

Diary of

**MARY VICTORIA CAMPION**

**Hasting County, Canada West**

**1861-1863**

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MARMORA TOWNSHIP  
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## I. THE DIARY OF MARY VICTORIA CAMPION

### a) Description of Diary

The diary of Mary Victoria Campion is in the Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Alberta.

A card in the file reads: "Diary of Mary Victoria Campion, Hastings, Ont. 1861. Mother of Mary Foulds, who became Mrs. Fraser of Carstairs and Grandmother of Mrs. C.E. Stuart." A notation in pencil states the diary was donated in 1965.

The diary covers approximately 16 months from May 1861 to June 1862 and April - May of 1863. It is written in a 7 1/2" x 9" hard-covered notebook with approximately 80 pages written on both sides. The green marbled cover has black binding and corner tabs. Notes are "scribbled" on the inside front and back covers.

Pages of handwritten verse and a bill from Geo. Ritchie & Co. of Belleville are inserted.

On one or two pages the diary entries are written over columns of hand written figures.

Approximately a quarter of the diary is on blue paper that has been hand-sewn into the back of the notebook.

Each page is written vertically, beginning at the left margin and continuing to the right margin of the facing page. Consequently, a few lines above and below the centre binding are crowded and difficult to read.

Each day's date and text continues without a break in the lines or spacing. No sentence punctuation is used. Sentences are rarely capitalized. Days, names and nouns such as canoe, carriage and town are generally capitalized.

The handwriting is very scrawly and the formation of letters varies. Letters formed with a stroke; such as, t, l, g, y, are often extended one or two lines over other writing.

No consistent method is used at the end of page lines. Sometimes a word is broken and continued on the next line or written up or down the margin. Frequently notations are added between the lines.

Generally the spelling in the diary is correct. When the correct spelling appears in the diary the word is usually spelt the same thereafter. It is difficult to differentiate between incorrect spelling and poorly formed letters. Generally, Mr., Mrs., and Wm. all appeared to be written the same, half was a numerical figure and etc. was "xxcc".

b) How The Diary Was Transcribed

The diary was read onto tapes and then transcribed from the tapes. Consequently spelling and capitalization will not appear as it was in the original diary. Where possible illegible script, unusual spelling and capitalization were noted.

To make the diary easier to read the dates have been separated and some punctuation used. Notations inserted in between the lines are in box [ ] brackets, illegible writing is shown with a blank \_\_\_\_\_, words written in the transcription that look like the original are followed by (sic). Wherever brackets ( ) appear they were in the original.







Maria, the second oldest daughter was married and living in the area. She and her children often visit.

In the 1860 Directory for Marmora Township Richard was listed as a Township Councillor. In the 1861 Census he is listed as residing at home. In May of that year he left for Wyoming. No reason was given for his leaving.

Living at home with their Mother in 1861 were Esther, Mary Victoria, Margaret and Joseph. In the diary Margaret is referred to as Maggie and Joseph as Josey.

Mary Victoria rarely mentions her Mother in the diary. She would have been about 56 years old at that time. It seems that the Mother ran the household. However, what work, if any, she did is never mentioned. She died August 1, 1870 at Tilly Creek Farm, Marmora, aged 65 years - 8 months.

**DIED.**

At Tilly Creek farm, Marmora, on Tuesday  
26th ult., MARY, relict of the late William  
Campion, Esq. Aged 65 years and 8 months.

Daily Intelligencer, Belleville, 01 August 1870

Sources: 1861 Census for Marmora Township  
1861 Directory for Marmora Township  
The Will of William Campion



### III. NAMES AND PLACES RECORDED IN THE DIARY

The names Peter , Esther Ann and Eliza appear in the diary in connection with the family and farm. However, nothing is known about these people.

In the diary, Mary Victoria often writes about Mr. Fowlds - Fowls - Foulds, of Hastings. The spelling of the name varies. Later she writes of Henry or Harry. Most likely this the same person. Apparently, Mary Victoria eventually married Mr. Fowlds.

The 1870 - 71 Directory for Hastings gives listings for the following names recorded in the diary:

Blacklock John C., woollen factory  
Fowlds Brothers, storekeepers and lumber merchants  
Fowlds Henry, postmaster  
Fowlds Henry M., lumber merchant  
Fowlds James S., of Fowlds Bros. reeve of Percy  
Fowlds William J.F., of Fowlds Bros.  
Sharpe John, storekeeper

The 1860 - 61 Directory for Marmora Township provides information on the following names noted in the diary:

Bowen, G.D., J.P., postmaster, Marmora  
Broadworth, Issac, sen. J.P. yeoman, Con. 1, Lot 3  
Broadworth, Issac, jr., yeoman, Con. 7, Lot 4  
Crawford, John, yeoman, Con. 7 Lot 13  
Devlin, John, yeoman, Forsyth St., Marmora  
Downey, Andrew, yeoman, Con. 7, Lot 12  
Downard, John, yeoman, Con. 7, Lot 15

#### Places:

The Works refers to the village of Marmora. Hastings, Belleville, Trenton, Bridgewater, Stirling and Percy are all in the same district.

DIARY TRANSCRIPTION  
MARY VICTORIA CAMPION  
HASTINGS COUNTY, C.W.

May Wednesday 1861

snowing a little this morning very cold for May day. May wind is blowing very hard & very cold.

Wednesday 1st. We got to Stirling last night at sundown very tired but \_\_\_\_\_ is Richard, Archie (sic), Nancy, Annie & I walked down to the village after tea. Get back at 11 O'clock. Did not go to bed till two O'clock. \_\_\_\_\_ Richard & Archie (sic) did not go to bed at all. They left for Trenton at \_\_\_\_\_ I never felt so sorry as I did to see them go poor fellows they seemed so down hearted. They could scarcely speak when they left they felt so bad about going away. Nancy John (sic) & I went down to the village after breakfast. I got a new Poresul (sic) \_\_\_\_\_ and Pr new gloves a hair brush gardineake (sic) several small little after 11. Spent a very pleasant afternoon. [ I have felt very miserable all day several illegible words ] Took a walk up to the new Church with Mr. Preston he does not look well at all. Got my Boots mended at Finches. [insert illegible] Hamilton walked up as far as the gate with us very cold day I wore my winter cloak shawl & fur rotten cold for May day. Got home at dark nearly frozen the wind at a great rate. Esther received a letter from Maria (sic). [Annie came home with me and baby Charlotte & Agnes]. I had a Waverly given to me I went to bed as soon as I gobbled (sic) supper feel almost sick.

Thursday 2nd. quite busy today. Cleaned out two bedrooms put up a new bedstead in the parlor bedroom & put the other in Richards room & fitted it up very nice. Froze my hand last night. Lovely day today quite \_\_\_\_\_

Friday 3rd. Maggie went to the Works in the morning with Esther. She did not come home with her. [Albert sowed peas this afternoon the first. Maggies birthday] Digging in the garden most of the day. I received a paper from Susan Andrews, Esther two papers & book & a letter from Whitmarsh (sic). [Albert commenced sowing today sowed peas] I feel very lonely tonight not my several illegible words. Sew today

Saturday 4th. busy in the forenoon cleaning floors \_\_\_\_\_ after dinner Angus Bentley came home with Maggie. Got dinner for them several illegible words making pies getting tea xxcc & Annie & Esther took tea at E\_\_\_\_\_. We took a walk as far as farms (sic) in the evening. A very lovely day & evening quiet night. Angeline gave a nice slip of the fusia (sic). A lovely sunset tonight.

Sunday 5th. a lovely day. Esther & I walked out with Angeline in the forenoon. [Maggie & Josie went to hear Adam preach] [a lovely day] Took dinner at Bowers. Went to Church at 4. [received a book from Richard] came home alone. I never cryied & walked as much in a long time as I did coming home at dusk. Very

lonely. Mr. Preston preached a good sermon. Harriet Devlin took dinner with us I never liked her so well as today. Annie (sic) was in bed when we got home she had a bad headache all day.

Monday 6th. sewing at my drawers a little. Raining when we got up cleared up after breakfast. Commenced to rain very fast again at milking time. John Jenkinson digging the garden. Saw a great blaze of fire out at the Works do not know what it was burning though.

Tuesday 7th. it rained very hard all last night & almost all day. E & I washing. Two pedlars here to dinner bought two tin pails from them kept us back with our work though (sic) all day. Not anytime to sit (sic) I feel so lonely tonight without Richard. Peter came from the Works and brought a paper for me from Richard. Esther got one from Aggie Potts.

Wednesday 8th. raining this morning yet a miserable looking day. Esther is quite sick this morning did not get up till after ten not much time to sew several illegible words & bluing clothes. Esther in bed sick all day. Albert busy sowing.

Thursday 9th. Oh, what a lovely day the first pleasant day since Sunday. Doing housework most of the time working in the garden a little. Helping Albert to clean up oats. Esther is working a little this afternoon the first since the day before yesterday.

I feel very lonely today I ought to be ashamed to say so such a lovely day but I can't help it. Thos. Campion was here all night he got a paper out of the office for me \_\_\_\_\_ Archie Johns he sent my locket with with Richards \_\_\_\_\_ likeness in.

Friday 10th. Maggie & I went up to the Works with Thomas in the waggon. Walked home. Maggie Bentley came home with us I was very tired when I got home.

Saturday 11th. rained all night last night fine afternoon though finished my drawers do not feel very well tonight [Annie been here one week] William Parker (sic) came here in a buggie about 1/2 past ten we were just going to bed. Got him supper

Sunday 12th. lovely morning cloudy in the afternoon. After dinner William & Annie went home Albert & Esther went through the woods with them I walked as far as the woods with Maggie Bentley (sic). Maggie & Esther several illegible words do not feel well I have such a bad cold Mother \_\_\_\_\_ of the afternoon do not feel lonely though. The ground is quite wet yet after the rain. Maggie Bentley & I walked over as far as Johan Lymans (sic) in the morning sleeping in the afternoon about an hour and a half



Monday 13th. I got a letter from Richard. He is in Wyoming  
Maggie received a paper from Archie. Quite dull looking all day  
raining quite fast at tea time quite chilly (sic) there has been  
scarcely any weather yet not any I might say & it is just 13th  
May. Two years since Crooks left. Very disagreeable night.  
Esther answered Richards letter. Maggie sent a paper to Archie  
Johns. I intend sending a paper to Richard tomorrow several  
illegible words so lonely digging in the garden all the forenoon  
feel very tired tonight went to bed early

Tuesday 14th. E & I washing today very large washing \_\_\_\_\_ a  
cold raw day high wind. Peter went to the Works after tea. He  
took a paper to Richard one to Archie a letter to Richard Minnie  
and Whitmarsh. Hemmed the collar (sic) of my muslin dress [put a  
tuck in my petticoat] after I got done washing. Albert is sowing  
wheat on the hill over the Creek. The grass is getting quite  
green. I do wish somebody would come I feel so lonely (had a  
very singular dream last night I dreamed about a ring I thought I  
got it in a letter & it was very pretty one with a cubic (sic) in  
it & such a long letter I did not get it all read before I woke  
up, too bad. Oh, the kings are making noise tonight)

Wednesday 15th. very busy ironing all the forenoon. Digging in  
the garden in the afternoon. I went down in the field & got a  
barnagillard (sic) trees planted them (sic) in the garden  
Planting beets, xxcc. A lovely day looks like summer for the

first I might say commenced raining quite fast at dark I feel so  
tired

Thursday 16th. raw wind this morning cold all day. All day  
digging in the garden & ironed the starched clothes in the  
forenoon. Esther had all the furnishings (sic) out of the Parlor  
when I got done so we were very busy white washing took up the  
carpet, cleaning woodwork. Working at it till dark did not get  
it finished though \_\_\_\_\_ feel very tired tonight & lonely just  
\_\_\_\_\_ writing Albert Campion (sic) from Uncle Issacs Esther \_\_\_\_\_  
had brought one paper from the Work. Esther got a letter from  
Minnie Potts & Albert got a card from Stirling inviting us to a  
Crickyt Ball there on May 24th the Queens Birthday. Makes me feel  
curious all over when I think of it after ten when when we went  
to bed.

Friday 17th. very cold this morning. We had a little flurry of  
snow this morning very strange weather for May I think. Finished  
the parlor this forenoon cleaning the dining covers after dinner.  
We are all almost tired out tonight. I went with Maggie for the  
cows Maggie went to for all I am so tiered I planted some sweet  
pea today. It has been cloudy all day the boys finished sowing,  
plowing & dragging over the Creek tonight I wish somebody would  
come here cold tonight yet.

Saturday 18th. scrubbing making pies & sewing (sic) a little in the afternoon quite chilly today

Sunday 19th. looks a great deal like rain all day rained a little in the evening after dinner Albert Maggie & Josie went out to the Works to Church. Mr. Preston came home with in the evening he looks very bad his eyes are very red he says he has got a very bad cold he acts like a goose nothing interests him but when you talk about him. Mother's cough is very bad

Monday 20th. Cloudy all day. Mr. Preston left at 8 O'clock he had to get back at 12 to bury Miss Corby (sic) she died on the 18th after a very short illness. [Planted the flower seeds today] Esther went out to the Works with Albert in the waggon she is going to Stirling in the stage tomorrow lovely moonlight night

Tuesday 21st. What a lovely morning quite cool though. Quite warm (sic) in the afternoon. Making a jacket for myself

Wednesday 22nd. Esther is away & we have all the work to do 12 cows to milk xccc. lovely Charming beautiful day not a cloud to be seen cleaned the floor in the morning very\_\_\_\_\_ in the rest of the day I feel very lonely down hearted today Albert finished sowing today. Maggie spent the afternoon at Esther Annes I would like a ride on horseback so much

Thursday 20th. Maggie & I washing after we finished I went to the Works on horseback took Charley horse first time I ever rode him. I like him very well beautiful day for riding took tea at Mr. B \_\_\_\_\_ got 2 papers one letter & a likeness for Esther from E. G. W. a letter for Maggie from Norman Brside (sic) got Maggie a new gingham dress & a pair of Boots I had such a nice ride all alone by myself felt very tired when I got home did not go to bed till late though being reading letters & things

Friday 24th. the Queens birthday the boys have all gone to the Works to train \_\_\_\_\_ Maggie with Mother at home all day alone several illegible words the flies & mosquitoes are very thick tonight very busy ironing done it all today starching too. Very bad pain between my shoulders tonight. Work too hard I suppose it can't be helped we can't get a girl to help. I would like to see Richard so much tonight it does seem so lonely without him at night to tell us the news \_\_\_\_\_ I feel quite stiff today after my ride yesterday a very lonesome looking sight tonight the wind is blowing and the sky is very black I would like so much to see some of my friends tonight but am doomed to be disapointed. One year today since heard of Mrs. Prestons death. Oh, hardships how have we changed since last \_\_\_\_\_ of May. Mr. P. is engaged to be married again to Minnie Potts such changes in one year. I wonder what all will be doing next year this time today. Esther is at Stirling. Richard at Wyoming. Albert \_\_\_\_\_ at the Works. Mother Maggie & I at home the boys

did not get home until after dark late.

Saturday 25th. I cleaned both upstairs & down before dinner [Thundered Lightening & rain last night] sewing at my jacket in the afternoon a lovely day & nice moonlight night the moon rose at 10 O'clock the black flies & mosquitoes are very thick tonight Esther Ann & Richard came over & spent the evening with us I sent a paper to Esther this evening

Sunday 27th. a beautiful day but very lonely Albert went away after dinner & the rest of them all asleep I had a little nap before dinner. How beautiful the sky looks I took a walk around the fields all alone did not feel very lonesome either everything is so still cannot hear anything stirring only the wind blowing a little I have been reading most of today quite cloudy when we were milking raining very hard at 9 O'clock at night

Monday 27th. a very disagreeable day very cold & very high wind all day blowing down trees fences & in fact almost everything that it is possible to blow down. Very cold at night the boys have to wear there overcoats & knits. Raining & snowing all day & such a miserable day. I finished my jacket today hemmed a \_\_\_\_\_ at night. Felt miserable all day. Have to keep on fires tonight it is so cold

Tuesday 28th. Maggie & I done the washing cleaned the floor & got dinner ready in the forenoon sewing at the other dress in the afternoon. Walked over as far as Esther Anns had to wear a thick woolen shawl it is so cold. Albert went to the Works brought me a letter from Esther she says she is coming (sic) home on Saturday. I feel not very well.

Wednesday 29th. cold yet and cloudy working in the garden a little ironing in the afternoon. There is a beautiful rose on the rose bush this morning beautiful weather for working several illegible words

Wednesday 29th. lovely day after 2 Oclock left for Downard (sic) on horseback to see if I could get Eliza to come & work she cannot come on account of her Mother having a \_\_\_\_\_ so I had my long ride for nothing. Came home by the Works got 2 letters for Esther one from Minnie & the other from E.G.W. I got home in time for milking but almost tired out such a long ride of 12 miles

Thursday 30th. beautiful grand day quite windy though I feel very tiered & stiff today blowing (sic) all the forenoon. Washed my calico dress picked a fowl & several other things [ironed all the starched] busy ironing all the afternoon

Friday 31st. a lovely day the boys washed the sheep this afternoon. I do feel so miserable today cleaned all upstairs though doing housework in the morning working in the garden a little. Peter went to the Works with butter [7 1/2 per lb] brought one home. illegible sentence a set of Crinoline but I do not like them I intend sending them back again tomorrow. Oh, such long dull lonesome days all this week I cannot say I feel so very lonesome but very dull & miserable.

