

Carrie (Bowerman) Williams Diaries

1894 - 1916 and 1901

Carolyn "Carrie" Williams b. abt 1855 married Edwin Allsion Williams in 1882. She is the daughter of Levi Vincent Bowerman and Mary M. Haight.

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First Diary (1894 – 1895, 1911 – 1916)

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Notes

- the ends of right pages cut off. Most I could guess at, if I couldn't I put a question mark.
- tho^s = I think she uses this as an abbreviation for one of Rachel's boys. Thomas?

Beginning of Diary

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Carrie E Williams

Bloomfield 1894

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Feb 21st 1894

John and I went to napanee by [?]
to spend a week with Rachel, took her quite
by surprise.

Feb 25th Rachel and I with the two children
John and Gerald drove over a little while
see Aunt Rachel Sills

Feb 27th Rachel had Mr and Mrs Shannon
Mr and Mrs Curry over for the evening
March 1st I set today to go home but
baby was sick all night so did not
go. Mrs Shannon had some teeth drawn
and offered so kindly to go with me that
I went down and had 5 out 2 were
[inteerated? infected?] and all but one badly [d?]
March 2nd John and I went to the
dentist and got one tooth filled.
March 3rd Mrs Shannon went with [possibly me? but cut off?]
this pm and I had 8 more teeth drawn
they were double upper teeth and one [?]
tooth they came very hard, he let [?]
of one and took another pair of [?]
Gerald got worse after I left and Rachel
sent down to the office for Stanley and
Doctor

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March 4th Stanley sick all day as well as
baby. I had fever all night.
March 5th Had hard work to summon
courage to go again this morning did not
rest very well my nerve seemed all gone
Mrs Shannon came and I got the rest
out 6 of them which made 19 in all.
The younger brother drew the last ones.
March 6th John and I came home by
train the roads were so bad. Had Stan
telaphone [sic] to father to meet me at the train
but they could not get it out, so we walked
found Moses and Fannie Yourey here
March 19th Nettie Cronk came to sew will
make Mothers [sic] brown part silk dress, and
brown [prints?]. And make one cashmere over
with some new stuff for me
March 24th My birth day [sic] 39 years old
Rachel and Stanley and Gerald took us
so by surprise by coming in about 5
o'clock they crossed the ferry found very bad

roads. March 29th One of Freeman Talcots [sic] little boys died
March 31st Some chickens hatched out
April 3rd Father and I went with Rachel to the boat

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April 1st Kit Talcots little boy buried and the young one died so that it was given out at the funeral first one of membraneous [sic] croup and got a new suite of clothes for Merton he made a choice himself.

April 12th Mary Williams came after school to stay all night. Rachel and Stanley came quite unexpectedly, his business is likely come to an end there

April 14th Mary Williams went to Picton with tho^s and I, butter .19^{cts} & .20^{cts} eggs .10^{cts}

April 16th Rachel and Stanley got here tonight very tired and down. Gerald glad to see them A heavy shower just after they got in but caught Father with the last load of their things.

April 21st John and I went to market 18 [lbs?] butter and 8 doz eggs got 18 & 20 cts for butter 10cts for eggs.

May 4th Rachel and I and the 4 children went out to W K Bowermans. We had a very pleasant visit, Willie took our photos. Plum trees out today. Arbour day the boys raked the school yard this fore [sic] room. Willie & Edith have such lots of views and [?]

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May 8th Aunt Lydia invited us over to spend the day with her thinking it was her birthday but yesterday was the day. [leve?] and weatherman too was there, we made and put down a new carpet which she had got, in the dining room.

May 12th A letter from J Biddle in regard to the boys going to school he sent two blank forms for me to fill out for Merton and Thos

John is too young for a year yet.

May 15th Parker Williams cut his throat this am
which has cast a gloom over us all, as he was
here so lately and has seemed so friendly, he
was still living at three this pm.

May 18th Parker Williams died this evening.

May 22nd We have had four rainy days, Parker Williams
buried yesterday afternoon. Reuben Way took the
old gobbler this morn it weighed 24^{lbs} when
dressed.

May 25th Got E rameys [sic] letter which says she has
a situation for one as assistant matron
at the school and that John can to too
Even with all that it seems a great under-
taking for me. Lavina Dorland reached home

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this morning. Father and I were at the station
to see her, and her two children.

June 8th Aunt Elizabeth came up this am
the first time since Gmother left us
I went down for her. Samuel Cook went down
with us. John & I.

