> Robert Cadman here for a call  
up for wheat at [Labon?] Williams

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[pg 39b]

26 A fine day the Children gone up to  
J Williams. \_ \_ \_

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27 First day Levi & Mary gone to meeting  
in the buggy \_ very bad roads, John  
Williams & Lydia down here for dinner,  
made a mistake & did not have the goose

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4<sup>mo</sup> 3 Lydia got her dinner with us  
Levi & Mary gone over to see Mary  
Levens little boy quite sick,

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Lydia set up her stocking  
4/4 1892 \_ \_ \_

[pg 40a]  
1892, 4<sup>mo</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> \_ \_ \_  
Walter & Mary Levens here for a visit

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\_ 11<sup>th</sup> Second day washing two weeks  
wash \_ \_ \_  
12 \_ Lydia all day, \_ Libbie Vincent  
here in the afternoon. \_

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13\_ Deborah Dans wife from Belleville  
also Maud & Mary Levens for a call  
Carrie gone to Picton with Levi. \_

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22 Rachel Gone home, been here  
the last week \_ \_

[pg 40b]  
1892 4<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Levi sawing wood with his  
mitts on all day, very cold.

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24 first day Levi & Carrie went  
to meeting only two men there  
Carrie went up to John Williams,  
after dinner.

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28<sup>th</sup> Levis [sic] Birth day [sic] 32 years old  
down to Picton with Rachel,  
Ella Williams here sewing for Carrie

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5<sup>mo</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Lydias [sic] Birth day [sic] 54 years old  
All of us up to John Williams to spend  
the day a fine day, Ella Willams there also,  
Oh what writeing [sic] do not think I will try  
[cut off!! any more. right seems to ? all?]

[pg 41a]

1892 5<sup>mo</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Rachel Sills came up  
for a visit, \_ Came to our place  
the 18<sup>th</sup> \_ next day up to John  
Williams, with Mother. the eighteenth

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24<sup>th</sup>

Henry Mullett came here from the  
States, stoped [sic] with us five days, then  
went on to Belleville to W Henry Mulletts

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21<sup>st</sup> of 5<sup>mo</sup> Elizabeth Cadman came up,  
gone over to see Mary Levens to day [sic] with  
Mary Bowerman, this 29<sup>th</sup> of this month.

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Yester day [sic] last evening Lydia called me  
out to see a rain-bow [sic], most likely the  
last I shall ever see. \_ \_ \_

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6/2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth started for home yes-  
terday, went as far as Picton stoped [sic] all

[pg 41b]

1892 6/2 \_ night with Stephen &  
Lydia, went to the Sematry [sic] with  
Mary & Rachel. \_ \_ \_

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4<sup>th</sup> Still at John Williams

Mary Jones & [Aize?] Willse here  
to see Mother, gone up to see Hillier to  
attend the quarterly meeting,

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5<sup>th</sup> Quarterly meeting at Hillier our folks  
all gone, I am still with Lydia.  
Got a bit of Aspargrass [sic] for dinner that  
Eliza Varney sent me, \_ so cold I want  
a brick under my feet, \_ \_ \_

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8<sup>th</sup> Mary gone down to stop with  
Rachel a few days, sush [sic] cold weather  
I have a brick under my feet. \_

[pg 42a]

1892 6<sup>mo</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>

Our Rachels [sic] Birth day [sic]  
her Mother & Carries two little boys with  
And Carrie \_ Carrie getting the  
childrens [sic] pictures taken, \_  
So cold to day [sic] glad to put on another  
shawl And a brick under my feet.  
A woman papering the kitchen for  
Lydia \_ My head feeling very light,  
not much to be wonderd [sic] at, \_now most  
88 years, \_ John Williams brought me in  
a sprig of the Bay berie [sic] tree, A beautiful  
bright day. going out to take my [bitters?],  
and get my lunch, \_ expect to go home  
on first day the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month.