June Saturday 1861

Saturday 1st. Windy day but I feel quiet & dull. Cleaning in the forenoon in the afternoon not doing much of anything. I feel so unsettled. Maggie went to the Works on horse back after we got milking done (sic) (I milked six cows) I went for a walk as far as the woods to meet Maggie met her & Esther & Elizabeth. Hamilton brought her home in a very nice buggy got his tea ready just after dark William & Annie (sic) came to tell us about poor Emily's death such a start it came as she died at 4 O'clock today poor Thomas what will he do with all those children. Esther & I did not go to bed until 1/2 past 1 O'clock so much to talk about she brought me home a new dress & hat

Sunday 2nd. Albert started for Bridgewater (sic), Josey for Stirling to tell them about her death such changes in this world last Sunday morning Emily was in Stirling at Annie's [on Saturday she died] she is dead. Oh dear, what will poor Thomas do several

illegible words. Mother & I started for Beaver Creek. Hamilton took me as far as Mrs. Johnsons then I went the rest of the way with Mother. Bill Minchen (sic) drove we never got there until 3 O'clock then almost tiered out. The roads were fearfully bad showering (sic) all the time till night. In the evening Iowna (sic) & Mary Ann came. I was very glad to see them I was so lonely all alone before they came then we did not go to bed till after 3 O'clock several illegible words [pouring down again all night]

Monday 3rd. Raining all the forenoon not any rain in the afternoon but very windy the funeral sermon was preached about 2 O'clock by Mr. Preston the text was the 5th Chapter of the General Espistal of James & the 11th verse very good sermon more came home soon after the funeral James Downing Mr. D\_\_\_ B\_\_\_ the Misses Comer (2 of them) Mr. Hamilton & Mr. Preston came home with us & stopped all night 9 of them quite a houseful

Tuesday 4th. they all left about 10 O'clock we never got along so well with so many visitors before they all tease so much about Hamilton but I do not like him at all. Very tiered all day did not do much but trim my hat all the after. Maggie went up to Town to keep house for him with Elizabeth Downing



Wednesday 5th. Esther & I commenced the washing got all the white clothes done & had to leave because John & Fanny Crawford & Miss Grant came got here before 10 O'clock they stayed till after tea we had a very pleasant visit I like Miss Grant very much

Thursday 6th. Esther & I finished the washing not doing much of anything working in the garden we are so busy have not got time to sit (sic) now at all [a lovely day]

Friday 7th. Esther busy ironing was getting the wool ready for to take to Belleville made Bread & buns before dinner sewing at Mothers dress a little in the afternoon very pleasant day quite cloudy we were all invited to a picnic down the river today but did not go

Saturday 8th. busy all day with house work Albert went to the Works got a paper for Maggie from Archie Esther got 2 papers from E.G.W. Very warm day

Sunday 9th. very hot day almost suffocating not a breath of air Albert went up to Thomases in the morning did not get home till after ten. Oh, such a long day we got up before 5 O'clock & did not think it would ever get bedtime I had a long sleep before 11 O'clock in the morning in the afternoon Esther Elgin (sic) & I walked over as far as Esther Anns & then she went with us as far as Liggetts After a short time there then came home got tea &

done the done the milking. Oh, such a lovely day Albert brought a letter for Esther from Elizabeth Downing the poor girl was so lonely up there after \_\_\_\_\_ we went to bed

Monday 10th. very hot today yet looks like rain tonight Mother & Albert started this afternoon for Belleville with the wool we are so lonely without them. The mosquitoes & black flies are very thick tonight. I finished Mothers dress tonight. I am so glad we are so busy all the time scarcely time to do my sewing

Tuesday 11th. Esther & I white washing the kitchen did not get done till tea time quite tired & the cows to milk, calves to feed, dishes to wash all to do after we got done. A very warm day in the bargain. We did not go to bed till after 11 waiting for Josey to come home from the Works. He did not come till 12 he got a letter for me from Minnie & one for Esther 2 papers for Esther one from Aggie one from E.G.W.

Wednesday 12th. nice & cool this morning. I cut out the waist for my muslin dress sewing at it a little. Esther Ann took dinner with us stopped till 4 O'clock just at tea time so 5 O'clock Mother & Albert came home & they got us such a lot of things we were so excited all the evening. We did not go to bed till 11 O'clock. Albert had his likeness taken for me a very good one

Thursday 13th. Esther & I washing in the forenoon sewing a little in the afternoon. Beautiful cool day looks very much like frost tonight the woods look beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ trimmed Maggies hat after night

Friday 14th. dull looking day busy ironing all day. I picked plums for tea the first. Making the skirt of my Calico dress after tea & Thomas Campion came here he brought Maggie home we were glad to see them. Poor man he feels so bad about Emilys death we did not go to bed till after 11

Saturday 15th. Cloudy all day. Thomas left about 10 Oclock Maggie stopped at home & Esther went instead. I feel so lonely this evening not well either. Trimmed Esthers hat before she left. Cleaned the floor up stairs & down made pies & Cake done very little sewing though. It rained fearfully for a couple of hours in the afternoon Thunder & Lightening too it will do a great deal of good. Fearful lightening after dark it was very frightening we all went in the cellar so we would not see it.

Sunday 16th. lovely day quite cool though such a long lonesome afternoon we went to the lower Barn & got a \_\_\_\_\_ of strawberries \_\_\_\_\_ Albert Maggie Eliza Esther Ann & I \_\_\_\_\_ a good part of the day. The evening was so very long I expected somebody & they did not come so I was disapointed went to bed very early just at dark

Monday 17th. a quite cold morning but very bright. Maggie Eliza & Josey have gone to school this morning so Mother & I are all alone sewing a little

Tuesday 18th. sewing most of the day at my dress went for a walk got a nice lot of stawberries on the other farm. Mr. Hamilton Mr. Young (sic) stayed here all \_\_\_\_\_ my but this has been a lonely day. I did not go to bed till after 11 Oclock I was reading [insert illegible]

Wednesday 19th. warmer today Maggie & I washing got it done & the floor cleaned just (sic) past 2 Oclock I feel very drowsey & stupid though. I wish somebody would come it is so lonesome here. At 3 Oclock it is raining very fast [did not look like rain at seven] came on so sudden fearful thunder & lightening at milking time \_\_\_\_\_ spent the evening here knitting a little after night the air feels much cooler since the rain

Thursday 20th. a lovely day mosquitoes are very thick though I picked a few strawberries in the afternoon going to preserve them Albert went to the Works after dinner to hear Mr. Benjamin's speech. Oh, what a beautiful day but I do feel so lonesome I don't know what to do with myself. I ought to be ashamed to say so when the woods & fields look so lovely & green. If there was only someone here to enjoy it with me. Made myself a pair of crape sleeves they look very pretty just three weeks since

Emily's death & it really seems more than twice as long as that. Oh, what changes in a few months or I might say weeks 4 weeks ago she was in good health now she leaves a dear husband & five small children to mourn her loss. Dear only knows what will become of them \_\_\_\_\_ things they do not know their loss yet

Friday 21st. doing a little of everything finished my calico dress quite late when I went to bed

Saturday 22nd. very busy all day cleaned up stairs & down picked gooseberries made pies & several other things not worth mentioning. Kate had a cold today it is very weak. Beautiful day. Eliza & I went for the cows had quite a nice walk. I feel tiered tonight we bought 5 tin dishes from a pedlar today. I do not feel so lonely today I \_\_\_\_\_ Esther has been gone one week & it really seems more like one month

Sunday 23rd. raining quite fast when I got up but cleared off about 9 got mild & cool about 11 Eliza & Albert & I went to the lower field to get berries got as many as we could eat & a bowl full besides did not get back till 1 O'clock had such a nice ramble about the fields after dinner I thought I would take a little nap & just as I had laid down who should come but Joe & Johnny Richardson & Mr. Chambers they stopped till \_\_\_ O'clock just Mother Albert Eliza & I for both dinner & tea. I spent a pleasant day though with the excepting of about three hours in the

afternoon I went to bed quite early very cool in the evening

Monday 24th. a lovely day Maggie & I washing in the forenoon went down to feed the little colt 3 times bit (sic) a piece to the \_\_\_\_\_ of my riding skirt in the afternoon. I feel very tired tonight I am sure Mother Maggie are too. Albert Peter & Robert are working on the roads & we are all alone till evening. William & Richard Broadworth spent the evening here I do not feel lonesome tonight at all

Tuesday 25th. got up early & started for Thomas Campions 1/2 past 7 got there a little after ten stopped till nearly \_\_\_\_\_ to Johns to tea. Came home by the Works got home just dark. [ Josey shot the little colt today] I enjoyed the ride very much through the woods all alone. Very warm day there was 3 letters in the office for Esther one from Aggie Minnie & Annie but I did not take them out.

Wednesday 26th. I feel quite stiff this morning after I got the work done I thought I would see if I could get after strawberries. Had not been out long when a thunder storm came up & I got a great ducking (sic) it rained very fast for about 2 hours the sun is shining very bright now 1 O'clock just Mother & I for dinner the children have gone to school. The boys are working on the roads (sic) busy ironing in the afternoon.

Thursday 27th. wrote to Minnie Potts cut out my muslin dress sewing a good part of the day

Friday 28th. doing house work in the forenoon in the afternoon Eliza & I went down the lower field to pick strawberries got a nice lot of them, preserved them after tea. Quite warm today. Josey went to Stirling this afternoon in the buggy. I have got the waist of my dress almost done. I feel tired tonight & rather lonely

Saturday 29th. very busy all day cleaning, making pies, cakes & xxcc. Finished my dress so I could wear it to Church. Esther often looks low with us. Josey got home at 2 O'clock he brought the side saddle

Sunday 30th. at home till 2 O'clock sleeping part of the time & then Albert Josey Maggie Esther Ann & I went out to Church looks very much like rain. Albert & I took tea at Bentleys had strawberries & shortcake. We started for home right after tea. Mr. Preston walked out with us it rained a good part of the way home. I did not feel tired after my walk at all we were quite wet too

July 1 1861

Monday 1st. cloudy all day Mr. Preston left a little after 10 he wanted me to go with him to Beaver Creek very bad I am sorry I could not go but we have so much work to do I could not leave a lovely day for riding too so cool not doing much of anything do not feel well at all almost sick

Tuesday 2nd. raining steady all day. Maggie and I washing very large washing today. I cleaned the floor Maggie did not feel well went to bed feel very lonely this evening I wish Esther was home again. We have a great deal of work to do, 12 cows to milk, churning making butter and all the housework besides \_\_\_\_\_ for a girl to do the work.

Wednesday 3rd. Albert & Maggie went to a bee at Abe McCallums. I was very busy ironing so many clothes this week. After tea Abby Eliza & I started for Belleville got to Stirling 1/2 past 11 quite tired

Thursday 4th. We started for Belleville very early for to \_\_\_\_\_ I know very hot day we took dinner & tea at Anson Andrews went to the Show in the evening I went with Merstill (sic) a great many there after it was over we went up to Donele (sic) Reads we had a very good time [Albert got 15 pounds of sugar for one dollar]



Friday 5th. We intended starting early in the morning but they wanted us so much to stay we did not leave till after dinner they have got such a lovely place. We got to Stirling at sundown completely tired out went to bed early [very warm day] [I had my likeness taken I think it a very good one]

Saturday 6th. started at 7 O'clock for home got home at 12 stopped at the Works & I got the paper I got a Waverly. Albert is almost tired out he is not well this afternoon. I was very busy after I got home cleaned upstairs, made cakes, pies and tarts worked \_\_\_\_\_ the churn once I milked & a quantity of other things not worth mentioning. A warm sultry day. I feel very stupid this evening quite glad to get home again. 10 O'clock just ready for bed when Esther came from Beaver Creek and Whitney (sic) is with her. I was glad to see them. I felt so lonely so we did not go to bed till after 1 O'clock. Spent a very pleasant evening

Sunday 7th. very hot day. We all took a walk \_\_\_\_\_ the lower field got a good feed of strawberries. Esther and W (sic) left after 2. She went as far as Mrs. Johns. Albert & I went as far as \_\_\_\_\_ old place with them. I like Whitm\_\_ (sic) very much

Monday 8th. almost suffocating in the forenoon got a little cooler after dinner. Maggie & I washing in the forenoon. I did not feel much like it though after tea Maggie went to the Works to take Elizas things out. 6 Oclock raining quite fast and thundering looks very much like a stormy night clearing and it is a beautiful evening after I got done milking took a walk as far as the maple tree to meet Maggie she brought me a letter from Minnie Potts & one for Esther several illegible words I am so glad to get a letter Maggie told me someone was coming so I hurried home & saw Harriet Devlin, Angeline (sic) Bentley and Whitmarsh coming across the fields I was glad to see them but it made so much more work we did not go to bed till nearly 12 Oclock not doing much but talk and to dance a little (sic) Angeline wore a dress almost white low necked and short sleeved she looks frightful in it.

Tuesday 9th. it looked like rain in the morning but a lovely afternoon. They left at 9 Oclock in a hurry to get home because it is Election Day. I went as far as Liggetts Hill with them & came back across the creek got a nice lot of raspberries the first this season. Cut out the waist of Maggies dress in the afternoon felt miserable too

Wednesday 10th. Albert went out to the Election. I was very tired at night. I was ironing all day done a great deal of starching too. Had a nice ramble about the fields after the cows

at night & went out as far as the School House to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to a very hot day

Thursday 11th. of July. raining constantly all day quite cold  
too had to make a fire in the house. I was very busy sewing at  
Maggies dress made it all today commenced it and finished it she  
wanted to wear it to the Works tomorrow

Friday 12th. Mother & I alone all day they all went out to the  
12th. I picked some berries & made pies. I cleaned upstairs I  
was very busy all day went for a walk in the evening met Thomas  
(sic) & 2 of the children coming in the waggon got their suppers  
for them waited up till eleven for the rest to come home but they  
did not come till one in the morning [very cloudy all day]

Saturday 13th. very busy cleaning about 11 O'clock Maggie came  
home & Whitmarsh with her got dinner about three \_\_\_\_\_ W & I  
went for berries got back in time to get tea. He left at sundown  
a lovely day this has been

Sunday 14th. a lovely morning in the house till after dinner  
then Albert & I went out to the Works to Church. Took tea at  
Harriet Devlins. She is a miserable house keeper, I think. Came  
home soon after tea got as far as the School House stopped to  
Meeting. A Mr. Rose (sic) preached a great sermon I should think

Monday 15th. got up a little after four done up the work then started to the Works on horseback went to see Jim Baggers (sic) married great many there Mr. Preston married him. Took dinner at Mr. Banns (sic) then we started (Mr. Preston & I ) for Beaver Creek got there 1/2 past 4. We had a very good time at night. Esther had a bad toothache all night [commenced to pain very hard] we did not go to bed till after 12. Spent a very pleasant day although never saw Mr. Preston act nicer

Tuesday 16th. We all got up at five could not sleep after breakfast Mr. Preston to bed again. We left past 9 got to the Works 1/2 past 12 stopped at Mrs. Johnsons tiered laid down a short time before tea felt much better after. Went to bed at dark never woke till 1/2 past 5 in the morning slept very sound

Wednesday 17th. I felt very miserable all the forenoon very busy though cleaned the floors got dinner ready made beds swept washed dishes & churning after dinner I laid down for a short time felt very miserable after I got up I was going out to pick currants and who should I meet at the door but Whitmarsh he stayed till after tea had quite a pleasant chat with him

Thursday 18th. washing till after 2 O'clock then Josey & I went to pick berries got 5 quarts & got back in time to get tea ready commenced milking when we were \_\_\_\_\_ milking it commenced to thunder lightening & rain hard I feel well tonight but very tired

Albert started this afternoon to look for a girl I wish he was home for it is raining very hard & I am so frightened he will take cold for he is not well at all rained fearfully at bedtime

Friday 19th. making pies [9 of them] cakes getting dinner ready after dinner busy ironing till tea time keeps us working all the time cleaned upstairs & the steps have been very busy all day illegible sentence a lovely day Josey has started to the Works I hope he will get me a letter for I feel lonely tonight Albert got home to breakfast we expected Maggie & Josey at noon & they are not here & it \_\_\_\_\_ black thundering turning hot again

Saturday 20th. very busy had all the cleaning to do myself as Maggie did not get home till after dinner being all day doing one thing & another after tea Albert & I took a notion to go to the Works on horseback & got as far as the Iclead (sic) House met Esther & Whitmarsh coming. E. riding (sic) on horseback & W. walking we had to turn back felt a little disapointed got tea for them spent the evening very pleasantly & did not go to bed till after 1 Oclock

Sunday 21st. a lovely day. After breakfast Esther Whitmarsh & Josey & I took a walk as far as the little Falls \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ hunters. W. bought 4 quarts of huebul (sic) berries from them to eat. We had a nice time eating them by the river. Got back at 1 Oclock & got a lunch then Esther started for Beaver



(sic) Creek. Albert went as far as Briggs with her we took a long walk around the fields did not get back till after five. Feel very tired after walking so much. John McCarin (sic) was here all day it made it disagreeable for us all. several illegable words We spent a very pleasant & quiet evening just Whitmarsh. We went to bed after 11 very tired

Monday 23rd. lovely morning but Mother is very cross. Whitmarsh left at 10 O'clock. I am sure he would have stopped longer if we had asked him. I like him very well & wish he is here but he is so wild when he is at the Works. Mother & I very busy all day. Maggie & Josey picking berries got 16 quarts in the afternoon. I wrote a long letter to Richard after tea I took it to the Post Office got a note in the Post Office from E.G.W. I saw him then too. Oh, it is a lovely place at the Works was glad to get home again was going for a \_\_\_\_\_ I rode \_\_\_\_\_ and felt very tired when I got home [I had quite a chat with E.G.W. stopped at Bentley's door for a few moments]

Tuesday 23rd. quite cool Maggie & I washing very \_\_\_\_\_ this week. I feel quite sick laid down for a short time then went to pick berries got 5 quarts (sic) showering in the afternoon my throat feels quite sore tonight & head aches a little

Wednesday 24th. my housework always not done my sewing for more than a week. In the evening Maria came & the little baby. Esther Anne came over with her carried the baby

Thursday 25th. very busy ironing all day done it all & all of the starching five shirts besides collars \_\_\_\_\_ xxcc. Maria left at 2 O'clock. Maggie took her as far as the Works on horseback. I have been almost sick could not speak above my breath all day so hoarse. I received a paper from J. H. Irving this has been a lovely day the evenings are quite cool though. The men are very busy in the hay fields

Friday 26th. a beautiful day nice cool breeze. Albert has gone to the Works with the waggon this morning Maggie picking berries Mother & I all alone. I do feel very miserable have such a bad cold & hoarseness cannot speak above my breath

Saturday 27th. (Charley Bleecher was drowned today in river at Belleville he went in swimming & took cramps) raining quite fast in the morning making cake, pies, cleaning xxcc. Thomas came from Belleville & he gave Maggie a calico dress left after dinner took the two children with him. Josey got a paper out of the office for me from Elizabeth Downing took \_\_\_\_\_ at Esther Annes feel very unsettled went to bed quite late



Sunday 28th. beautiful cool morning looks like rain though. At 9 O'clock Albert Maggie & I went for a walk picked a few berries. Took a short sleep before dinner. Josey & Maggie started for Church about 2 O'clock at three it commenced to rain did not cease till six. I got caught in a shower went for a walk as far as the little woods was there but a short time when it commenced to rain very hard so I got quite wet. Had to change my clothes when I got home. Just Mother Albert & I for tea. This has been a very quiet day but I do not feel lonely at all commenced to rain quite fast again. I am afraid the children will get wet coming home. They are on horseback I hope they won't start till the rain is over very wet weather for July. There is a great deal of hay out that is cut. Maggie & Josey came from Church 1/2 past 6 pouring down rain. Mr. Preston & Thomas (sic) came with them & spent a very dull evening. Went to bed at ten did not feel sleepy though. Mr. P. is a strange man. Very dark night.