June 14th Went to Picton this pm staid [sic] at E [Garb...?]
all night- Thos with me, got \$5.00 worth of [sh...?]
for barn at [Yeryville?].

June 15th We came on to Napanee this [morn]
found uncle Nelsons all gone down to Tom [Gil..?]
so we had to walk to Napanee in a great [h...hurry?]
started ½ past 11 o'clock very tired and warm got
the impression taken and walked up to Mr
Currys [sic] where we stay all nigt. Went to see [M.. could be mr or mrs?]
Shannon a few minutes.

June 16th Went to the dentists again he finished
the impression. Found aunt Rachel uncle [N...?]
[lid?], Tom & Lydia, Willi, & Mary, and Maud. We [walked?]
up on the other side of the river and [hailed?]
a [pasby?] out rowing who rowed us across.

June 18th Deb came down this evening. Very [warm]

June 19th uncle Nelson aunt Rachel Deb Thos [d...?]
went to see the girls, Deb stoped [sic] with May and [w...?]

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went on to take dinner with Tom & Lydia, it rained most - of the way after we left - Pringles.

June 20th Uncle Nelson took us up this morning to Mrs Curry's [sic]. I went down and got my teeth.

July 15th Jane Cronk had us all go there for dinner and tea all but Father & Stanley, said she wanted to see the boys all play together [sic].

July 17th M J Jones invited the boys and I there to spend Willie's Dorland's birthday [sic] but changed their minds and had us there today instead of tomorrow, G Jones takes Willie to Glen Island tomorrow.

July 26th Mary Waring came

Aug 8th Rachel Bill and Lewis Varney here for a visit – E Varney could not come

Aug 10th Gilbert & M Jane Jones, Lavina & Willie and little Bessie here for tea. Rachel picking long black berries for pa.

Sept 23rd A long jump in time and place of writing the boys and I have been at [Westtown?] boarding school 3 weeks and find some disappointments and some very pleasant people. We have had some very warm weather very pleasant today.

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Oct 17th Maryanna [Boldeston?] took me to Westchester to do some trading got hats and guernseys and ties. A nice day and a pretty place though the wind blew very hard going over Up to Society tonight – subject natural History

Oct 18th Dear little Gerald's photo came today also Em Pringelles. Lizzie Thorp and I went to Jos Rhodes to see [?] articles provided by the Gild for the poor.

Oct 25th Thomas and John were invited to a birthday party made for Mary Haines They had a pleasant time, grapes and Bananas, and games. I went and spent the time with Merton in his room so he would not feel bad.

Oct 26th A piece of the birthday cake and some

candy came today which they divided with Merton and I.

Nov 8th Susan Fosythes brother gave a lecture tonight- on Switzerland with views by Magic lantern which I enjoyed very much, the views were so [?] natural, he gave me quite a discription [sic] of the avalanche, the tunnels, the bridges, the hotel [?] they being the aristocrats of the place, and finished views with a few of two St-Bernards dogs. They were fine. Nov 15th Anna Walton lectured this [?] in Panama and beyond also views.

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Nov 18th Ann Fry Rebecca Cristman and Lizzie Lees niece were here today I spent a little time with them and was insisted to visit them, Susan Forsythe, Harry Alger and John Carter invited some to meet Amilla Green and Susan [Alsop?] which made a pleasant party for a little over an hour refreshments lemonade and crackers.

Nov 29th Roberts gave a lecture on Alaska illustrated and the views were fine, some showed a wall of ice and the snow caped [sic] mountains, some of the Alaska Indians photos and some views of Totam [sic] poles and some views of the towns and streets in them. He also had some of the curios a rattle the Drs shake over sick peoples heads and if they were not cured were bound and left to die. he had two small silver spoons an two large ones of some kind of [horn?], and a small seal skin in the natural color also another animal head and all on.

Decr 3rd Just got word that the apples from home are at the station.

Decr 4th The barrels are here at last ours quite bruised and beginning to rot some of them.

Decr 6th Harry Alger lectured on Boston and had views of the city shown by magic lantern, which we enjoyed one of Longfellows [sic] home

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Decr 21st Robert Engle gave a lecture on Florida beuti fully illustrated with magic lantern slides.

Views of the interior of a large hotel were fine,
interior of a cave. A crop of pineapples the [p...?]
with fruit on. Orange trees loaded with oranges
and a pile on the ground that made your
mouth water for one.

