

Deborah (Mullett) Haight Bowerman

Diary #1, 1874 - 1882

Deborah Mullett (1804 - 1892) lived in Hallowell Township, Prince Edward County. Her first husband was Consider Haight. Their daughter, Mary M Haight, married Levi Vincent Bowerman, author of another diary held by the archives. In 1850 she married Vincent Bowerman who is the father of her son in law, Levi Vincent Bowerman.

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Beginning of Diary

[Front Cover]

Lydia Haight Book

Bloomfield

2mo 3rd 1874

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[pg 1]

12^{mo} 31st 1874 _ Uncle Arthur & Aunt Jane came here, & there [sic] daughter Hannah, stoped [sic] with us untill [sic] the 4th of 1^{mo} 1875, going to meeting with us, for the first time in our new meeting house, a very cold day blowing & snowing_ Sarah Clendenan buried the

same day _ _ _

1^{mo} 1st 1875_ Andrew Whycot Son & Daughter here

_8th Consider & Deborah came here

_12th they went home, Mary going with them,

_14th Vincent & myself went to Select meeting

_16th Lydia went over to Stephen Hubbs [sic], _

_18th Levi went to Belleville with Uncle John's things,

_24th A great snow storm went to meeting,

25 years ago to day [sic] we were married, _

2^{mo} 5th Select prepartive [sic] meeting Vincent went I did

not go Mary sick with the Inflamatory [sic] Rheumatism

several Strangers [sic] there, Ellwood Scott, Stephen

Cartland & his brother, _ _ _

_6th Quarterly meeting Alfred Phelps & his family

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here, left us on first day for home, I did not get out

to meeting at all, very bad roads, _ _ _

20 Levi & Mary went to Fredericksburgh,

23 they came home Elizabeth Nelson & Rachel

came back with them, returning on the 27th

3^{mo} 3rd Levi & Mary started for Rome, went by the

way of Napanee, _ Nathaniel Sivetman moved his

family down on his new place, _ _ _

6 Sid Deb & Mary came here again, _ went home

the 9th, _ _ _

_10th [Liphet?] Phebe Jane, Sarah Maria & Walter here

11 All hands went to meeting, got two letters from

our folks, & sent them two, _ _ _

_12, S. Hubbs & wife, here also George Amy Sarah &

Ella Kingston _ _ _

14 Benjamin & wife here, went home the 15th

a very wet afternoon, _ _ _

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1875

3^{mo} 16th Our folks got back from Rome, _

—

4_9th Edith would have been 18, to day had she lived,

5^{mo} 7th Lydia birth-day 37, went back to the woods with the children, to gather flowers,

_17th A young Colt, Uncle John came here from Belleville a foot, stoped [sic] two nights with us.

_22, Anna Sophia & Fanny came here for a visit. _

_21st Fathers birth-day [sic] 84, Andrew Wycot & Sarah here for a visit. _ _ _

_26. Silvanus Mullett & his daughter Victoria here for a visit, returned home the 28. _

_29th Nelson & Rachel came up on the boat, _

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6^{mo} 16th Our folks gone to the Sand-banks also Anna Fanny E. Cadman & a Methodist Minister from Whitby, _ _ _

_21st Quarterly meeting over, Rufes King & Margaret Newsome here, seven of our friends here from Huntingdon, _ _ _

_23,rd Anna & Fanny started for home,

_24 Elizabeth went home, Carrie took her to the boat _ _ _

7_3rd 54 years ago to day [sic] my father & mother landed in Quebec with 11 Children, 6 boys & 5 girls, _

_8th father & myself went to meeting, after dinner went to see [Liphet?] Levens. Lydia went with us.

_9 Lydia father & myself went to see C. G. Bowerman and his family, _ _ _

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_10th Went on to the market with Mary, sold her butter for 19 cents a pound, & 14^c a dozen for her eggs, _

—
_11th Levi Mary & the children gone too [sic] Hubbs, a meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock [sic], father & Carrie gone

—
_14 Stephen, Lydia & Adam Hubbs here for a visit

21 Dr Nash's Mother & Phebe Jane & [look?] with us

_24 Deborah & Mary Sills came up on the boat,

—
_25, Three years ago this morning between two and three o'clock [sic] poor dear Edith breathed her last sitting in the arm-chair. _ _ _

—
8mo 21st Eliza Brewer & Rachel Cronkite sailed from New York for England, _ _ _

—
9mo 3rd Very warm quick silver up to 88,

—
_11th Father & myself went to Napanee on the little boat

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_14th Went round the head of the Bay to R Cadman's Rachel & Nelson going with us, _ _ _

—
_18th Robert & Elizabeth took us to the Point to take the boat for Picton, got home about 8 o'clock [sic]

—
8mo 13th Levi Mary & Carrie went down to see the thousand Islands, _ _ _

—
_24th Lydia went to Napanee with S Richardson

—
9^{mo} 29th Levi Mary & Carrie started for Leeds quarterly meeting. _

10mo 7th Our folks got home from Leeds, _ _ _

—
_10 Reuben Haight & Sarah Haight here for a visit

—
_19 Rachel Sills & Lydia came up to dry apples

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at meeting, _ _ _

20 Went to Picton to see [Jasop?] Peterson

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Marys [sic] Birth day [sic] 40, years old, _ _ _