Monday 29th. I got up at 4 O'clock to get Thomas' breakfast ready he is in a hurry to start to Belleville. Got our breakfast at eight a little drizzling rain all the forenoon sewing a little in the forenoon. After dinner Maggie & Josey went on horseback to Maria. Commenced raining a little shortly after they left. I am sorry they started today. Mr. P. sleeping most of the day. Started to \_\_\_\_\_ a few \_\_\_\_\_ had to turn back on account of the rain I feel very sleepy. Called Albert & Mr. P. up to tea raining very hard in the evening. We went to bed early. This

has been a very long day but it was on account of my getting up so early.

Tuesday 30th. a lovely morning. Mr. Preston left at 1/2 past 10 this morning. He walked out to the Works. I was very busy after he left making beds, sweeping parlor, putting things to rights, cleaning the floor got dinner ready about 3 O'clock Albert & I went out to pick berries got the large tin pail full. Got back in time to get tea ready. Felt very tired & then I had 5 cows to milk after the dishes to wash things to prepare for breakfast & then went to bed. This has been a very hot day. Mr.P. has not left the Works yet.

Wednesday 31st. frightful thunder & lightening last night rain very heavy. Raining this morning yet very sultry for raining a little all day. In the evening Albert went to the Works got a paper for me from E.G.W. several illegible words feel alone. Sewing a little in the afternoon felt very stupid all day about half sick.

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Thursday 1st. a lovely day but very hot doing housework making preserves picking berries & sewing a little when I was out picking berries I was almost suffocated with the heat

Friday 2nd. very warm day but I was ironing all the forenoon made pies & then started for to look for a girl to hire went a mile below John Frosts (sic) came back by the Works stopped there till aftyer tea got tea at Bentleys went to see Fannie she is very ill Dr. English was there to see her Did not leave the Works till after sundown waited for the mail coming home it looked very much like rain Thundered & Lightening very heavy it was very sultry but it did not rain till after I got home & then nothing to speak of the horse was as wet as he could be I felt sorry for it & was very tired indeed

Saturday 3rd. cleaning upstairs and down before dinner. After dinner Josey & I picked 6 quarts of blackberries very busy all day in the evening just as we had milking done W. Hamilton & his cousin Miss Hamilton came got their tea spent a very pleasant evening went to bed at 12. This has been a very hot day & very bright (sic)

Sunday 4th. very sultry morning 1/2 past 10 W. & Miss Hamilton & Albert Maggie & I went to Meeting. Mr. Rose (sic) preached a most worthy sermon the School House was full though Mr. Rose preached \_\_\_\_\_ got a paper from Richard last night. I never felt the heat so much as today it is suffocating. Esther Ann came over after dinner. Dan Johns spent the day here about 3 Oclock we all went down in the woods to eat blackberries we spent a very pleasant day. It was so hot frightful Lightening & Thunder in

the evening raining a little. We went to bed quite early we were all so tired

Monday 5th. Mr. Hamilton (sic) left at 10 this morning I like Miss. H. but Mr. H. never talks only when you speak to him it was warmer if possible than yesterday a little cooler in the evening I picked 5 quarts of red berrries in the afternoon Maggie went to the Works after she got her tea for \_\_\_\_\_ I feel very lonely tonight

Tuesday 6th. doing housework part of the day sewing a good deal of the afternoon more than I have for two months. Thomas Campion & little Richard came in the evening. He got a letter out of the office for me from Whitmarsh with a pair of gloves & a collar in it. Did not go to bed till late

Wednesday 7th. cleaning all day. The sun never shone all day long finished \_\_\_\_\_ tonight. Maggie & I washing. A great many clothes to wash. I feel almost sick today my throat is quite sore though. I have been very lonely all day too I do not know what is the reason. Thomas left at seven for Belleville. He left Richard here for altogether Oh, such a dull day I feel quite ill after I got done working I laid down a little while & I felt a little better after it. I wish somebody would come & stop a short time went to bed early

Thursday 8th. doing a little of everything in the forenoon very busy ironing \_\_\_\_\_ milking this has been a lovely day not very warm much cooler than it has been for some time I would like some company very much. I wish I could go to Stirling & Belleville & stay two or three weeks then I think I would enjoy it very much

Friday 9th. doing housework finished my chemise (sic) several illegible words I went out to the Works after dinner got a paper for Maggie from E.G.W. I carried out a great load on horseback, a half gallon of oil, 15 pounds of sugar & pound of tea & several other little things

Saturday 10th. Maggie went up to Beaver Creek this morning so I have all the work to do after I got all the cleaning done I made 7 pies busy \_\_\_\_\_. Esther came a little after dark got a letter out of the office for me from Richard a \_\_\_\_\_ on a paper from Elizabeth Downing. We were talking after 1 O'clock this has been a beautiful day very windy

Sunday 11th. a beautiful cool morning. Esther Albert & I took a walk for blackberries [insert illegible] It was very late when we \_\_\_\_\_ so it made the forenoon seem short after dinner Esther Albert & I walked out to Church took tea at Bentleys. They were very kind to us. Mr. Preston walked home with us. I felt very tired when I got home. Mr. P. is a very strange man not any great prize for anybody went to bed 1/2 past 11

Monday 12th. Mr. P. up very early left before breakfast lovely morning after breakfast Esther & I took a notion (sic) to go to Stirling started at 10 stopped at the Works to get a shoe on the horse got to Stirling at 3 O'clock took dinner at Annies left about 6 for home. We went by the Village to get a few things. It commenced raining hard so we stopped at Mrs. Downings all night. Mr. Preston was there till 8 O'clock. Hawley and James Crawford came after he left stayed till ten spent the evening by pleasantly eating nuts raisins \_\_\_\_\_ apples. Raining very hard when we went to bed

Tuesday 13th. a lovely morning very cold. We left for Marmora at 6. Wore thick woolen shawls & I was very cold then got to the Works at eight. Took breakfast at Bowers. At home at 11 very tired Esther left at 2 for Beaver Creek I felt miserable all the afternoon. We were expecting (sic) Maggie home tonight but she did not come lovely moonlight night cold though & Maggie has just made her appearance went to bed shortly after she came

Wednesday & Thursday 14th. & 15th. doing housework as usual washed on Thursday

Friday 16th. very busy till 3 O'clock & then I went to see Fannie Crawford she is very ill (sic) came home by the Works had a very good ride all alone

Saturday 17th. lovely morning showery in the afternoon very busy all day not an idle moment I feel quite stiff after my ride yesterday. Made pies, cakes, xccc. Just milking time John Crawford & Kate Bentley came had to get tea for them. I feel very tired tonight. Went to bed at eleven I cannot say I spent a very pleasant evening

Sunday 18th. a lovely day we all went to Meeting. William Rose (sic) preached. We came home got dinner 1/2 past 3 we all went over to Liggetts & Liggetts & young Churchill were there we came home to tea. I went to bed early I felt very tired. We had a very dull day of it for me it was

Monday 19th. lovely day the nights are getting very cold at present making a dress for Maggie. I do not have enough time to sew. Esther Ann took tea here. Esther got a paper from Richard Maggie got one from E.G.W.

Tuesday 20th. everything is going on the same as usual very quiet I have been sewing at Maggies dress a good part of the day a beautiful day. Maggie spent the afternoon at Esther Anns the raspberries are all gone. I have felt very well this week

Wednesday 21st. Maggie & I washing finished at noon sewing at Maggies dress I several illegible words Robert Pete & Albert went for blackberries but I did not get any. Looked like rain

all day \_\_\_\_ not rained any yet 6 O'clock

Thursday 22nd. ironing all day very \_\_\_\_\_

Friday 23rd. finished Maggies dress fits her beautifully.

Maggie went out to the Works in the afternoon got a letter for me from E.G.W. a paper from Hamilton \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 24th. very busy cleaning all the forenoon. About 3 O'clock I started for Beaver Creek. Got there at 1/2 past 5 went all the way alone felt lonely going we went to bed 1/2 past 11

Sunday 25th. all alone till 12 when Dan (sic) Johns & Albert came left for home at 3 O'clock stopped at Georges to tea Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Beddow, Esther & the rest of us several illegible words Albert & I got home at 9 O'clock several illegible words we had a pleasant ride, came very slow, a lovely day, quite warm though

Monday 26th. at 7 O'clock we had a very heavy shower just got the work done when we heard someone walking up the stairs. I went up and there was Mr. Preston and Corbwold (sic) I was so sorry to see them because I felt so tired after my ride I did not wish to see anybody. Spent a very quiet day sitting about. I commenced making a chemise for myself, went to bed at 1/2 past 1 O'clock, very much like \_\_\_\_\_.



Tuesday 27th. raining quite fast at 5 O'clock, fine again at seven. They left shortly after breakfast. I was so glad to see them go for I feel quite sick. Busy doing work the rest of the forenoon, sewing in the afternoon, the sun shining bright, but it is quite cool.

Wednesday 28th. Maggie and I washing got done by dinner time. Rev. Mr. Rose (sic) took dinner here soon as I could get ready after dinner I started for Stirling in the buggy all alone. Got in a heavy shower from here to the Works fearful thunder and lightning, hailed and rain most of the way. Left the Works at 5 O'clock got to Stirling 1/2 past 7. Annie and William had left for Niagara Falls when I got there.

Thursday 29th. Taking care of the baby all day. Never spent such a lonely day in a long time. Mr. Preston came up and took tea and spent the evening.

Friday 30th. Taking care of the children as usual. Kate Beatty came up from the village to dinner. Stopped all day and night. I walked down to the village in the afternoon. Felt very tired at night.

Saturday 31st. Annie got home at daylight from the Falls. I did not sleep well last night. Kept the baby with me. Left Stirling for home at 11 today. Kate came with me. Got to the Works at

1/2 past 1. I had a very bad headache when I got there. Felt miserable. Got dinner at Bentleys. Came home soon after. Had a lovely drive such a pleasant day, quite cool though, got home 1/2 past 3. \_\_\_\_\_ out any accident happened. Blucher (sic) is such a grand horse. I was surely glad to get home. Catherine Liggett and George Willard were married (sic) on the night of the 28th Wednesday a very quiet wedding.

Sunday, September 1861 Sunday 1st. A very beautiful day, frost last night. The \_\_\_\_\_ we spent such a nice quiet Sunday today. I wrote a letter in the evening to E.G.W went to bed early.

Monday 2nd. Very warm day. I made two \_\_\_\_\_ of plumb preserves in the morning. Part of the afternoon Elizabeth Corbrough boarding (sic) here. Fearful thunder and lightning. Rain very hard. Maggie and Richard went for the cows. Did not get home till the rain was almost over. We were all very much frightened about them. Thought they were lost in the woods. Albert, Robert and boys started to look for them. Took the horse met them at the maple tree. They were almost drowned. It was ever so long after dark when they got home. I was sewing till after 10 O'clock, I felt very miserable all day.

Tuesday 3rd. Maggie and I washing in the forenoon. Cleaning the floor, getting tea ready and doing a little of everything. Maggie went to the Works after tea. Mailed a letter to E.G.W and paper to Hamilton. Just after she started there came on a very busy shower. She stopped at Liggetts till after it was over.

Wednesday 4th. Lovely day, the men are very busy they (sic) are very busy cything (sic) wheat. I was ironing most of the day finished my chemise. Esther Ann and Margaret came over stayed about an hour. The nights are very cold.

Thursday 5th. Now our family consists of 13 at present. Plenty of work to do. The men are drawing in wheat today with \_\_\_\_\_ teams. Cut out a night gown for Mother sewed very little though. Just as we finished milking James Downing came got tea for him. He looked miserable has been about \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. Spent a very dull evening a lovely sunset, but a very dark night.

Friday 6th. Looks very much like rain this morning. The wind is blowing quite hard. James D. left after dinner. Esther Ann came over in the afternoon. She and I sewing at the dress till bedtime. Had tea to get ready, dishes to wash, milking to do, between dinnertime and bedtime though.

Saturday 7th. A lovely cool morning the air seems so pure. The boys all went out to hear Mr. Flint's speech, did not get home till 12 O'clock.

Sunday 8th. In the morning we went to Meeting. Mr. Rose (sic) preached. Esther and John Crawford went back to the schoolhouse with us. William, Margaret & Esther Ann took dinner here they all went to Church but Mother, Josie and I. They got home at dark. Mr. Corbould walked (sic) out with them. Beautiful cool day.

Monday 9th. Lovely morning. Corbould left at 10 O'clock. Sewed a little after dinner. Making preserves in the morning. Sewing at Esther Ann's dress after dinner. Felt quite ill at tea time. Went to bed 1/2 past 10.

Tuesday 10th. Doing housework most of the day, sewing a little at Mother's nightgown I feel lonely tonight. Looks very much like rain. I planted out some Pink roots in a \_\_\_\_\_ they look beautiful.

Wednesday 11th. Raining this morning when we got up. Rained till 3 O'clock. Sewing very little today. Mr. Downing came here in the evening! Got his supper. Stopped all night and to breakfast.

Thursday 12th. Put out the clothes could not put them out last night on account of the rain. Ironing until 4 O'clock, I feel very lonely this afternoon. Sewing a little at Mother's nightgown in the evening. This has been a lovely day. Mrs. John Leggetts had a baby last night. The boys have finished cything wheat tonight have to draw it in yet though.

Friday 13th. A very beautiful day. I went out to the works left after 3 O'clock got ten pounds of sugar. several illegible words took tea at Mrs. Bentley such a miserable place I felt greatly disappointed not getting either paper or letter. After dark when I got home I did not enjoy the ride as well as I usually do.

Saturday 14th. Cloudy, raining a little most of the afternoon. I felt very low spirited but I did not go to bed till 11 O'clock, very busy all day feel tired at night making pies, cake and scrubbing xxcc.

Sunday 15th. Rather cloudy the forenoon but a lovely afternoon. Albert, Maggie, Josey \_\_\_\_\_ and I took a long walk down to the Beaver Dam for \_\_\_\_\_ get dinner ready had chickens (sic) for dinner this has been such a nice quiet day. Everyone reading, sleeping and talking all the long day, it is so pleasant not to have anyone come on Sunday. Oh, what a lovely evening. The sun looks beautiful just setting the Northern lights are really beautiful tonight

Monday 16th. A lovely day not a cloud to be seen all day.  
Finished Mother's nightgown. Jacob Bentley and George Bowen came  
here for Plumbs (sic) they got the last of them.

Tuesday 17th. Looks very much like rain this morning. Maggie  
and I washing. The boys are very busy drawing in peas. Josey  
went to the Works brought me a paper from several illegible words  
went to bed 1/2 past 10 O'clock. A lovely moonlight night.

Wednesday 18th. A very lovely day. Not a breath of wind.  
Very quiet day. Nice and cool too. Maggie Potts and Mr.  
Preston were married \_\_\_\_\_ up in the Cathedral at Montreal.  
I hope she will never regret her choice, but I am a little  
doubtful. If the weather there isn't as beautiful as it is here  
they could not have chosen a better day. Albert went to the  
Works to \_\_\_\_\_ funeral. He died \_\_\_\_\_.

Thursday 19th. Ironing the starched clothes a good part of the  
day. Never felt so vexed in a long time. The stove smoked so  
bad could not get the irons heated. Maggie went out the Works in  
the afternoon there was a great picnic there. Sewing a little.  
✓ Received a paper from Miss Hamilton with some wedding cake in it  
(her cousins) This has been a very dull cloudy day for the day  
after \_\_\_\_\_ wedding. The boys have finished harvesting \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ I am sure they must be glad.

Friday 20th. still cloudy yet but much cooler than yesterday about 1 Oclock Mrs. Baldrick (sic) Johns and Elizabeth Downing and Mary Crawford came here. Got dinner for them. Albert and Elizabeth went out to the Works on horseback in the evening. Raining very fast when they got back. \_\_\_\_\_  
raining fearfully all night.