Xmas night – Surely the people here have been
exceedingly kind in remembering me as I [?]
had many little tokens and messages of love
written on some which brings a pleasant [feeling??]
tonight with regard myself but the dear children
have missed the pleasure which xmas usually
brought for them, but are brave about it [a...?]
say “Mother don’t mind about us”. A letter from [M sm?]
Decr 26th I attended the lecture on Washington this evening
given by Albert [Votan?] he showed us some views of the
White House and views of some of the interior, he [a...?]
had President & Mrs Cleavlands pictures.

Dec 27th Two parcels from home today, one napkins
a very nice silk handkerchief from aunt Lydia
a pretty little pin from Rachel & a package of [?]
and butter and hichory [sic] nuts from Mother which
we shall enjoy.

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New Years night -1895. The boys and I have just been up to the
tower to look at the moon which is and
well worth going to see the volcanoes can be plainly seen
& mountains. Anna Haines gave me a nice hemstitching
handkerchief found it on my bed when I went to
dress for dinner.

Jan 5th Here we are almost alone in this big building
Lizzie Lee staid [sic] and Regina [Roat?] is sick in bed the kitchen
part of the community sill here

Jan 7th Charles the stage driver at z Hanies request took two
horses and carriage and Lizzie Lee the boys and I went
to Wertchester got some books for Merton also slippers, then
drove around the place some. Saw the normal school
buildings built of serpentine stone of a greenish color
Jan 15th School began today everything noise and bustle
again

Jan 18th Watson Davees gave a lecture on Martin Luther

also views.

Jan 26th The girls societies had a contest [Snowmans?]
Occidentals and diserve [sic] [credit?] as all recited very
nicely Emma Holloway attracted most attention in
a light dress with beautiful rose buds and cheeks
the same shade several remarked her as being a
perfect picture. Many wore flowers fresh from some green house

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Feb 6th So very cold the lecture was postponed thermometer
4° below zero. Snowing and blowing

Feb 7th no mail this morning trains not running

Feb 15th Warren Goodwin gave his lecture A [Forting...?]
Scotland illustrated. How the schollars [sic] enjoy the
sledding the track is where I have a good view [from?]
my window.

Feb 19th The boys and I with many others went
to the farm house to partake of an excellent dinner
prepared there at Thomas Copes expence [sic] for those who
are not members of Philadephia yearly meeting,
had such a good dinner of turkey [oisters?] [cake?]
ice cream [?] oranges, grapes, bannanas [sic], figs
candies, coffee, & c. We have had a great deal
of sickness most of them are better, among
the rest Merton & John had the mumps,
not sure about Thomas. Four new nurses here
nurses. Merton and John just able to go down
for their dinner.

March 3rd John did not get up this morning
feeling poorly again and Thomas and
Merton coplaining [sic] also when the Dr came
he thought best for them to go to bed [a...?]
their room is cold and their sickness [?]

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to take the form of mumps again and the
nursery is full of boys with mumps, plneumonia [sic]
and one case of typhoid fever. over 30 cases
of mumps all boys.

March 19th Gave up and came to the nursery
feeling sure I have the mumps at last
did not go to bed but felt badly.

March 23rd Mother took me very much by
surprise by sending her photograph for my
birthday after asking in her last letter if
she should come and spend my birthday
with me, but it never occurred [sic] to me what she
had in view.

March 24th Spent my 40th birthday in bed
March 30th up today for the first feeling sick
at the stomach still weak and miserable

April 1st Mary Anna Balderson kindly invited
me down there for a few days and I went today
found one of her little girls sick in bed with
mumps

April 3rd

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“Ships that pass in the night & speak each other in [passing?]
Only a signal shown, and a distant voice in the dark
So, on the ocean of life we pass & speak one another,
Only a look and a voice Then darkness & a silence.”

—

Mizpah

The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are
absent one from another, Gen 31:49.

Go They way, and I go mine

Apart, yet not afar;

Only a thin veil hangs between

The pathways where we are;

And “God keep watch between thee and I”

This is my prayer.

He looks thy way, He looketh mine,

And keeps us near.

I know not where thy road may lie,

Or which way mine will be,

If mine will lead through parching [sand?]

And thine beside the sea;

Yet "God keep watch between thee and [me?]
so never fear.
He holds thy hand, He claspeth mine
And keeps us near

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Should wealth and fame, perchance be thine,
And my lot lowly be;
Or you be sad and sorrowful,
And glory be for me;
Yet "God keep watch 'tween thee and me,"
Both be His care,
One arm 'round thee and one 'round me
Will keep us near.