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12<sup>th</sup>



Came away from John Williams  
Frank Waring died last week \_ \_  
berried [sic] last seventh day the 10<sup>th</sup>  
16 \_ Carrie started for Yearly meeting  
Amey Leer here for dinner. Rachel  
gone to Picton with Lydia. )

[pg 42b]

1892 6<sup>mo</sup> 23

Lydia down here, als [sic] three friends  
from the States, Samuel Moon and  
his wife, als [sic], Rachel Price, who  
gave us some good advise. \_

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26\_ Libbie here with her husband  
took tea with us, the three friends  
at our meeting, John Williams and  
Lydia was there also, Levi & Mary also  
leaveing [sic] me at home with the children  
Carrie not got home yet. \_ \_ \_

—

23<sup>rd</sup> Rachel Price & Samuel Moon  
& his wife was [sic] here, gave me a nice  
little bit of good advise. \_

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[pg 43a]

20\_ Eliza Clark, and Alace  
Gregory here, the farmer from  
England, \_ Laura Phelps bringing  
them here for a call took tea with us.

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[?] <sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Dominion day Eliza Maria Phelps  
And Abby Ellsworth here, also Thomas  
Clark, \_ 28<sup>th</sup> George Grubb here an  
Irish Friend, a minister. \_ Robert  
Taylor brought him here, gave us a  
good sermon.

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5<sup>th</sup> My father & Mother landed in Quebec  
70, years ago to day [sic] with eleven children  
Also Josephs Silvetmans family  
Mary up to John Williams makeing [sic] soap,  
Rachel here again, \_ \_ \_

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[?]th  
Rachel gone home, & down to see  
Elizabeth, \_ I am going up to stop  
a few days with Lydia \_

[pg 43b]  
1892\_ 7<sup>mo</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Still up with Lydia  
very hot weather, John Williams came  
home last evening \_ not feeling much  
better, complaining of his head a good deal,  
myself copping [sic] a peice [sic] of poetry [sic] for  
Phebe Jane Levens. \_ Lydia fixing  
my old dress, \_ \_ Levi hived a swarm  
of bees. \_ Mary at Fredericksburg yet.  
A heavy thunder shower about five  
oclock [sic] in the afternoon.

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\_18 Our folks got home from Napanee  
& Fredericksburgh. \_ Rachel comeing [sic]  
with them, \_

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22<sup>nd</sup> A very heavy thunder shower, killed  
a horse a short ways from our house  
writeing [sic] to Uncle James, \_ mail it the 25<sup>th</sup> 1892

[pg 44a]  
1892 7<sup>mo</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Mary Waring came  
down t omake us a visit  
went over to Nathaniels after meeting  
Mary takeing [sic] of her

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8mo 2<sup>nd</sup> Gone up to see Lydia  
Mary Bowerman cutting my toe  
nailes [sic] not at all ready to do it,  
Mary & Carrie up to John Williams  
picking berries picked most a hun-  
-dred boxes, Mary Waring stoping [sic] with  
me, \_ Levi helping George Hubbs, \_

—  
4 Mary waring went home, \_  
12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Clothier & Katie came  
14 Went up to John Williams to tea  
went to meeting in the morning \_

[pg 44b]  
1892 8<sup>mo</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> \_ \_ \_  
Lydia here looking over some old  
papers \_ \_

—  
20<sup>th</sup> Columbus & Katie left here for  
Bellville, And so back to [Hauntingdon?]  
Went down to see Uncle Benjamin

—  
30<sup>th</sup> Carrie up to J Williams picking  
berries. \_ \_ \_

[envelope]

[loose piece paper 1]

Life! we have been long together;  
Through pleasant & Cloudy weather,  
Tis hard to part, when friends are dear  
Perhaps, twill cost a sigh, a tear;  
Then steal away, give little warming,  
Choose thine own time,  
Say not, good-night,  
But in some brighter clime,

Bid me good morning.