Saturday 21st. They left at 10 Oclock. It was raining yet. Raining a litle all day very disagreeable. We were late with our work on account of the \_\_\_\_\_ did not do any cleaning till they left

Sunday 22nd. We all went to here Mr. V \_\_\_\_\_ preach in the morning. Eliza Liggett came over to dinner. Albert & Maggie went out to Mr. Arch (sis) after dinner. Mr. Fleming Beecher in Mr. Prestons place I went over to Liggett's to tea with Eliza What a lovely day I cannot say that I spent a very pleasant day.

Monday 23rd. First day of the Election several illegible words cloudy last night the wolves killed ten sheep. For us as much as forty dollars lost but it couldn't be helped. I finished Mothers chemise today. Tilly Creek looks very nice again.

Tuesday 24th. Second day of the Election of Flint and Smith. Great excitement. Albert went out to the Works this afternoon. Beautiful day. Maggie & I washing 1 Oclock we have just

finished. several illegible words with Minnie & Mr. Potts marriage in it. Making a \_\_\_\_\_ this afternoon. I feel very cross today. When Albert came home he brought me a letter from E.G.W. Great excitement on account of election times.

Wednesday 25th. 10 O'clock at night. This has been a very lovely day I was busy ironing all the afternoon. Sewing a little in the evening at my drawers. I have felt very well today. I put out a pill (sic) of poison tonight for wolves.

Thursday 26th. Doing housework all the forenoon. In the afternoon I went over to Esther Anns to sew at her dress and got home at dark. Looks very much like rain this evening. Albert went to Stirling today left at 1 O'clock in the buggy. Raining very fast at bedtime. Mr. Alsworth Smith is elected.

Friday 27th. In the morning raining yet. I am sewing at a pair of drawers for myself. Sewing on the skirt of Esthers dress in the afternoon. Feel miserable. It is raining all day and never ceased at all. Finished my drawers at 10 O'clock at night.

Saturday 28th. Rained all last night it is raining yet at 2 O'clock in the afternoon but it did not rain much in the forenoon very disagreeable day it is so muddy. Albert, Josey & Peter are away picking butternuts. Has been so sultry. Very hot in the forenoon. Making pies, xxcc. I wish I had some papers to read.



At 4 O'clock Albert made his appearance. Brought me \_\_\_\_\_ from Hamilton. Albert tells me that Mr. Preston, Minnie or Mrs. Preston & Aggie made their appearance in \_\_\_\_\_

Friday the 27th. I felt quite affected after Albert came home. He was getting us the \_\_\_\_\_ & one thing & another. It has \_\_\_\_\_ 5 O'clock & it is getting very cold and lovely starlight night

Sunday 29th. The ground is white with frost this morning. It is so cold it has been shivery (sic) all day. I went for a walk in the afternoon about the fields wore a cloak & hood not \_\_\_\_\_ to warm then. Maggie & Josey spent the afternoon at Esther Anns I must say I spent rather a pleasant day reading a good deal of the time Esther is to be home next week for good I will be so glad when she is home again. The woods look as beautiful as they did a while ago. The leaves are beginning to fall. Winter is fast approaching. This has been a very short summer I think. About 4 O'clock that goose of a John McCain came stayed all night Esther Ann did spent the evening here as ever singing

Monday 30th. A beautiful day. Aenas (sic) spinning in the forenoon. I went out to the Works after dinner on horse back I took Charley he was wild acting. Very ugly at the Works. Took tea at Bowens got home before dark. Had a very good ride so that is the way I spent the last night of the month.

October 1861

Tuesday 1st. Maggie & I washed. Very cloudy all day

Wednesday 2nd. Done all the ironing today

Thursday 3rd. In the afternoon I went over to help Esther Ann quit to come back at dark. Maria, Thomas Esther & Josey were here when I got back. Mr. Oes (sic) come home with me \_\_\_\_\_  
All confusion so many here. Commenced rain at dark.

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th. Raining very fast both days. Oer (sic) left after dinner. At dark Mr. Hamilton came. I was starching till 9 O'clock. I spent a miserable time after that till bed time

Sunday 6th. illegible sentence Stopped at Esthers house all night She could not get home I spent a very miserable day

Monday 7th. Lovely morning after three days and three nights rain. Spinning most of the day. They all left here, Hamilton Dan \_\_\_ Downing Johns & Mr. Oer about 1/2 past 9 O'clock. I feel much better since they all have gone. Went to bed very early

Tuesday 8th. The first beautiful day there has been this month. Esther & I washing the sun seems to shine so bright today. Albert went out to the Works with the waggon. I feel very

unsettled today

Wednesday 9th. Ironing all the forenoon. Doing a little of everything mending my boot stays xxcc. A very beautiful day.

Thursday 10th. Oh, what a lovely day. I went to the Works. Got back at dinner time I had a nice ride. Did not get any sewing done. Was ironing starched clothes till milking time I feel quite lonely tonight & it is such a lovely moonlight night quite cool though

Friday 11th. Spinning most of the day. Esther spent the afternoon at Esther Anns. Mr. Preston & his brother Arthur came here in a buggy in the evening. Commenced to rain just as they got here. Mr. P. very glad to see us all again. We spent a very pleasant evening indeed. Did not go to bed till 12 O'clock. This is the first time he has been here since he was married he does not look any better I don't think after getting his young wife.

Saturday 12th. Mr. P.s brother left at 1/2 past 9. Not raining but every appearance of it when they left. The woods (sic) are very wild now. If they had a bee Mr. Rodworths it is raining a little all the afternoon. About 5 O'clock Archie Johns (sic) came. He looked very well the rigors seems to agree with him. The rigors (sic) seem to agree with him. Did not get our scrubbing done till near night. Our visitors bother us so. I

went to bed quite early I felt so sleepy much raining away out at  
bedtime

Sunday 13th. Very cloudy windy disagreeable \_\_\_\_\_ spent a nice  
quiet day

Monday 14th. A lovely day Esther & I white washing I white  
washed the mens room & Esther kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen half done  
when Aggie Potts & Harry (sic) Campion came. Never was so sorry  
in my life (sic) to see anybody come for I was so tired had to  
leave and get dinner ready for them after that had to scrub and  
file (sic) the floor almost tired out at night. Fannie brought  
me black Coubourg (sic) for a dress I went to bed early.

Tuesday 15th. Cut out Maggies dress Esther Ann helping to sew at  
it in the afternoon I felt miserable all day so much to do this  
has been a lovely day indeed beautiful moonlight night.

Wednesday 16th. Sewing a good part of the day. Aggie & Maggie  
went to Liggetts to leave several illegible words

Thursday 17th. Esther & I washing the largest washing we have  
had in a long time. After I got done I cleaned the floor  
downstairs and up too. Never was so tired in all my life this  
has been the most beautiful day we have had for a long time so  
warm. Oh, such a lovely moonlight night. Albert went to

Stirling to the Show (sic) with Toupy (sic) Broadworth.

Friday 18th. Raining this morning. Rained a great deal last night. Very dull day. Albert took dinner at Mrs. Prestons.

Friday 18th Saturday 19th. Very busy as usual. Rained all day on Saturday 19th. I received 5 papers & Mother one \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 20th. A very windy, disagreeable day. Albert & Maggie went out to Church. We expected Mr. Preston & Minnie out to tea but they did not.

Monday 21st. Albert took Aggie as far as the Works in the waggon She went down on the stage. A lovely day Arthur & I left for Stirling in the afternoon got to Annies after dark Aggie was there

Tuesday 22nd. Went for a drive. Called to see Minnie xccc

Wednesday October 23rd. The Church was opened. There was eight (sic) ministers and the Bishop elect. Service in the morning and evening. Not a great many there though. It was a very wet miserable day. Esther & I stopped at Mrs. Potts all night. Mr. Grear (sic), Mr. Bell, Mr. Jones. Got our dresses fitted at Marthas

Thursday 24th. Thomas, Esther, Elizabeth Downing & I started for Bridgewater. A beautiful day quite cold though. Stopped at Mrs. Carners (sic) all night.

Friday 25th. Went back to where James Downing lives. James (sic) would have us go never was so sorry in my life the roads were in a fearful state did not get there till after dark and then almost tired out

Saturday 26th. We started for Stirling about 9 O'clock took dinner at McCloeds (sic) commenced rain just after dinner rained till almost \_\_\_\_\_ got to Stirling a little after dark. Went to bed early we felt very tired after our long rough ride

Sunday 27th. A lovely day I went to Church twice Aggie took dinner with us at Annies

Monday 28th. Martha finished our dresses. Mr. & Mrs. Preston Arthur & Sophia Preston, Aggie Potts & Aggie \_\_\_\_\_ took tea with us at Annies

Tuesday 29th. A lovely day Esther & I took tea at Mrs. Prestons Spent a very pleasant evening

Wednesday 30th. Took a drive in the forenoon & in the afternoon took tea at Mrs. Porters. Spent the evening & took supper at Mrs. Boulls (sic). Stopped at Mrs. Potts did not go to bed till 2 O'clock.

Thursday 31st. Got up very early. Drove up to Annes and then down to Mrs. Prestons to breakfast we were invited on Tuesday. We left there about 10 O'clock for Belleville. Arthur rode with us. Mrs. Preston & Minnie came as far as Frankford with us. We got to Belleville 1/2 past 7 O'clock.

November 1861

Friday 1st. A lovely day we went for a drive took a lunch & had dinner when we came back went as far as Mrs. Bakers after supper Adelaide & I drove Arthur down to the Dafo House. Went to bed early.

Saturday 2nd. A fearful morning has been raining almost all night and all this day it has been raining and snowing all day quite cold too very disagreeable day. Never went out of the door all day

Sunday 3rd. A cold miserable day but we went down to Church in the morning. Went in the Carriage would not go in the evening because it rained

Monday 4th. Quite dull looking this morning but Esther & I started for Stirling got \_\_\_\_\_ in town. Had our likenesses taken were first going to start when we met Hamilton he coaxed us to go out to Thurlow to Miss Hamiltons so we took dinner at Papinans (sic). Spent a very pleasant evening at Miss Hamiltons [Hamilton gave me a letter written by tincels (sic)]

Tuesday 5th. A lovely day. We started for Stirling at 10 O'clock Took dinner at Jarvis (sic) & then drove on to Marmora. Stopped at night at Beattys [I received a paper from E.G.W.] Felt very tired when we got there

Wednesday 6th. We got home this morning at 10 O'clock. The roads were in a fearful condition all the way from Belleville on account of so much rain the water runs about 2 feet \_\_\_\_\_ some places from the Works. Glad to get home again. We have been away 2 weeks and 2 days. Had the horse and buggy all the time. We enjoyed ourselves very much indeed

Thursday 7th. Esther & I washing quantity of clothes. Three weeks of washing very tired at night just got through when Margaret & Elizabeth Liggett came stayed to tea

Friday 8th. A lovely morning Esther & Maggie went up to Richardsons to call on Emily \_\_\_\_\_ They stayed till after dinner I was very busy all day ironing



Saturday 9th. Beautiful day the first Saturday it has not rained in nine (sic) weeks. After I got the cleaning done I made pies xxcc. Mr. Fowld (sic) & his foreman came here to supper Mr. Fowlds is a very clever man. We spent a very pleasant evening went to bed 1/2 past 11

Sunday 10th. Mr. Fowlds left at 11 O'clock just as they left Joe, Fannie & Eliza \_\_\_\_\_ & Emily Hart came then \_\_\_\_\_ stayed till evening. Emily stopped all night she looks so old not wearing any \_\_\_\_\_ [it rained a great deal in the night]

Monday 11th. Esther commenced spinning so Maggie & I have all the work to do. I was mending my clothes today. Do not feel well. Have got a very bad cold in fact we all have.

Tuesday 12th. A lovely day I feel very dull & stupid. I got up very early to get breakfast Albert started to Belleville this morning not doing much of anything knitting a little

Wednesday 13th. E. & I washing. Not raining but it has been very wild looks very much like it. Maggie went over to stay all night with Esther \_\_\_\_\_ How pleasant to be without my visitors for awhile after we have been visiting so long. [We expected Albert home tonight but he did not come]

Thursday 14th. Very busy ironing all day. This has been a beautiful day. I received a paper from E.G.W. This is a lovely moonlight night. There was ten men past here there there are going to make timber down in the woods.

Friday 15th. A very pleasant morning the ground is frozen quite hard though. Done the starching in the forenoon. Sewing in the afternoon at my nightgown. Albert did not get home till 1/2 past three O'clock. He got Esther & I each a new cloak, Maggie & Josey a pair of boots. Oh, what a lovely moon light night.

[five dollars each]

Saturday 16th. A very cold morning. Fearfully busy. Maggie cleaned the parlor stove. We put it up in the other room. Never got my work done till dark. Made pies & \_\_\_\_\_ xccc. I felt very sleepy & went to bed early.

Sunday 17th. We all went to Meeting in the morning to hear Mr. Rose (sic) preach. In the afternoon Esther & Albert went over to Liggetts stopped to tea I spent a very quiet afternoon. Oh, what a lovely moonlight night night. It makes me feel a little lonely. Very cold tonight too. We felt quite disapointed because we expected Mr. Preston out tonight & he did not come.

Monday 18th. This is such a lovely day I couldn't describe it. Maggie has commenced going to School again today doing a little of everthing putting glass in the windows xccc. Mother & I have all the work to do ourselves now several illegible words We expected Mr. Preston out to dinner today but he did not come we were disapointed a little I mailed a letter to Susan Andrews & a paper to E.G.W. this has been a beautiful day we moved the kitchen stove out this morning

Tuesday 19th. Another beautiful day. The boys killed a cow today. I feel very lonely today.

Wednesday 20th. E & I washing not doing much of anything after I got done went to bed very early the consequence was I had frightful dreams about the dead

Thursday 21st. several illegible words when Maggie Bentley Miss Kelly and Miss Rose came they stayed till 2 Oclock: E. sent a letter to Richard & one to Minnie. Oh, what a lovely day this has been. Such beautiful weather makes me feel lonely.

Friday 23rd. Another lovely morning. The ground is white with frost. Sewing the rest of the day after I got the house work done. Thomas Campion came here in the evening. He brought the papers from the office. I received one from Hamilton & one from Elizabeth Downing. One a Frankville (sic) Monthly from Mr.

Fowls. I think he also sent one to Esther & Maggie. He was very kind indeed. We are all delighted to get so many papers & E. also got a letter from Minnie. I did not get to bed till 10 was reading till then

Saturday 23rd. rained fast all night & it has rained most all day today very disagreeable day the first rain we have had for 2 weeks very busy all day doing house work felt very tired at night feel too tired to read went to bed early

Sunday 24th. Cloudy all day, snowing a little, raining a little. Albert & Thomas went to Quarterly Meeting at the Works. Got back for dinner. The rest were reading all day. The furthest I was out of the house was to the upper end of low (sic) garden. Enjoyed myself very well. Spent a nice quiet Sunday all of us alone.

Monday 25th. Quite a fall of snow last night the ground looks very white this morning a dull day. Thomas left this morning Josey commenced going to school. I felt miserable today. Robert brought his cow here for us to winter doing the housework & spinning (sic) a little.

Tuesday 26th. a very lovely day E & I washing in the forenoon. The snow is thawing off today Esther Ann spent the evening here Knitting in the evening

Wednesday 27th. I had a very bad headache in the morning. I went to bed for a short time after breakfast. Thrashing with the machine today, 11 men to dinner. We are kept quite busy. Two O'clock in the afternoon & it looks very much like a storm of \_\_\_\_\_ I was busy ironing in the afternoon after I got the other work done. I don't feel well at all. Did not go to bed till after 11 O'clock

Thursday 28th. ironing the white clothes and a great many starched ones. Spun enough for a pair of stockings in the afternoon. Almost sick (sic) with a pain (sic) between my shoulders at night. Esther went over to Esther Anns after dinner. I read all of Ecclesiastics through before I went to bed. A dull day.

Friday 29th. We had quite a fall of snow last night. Looks like winter today. Quite warm though. I do wish the sleighing was good so we could have a drive. Albert brought me a paper from the office from Hamilton. I do not feel well tonight.

Saturday 30th. The last day of the month and a very stormy day it is snowing most all day quite busy cleaning xxcc Josey went to the office brought me two letters one from E.G. Whitmarsh and one from Susan Andrews Kingston and a paper from E.G.W. I feel glad to get papers & letters I did not go to bed till after 11 O'clock. It is storming away quite fast at bed time. The last

night of the month & it is snowing fast

December 1st. 1861

Sunday 1st. A very snowy day at 11 O'clock the snow (sic) is quite deep. We spent a very pleasant time at home till 4 O'clock & then we all several illegible words Albert Esther Maggie & myself went to Church at the Works in the Sleigh. The first ride & a very rough one. Mr. P. preached. The text was in the 13th Chapter of Bar-mass (sic) and the 12th verse. Snowing very fast all the way going and coming home again. Cleared off after we got home and was quite cold I enjoyed the ride very much though we got home at 1/2 past eight. E. was quite sick.

Monday 2nd. A beautiful clear cold winter morning I was up early Albert & Thomas went to Stirling & just as we were getting dinner Mr. Preston came then we got his dinner ready we all had dinner again I was sewing all the afternoon at my nightgown I do not feel as well as I might spent the day rather pleasant

Tuesday 3rd. Beautiful day but very cold Mr. P. left just after dinner. Maggie Josey & I left shortly after to get to Crawfords to see Fannie poor Fan she is very low I think her days are numbered (sic) she talked a good deal to me though but she was unable to move herself in bed. We got home a little after dark and we were very cold [Peter Canlin had his leg taken off with a ...]