I sigh, sometimes, to see thy face,
But since this may not be,
I'll leave thee to the care of Him,
Who cares for thee and me,
"I'll keep thee both beneath my wings,"
This comforts dear.
One wing o'er thee and one o'er me –
so we are near;

And though our paths be separate,
And they way is not mine,
Yet, coming to the mercy seat
My soul will meet with thine,
And "God keep watch 'tween thee and
me,"

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I'll whisper there.
He blesseth thee, he blesseth me,
And we are near.
April 12th 1911.

Foot-Path to Peace
van Dyke

"To be glad of life because it gives you the
chance to love and to work and to play

and to look up at the stars, to be satisfied with your possessions, but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than your disgusts to covet nothing that is your neighbors except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think [well?] of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ; to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors; these little guide-posts on the foot path to peace."

Copied from Mary Nash's letter Sep 10-11

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Copy of a note written by Thomas when teaching at S. S. no4 12. 5 p.m. 8-23-04

Dear Mother

I am sitting at my desk eating my dinner from my left hand and writing to thee with my right –

Yes I did think of thee when I [emptied?] my dinner box. Taking it all around I think the present year has its pleasures as well as its troubles, and I intend to enjoy it as much as possible [sic] as I go along.

Copied July 2nd 1916

Copied from one of cousin Lydia Blairs letters

"now boys here are some conundrums for you to guess as you sit around the fire."

1) If a Filipino [sic] should eat his father and mother what would he be?

2) When you turn the Xrays on a dog's lungs what do you see?

3) When a goat eats a rabbit and you turn the
Xrays on his stomach what do you see?

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4) Why is a man on a red hot stove like one in [head?]

5) When one little darkey dies what do all the other
little darkies do?

1. answer. When a Philipeno [sic] eats his father and
mother hes [sic] an orphan isnt [sic] he?

2nd When you turn the Xrays on
a dogs lungs you see the seat of his pants

3rd When a goat eats a rabbit and you turn on
Xrays on his stomach you see a hare
in the butter.

4th The man on a red hot stove is better off

5th When one little darkey dies all the other
little darkies go black berrying [sic] (burying)
“see?”

When a man marries his trouble begins
Buttoning waists and putting in pins
Looking at bonnets to see if they're straight;
Ready to start, then having to wait.
Hunting for robbers under each bed;
Roused in the night for the blankets to spread
When the rain comes, tho your wrapped in [?]
Roused with a shout, all the windows to close.

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Summoned at noon to start up the fire,
Get in the milk, in your scanty attire,
Run to the stove for the food you would eat
Get in the ice ore it melts in the street.
Hurry to work, hurry back with your pay
When a man marries so passes the day.
Detroit Free Press 1916

Copied from a letter written by Mimmie McConkey
in 1912 while caring for Aunt Elizabeth Cadman
The last few years of her life when she became a

great care. She writes "These tiems are so often
in my mind."

I know thy burden child, I shaped it,
Raised it on mine own hand
Made no proportion in its weight to thine strength maid it
For even as I laid it on, I said
I shall be near, and, while she leans on me
This burden shall be mine not hers.

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[some kind of magazine paper? posted in?]

[A type written poem]

DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART

There's many a trouble
Would break like a bubble,
And into the waters of Lethe depart,
Did we not rehearse it,
And tenderly nurse it,
And give it a permanent place in the heart.

There's many a sorrow,
Would vanish tomorrow
Were we but willing to furnish the wings;
So sadly intruding
And quietly brooding,
It hatches out all sorts of horrible things.

Resolved to be merry,
All worry to ferry
Across the tamed waters that make us forget,
And no longer fearful,
But happy and cheerful,
We feel life has much that's worth living for yet.

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Mother's Diary 2/21/94 and

2/21/94 John and she on a walk try to visit
and Rachel & Gerald & Uncle Stanley.
[home?] teeth extracted, 19 in all.
3/6 Returned home
3/24 Birthday, 39 years old
4/12 Mary Williams came over from school.
4/20 Rachel & Stanley left napanee.
5/4 Rachel & I & the 4 children went to W. K. Bowermans
5/8 Visited Aunt Lydia
5/12 a letter from J biddle re the boys attending
Westtown school.
6/15 Thos. accompanied to napanee to get denture
impressions.
9/23 Have been at Westtown Boarding School 3
weeks

June 10/92 Above written by my Father, Thomas Williams
Anne W.