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& John Stinson here for a visit, Carrie
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a visit, rained hard all the afternoon, _ _ _

_29th of 11th month, 1875. My Birth day [sic] 71, A very cold
day. quick-silver down to 6 below zero when we
went to bed, _Mary trying out [fat?], Levi cutting [sic]
up his hogs, Lydia twisting yarn, Carrie cleaning
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Children for a treet [sic], their Grandfather not very smart, had another fall & hurt his hip, Grandmother feeling on [sic] year older than usual still able tho [sic] to patch and mend, _ _ _

—
12^{mo} 25th Christmas morning thunder and lighting [sic] with rain no sleighing, the children delighted with their presants [sic], as well as the older ones, _ Levi read the fourth chapter of John, _

[pg 11]
12^{mo} 30th Father Levi Lydia & myself went to meeting in the waggon [sic] warm weather, _ _ _

—
_31st Mild weather yet George & Maim here, fixing to leave, makeing [sic] a Vest [sic] for father, _ _ _

1876 1st 1^{mo} A wet mild day, G Anderson gone to Belleville with his things, _

—
_3rd George & Maim left for the West _

—
_6th Levi & Mary went to meeting. I lent Sarah Ann Derbyshire "Ushers Letters" _ _ _

_8th Cleaned the kitchen, the horse's ran away with Wesley in the woods, _ _ _

_9th Mild weather yet, went to meeting, William [Bransrom?] & wife here for a visit, lent them two tracks, & the account of Daniel Man, _

[pg 12]
1mo 12th Levis & Phebe Jane here

—
_13th W^m H Rattan & wife here, Stephen Hubbs came for Lydia, returned the 23rd _ _ _

—
_24th A mild day been married 26th years to day [sic] to V Bowerman, burnt up the meet [sic] in the

Smoke-house, _ _ _

_14 Done my last knitting in the [kitting?] alone
with two eyes, done nothing since, _ _ _

—
2mo 2nd Mary cooked the turkey did not enjoy it much
herself, as the man came to look at the house
with the prospect of buying, not a very pleasant
feeling to think of looseing [sic] your home, where
you have done so many hard days work, poor
writing done with one eye, _ _ _

—
_3rd Uncle Arthur & Willie came here, for quarterly

[pg 13]
meeting also Stephen Cartland & several others
from Leeds, _ _ _

_8th Stephen Cartland & Ellwood Scot here for dinner
I did not get out to meeting at all on account of my
sore eye, _ Uncle Arthur went home & left William
here with a fever or something else, _ _ _

— — —
_25th Levi Lydia Carrie & Willie started for Napanee
and so round to see Elizabeth, & Uncle Benjamin, _

—
_29th Got home bringing Elizabeth with them
who stoped [sic] with us till the 7th of 3rd moth when
Robert came after her, _ _ _

—
3^{mo} 4th Nelson & Rachel came up, stoped [sic] two
nights with us, _ Daniel Dorland & wife here
lent her Peter Bedford to read, ___
sore eye yet _ _ _

[pg 14]
3mo 10th 1876_ E Cadman's birth day [sic] 46
our family in trouble, Old Levet here trying
to buy the place or rather the farm. _ _ _

—
_11th Carrie gone to Hubb's for a weeks visit,

—
_12th V B had symptoms of a fit about four
oclock [sic] in the morning, the pulse almost stoped [sic]
beating, but got over it nicely in a few hours.

—
_15, Levi went to Adolphus town to attend
Daniel Haight's Sale, saw Robert & Elizabeth
there, —

_16th Monthly meeting a very cold rough snowing
_day. father Levi Mary went to meeting, &
to Levens in the evening. —

_17th the folks moved into the house, —

—
_18th Mary went on the market got 15ⁿ for her
eggs, got me two morning aprons, —

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3mo 20th Levi & Mary went to Belleville.
came home next day, a foot of snow fell
while they were gone, _ _ _

—
4mo 9th Edith's birth day [sic] would have been
nineteen, _ Lewis & Phebe Jane here for
a visit, myself writing to the R Sills, —

—
4^{mo} 28th Levi's Birth day [sic] 44 a fine day Phebe Ann
Whycott here for a visit. —

—
5mo 4th Ellwood Scott attended our week day
meeting all the family went except myself
he also had a meeting at Hiller in the evening
which our folks attended, _ _ _

—
_7th First day went to meeting for the first
time since my eye was sore, Lydias birth-day [sic]
38, how time flies away, _ she went back in the
woods with the children to gather flowers, —

[pg 16]

Vincent reading in John Chandler's journal
where it speaks of an Old woman one hundred

years old, walking nine miles to attend one of his meetings, _ _ _

—
_16th Cleaning house, Aunt Bathsheba died twelve years ago today in the afternoon.