Wednesday 4th. A beautiful day. We are all very busy. The boys are killing pigs, six of them. Felt very tired at night. My shoulder pains me so much no one has any pity for me though

Thursday 5th. a cloudy day thawing a good deal in the afternoon Albert was out to the Works. He brought home word of poor Fannie's death. She died on Wednesday night at eight O'clock in bed. A solemn thing to think of death but we all must die. E & I washing did not get done till night quite a dark night. I feel very very badly tonight. It is not because we are alone I do not know what is the reason [insert illegible]

Friday 6th. Quite busy all day doing housework a good deal of the time

Saturday 7th. We were up early started at 1/2 past seven for Crawfords to go to Fannie's funeral she was buried at 11 O'clock a very large funeral they all felt so bad. I am sure they will miss her so much at home. I'm sure they will be lonely tonight at Crawfords. The roads are very muddy today not a particle of snow left it looks like a spring day it commenced to rain just as we got home and rained all night [we went in the waggon the snow all went off last night]

Sunday 8th. Very nice looking day but very muddy Tomy (sic) came here brought a letter from Richard. Esther Ann spent the afternoon here. William Young (sic) came in the evening. I scarcely moved out of the house all day

Monday 9th. Esther went to Stirling with Thomas this morning. She is going to stay a week or two with Annie. W. left with them very dull day I felt very lonesome all day

Tuesday 10th. Maggie & I washing floors very much like rain spinning in the afternoon commenced a pair of stockings tonight raining very hard at bed time

Wednesday 11th. Spinning a little in the morning William Fowlds (sic) called in about three O'clock stopped \_\_\_\_\_ went down in the shanty came back in the evening not \_\_\_\_\_ a very pleasant evening since talking xxxc went to bed \_\_\_\_\_ I like William Fawlds very well indeed

Thursday 12th. Very cold this morning the ground is frozen hard again. Mr. Fawlds left at 9 O'clock. I was busy all the forenoon ironing. There was a man here to dinner his name was Dean (sic) selling Doctor Brooks. He was a great talker. Doing a little sewing in the afternoon I feel very lonely today not anyone in the house at present but Mother & I we are all alone \_\_\_\_\_ Robert cut his foot went home. I went to bed early.



Friday 13th. This has been a lovely day. The boys killed seven hogs today. Tommy came just after dinner and a man buying fur with him. I had to get dinner for them I received a paper from Hamilton. I do not feel very well today

Saturday 14th. A very pleasant day. Quite busy till bed time and that was late. Maggie spent the afternoon at Cather (sic) House. I was making pies, cakes xxcc

Sunday 15th. A very lovely day in the morning we all but Mother went to Meeting quite a number there Albert & Tommy went Mr. Broadworths to dinner and we are all alone I cannot say that I was lonely at all reading most of the day

Monday 16th. A bright day but very windy indeed I have felt very lonely today Tommy (sic) left today he came at noon on Friday no one at home today but Mother, Peter and I all day. Albert is at Mr. Broadworths helping to draw peas

Tuesday 17th. A lovely day I am more lonely than ever today just Mother & I today all day in the morning I went to the Works with Josey walked two miles and felt very tired when I got back sewing at the three capes (sic) a little in the afternoon cleaned the floor got dinner xxcc I don't think I every felt so lonely I can scarcely work

Wednesday 18th. Another lovely day Maggie & I washing finished at dinner time cleaned the floor upstairs and down. It looks more like October weather than it does like December I do wish somebody would come for a short time

Thursday 19th. Very pleasant in the afternoon Maggie went to the Works on horseback quite warm raining hard in the morning I did not go to bed till quite late did not feel sleepy then. The boys have been away all day trashing at Mr. Broadworths. Maggie got a paper out of the office for me from E.G.W. and the several illegible words

Friday 20th. Very busy cold this morning and high winds looks a little more like winter. Albert went to Stirling in the afternoon with the waggon. Spent the afternoon at Esther Anns went up to see Mr. Richardson in the evening. He is very bad I do not think he will get better got home about 10 O'clock. Lovely moonlight

Saturday 21st. very very cold this morning the ice is beautiful on the Creek just after breakfast Bobby Baird came over to tell us Mr. Richardson was dead he died at 4 O'clock this morning very sudden death. Esther & Albert came home in the evening. Elizas been away two weeks. I have felt miserable all day

Sunday 22nd. a beautiful day but very cold we all were up to see Mr. Richardson we did not come home till late (sic) at night a great many people there. I was helping the family. They (sic) are almost crazy Mrs. R & \_\_\_\_\_ are for the time

Monday 23rd. We left home at ten to go to the funeral. We went in the waggon. It was a cold stormy day. The sermon was preached in the Town Hall by Rev. Mr. Rose. The text was the 6th Chapter of Ecclesiastics & the 10th verse. The Hall was full. We did not get home till dark I received one paper from E.G.W. and one from Hamilton. I felt very tired indeed but we killed six fowls and two geese after we got home

Tuesday 24th. a beautiful clear cold day we are all very busy all day. I was making pies, cakes, fried cake and cleaned upstairs \_\_\_\_\_ preparing for Christmas (sic). Llewyn Williams came in the evening stopped till after supper. T. Campion came at 9 O'clock. I was very tired when I went to bed.

Wednesday 25th. a beautiful day for Christmas Day I have not felt so tired for a long time as I do today We spent a very pleasant day all alone with the exception of Tommy being here. Esther Effie (sic) & I took a long walk down the Creek. We had a goose, plum pudding for dinner. I had a sleep after dinner and part of the day

Thursday 26th. very pleasant morning but it was snowing enough of the afternoon. They were threshing with the threshing machine after dinner a miserable evening for sure. The threshers have got done & gone home before dark a very windy night

Friday 27th. a fearfully windy day all day and very cold I was spinning all day stocking yarn I hope I have been scarcely out of the door all day. Llewyn Willams stopped here all night

Saturday 28th. a beautiful day Maggie went to Stirling with \_\_\_\_\_ I was very busy scrubbing making cakes xxcc

Sunday 29th a lovely day snowed a little though went to Meeting in the \_\_\_\_\_. Broadworth, Lewan Williams took dinner here in the evening. We went to Church at the Works. We came back by McCallums with Isaac B. I enjoyed myself very much. We stopped at Bentleys we did not have any supper until we got home and at almost 1/2 past 2 O'clock when we went to bed.

Monday 30th. Got up very early because Albert went early to get his horses shod (sic) at the Works. We started at 1/2 past 3 O'clock to Stirling for the Tea Meeting Albert Josey & Isaac 1/2 an hour before time to get there all started from William Downings. A great crowd at the Town Hall. We had a very nice tea we left at 1/2 past 8 and went to dance in school I enjoyed it all very much. We got up to Annies at 12 O'clock.

Tuesday 31st. We went to the Village about nine I called at Minnies. Had a walk about the village. Left for home a little after 11. Quite warm the snow is all going off the sleighing is very bad. We got home at 1/2 past 3. I was very tired indeed. We went to bed very early. So I felt very tired the last night of the year.

January 1st 1862

Wednesday

I did not see a soul all day but our own folks. We were invited out to Bentleys but could not go for it rained all the forenoon and took every particle of snow off. Frightfully windy. In the afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ . Freezing very hard towards night. Working all day same as usual. Very disagreeable day. I felt very lonely in the evening thinking of people and things that are past and gone and what great changes there has been in one year

Thursday 2nd. A fearfully cold day the sun is shining bright though. E & I washing. I was almost frozen putting out the clothes. A very cold night. The stars are shining very bright Went over to Esther Anns for a short time

Friday 3rd. A very cold day I was spinning in the forenoon & ironing all the afternoon I feel so lonely tonight Mother & brothers very cross

Saturday 4th. a very cold cold day they are threshing with the threshing machine & it being Saturday we have a whole (sic) lot of work to do 12 men for dinner & supper I feel very very \_\_\_\_\_ & lonely. The ice is beautiful & smooth on the Creek. Lovely skating (sic) now without (sic) any appearance of snow yet a very very strange winter indeed 12 O'clock when I went to bed I feel very lonely too although I stayed up so late

Sunday 5th. we all took a walk down the ice such a long smooth walk got back in time for dinner Albert & I spent the afternoon at Esther Anns I felt very lonely & sick when there came home early

Monday 6th. I was very \_\_\_\_\_ till 2 O'clock. I had all the work too also beds to make sewing to do cows to milk breakfast & dinner to get & dishes to do & dishes to wash twice. Esther will not do anything scarcely now. She is so cross it \_\_\_\_\_ impossible to live with her

Tuesday 7th. E & I washing twisting yarn & knitting a little in the afternoon. Second day of Town Meeting. Albert went out to the Works. He says Council men are Coleman, Johns, Wm. Haidton, Wm. Lennard, John Crawford, John McDonald. Great excitement. Not a particle of snow yet. Very strange weather for sure

Wednesday 8th. I spent a very miserable day everybody is so cross doing work most of the day. Quite a fall of snow in the afternoon

Thursday 9th. Spinning & twisting yarn most of the day finished it all up for this winter. Mrs. Liggetts house was burnt up took fire at 4 O'clock this morning. We did not know anything of it till 5 O'clock tonight such a sad thing they say all of their furniture burnt (sic) it is such a loss

Friday 10th. a \_\_\_\_\_ looking day. Albert & Robert have gone to help to build a house for Liggetts. They lost everything they had to eat. Got very cold at dark a windy night. I was (sic) doing housework most of the day had three meals to get & dishes to wash three times. Esther spent the day at Esther Anns

Saturday 11th. a dull day snowing in the evening froze very hard last night being scrubbing (sic), pies xccc I feel very unsettled today went to bed early I intended to \_\_\_\_\_ but Mother went to \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning in the Sleigh

WORKS SCRIBBLED OUT

Went to Church in the evening the sleighing is better than it has been this winter before. Mr. Preston came home with us he brought Maggie from Stirling she has been away more than two

weeks. He preached a good sermon said a good deal about the death of Prince Albert. Got supper after we came home Esther rode out in the Cutter with Mr. P. They upset on the road I had to laugh to see such large parcels fall out. We did not go to bed till after 12 O'clock

Monday 13th. beautiful clear day but very cold a lovely moon light night I felt quite ill all day Albert went to Stirling with a load Mr. P. did not move out of the house all day. He was sleeping & reading. He did not feel very well. He has been quite ill. I was mending (sic) the skirt of Maggie's green dress

Tuesday 14th. a lovely mild day Mr. Preston gave E & I a drive down the ice he ran against a worn and broken big cutter. He left here 1/2 past 10 this is indeed a lovely winters day. I feel a little better this afternoon made some pies & xxcc went to bed very early lovely night

Wednesday 15th. started snowing about 5 O'clock in the morning & snowed very fast till 4 at night \_\_\_\_\_ snow (sic) on the ground



Thursday 16th. a very blustery day the wind blows very hard all night I felt miserable all day do not know what ails me all the time I am not myself at all for this last week. In the evening William Fowls (sic) came in his Cutter. We did not go to bed till 1/2 past 11 spent a very pleasant evening singing, talking xxcc. A lovely moonlight night

Friday 17th. William Fowls (sic) down to the shanty after breakfast. Annie came up with Tommy (sic) Commenced snowing quite fast about 11 Oclock. I was ironing all day I felt fortunate to do it though did not go to bed till late William Fawlds (sic) took tea at William Bea\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 18th. a very stormy forenoon. Annie, Thomas & Mother went to Marias. Mr. Fawlds did not leave until after dinner. I think he is very nice person. We all like him very much. We had a very pleasant time while he was here. Quite late when we got work done on account of so many of them leaving. We have good sleighing now have not had a drive yet though. Esther Ann and \_\_\_\_\_ person with us. I felt very miserable in the evening laid down after tea

Sunday 19th. snowing all the forenoon very fast dull looking in the afternoon looking a little like rain. Albert, Esther, Maggie, Josey & I are all there is here all day. We were all reading and singing most of the day. I did not feel very well

I feel so lonely. Have a very bad pain between my shoulders all the time. Mother & Annie came home in the evening. Johnny & Richard Broadworth here for tea. I did not go to bed till after 11

Monday 20th. Snowing all day very fast. Albert started to the Works in the morning illegible words all day I was making \_\_\_\_\_ dress smaller I do not feel like doing anything I went to bed quite early

Tuesday 21st. a beautiful calm day the snow is quite deep \_\_\_\_\_ Annie & Minnie Palmer went home with Albert he went to Belleville. My head aches all the time. Beautiful day for sleigh riding the roads not broken very well yet though. Joseph Broadworth commenced drawing with our oxen this morning. Albert came back in the evening. Did not go to Belleville

Wednesday 22nd. a cloudy day got a sprinkling of rain in the evening. E & I washing just as we got through William Young (sic) two children came he left as soon as he got his dinner. The children stopped (Dan & George). Oh, such a time as we have with children now a days \_\_\_\_\_ Tommy (sic) came back from Beaver Creek in the evening brought in there man with him I am almost crazy so many of them. Albert, Maggie, Josey & I went to Missonary Meeting in the evening in the sleigh had a very miserable time. I went but I did not feel well nice warm night

though I enjoyed the drive more than anything else

Thursday 23rd. a mild warm day I am afraid it will rain doing a little of everything not much of anything. I have got a very bad cold indeed. Albert went to Stirling in the afternoon

Friday 24th. a glorious day sun shining beautifully after Albert came from Stirling he drove E & I out to the Works took tea at Mrs. Bowens when we got to the Works William Fowlds was just ready to come out to our house we got him to stay to tea with us E rode home with him. The sleighing is a good \_\_\_\_\_ we had Nelly before the sleigh she goes very well it was 1 O'clock when I got to bed

Saturday 25th. commenced snowing before daylight and is snowing away at dark a great fall of snow. William Fowlds left for home at 1/2 past 3 O'clock we had a very grand time while he was here he is a great talker. I feel so dull all the time do not feel like myself at all. Making cakes xxcc. Went to bed at 10 O'clock

Sunday 26th. a very blustery day snowing & blowing all day fearfully windy. Albert, Esther & Maggie went out to Church in the evening. Mother Josey & I alone with the exception of the children. They got home early on account of there not being any Church. Mr. Preston did not come \_\_\_\_\_ expected Minnie & Mr. Preston back with them but they did not come on account of the

storm I suppose

Monday 27th. a lovely calm day Albert went to Stirling took Dan & George with him illegible words sent a paper to Miss Hamilton. Oh, what a lovely sunset this has indeed been a beautiful day for sleighing. I have scarcely been out of the house today. After supper Albert came home from Stirling. Aggie Potts came home \_\_\_\_\_ I cannot say I was glad to see her \_\_\_\_\_ I finished a pair (sic) of illegible words and commenced on Arthurs pair

Tuesday 28th. a cloudy day but very pleasant. E & I washing, very busy. Albert put Nelly before the Cutter for the first time good sleighing now if there was not so many deifts. Josey drove Aggie, Esther & I out to Richards to call on May Hart we got back before dark

Wednesday 29th. cleaned up stairs sewing a little of everything

Thursday 30th. about 10 O'clock Josey drove Esther Aggie & I to Bentleys. We took dinner there. About 3 O'clock we all drove up to Llymon (sic) Johns to see \_\_\_\_\_ John stopped there a short time and then came home. I received a paper from Richard I enjoyed the day much better than I thought I would because I felt very miserable when I left home a lovely day

Friday 31st. a \_\_\_\_\_ day. Esther Ann came over after dinner in the evening Charley & Lucy P \_\_\_\_\_ Maggie & Angeline Beatty, Miss Rose & Fannie Kelly down but they all came to tea I must say I had a very miserable time so that is the way the first month of the year ended.

#### February 1862

Saturday 1st. a very lovely day very busy all day. The man came with the book called the Family Phisician. We bought one. I felt very miserable all day. Albert went to Stirling. Did not feel very well when he got home a very sore throat something like the mumps or quinsey

Sunday 2nd. a lovely day about 12 Oclock Thomas came up from \_\_\_\_\_ Thmasy (sic) Victoria and Susan Story came with them were here to dinner John Crawford & Angeline Bentley about 4 stopped a very short time. I rode with them as far as Liggetts Hill. I received a letter from E.G.W. this evening I feel a little better today

Monday 3rd. busy in the forenoon doing housework as soon as dinner was over we started for Stirling (Aggie & I) in the Cutter. Albert is very sick yet. Commenced to storm when we got half way to the Works & stormed fearfully all the way very cold today at Mrs. Potts all night

Tuesday 4th. Went up to Annie's to dinner called at Mr. Prestons in the morning left Stirling a little after 2 O'clock for home. Minnie & little Sarah Berton came home with me. A lovely afternoon. I enjoyed the drive very much. Stopped a short time in the Works at dusk. The sleighing is capital now. Went to bed quite early felt tired after our long drive

Wednesday 5th. a dull kind of a day I \_\_\_\_\_ of the best today sewing a little Sarah \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday 6th. Esther, Minnie, Sarah & I went out to Mrs. Boorish (sic) to Mrs. Bentleys to tea spent a very pleasant day I \_\_\_\_\_ all the people were very kind to us. We got home at 8 O'clock

Friday 7th. a boring (sic) day did not move out of the house all day making aprons. Mr. Deorthman (sic) that sells medicine Books stopped here all night. Albert is very ill tonight. Oh, I wish he was better. I spent a very lonely and dull evening

Saturday 8th. rather cloudy & stormy all day. I scrubbed the floor made cakes xxcc. Tommy Champion came in the afternoon John Crawford came in the evening. I feel very miserable was never so sorry to see any person come in a long time. We went to bed quite early. I do not enjoy anything anymore I cannot tell why.

Sunday 9th. It snowed till 3 O'clock & then Esther, Minnie, Maggie, Josey, John Crawford went to Church. I had such a nice quiet time after they left. Little Sarah stayed with me. They got home at 1/2 past 8 got supper for them. We all went to bed early.