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Number of steps from
Bacement to 3rd floor
4 then a passage
2 small platform
9 more brings us to slate floor
and door out doors.
5 more we reach hall way
to the right main hall, to
the left water tower.
12 more a landing turn squeeze
around
11 more we reach hall on
2nd floor
10 another landing turn squeeze
around and
9 more reach hall on 3rd floor
All this is to be swept daily.
62 steps in all.
Westtown Westtown.

Slumber till another morrow
Brings its stress of joy and sorrow
Fearless in the Father's sight-
Slumber on Good night.

Slumber till another morrow
Brings its stress of joy and sorrow
Fearless in the Father's sight-
Slumber on Good night.

the 24th
A rainy morning so we
go to Howard's to have lunch
on his verandah. John Bates
and his Mother will be there.
I hope you two are
having a pleasant day.
Loving by
Merton
I read several of the
Friends papers yesterday.

Second Diary (1901)

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[pg 1]
June 10, 1992
I think this was written by Carrie
Williams

Anne

Jan 1st 1901. Our little circle still remains
unbroken all permitted to see the dawn
of the 20 Century. Mother and aunt Lydia
and Merton went down to Stanleys.
Jan 2nd The boys and I were invited to
Eliza Varneys We got as far as the office and
found a card from Eliza saying she had

been called to attend Jane Bonsteels funeral and would not be home, so we went to Reuben [Brampcomb's?] had such a nice visit staid till 12 o'clock a bad start for the boys tomorrow they have enjoyed their holidays and the visits made.

6th Father, Mother, the boys and I staid with Eliza Varney for dinner after meeting which was held in her house, she is very certain the swelling in Mothers face is a cancerous growth and advises her to have something done at once.

9th Mother went down to stay a few days with

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Rachel went with the boys when they went to school and Thomas drove down with her and got back in time for school in afternoon.

13th Grandpa and Aunt Lydia staid [sic] at E. Varneys after meeting today.

18th Mother came home this morning. Stanley and Rachel had brought her up to Grandpa's yesterday and she staid [sic] there all night.

19th Thomas went to the office this evening and brought cousin Sallies photos they are so good a calander [sic] also from cousin L. Blair one for Father one for Aunt Lydia

20th Father and Mother staid [sic] with aunt Lydia after meeting for dinner.

21st The boys brought word tonight that the Queen is not expected to live.

22nd I walked over to spend the afternoon with aunt Lydia, Grandpa came in about 2. 20 o'clock saying the bell was tolling which no doubt was for the Queen

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When the boys came home they brought word that she died, by the English time 6.30 pm. It brings a feeling of great sadness to hear of the death of our beloved Queen.

23rd Father came up with Stanleys team for

some one to go down as S & R are both sick so
aunt Lydia & mother both went.

24th Father brought aunt L. home tonight

25th The man in Stanleys old house brought
mother to the mills and father took her to
a cancer Dr who E. Varney recommends by the
name of Biddle, he gave her medicine.

27th Father & Mother went out to Walter Leavens
to see aunt Rachel whose nose is bad so Phebe
Leavens brought word to meeting.

28th Looked for aunt Rachel all day but
she did not come Rachel Stanley and Gerald
had been up to Grandpa's for dinner they
brought aunt Lydia and came down for
a little while after they left Merton & [?].

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out to Walter Leavens found the boys better aunt
R afraid of taking cold in her nose so she
did not come. Eliza Varney very sick.

29th Walter brought aunt R this morn. I
walked up to tell aunt L she was here Grandpa
took me to see E. Varney but the Dr (Farley)
did not wish anyone to see him. Grand-pa
and aunt Lydia spent the evening here with
aunt Rachel.

30th Pa came for Mother and aunt Rachel
to spend the day there took aunt R out to
Walters this p.m.

Feb 2st [sic] Quarterly meeting Very small missed
E. Varney. Margret-Boon spoke nicely, she and
Abigail Garratt here this evening also Grandpa
and aunt L.

3rd Meeting small though good Marie
(Haight) Foster and Lou here for dinner.
Eliza Varney better.

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Feb 8th Merton came home tonight saying he
thought we could go down to aunt E. Cadmans
so we are going to try to go to market and

then on. Grand pa & aunt L here for tea.
Feb 9th Went to market Merton put the horse
in at uncle Stephens and we made a
pleasant little call there aunt L. gave us a
little lunch we staid [sic] till baby woke up
a dear little girl started about 11, drove the
ice to the dry dock, road heavy wind blowing
hard and very cold so took the land road
there, met Stan and Rachel which seemed
quite a coincident as a few minutes
earlier on our part and we would not
have met They were posting bills, we took
a few with us. We got to aunt E.s about
15 min to 3 very cold and the storm increasing
found the road badly drifted from school
house. Minnie gone aunt E. alone. A very
pleasant boy here with them.