Vincent Bowerman

[loose paper 2]

My Grandfather Bowerman  
Died at Bloomfield  
On the 6<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1885  
Aged 93 years & 8 months

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Found a Memorandum of Grandfathers  
this morning, which I coppie  
for Carrie, \_ \_ \_

“1<sup>mo</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1882 Is the 32<sup>nd</sup> year  
me and my wife was [sic] married  
32 years ago this day we were  
married, in the Friends  
Meeting-house in Bloomfield.”  
Deborah Bowerman Aged 80

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The above was written without  
Spectacles [sic]

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Vincent Bowerman  
Died at Bloomfield  
On the sixth of 2<sup>mo</sup> 1885

[pg 45a]  
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[pg 45b]  
Deborah Bowerman died near Bloomfield  
Tenth month 24<sup>th</sup> 1892 aged 87 years and  
11 months

[pg 46a]

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[pg 46b]

For Those Grown Old

By Wilhelmina Stitch

I pray you be not angry, hard or cold

With those grown old

Two things there be that torture me

(How shall such pain in rhyming lines be [told]?)

The sound of children crying bitterly,

And words like spears, hurled at the

[maimed?] old.

—

They are so tired; no longer are they girls  
with youths brave armour warding off

Life's blows,

They are defenceless; very swiftly hurt;

One sharp word hurled, and lo? the hearts  
blood flows.

They are so very tired; one never knows

When they may slip into the arms of Death

And sob like children lost and found again

And with this hurt, tear-laden breath

Till Death, the friend, how they've escaped  
from pain.

[pg 47a]

Oh, sin indeed to make the old weary of life;

They who have had their share of misery & strife

Oh, wrap your tenderness about them like a shawl

To comfort them and keep them from the cold

And let your love build up so high a wall \_

The spears of life find not the [maimed? unarmed?] old

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[pg 48b]

[Newspaper Clippings]

### LIVING BY THE DAY

“I COMPARE,” says John Newton,  
“the troubles which we have to undergo  
in the course of the year to a great bundle of fagots, far too large for us to lift. But God does not require us to carry the whole at once. He mercifully unties the bundle, and gives us first one stick, which we are to carry today, and then another which we are to carry to-morrow, and so on. This we might easily manage if we would only take the burden appointed for us each day; but we choose to increase our troubles by carrying yesterday’s stick over again to-day, and adding tomorrow’s burden to our load before we are required to bear it.”

### PATIENT WITH THE LIVING

Sweet friend, when thou and I are gone  
Beyond earth’s weary labor,  
When small shall be our need of grace  
From comrade or from neighbour,  
Passed all the strife, the toil, the care,  
And done with all the sighing,  
What tender truth shall we have gained,  
Alas ! by simply dying?  
Then lips to chary of their praise  
Will tell our merits ever,  
And eyes too swift our faults to see  
Shall no defect discover  
Then hands that would not lift a stone  
Where stones were thick to cumber  
One steep hill, path, will scatter flowers

Above our pillowed slumber.

Sweet friend, perchance both thou and I,  
Ere love is past forgiving,  
Should take the earnest lesson home-  
Be patient with the living !  
To-day's repressed rebuke may save  
Our blinding tears to-morrow  
Then patience-e'en when keenest edge  
May what a nameless sorrow  
Tis easy to be gentle when  
Death's silence shames our clamour,  
And easy to discern the best  
Through memory's mystic glamour;  
But wise it were for thee and me  
Ere love [is?] past forgiving  
To take the tender lesson to be-  
Be patient with the living!

THE MEDICINE OF SUNSHINE – The world wants more sunshine in its disposition, in its business, in its charities, in its theology. For ten thousands of the aches and pains and irritations of men and women we commend sunshine. It soothes better than morphine; it stimulates better than champagne; it is the best plaster for a wound. The Good Samaritan poured out into the fallen traveller's gash more of this than of wine, and oil. Florence Nightingale used it on Crimean battle fields. Take it into all, the alleys, on board all the ships, by all the sick-beds, -not a phial full but a soul full. It is good for spleen, for liver complaint, for neuralgia, for rheumatism, for falling fortunes, for melancholy. We suspect that heaven itself is only more sunshine.