Monday 10th. a beautiful day very cold though Mr. Preston, Minnie & little Sarah started after breakfast. Esther took (sic) Albert down to the Doctor in the Cutter in the afternoon. I felt very miserable all day. Did not do much of anything

Tuesday 11th. Maggie & I got commenced to wash when we spied Mr. Foulds coming so we \_\_\_\_\_ for awhile he only remained a short time & then went to the shanty so we finished washing a great many clothes this week. W.F. got back in time for tea. We spent a very pleasant evening (sic). several illegible words We did not go to bed till after 11 we all like Mr. F. very much. He is such good company a lovely day

Wednesday 12th. a beautiful day Mr. F. left about 10 O'clock Albert got a new pair of Mogosins (sic). Sewing a little

Thursday 13th. very busy ironing, starching, xccc. Very tired at night. Maggie was at Esther Anns all day so I had to get all the meals. I went to bed early

Friday 14th. Valentines Day. At home all alone Albert is not as well as he was a day or two ago. Rather stormy day.

Saturday 15th. a lovely day for sure Maggie & Mother went to Stirling in the Cutter. Maggie home (sic). Josey, Peter & Robert went to thrash at W. Broadworths. Albert & I all alone till dark. Maggie received one paper from England. Esther came here was gone a week. Mr. Corbould (sic) sent it and one from Richard and one for E. from Richard. Albert got a letter from Richard. I did not go to bed till 12 O'clock reading.

Sunday 16th. Just as we finished breakfast we spied John McCann coming. We all ran upstairs and fastened the doors Mother told him we were all gone to the Works & he started (sic) for the Works R. with him. He got half way there when he said he did not see any track he turned back when he got on the track he saw us starting for Stirling so he ran his horse after us & caught up in the woods when we got almost there Esther Ann told him to go someplace else we did not want him with us so he left us (sic) to dinner at Speys (sic) stayed till 4 O'clock. Had a nice time

Monday 17th. a charming day Albert went to Stirling in the Cutter brought Mother home got a new pair of boots for me a nice dress for Maggie



Tuesday 18th. Albert & I went as far as Thamon (sic) in the Cutter we started for Bowses (sic) but met him on the road. Got home at 1 O'clock. I enjoyed the drive very much. A very windy day a mild wind though looks \_\_\_\_\_ like a thaw

Wednesday 19th. doing housework & sewing at Maggies dress

Thursday 20th. sewing a little after 12 Mr. Foulds came. He did not stop only a few minutes but went down to Sprys we expected him back to tea and waited a long time but he did not come at all we were greatly disappointed

Friday 21st. Mr. F. came back at 11 O'clock so we all had dinner & then we got ready to go up home with Mr. Foulds, that is Esther Albert & I. We left at half past two O'clock & got to Hastings a little after dark had a very pleasant ride a very pleasant day for driving remained at Mr. Foulds over night they have a very nice home & everything comfortable

Saturday 22nd. a lovely morning after breakfast we went out to see the Village & the people we called at Mr. William Foulds, Mr. James Foulds & Mr. Sharps they have all got beautiful houses heated with hot air & furnished beautifully drove to Percy in the afternoon came back to tea at Mr. Sharps a nice little party there dancing singing xxcc. Spent a very pleasant evening did not go to bed till 2 O'clock. They are all very kind people. We

never received such kindness from strangers before

Sunday 23rd. quite a pleasant day. We stopped at Mrs. Sharps till Church time 3 O'clock after Church we went to Mr. Henery Foulds again. Mr. & Mrs. Sharp & some others spent the evening with us. I was quite ill all day felt miserable

Monday 24th. We got up in the morning with the intention of starting home but it was impossible in such a storm it was terribly stormy & windy all day the greatest storm we have had this winter we spent the afternoon and evening at Mr. William Foulds another party there dancing music (sic) xxcc. They are all such lively people. They are all Scotch people

Tuesday 25th. a pleasant morning we got up very early and started about 7 O'clock for home. The roads were fearfully drifted. I never saw anything like it in \_\_\_\_\_. In the Works from 12 till 1/2 past 3. W.F. had some business to look after so we did not get home till it was almost past \_\_\_\_\_. I enjoyed the drive though. W.F. is such a great talker no danger of getting lonely. We did not go to bed till quite late at night all the time

Wednesday 26th. a lovely day Mr. F. left about 10 O'clock doing housework sewing a little I feel quite stupid after such a long drive went to bed at 9 O'clock

Thursday 27th. E & I washing a fearfully stormy & windy day the snow is in fearful drifts now

Friday 28th. Drying clothes ironing doing housework xxcc

March 1862

Saturday 1st. very busy in the forenoon cleaning sweeping dusting. I finished the ironing went out to the Works with Josey in the Cutter. Maggie Johns & I collecting for Mr. Preston. Tramping through the snow all the afternoon we had very good success. Took tea at Mrs. Bleachers. Got home a little after dark. Spent a very pleasant time

Sunday 2nd. a charming day almost like a May day spent a quiet forenoon. About 3 O'clock Esther, Maggie, Josey & I went to see old Mr. Sprys & took tea at Richardsons. Got home a little before dark

Monday 3rd. a very disagreeable day raining part of the time blowing, thawing, freezing, xxcc. E & I washing got done at noon sewing after dinner

Tuesday 4th. a very pleasant day after tea we all went out to the Works to a Concert. Mr. Simazer (sic) & sons were the singers. It was a failure, the boys had such bad colds. The roads are in a fearful state at present the snow is very deep.

Angeline Bentley came home with us we had a very pleasant time and a nice drive got home at 4

Wednesday 5th. busy as usual making cakes xccc. In the evening Thomas Campion came & Wm. Young (sic) came for Mother to go up home with him. I am so sorry for we expect company this week in fact we are looking for them every day and hour

Thursday 6th. a pleasant calm day. We are all very busy. Mother left after breakfast and we have any quantity of men helping to thresh. I had bread to make & bake, made a pound cake Very busy till after 3 O'clock never sat down till after 3 about 7 O'clock in the evening Mr. Foulds drove up he was all alone we spent a very pleasant evening dancing talking, xccc. Went to bed sometime after 12.

Friday 7th. a glorious morning after I got the work done up I took a long walk on Mr. Fs. snowshoes. I like walking on them. Made an apron for little Hannah. Angeline, Esther & I alone till about 3 O'clock. \_\_\_\_\_ & Mr. F. left at 10 O'clock for Marys. Mr. F. came back in the afternoon we spent a pleasant time till \_\_\_\_\_ time. We spent such a pleasant evening Angeline makes us all laugh so much

Saturday 8th. another cloudy day Mr. F. left at 10 O'clock for home so we had all our work to do after that just got through cleaning & dinner over when Annie & Mrs. & Mr. Young came got dinner for them & the dishes off of the table when James Read & his wife came got dinner for them so then we got dishes washed and the work done up it was time for tea I felt almost tired out I went to bed rather early about 1/2 past 9 I was so sleepy it has been thawing for three days & nights more or less. The snow has settled a great deal lately.

#### BEGINNING OF THE BLUE PAGES SEWN INTO THE BACK OF THE BOOK

Sunday 9th. a lovely day quite warm. Just six years today since my dear Father died. A great many changes since then. A great many of our dear friends have left this world of care and sorrow in that time. I felt very miserable all day. Annie & Mrs. Young left at 11 O'clock. A short time after they left Dan & Maggie Johns came here. I was sorry to see them coming we all but Esther went out to Church [Angeline went home with us she has been here a week \_\_\_\_\_] Mr. Preston preached an excellent sermon we got home at 1/2 past 8 O'clock

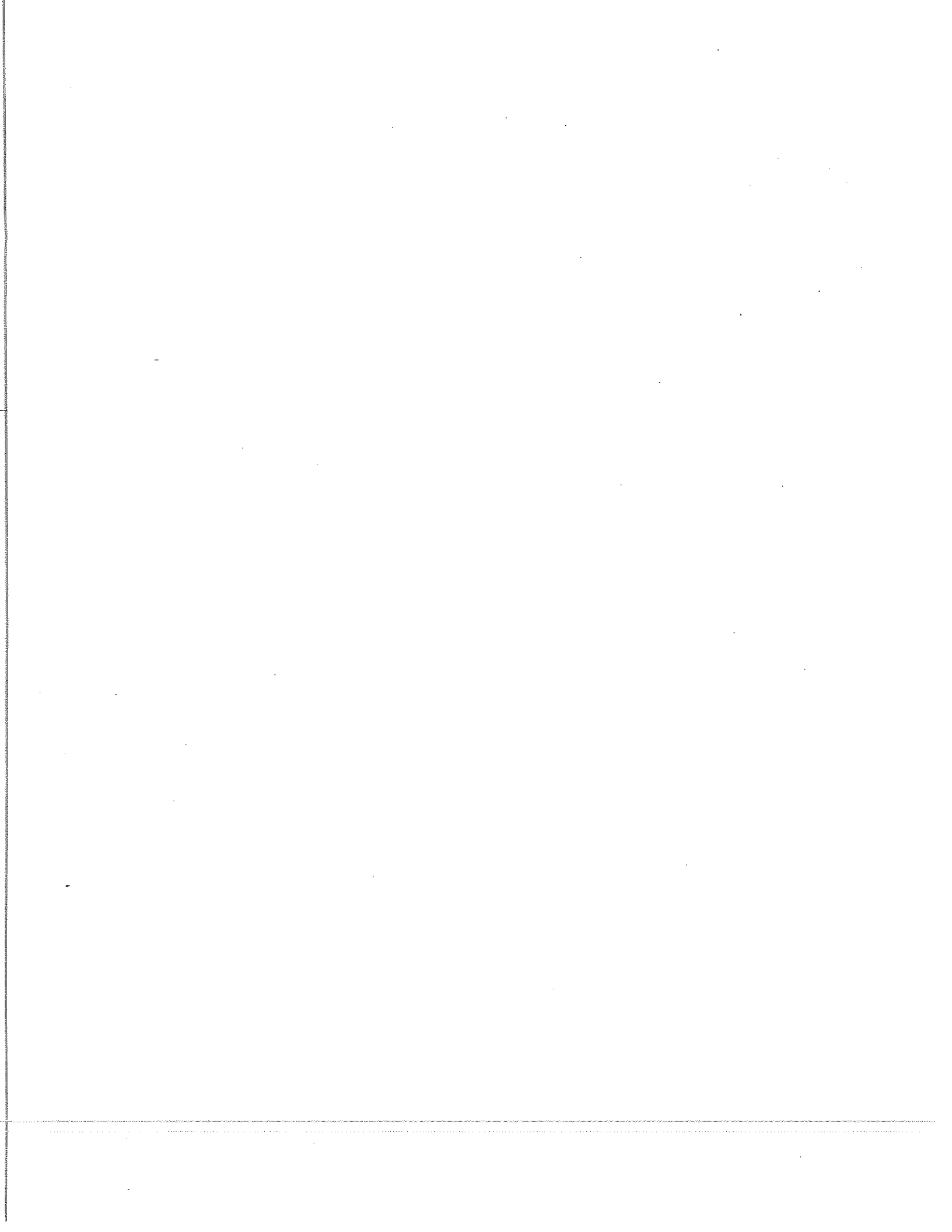
Monday 10th. a very miserable day \_\_\_\_\_ rain all day \_\_\_\_\_ the snow going off as fast as possible. E & I washing did not get through till night. I went to bed early. Old Mr. Jones died at 1 O'clock this afternoon he was almost 90 years old.

Tuesday 11th. a lovely day. It froze quite hard last night & today it is freezing in the shade & thawing like everything where the sun shines. Albert started for Belleville this morning. I was very busy ironing all the afternoon putting out the clothes and cleaning in the forenoon. About 4 O'clock Mr. Preston came here from the Works. I was alone all the afternoon till the children came from school. Esther was over to Jones from dinner time till dark in the evening. I received 2 papers from E.G.W. We got 6 papers altogether & one letter for E. from E. Downing.

Wednesday 12th. a lovely day they have all but myself gone away Maggie & E went to the funeral with Mr. Preston. All but myself are at Stirling so I spent a very quiet day. I felt about half sick all day with a cold. I have some lovely Pinks in bloom now. I did not get to bed till late had to wait up till the bread baked.

Thursday 13th. a cold day we all (but Esther) have got very bad colds & conjection for my part I feel very miserable Not \_\_\_\_\_ much of my time but housework. I took a walk down to Richard's barn beautiful walking on the crust the snow is so hard

Friday 14th. a cloudy dull day a week ago we were invited to a tea meeting and Concert at Hastings \_\_\_\_\_ Maggie & Albert did intend going but Albert felt so miserable he gave up the notion Poor Maggie is so disapointed. Esther Ann & \_\_\_\_\_ & Margaret



Bird spent the day were here to dinner & tea [they walked over]  
\_\_\_\_\_ fast about 4 O'clock & Albert took them home at  
9 O'clock in the Sleigh. She is a awful woman to talk not much  
sense about it either. Went to bed at 11 O'clock

Saturday 15th. quite a heavy fall of snow last night snowing \_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Josey went in Stirling for a print (sic) busy most of the  
day cleaning. This is the first Saturday we have been alone &  
along came William Young brought Mother home she has been away 10  
days. Maria's baby was born on the 13th, a Thursday.

Sunday 16th. snowing very fast all day it has been snowing two  
days two nights. We were all alone today spent a very pleasant  
day of it, too. Maggie went back with William for to stay a week  
with Maria (sic)

Monday 17th. St. Patricks Day is this morning. The snow is very  
deep there is about six inches of snowfall. I went out to the  
Works with Albert finished up collecting got nineteen dollars all  
together we got home at 4 O'clock \_\_\_\_\_ to bed very early for I  
felt tired

Tuesday 18th. a lovely day we got an early dinner & then Albert  
E & I went up to Wm. Fidlars we did not get home till about 11  
O'clock we spent a very pleasant afternoon & evening. They are  
such sensible people besides several illegible words At the



Works I received a paper from Richard. Esther received a letter from Aggie Potts.

Wednesday 19th. a charming day. E & I washing. I tapped two trees in the afternoon the sap came fast it is quite warm today. Just after we had supper Mr. Foulds came got his tea ready after. I do not feel very well I feel so stupid several illegible words

Thursday 20th. such a lovely sun shining day thawing very fast I was doing housework most of the day sewing at my gown. Mr. F. was in the woods all day came back in the evening. Esther Ann spent the afternoon & evening with us we spent quite a pleasant evening I received a letter from Susan Andrews

Friday 21st. a fearfully stormy day. I am sure not anyone else saw it snow faster than it did this forenoon. At 2 O'clock William Foulds, Albert, Esther & I went to Stirling to a tea Meeting in the Presbyterian Church. It snowed all the way we had a very pleasant drive though got there awhile before dark went to the tea meeting at 7 O'clock had a good tea & some very good speeches Esther & I went up to Annies. Albert & William Foulds stopped at the Hotel on account of their having everthing torn up to move they could not accomodate them. We did not get to bed till after 12. We spent a very pleasant night.

Saturday 22nd. My birthday 23rd birthday. Storming a little we got home at 2 O'clock had a very pleasant drive the \_\_\_\_\_ are very good indeed. Annie is all prepared for moving in the tavern. Foulds left a little after 4 O'clock for home I felt very tired when I got home I went to bed very early

Sunday 23rd. a very fine day but very bad walking it is thawing very fast we went to the \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning in the afternoon we went to Church (at 4 O'clock now) Not many there. Minnie (that is Mrs. Preston) came home with us got tea at home.

Monday 24th. a dull kind of a day we were busy most of the day washing. About 2 O'clock William Hart, William Hamilton, & his brother of Thurlow called remained a short time [insert illegible]

Tuesday 25th. a charming day. After we got our work done in the morning Minnie, Esther, little Sarah & I drove to old Mrs. Johns & took dinner. Quite a cold day. Took tea at Mrs. Barnes got home at dark spent a very pleasant day. I received 4 papers from E.G.W.

Wednesday 26th. a lovely day again. I have been very busy ironing almost all day. Feel very tired tonight. After dinner Esther, Maggie, Minnie, Josey & little Sarah went to Bentleys to tea. Thawing very fast today. We made a bowl of maple molasses

today. They got home at 8 O'clock. Kate Bentley came home with them

Thursday 27th. a lovely day. I \_\_\_\_\_ sewing at Maggies gingham dress. Spent a quiet day & went to bed early

Friday 28th. another lovely day. John Crawford & Sarah Chisholm came at 11 O'clock a little after 12 Mr. Preston & Aggie Potts came they were all here to dinner. We are all of us almost tired out with visitors. In the afternoon Doctor Parker came stopped till after tea & Kate Bentley (sic) with him. Mr. Preston, Minnie & Aggie were here all night. I for my part spent a very dull evening I cannot tell why we went to bed quite early.

Saturday 29th. a lovely day they all left about 9 O'clock. Aggie went to the Works to spend a few days. I felt miserable in the afternoon took a little nap. Tomy Campion took tea with us. We promised him & Reynolds (sic) in the morning to go and see poor James Downing [to meet at 8 O'clock tomorrow morning] E. & I walked over to Esther Anns for a short time just as we got home George Jones came over & told us that James Downing was dead. He died on Friday 28th at 9 O'clock in the evening I am so sorry we did not see him before he died. Oh, such a warning to people to be prepared young as well as old die. Our friends are dropping off on every side. I feel very \_\_\_\_\_ tonight. This is a lovely night. We intend starting very early in the morning to

the funeral.