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10th Spent a pleasant but quiet day here
with the old people Uncle R not very
well.

11th Started for home this p.m. found
roads good after we got to schoolhouse &
weather milder. got in Picton in time
to bring Thomas home John had caught
a chance with one of the boys. Mother had
got on very well but pretty tired.

14th Stanleys sale today. Father & Mother went
down yesterday.

16th Father & Mother came home tonight
Mother very tired, the things went off very well at
sale R felt very bad to see them go.

14th Father & Mother took dinner with Pa
and aunt L. Then aunt L came down here
to talk over how we are to help Rachel with
her moving. Mother has decided to go though
not very able.

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18th Father & Mother went down to Rachels.

21st The boys brought word Father had been smothered with the gas from the engine and was entirely unconscious. Stan happened in and came back to Picton for the Dr and sent Merton from school down to Greenbush for Mother, they took him down with them.

24th Aunt L came home with us after meeting a very stormy evening has been snowing very fast and wind beginning to blow.

Sept 29th And now the Summer is gone. A beautiful season no [doubt?] as in most seasons, but rain enough to keep everything green and fresh. Our family has been mercifully preserved from many known dangers. Mother came home after getting Rachels things inside the door at Hallowell Mills with a very bad [felon?], was really sick with it, and it was more than one month before it began to get better. During haying Father fell from a load of hay on his head bruising his head & giving him a stiff neck

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Stanley had a narrow escape from drowning helping Grandpa fix a wire & pail for draining water at the Mills. Thomas got badly hurt while wheeling through Picton, he collided with a horse and buggy. Walter Leavens happened there in time to take him to the Dr, then after bandaging his shoulder and arm which was badly hurt, he brought him home about 11-30 o'clock in a dazed condition from which he did not recover till next morning His shoulder slowly grew stronger but he [remains?] threatened with fever, he consulted the Dr and soon began to get better. Ada and Mary Switzer called to see him besides many others who seemed very much concerned about him. After getting better we made several visits and they and Grandpa spent three or four days at the banks. Mary Switzer and friends spent one day with them Ralph Leavens too was there part of two days.

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After examinations were over for Thomas and Merton which were hard, Mertons lasted 8 days, he went down and helped Stanley get in his hay, then brought the machine and helped get ours in. Thomas & Ralph wheeled down to Long Point and back the same day, started about 4 in the a.m. came home about 11 making about 44 miles from here, then Thomas went to help Hawkins hoe for the next four days which was very hard work for him We made a number of visits and had quite a lot of visitors. Helen & Jarvis English George & Mame & Mae Anderson spent several days with Aunt Lydia. Kenneth Switzer was here one evening. Mary Switzer & her friend Margret Farrol were here one afternoon. Uncle Nelson and Aunt Rachel Sills, Mary & Walter, Zella & baby Hubert. Aunt Elizabeth Cadman staid [sic] two weeks or so while having her nose treated.

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Ryerson Sills & Mary were here Abbie Richardson and Aunt Lydia Hubbs, Cousin Rachel and Eliza Haight Charles Bell & Florence Christy Patience Robinson also Carrie Robinson Leonia Dorland, Margret, John, Arthur. An old friend by the name of Harvey Haight We returned Helens and Jarvis visit, were invited to Switzers for tea, went to Bruce Yarwoods. Went to Phebe Leavens' Also to Walter Leavens. We attended Carrie B Robinson & Auson B Harveys wedding, Merton stood up with them Thomas acted as usher, and all went to James Swetmans for the tea, 20 in all. Carrie looked very nice in her white dress of organdie with satin yoke, and white ribbon. The tea was nice, and everything seemed to go

smoothly as could be desired. The meeting house nearly full E Varney made a nice

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prayer and spoke very fitting for the occasion, Ralph Leavens brought his camera and took several photos of the wedding party also the company And now the boys are back to school. Ryerson and Walter opposed Thomas going to school this year but Dr thought he might try it for a time.

John too had several poor spells one day which has greatly troubled me, still he is going and was promoted so has skipped to same room that Merton did. Thomas took good marks in his examination and Merton took Honors. Tonight finds us all home and in usual health. Rachel and Stanley and Gerald here for dinner. Matura Bowerman has been with us for two weeks but is with aunt Lydia tonight she has helped me a lot both in house work and sewing.