Sunday 30th. very lovely forenoon we left at 7 O'clock for the funeral just got there in time. The sermon was preached in the Town Hall at Bridgewater the text was the two verses of the 23rd Psalm after the sermon was preached we all drove to the burying ground at Thomasburg 14 miles from Bridgewater. The wind was blowing fearfully all the way a cold east wind. I was almost frozen when we got there. James looked quite natural only he was very thin he was sick so long. After the burial we drove to Stirling. It thundered & lightening fearfully [rain & snowed a little] on the road we stopped at Mr. Downings all night felt very tired when we got there [Albert & Tomy stopped at Annies]

Monday 31st. We called to see Annie in the morning the roads (sic) are very bad we did not get home till after 1 O'clock it rained a little all the way I felt almost tired out when we got home did not do much of anything in the afternoon I can hardly make myself believe that James Downing is dead poor fellow I hope he has gone to a better world [Mr. Foulds & his foreman presented us girls with a beautiful Canada Carsage]

April 1862

Tuesday 1st. Fool Day. E. & I washing most of the day a very pleasant day but thawing a great deal

Wednesday 2nd. a very windy day rained a little. John McMillan and his cousin were here all day & finished the Canoe. Quite a large one

Thursday 3rd. Thawing very fast I was scarcely out of doors all day finished Maggies gingham dress I am very glad indeed this is very pleasant weather but a person does not feel all together right got quite cold in the evening

Friday 4th. a lovely frozen morning. The boys have all gone to the bush to tap the trees for to make sugar made more than half a pail of molasses making of cakes for Maggie

Saturday 5th. a very windy & sunny (sic) day got very pleasant in the evening so Tomy, Josey, Maggie & I went out to the Works Capital sleighing to the Works expect a \_\_\_\_\_ I received 6 papers & a letter from E.G.W. and his likeness also one paper & a letter from Richaard & also Rich'd likeness a very good one. Great excitement so many papers & letters

Sunday 6th. Albert, Maggie, Josey & I \_\_\_\_\_ on this crust to Meeting in the morning very wintry melting I felt very tired when I got home reading till three O'clock & then we all went out to Church. W. Preston preached at 4 O'clock a very good sermon & very short one. We got home before sundown. Had a nice drive (sic)

Monday 7th. a lovely day. E. & I washing part of the day put a quilt in the frames after we got through I feel very tired tonight. It is a lovely moonlight night

Tuesday 8th. quilting most of the day doing housework the rest

Wednesday 9th. the boys sugared off 26 pounds of sugar in the afternoon. I had the ironing all to do today. I had a very bad pain between my shoulders I put on a mustared (sic) plaster and took off the skin. It pained me a good deal. I received a paper from E.G.W. I felt very lonely today

Thursday 10th. lovely day the snow has gone off very fast today. Mr. & Mrs. Rose came out here at 1/2 past 10 remained till about three. I don't know when I ever felt so ill as I did all day today. I suffered a great deal with my shoulder after I took off the blaster it was all in a blister felt very bad at that time (sic)

Friday 11th. I felt much better this morning a lovely warm day sewing a little at my sun bonnet. I went over to the sugar bush on horseback to see them sugar off had a nice little ride. Maggie spent the afternoon at Esther Anns. I went to bed early

Saturday 12th. a lovely day but very bad roads. James dog bit Jane (sic) several words deep in the afternoon so I put on Alberts boots went over & told them about it & to kill their dog got back in time to milk. Eight cows to milk now. Any amount of work to do [the roads are in a fearful state]

Sunday 13th. a dull looking day outdoors a very dull day in the house. I feel very lonely today reading & sleeping most of the time till milking time

Monday 14th. a cloudy day I do not know when I ever spent such a lonesome day. The Creek is almost all open now [I launched our Canoe]

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th. altering Maggies Challey (sic) dress such a trouble it is too very muddy around here now Tily Creek looks like a lake at present I never knew it to be so high before we can go almost to the barn door with the Canoe

Thursday 17th. E. & I washing a very warm day & windy we got through floor & all at 3 O'clock when Mr. Foulds came in a buggy & two horses. Spent a very dull evening but it seems very quiet [The roads are in a fearful state he had to swim the horses]

Friday 18th. a dull rainy day Mr. F. went down [in the morning] the Creek in the Canoe to the shanty got back at 6 O'clock William Young came in the evening the water is fearfully high we spent a very pleasant evening did not go to bed till late I like William F. very well

Saturday 19th. Mr. F. broke down on the road to the Works got it mended at the Works a beautiful day William Foulds left at 10 O'clock E. wrote a note to Mr. Capall (sic) and one to Miss. Lalavian (sic) just for fun she is very very [and left them in the \_\_\_\_\_] after Albert went out to the Works had to go through the three mile woods & then up the Marmora road on account of so much water on the roads. I received a paper from E.G.W. a note & a likeness of himself and two sisters taken together I was over to Esther Anns a little while after I got through cleaning I went to bed early.

Sunday 20th. a lovely day we all went to Meeting in the morning spent the afternoon in reading & sleeping took a walk the fields are getting nice & dry



Monday 21st. a very disagreeable day commenced raining at dinner time quite cold too I am busy making Maggie a jacket out of her grey (sic) cape we were all singing at a great rate in the evening [rained till next morning the troughs are full of water]

Tuesday 22nd. raining till morn E. & I washing finished Maggie's jacket after I got through it looks well on her I did not go to bed till quite late was reading

Wednesday 23rd. commenced freezing this morning the wind is blowing & it is quite cold Albert Jones commenced to work at 10 O'clock today

Thursday 24th. a lovely day Llewyn Williams came over before dinner & stopped till after tea. He fixed our saddle a little Josey was out to the Works and brought a paper from Richard for Albert, Maggie & I each one. Esther & I both received a letter from \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ one from Fannie Whitmarsh & E. from Mary we have never seen either of them they want us to visit them this summer I also received papers from E.G.W. Great excitement hearing from people we never saw [E. & I were for a sail in the Canoe] [eleven papers all together]

Friday 25th. a charming day the trees are beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ not doing much of anything rambling about the fields part of time

Saturday 26th. Oh, such a lovely day but I feel very lonely indeed the boys are in the bush the saps been very fast today made pies after I got through cleaning I answered Miss. F. Whitmarshs letter this afternoon 10 cows to milk & cannot get a girl so we all have to work E. & I did not get to bed till 12 Oclock Tommy Campion was here and was telling us such funny yarns made us laugh so much.

Sunday 27th. a lovely day for sure Maggie & I took a walk in the woods & got a lot of May flowers the first we saw this spring Esther Ann came over after dinner so we all took a walk down to [the] Moira River. The water looks beautiful we got back before tea just as we got through milking it commenced raining I went to bed early felt very sleepy

Monday 28th. rained fast till after 12 Oclock and then it was very dull all the afternoon

Tuesday 29th. a lovely day E. & I washing I cleaned the floor after

Wednesday 30th. charming day I went over to the schoolhouse for the childrens books in the morning. Got dinner ready after I came back After dinner Tommy Campion, Maggie, Josey & I went more than a mile down the Creek for a sail in the Canoe. Spent a very pleasant day although just as we got done milking, W. Newburg,

W. McCloud (sic) came to tea. We went to bed quite early they are such quiet men. I received two papers from E.G.W. So that is the last of this month. [Tilly Creek looks beautiful at present] [one year ago today since Richard left a great many changes \_\_\_\_\_]

May 1862

Thursday 1st. raining a little all day. Oh, we were so disappointed because we could not go to the Concert at Stirling we have been talking about it such a long time I don't think I ever felt so disappointed in my life. It was a very disagreeable day. Maggie & I willing to go but Albert would not. Mr. Newburg & Mr. McCloud (sic) left after dinner. I spent a very miserable day. I went to bed early

Friday 2nd. in the afternoon Albert & Maggie went to Stirling. In the afternoon it rained very hard about an hour after they left. I was fixing my muslin dress

Saturday 3rd. Albert got home about 2 O'clock. Maggie remained in Stirling [Maggies birthday] Esther Ann spent the afternoon with us spent it very pleasantly

Sunday 4th. A cloudy day E. & I took a long walk in the morning Isaac, Neil & I \_\_\_\_\_ Spry was here to dinner in the afternoon John Richardson, Esther Ann, Margaret William & Richard

Broadworth were here. They all left before tea. We got tea & done the milking & then went for a walk as far as the woods met Mr. Preston & Arthur Preston coming out on horseback so we came back with them a very pleasant evening as they were tired we went to bed early

Monday 5th. a lovely morning but quite showery in the afternoon Arthur & Mr. Preston left (sic) about 9 O'clock. Arthur is a great \_\_\_\_\_ I felt very miserable all day doing a little of everything

Tuesday 6th. E. & I washing most (sic) of the day quite a chilly day. I feel very lonely every day now. I took a walk for the cows in the evening

Wednesday 7th. a lovely day but quite cool though. I was very busy all day done all the ironing & starching. We had a large washing too. E.A.B. took dinner with us went to bed quite early

Thursday 8th. this is indeed a lovely day. Esther and I left here at 9 O'clock for to go to the Works (we walked) took dinner at Bentleys and tea at Roses. We spent a very pleasant day. Had a great deal of fun. Everybody was as good as they could be to us. Got home at sundown pleasant walking now. I received papers from E.G.W. E. a letter from Aunty Potts. I felt a little tired when I got home

Friday 9th. \_\_\_\_\_ day very sultry suffocating wind. Albert commenced sowing grain yesterday. I was working in the garden a good part of today sewing the rest of the day

Saturday 10th. done up our work in the forenoon sewing in the afternoon. Angeline & Maggie Bentley walked out got here at 4 O'clock a very windy day in the evening Mr. Foulds came in a sulky (sic). E\_\_\_\_\_ Beare (sic) over in the evening. We spent a very pleasant evening dancing, singing, xcc. Did not get to bed till after 1 O'clock

Sunday 11th. a lovely day after got the work done we went for a walk got a bunch (sic) of May flowers I enjoyed the walk very much did not get back till after 12 after we had dinner Maggie & Angeline went home we all went as far as Liggetts Hill with them came back across the fields. Albert, Esther & Josey went up to Esther Anns they got their tea there. Mr. F., Maggie & I came home we had a nice quiet talk for a short time before they came home [I like him very much] We all went to bed early. I felt very tired and I did not feel very well either [I received a letter from Fannie Whitmarsh]

Monday 12th. a lovely morning I was up at 4 O'clock felt quite ill all night slept very little I feel miserable in fact I cannot tell how I do feel. Mr. Foulds left about 9 O'clock for Stirling & we girls went into the housecleaning at a great rate commenced

the parlor working very hard all day but did not get through [no one knows what trouble I have on my mind (sic)] I went to bed early

Tuesday 13th. commenced to rain at six in the morning & rained till 2 in the afternoon. We finished Parlor & done all the dining room today. I was almost tired out (sic) at night in fact we all were Katez (sic) Jenkinson came in the evening to help to clean downstairs

Wednesday 14th. a lovely day for sure we were all of us up to the cleaning up to our eyes did not get through till after dark but one consolation is we have finished all our white washing. Oh, I feel very very tired tonight. We have done a great deal of work today. What a beautiful sunset tonight. I feel too tired to sleep. The roads & fields are beginning to look charming now. They are so green and nice and dry for walks. We all went to bed early.

Thursday 15th. quite a warm day. E. & I washing in the forenoon. I was working in the garden after dinner planting flower seeds. Bill Jenkinson is spading the garden in the afternoon I feel very lonely today. The boys are very busy in the field sowing, plowing, dragging xxcc.

Friday 16th. a very very warm day I was working in the garden most of the day planting beets onions xccc

Saturday 17th. a very hot day more like July than May very busy all day I felt very lonely in the evening. I received a paper from E.G.W. I went to bed at 1/2 past ten a very warm night too warm to sleep comfortable

Sunday 18th. at seven O'clock in the morning it is very pleasant a little cooler than last night but fearfully hot in the afternoon. E. & I went to Church left here at 1/2 past 10 stopped at Bentleys all day. Mr. Preston & Arthur came home with us we got home at dusk commenced to Thunder & Lightening fearfully just as we got home I was very tired and had a very bad headache when I got home. We went to bed early but the mosquitoes were very troublesome.

Monday 19th. a cold snowy (sic) day wind blowing at a great rate such a change from hot to cold in one night. Mr. P. & Arthur left at ten O'clock I felt very miserable all day

Tuesday 20th. a beautiful day a little warmer working in the garden and sewing doing housework, xccc.

Wednesday 21st. a very pleasant forenoon. E. & I washing got through at dinner time in the afternoon it rained very fast Thunder & Lightening in the evening rained fearfully





Thursday 22nd. this is not pleasant at all one day it will be very hot next cold next very windy xxcc put out the clothes in the morning ironing starching all the rest (sic) of the day I answered Fannies letter mailed it today I received a letter from Minnie today

Friday 23rd. a lovely day E. & I thought of walking to the Works after dinner but at 12 Oclock who should come along but Mrs. Bradey, Barkley, Bleecher & Mrs. Elmer. I was so much disapointed but I walked out with them myself after tea. Stopped at Mrs. Blechers all night

Saturday 24th. a lovely day I left the Works at 1/2 past 9 got a chance with Mr. Stedman. He had a beautiful horse and Carriage arrived in Stirling a little after eleven. Aggie & Miss. Hanley called in the afternoon I went to see Minnie she has been quite poorly

Sunday 25th. a lovely cheering day I went to Church twice and took a long walk besides with James Crawford

Monday 26th. Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th. several illegible words made my calico dress & knit (sic) cape. Took tea with Aggie and Miss Hanley

Thursday 29th & Friday 30th. Saturday 31st. spent a very pleasant week although I was quite ill part of the time had some very nice walks [The boys finished their spring work]

June 1st 1862

Sunday 1st. a dry dusty (sic) day went to Church in the morning came home with Mr. Preston in the afternoon went to Church in Marmora came home on horseback I spent a week in Stirling and it never rained all the time very dry weather the flies are very thick

Monday 2nd. a beautiful day. Mr. P. left at 11 O'clock. I felt very miserable all day not doing much only the housework

Tuesday 3rd. picking wool all day dry weather yet we need rain very much

Wednesday 4th. finished the wool greased it and got it all ready Albert & Mother started for Stirling at 3 O'clock with the wool

Thursday 5th. another lovely day we were all very busy. E. & I washing. Maggie doing the housework. Albert came home in the evening brought E. & I new dresses, cloth for jackets, shoes, xxcc. Mother is so good to get us things

Friday 6th. a very warm dry day I was so busy all day ironing starching felt tired but went to the Works on horse back with Albert. Had a very pleasant ride did not remain any time at the Works. I was greatly disappointed at not getting a letter tonight

Saturday 7th. quite a shower of rain in the morning did not last long though all day made currant pies the first and cakes scrubbed the floor I felt very tired at night E.A.B. (sic) spent the afternoon with us I received a French paper from E.G.W.

Sunday 8th. this is indeed a lovely day we did not get up till after 8 O'clock had breakfast at 1/2 past nine lunch at 2 took tea at Esther Annes left Albert to keep house. E. Maggie & I went by Liggetts to see Catherines baby it is just one week old. Her troubles are commencing I think. I feel very very lonely tonight spent a very pleasant day though. I wish Mother was home again it is so dull without her

Monday 9th. another warm dry day. Mending all the time after I got my work done I went to bed very early

Tuesday 10th. we got up very early as the boys started up the lake to fish at six a lovely morning E. & I washing. We got up so early we got through with it at noon but I was busy till tea time cleaning the Cook House out, the stoop & kitchen, xccc. My shoulder pains me a great deal

Wednesday 11th. not doing much but housework very warm Josey went to the Works got a letter from Annie for E.

Thursday 12th. quite a shower in the afternoon it will do a great deal of good. William Young came in the evening (sic) got tea for him

Thursday 12th a lovely day a little cooler after the rain Albert went to the Works in the waggon for Mother got back at tea E. received a letter from Richard Maggie & I each a paper E. received a letter from Thomas C. I received a paper from E.G.W. sent me his likeness in a paper. Mother got a great many things for us all I feel so excited I am so glad she has got home again We got an invitation to Mr. Caldwell's picnic next Tuesday. I feel so lonely tonight

Friday 13th. sewing at my white petticoat doing housework most of the time E. spent the day with Esther Ann

Saturday 14th. a lovely day again cleaning making cakes & received two papers from E.G.W. & a beautiful stamp for letters in them

Sunday 15th. Quite a cool day in the morning we all went to Meeting after dinner E. & Albert went out to Church on horseback. Mother & I had a long walk got a few strawberries. Mr. Corbould came home with them in the evening. He is as great a man as

ever. Mr. Preston went home to marry Martha Hauton (sic)

Monday 16th. a cold morning quite a hard frost last night it will do a great deal of damage the berries (sic) are all killed. Corbould here all day have not laughed so much in a long time as I did at that goose he kept us almost killing ourselves all day. I finished my petticoat went to bed early

Tuesday 17th. a lovely day Corbould left at 9 O'clock. E & I washing a nice cool wind today. I feel better today than I have for some time past preparing for the picnic

Wednesday 18th Got up early started for the picnic at 8 O'clock. Esther, Albert, Maggie & I all on horseback. When we got there the wind was blowing wrong so the Crib could not be taken down. We had the dinner across the river & then danced on the green. Had a fiddler (sic) Mr. Rose left in a passion (sic) it rained a little in the afternoon after this shower was over about twenty of us went down the river about two miles in Mr. Caldwell's large boat. We got home at dark very tired I can assure you I must say I did not enjoy myself much but the people were very kind indeed raining quite fast when we were coming home

Thursday 19th. a little shower in the morning a lovely afternoon I was very busy ironing most of the day cut out a jacket for Maggie in the evening I felt quite tired after yesterdays

excitement

Friday 20th. a lovely day quite cool doing a little of everything washed my calico dress and Maggie finished Maggie's jacket

Saturday 21st. a beautiful day done the cleaning made pies xccc & went all round the fields looking for strawberries very few this year took a walk after \_\_\_\_\_ as far as the school house came back went to bed early after we had all got to bed Mr. Foulds came in a Sulky. Esther, Albert & I got up did not get to bed till after 1 O'clock spent a few hours very pleasantly.

Sunday 22nd. another lovely day we did not get breakfast till late. Oh, I had such a nice long talk with Mr. F. after tea I like him so much. I like him better every time I see him Pleasant day singing a good deal

Monday 23rd. a very sultry day. Mr. F. left at 8 O'clock for Stirling at 10 E & I went to the Works on horseback I went to bring her horse home she remained at Bentleys is going to Stirling tomorrow I felt very miserable all day the mosquitoes were so thick I scarcely closed my eyes all night I never knew them to be so bad before

Tuesday 24th. Saint Johns Day. Rained all day and very hard in the evening this is the first rain of any consequence this summer it will do a great deal of good to the crops. Maggie & I washing a very large one this week and new soap to do it with all the skin is taken off my hands about. They are very sore. We were almost tired out at night went to bed early

Thursday 26th. a lovely day but I feel quite unwell but doing all the ironing no rest for the wicked

Friday 27th. a very hot day I finished my cloth jacket it looks very nice

Saturday 28th. I had all the house to clean today myself pies to make xxcc never sat down till after milking was done Thomas Campion came in the evening

Sunday 29th. a very warm day we all went to Meeting in the afternoon received a letter from E.G.W. Thomas and I went back to Church a large congregation preached an excellent sermon went to tea at Bentleys had strawberries and Biast (sic) the first strawberries when we got \_\_\_\_\_ to the flat \_\_\_\_\_ it commenced raining in torrents fearful storm to be in we were drenched to the skin it was almost over when we got home I felt quite cool I can assure you I went to bed very early felt stupid and tired after my bath it rained a great deal

Monday 30th. a cloudy morning everything looks beautiful after the rain. T.C. left this morning a lovely afternoon Maggie & I picking strawberries all the afternoon did not get many felt very tired when we got back

#### July 1862

Tuesday 1st. a lovely day but too warm making a slip (sic) for Maggie I received two papers from E.G.W. I don't felt too well all day today we went to the Works in the evening on horseback

Wednesday 2nd. this is realy a lovely day Maggie & I washing cleaning xxcc the boys are working on the roads. I felt very tired at night

Thursday 3rd. a very warm day I done all the ironing sewing a little finished a tin pail of gooseberries late when I went to bed was sewing

Friday 4th. sewing most of the day made a cheese Irisannah Barrter (sic) commenced to spin this morning feel well today

Saturday 5th. a very warm day I done all the cleaning upstairs and down and got through at dinner time didn't feel tired either after tea Albert & I started to Johns on horseback got there at dusk spent a pleasant time did not sleep much it was so very warm.



Sunday 6th. a very hot day we left Johns early got to Marias at 10 Oclock Maggie & Dan went with us stopped at Marias 1/2 past 3 went to Prestons & took tea did not leave for home till after five got home at 1/2 past 10 I felt very tired spent a very pleasant day

Monday 7th. a very warm sultry day in bed part of the day I feel very miserable indeed cut out the waist of Esthers dress the long ride was too much for me it was so warm too went to bed early

Tuesday 8th. I feel much better this morning sewing a good part of the day Maggie went out to the Works after dinner brought a letter to me from Mary F. the first two papers from E.G.W. I did not go to bed till late reading (sic)

Wednesday 9th. Maggie & I washing in the forenoon rained till 1 Oclock I took a walk up as far as Richardsons took tea there

Thursday 10th. Picking raspberries in the forenoon almost tired out when I got home did not do much of anything in the afternoon received two papers from E.G.W. I answered M.F.s letter after the rest went to bed

Friday 11th. a beautiful day very busy all day ironing making pies xxcc after we had tea Esther Ann, Margaret Read, Eliza Porter & Kate Bentley came got tea for them did not get to bed

till 12 O'clock [Josey & Maggie went to Stirling in the afternoon]

Saturday 12th of July. a lovely day a very cool morning Albert went to a picnic up the lake he went to Fidlars first Albert left at ten Kate stopped till after dinner I feel very miserable a bad cold and sore throat feel quite ill busy all day took warm drinks and I went to bed early in the evening Maggie & Josey got home Elizabeth Downing back with them D. Johns came with Albert [Maggie brought the letter back that I sent to Miss M.F.(sic)]

Sunday 13th. a very comfortable day not so hot as it has been they all went to hear Mr. Rose preach but me. I feel so very miserable did not feel like going laying down a good part of the day answered Miss M.Fs. letter after the rest went to bed.

Monday 14th. nice and cool in the afternoon all but Mother & I went to pick berries got a nice lot of them I did not feel well all day. A little better than I did yesterday though. Elizabeth & Albert went to the Works on horseback. Mr. Downing came here this morning

Tuesday 15th. a cloudy day rained a little not to amount to anything I feel so much better this evening I do not know what to do with myself E. & I was \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday 16th. making a \_\_\_\_\_ SENTENCE SCRATCHED OUT after tea who should come so unexpectedly and surprise so much but James Crawford & James Jones from Stirling we spent a very pleasant evening went to bed in good time

Thursday 17th. They left here at 9 O'clock to go up the lake fishing we were so busy all day went to bed early

Friday 18th. a beautiful day doing housework most of the day sewing a little just as we got through with our dinner James Crawford & Thomas & James Jones came along got their dinners ready and they left at 4 O'clock we had a very nice time while they were here after tea Esther & I went out to the Works on horseback spent a very pleasant evening about the Village James Crawfords were there it was after ten when we got home I received a letter from Miss M.F. (sic)

Saturday 19th a rainy looking day I worked very hard today John Downing & Thomas Campion came in the evening I had to get their tea ready

Sunday 20th raining a little most of the day E. & I went up as far as Alex McCallins (sic)

Monday 21st. E. & I did a large washing Elizabeth & Johnny left after dinner Josey & I picked 6 quarts of berries in the afternoon

Tuesday 22nd. rained most of the day I answered Miss M.F.s letter cut out Maggies dress went to bed early

Wednesday 23rd. rained fearfully hard part of the day I felt very miserable all day just at dusk who in the world did we get unexpected in the rain should come driving up but Dr. English, Miss Hanley & Aggie Potts we were in a great way for beds (sic) was confusion for awhile

Thursday 24th. Doctor left at 11. Commenced shortly after and rained all day some fearful showers. I felt quite ill all day spent a nice quiet day. Miss Hanley is such a nice girl she was playing & singing for us

Friday 25th. this is a lovely morning very busy as usual in the evening Miss. Hanley & I went for a ride on horseback to the Works to the \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 26th. \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful day we were all very busy after I got the work done in the evening Miss Hanley, Aggie & I went for a walk as far as the School House had a dance after dark Miss H. played & the rest danced

Sunday 27th. a warm (sic) day just as we were getting ready for Church John Crawford & Angeline B. came driving up in his old buggy had to get dinner for them then we all went but Mother & Esther. We took tea at Bentleys. The Doctor drove up for them they left in the evening. Mr. P. came home with us. I felt very tired when I got home and had a bad headache

Monday 28th. a very showery day Mr. P. spent the whole day with us I sure put in such a miserable day

Tuesday 29th. Wednesday 30th Thursday 31st. all past the same as usual picking berries doing housework

July 1863 (sic)

Friday 1st. finished Maggie's dress

Saturday 2nd. a hot day for scrubbing I felt the heat very much today

Sunday 3rd. a warm day I spent most of the day rambling about the fields spent it very pleasantly too

Monday 4th. I got up at 1/2 past 4. E. & I washing at 1/2 past ten who should come to disturb us but Mr. & Mrs. Ira McCoemal (sic) we had to leave our washing they left at 3. Shortly after that John & Jane Richardson came spent the evening

Tuesday 5th. putting out the clothes ironing a little doing various things

Wednesday 6th. this morning a girl came to hire she as a fact does not know anything I was ironing in the forenoon

PAGES MISSING

February 1863 had my photograph taken

Saturday 28th. came home from Stirling with Albert he drove down for me have been away almost three weeks spent a very pleasant time altogether. Annie has got a little baby. I received a letter from Harry while there

March 1863

Sunday 1st. a very stormy day about 12 O'clock Mrs. Bull and Dan Johns came remained till the evening

Monday 2nd. a busy day I washed a little ironed a little & done a little of everything else. In the evening Maria & four children & Eliza Young came from Madoc (sic) Maggie down then Maggie drove them from here by Stirling

Tuesday 3rd. a very cold day Albert, Maggie & I started for Hastings. Maria for home we went part of the way together & then three of us rode in the Cutter the rest of the way had a very pleasant drive got to Hastings at five we took tea there went to hear Lachlin Tailor lectur it is very interesting to hear him speak of the Holy Land. We did not get to bed till 2 Oclock felt very tired

Wednesday 4th. a lovely day but very cold spent a nice quiet time till about 1 Oclock Mr. & Mrs. Sharp called then Mr. & Mrs. Foulds a short time after that Mr. & Mrs. Neil and Mrs. Blacklock called too. We did not leave the house all day till the evening we went to the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting. Mr. Tailor was there and had a nice speech got to bed about ten Oclock

Thursday 5th. a lovely day we took dinner at Mrs. Sharps tea at Mrs. Wm. Foulds called to see Eliza Foulds

Friday 6th. a beautiful day we left about nine Oclock for home by Stirling Mrs. Foulds brought me home Maggie & Albert came home after dinner Mr. F. went to Belleville I remained at Annies

Saturday 7th. I took dinner at Mr. Prestons. Mr. Foulds got back from B. at 4 Oclock we left for home in the evening had a lovely drive got home at 9 took tea & went to bed

Sunday 8th Oh, what a lovely day we all drove over to the School House to hear

ENTRIES APPEAR TO BE MISSING

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Monday 30th. a lovely day E. & I washing I felt very tired at night driving too much tires a person

Tuesday 31st. A splendid day Albert & Maggie went Stirling in the Sleigh got back in the evening. Mr. Preston came with them he took tea then went over to see Fitchett (sic) came back and stopped all night he brought us a lot of Illustrated papers. E. received two letters one from Mary Whitmarsh the other from Harry Ician (sic) a paper from Harry Tovert (sic) to bed before any of the rest.

April 1863

Wednesday 1st. April Fool Day. Mr. Preston was here. We had great fun fooling one another. I fooled him several times. E. spent the whole day at Esther Anns. Snowing very fast in the evening. I feel very sad and lonely tonight

Thursday 2nd. a beautiful day sewing good part of the day



Good Friday Friday 3rd. very busy about 11 O'clock Angeline & Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Bowen & Hetty came in one Cutter splendid sleighing yet in the evening we all went out with them

Saturday 4th. a lovely day E & I done our cleaning and then we started for Beaver Creek to dinner (sic) left there after 6 & came home Annie & Mrs. Potts were there I felt very very tired

Sunday 5th. rainy kind of a day Annie & M. Potts left after dinner we went to Church at 3 O'clock but were disappointed Mr. Whitmarsh did not come

Monday 6th. thawing very fast all day the boys are tapping today

Tuesday 7th. E. & I washing all day a cloudy day I felt quite ill

Wednesday 8th. a lovely day quite cold Maggie & I went to the Works in the Cutter. The sleighing is very good only through the Village. We took dinner at Bentleys

Thursday 9th. thawing very fast a beautiful spring day the boys are in the sugar bush all day was very busy all day ironing I feel \_\_\_\_\_

Friday 10th. a lovely morning I took a walk over to Esther Annes on the crust. Esther spent the whole day at Richardsons raising Mr. Baxter came in the afternoon in the evening Johnny brought her home with the sleigh. The boys made 30 weight of sugar today

Saturday 11th. I worked very hard today scrubbing and ironing. I wrote a letter to Harry in the afternoon felt very very tired Maggie went to the Works on horseback a very lovely day thawing very fast the snow has almost went off today never knew it to thaw so fast raining fast at bedtime we received a letter from England and two photographs very dark night

Sunday 12th. a lovely day Tily Creek looks like a lake today I spent such a pleasant day today singing and reading not out of the house all day

Monday 13th. E & I washing it is a charming day I finished the blocks for my quilt

Tuesday 14th. I spent the afternoon at Esther Anns the water is very high in the Creek

Wednesday 15th. I have felt very lonely today sewing a little

Thursday 16th. a rainy day I spent most of the day in the sugar bush sugaring off raining quite fast in the evening we have two hundred weight of sugar and \_\_\_\_\_

Friday 17th. a dull miserable looking day I was sewing at my quilt in the afternoon commenced another one

Saturday 18th. a lovely day Mr. Baxter came in the afternoon brought the mail a letter & paper for Esther I received a letter from Harry which was very welcome & a Stirling Chronicle Esther Anne and Richard spent the evening with us had any amount of singing

Sunday 19th. a charming day very warm though in the morning we all but Mother went to Meeting the text was 12th Chapter of Luke 21st verse very good sermon. In the afternoon they all but Mother & I went down to the Moira River. I had a nice quiet time at home they got back in the evening very tired the woods are getting nice and dry

Monday 20th. another beautiful day the frogs have commenced croaking doing housework as usual I feel remarkably well today

Tuesday 21st. raining a little in the morning a lovely afternoon I took a long walk around the field beautiful walking now

Wednesday 22nd. E & I washing

Thursday 23rd. I was ironing all day very tired at night

Friday 24th. a beautiful day in the forenoon I was doing housework about 3 O'clock I went to the Works on Archie he is very wild took tea at Bentleys got home at dark waited for the mail too

Saturday 25th. cold this morning such a change since yesterday Albert & Maggie went to the Works to a funeral Mrs Elmers little boy five years old was drowned in the river on Thursday beautiful day quite cool though was busy all the \_\_\_\_\_ felt so tired at night. Albert got home in the evening. Maggie remained over night. Mr. Preston preached the funeral sermon the Roman Catholics did not like it

Sunday 26th. a nice looking day but miserable walking it is so windy. E.G. Albert & I walked as far as Hatts (sic) Hill to meet Maggie a warm breeze today Maggie got home at 3 O'clock Henry & Kate Bentley brought her home in a one horse waggon they remained till the evening & then drove home

Monday 27th. a lovely day I made a goribaldi (sic) for Richard I feel rather lonely today Albert went to Stirling this morning & came home again

Tuesday 28th. lovely day

Wednesday 29th. Thursday 30th. Albert commenced sowing grain a warm day. E. & Maggie away a day to Sprys I had all the work to do Mr. & Mrs. Spry were here to tea and remained all night. Biddy Green came to hire Mother would not have her. This is a charming day. I was working in the garden a little. This is very dry weather have not had but one rain storm this month. I wonder what change there will be before the last of next April

May 1863

Friday 1st. This is really a beautiful May day. The boys are very busy in the fields plowing, sowing & dragging. About 4 O'clock I started to the Works on horseback went as far as Hayes waited for the mail took tea at Bentleys with Angeline got home before dark. The woods are beautiful & dry. I rode Archie & he was perfectly wild coming home I felt very tired holding him

Saturday 2nd. quite windy after I got through cleaning I made pies & two kinds of cakes I felt disapointed at night because I expected a certain person & he did not come

Sunday 3rd. Maggies 18th Birthday. In the morning we all went to preaching Mr. Baxters text was \_\_\_\_\_ not thy thyself of tomorrow for thou knoweth not what a day may bring forth. I was in the house all the afternoon and spent it very pleasantly

reading. We milk eight cows ever plenty of work to do

Monday 4th. a cold disagreeable day I was very ill all the forenoon

Tuesday 5th. D.F. spent this day with us

Wednesday 6th. doing housework & gardening Mr. Baxter stopped stopped all night

Thursday 7th. Esther & I washing I was working in the garden in the afternoon sewing at Maggies dress a little

Friday 8th. a very warm day a fearful fire in the woods in front of the house we can scarcely see for the smoke I feel lonely tonight such a large ironing today I do not feel the least bit tired tonight E. went to the Works after dinner to stop a few days we need rain very much at present

Saturday 9th. fearful fires about here I had a great deal of work to do all the cleaning & cakes to make & C. Angeline came home with E. at dark

Sunday 10th. a beautiful day we took a walk in the morning reading & singing the rest of the time. Henry Bentley & \_\_\_\_\_ Bowen were here to tea I well remember a year ago tonight I feel lonely & disapointed

Monday 11th. rained all last night and all day today first rain we have had for six weeks I was sewing at Marias dress we have laughed so much over Angeline \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday 12th. rained all day E. & I washed got through at noon Angeline & I had a nice \_\_\_\_\_ down the Creek at the evening we all laughed so much at night

Wednesday 13th. Angeline left after dinner I was making strawberries (sic)

Thursday 14th. Friday 15th. rained a little both days

Saturday 16th. Maggie & I were very busy all day E. was very bad with a sore face. She did not do anything. I feel very tired this evening. We have got to milk yet. We had a nice thunder shower this afternoon the rain has done a great deal of good. I made pies, cakes, cleaned & done sewing & done several other things

Sunday 17th. Mr. Whitmarsh preached at the Works in the morning Albert Maggie & I took dinner at Bentleys a lot of them walked as far as Heaths Hill with us Angeline, Caroline Rose & Norman Brady came all the way took tea & then went home. It has been a cold windy day

Monday 18th. another windy disageeable day. Was doing the house work most of the day sewing the flounces on my dress the rest of the time. I feel miserable today. The mosquitoes commenced today

Tuesday 19th. Wednesday 20th. busy as usual doing house work milking, feeding calves. Nine cows to milk, xccc.

Thursday 21st. a very warm day I received a paper from Harry with Mrs. Foulds death & her brother John McGregor was drowned at sea when the Anglo Saxon was wrecked. We quilted a quilt this week. Maggie has a paper from Charley B.

Thursday 21st. Friday 22nd. Working very hard as usual the boys finished their spring work

Saturday 23rd. a very hot day I have suffered with the heat today had a great deal of work to do too. E. & Albert went out to the Works on horseback after tea. I feel rather lonely today



Sunday 24th. Queen's Birthday. Very warm & the mosquitoes are awfully thick I didn't spent a very agreeable day it is too very warm. E.A.B. & Caroline Rose took dinner here I was reading most of the day

Monday 23rd. Bill Jenkinson is doing the white washing today we are all very busy doing the housecleaning done the kitchen & drawing (sic) room

Tuesday 26th. we cleaned the parlor today I felt tired a little at night & the flies such torments they make me feel savage.

TWO PAGES OF HANDWRITTEN VERSE