—
_18th Monthly meeting at Hiller father Levi & Mary went up, _C Daly here left 8^{lb} of tea; paid him ten dollars. _ _ _

—
_21st Vincents Birth day [sic] 85. A fine day I went to meeting – Jemia Saylor buried, aged 85, & 7 months. _ _ _

—
_24th [Liphet?] Levens birth day [sic] 85, father Lydia & myself spent the day with him found W^m Garrett wife & two daughters there also Joseph Rogers. _ _ _

[pg 17]

_25th Levi went to Belleville for a Cheese -press. father & Mary went to meeting, _ _ _ paid Sarah Levens 3/- for turning my bonnet _ got two afternoon aprons for myself & a ribbon for my head, _ _ _

—
6_2nd Select meeting Vincent & myself went Aunt Eliza W^m Henry Alfred Phelps & wife came here & stoped [sic] all night, & eight others during quarterly meeting, two woman [sic] friends from Leray, _ _ _

—
_10 Rachels birth day [sic] 8 years old, Alace Swetman here for a visit, Levi brought home his new wagon [sic] found the old Cat dead in the cellar, _ _ _

—
_11th Vincent & myself went to meeting, then to Levi Varney's for a visit, _ W^m Baker's daughter here for a visit, _ Lydia went to G Leers for a visit, _ _ _

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6^{mo} 15th 1876 Monthly meeting Levi Thomas
Vincent & myself went, the rest stoping [sic] at
home by the stuff, things not going quite
pleasant, _ _ _

_16th William Cronk buried at Grasse-point
Vincent Levi Mary & Carrie going to the
funeral, _ _ _

_19th Julia Ann Waters buried at Picton,
Levi Mary & Carrie went & the Children
Eliza Brewer & Rachel Cronkite returned
from England. _ _ _

_20th Two weeks wash Nelson & Rachel
came up on the boat, _ _ _

_22nd Levi Nelson Rachel & Lydia went too [sic]
Belleville, back to the same day, found Mary quite
unwell with the [Janduers?], _ _ _

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6^{mo} 23rd they went home Levi took them to
the boat, * _ _ _

_25th All hands went to meeting except
Lydia & myself I having a bad sick head-ache

* Vincent Mary & myself went to A Derbyshire's
to see E Brewer, the Steamer they
returned in was called the Britanick
on the ocean seven days & 16 hours, she was
470 feet long, drew 24 feet of water, 700 pasengers [sic]
the Crew 100, used 200 Coal a day, eleven
boilers drove the Engine [sic], 24 firemen, they
baked four barrels of flower [sic] a day. _

_28th Levi Mary Carrie & Walter Levens, started
in the waggon [sic] for Yearly-meeting _ _ _

7mo7th Returned from Yearly-meeting, _ _ _
_9th Deborah Thomas attended our first day meeting _

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very hot weather, Mercury up to 92
at ten oclock [sic] in the morning,
George Leer & his family here for dinner

—
_13th Prepartive [sic] meeting Thomas Ladd
William Allen a colord [sic] person & Ellwood
Scott attended the meeting, we all went _
quick-silver at 90, Our folks went up to
Hillier meeting in the evening. _ _ _

—
16th First day I did not go to meeting, Stephen and
Lydia came back to spend the afternoon. _

—
_19 W^m Allen & Ellwood Scott, had an evening meeting
at our meeting house, our folks all went, _

—
20 Hannah Vancleaf buried, Monthly meeting
W^m Allen & Ellwood Scott, attended, & a meeting in the
evening at Mount Pleasant. our folks all went, _

—

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23rd First day Levi father & myself went found
W^m Allen there, gave us one of the greatest sermons
just what our meeting needed, _ Our folks went
up to Mount Pleasant in the afternoon, & to Hillier
in the evening. _ _ _

—
24th Father Lydia & myself went to Stephen Hubb's
met W^m Garretts [sic] family there with Charles Vail, also
Thomas Stinson & wife, _ _ _

—
_27th four years ago to day [sic] Edith was
buried, Mary & the Children & myself went down
into the Grave-yard. then to the Post office.

—
_29th Levi went to Picton to meet Mary Sills,

got a barrel of Sugar, _ _ _

—
_30th First day did not go to meeting, had a bad cold, our folks gone over to Nathaniel's. _ _

—
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8^{mo} 5th Consider Died 38 years ago to day [sic] about eleven oclock [sic] in the evening, _ Consider Deborah & Lydia came up, stoped [sic] till the 9th Sarah Phelps & her neice [sic] came, went away the next day, _ _ _

—
7th Samuel Haight wife & son here stoped [sic] all night

—
_8th Our folks went to the Sand-banks & Rachel young folks, _ _ _

—
_9th Eliza Brewer daughter & her husband here

_10th Prepartive [sic] meeting, Our folks went to Hubbs [sic]

—
_19th Arnold Haight's [sic] daughter here stoped [sic] all night with us, _ _ _

—
_22nd Lydia & Carrie went down to the thousand Islands met with Elizabeth on the boat, Carrie got left at Kingston came up the next night.

[pg 23]

9^{mo} 13th Went to Picton with Mary & got myself some muslin for Caps, & two neck handkerchiefs, saw Jacob Peterson & Isabela, who was going to Fredericksburgh for a visit, _ _ _

—
_14th Prepartive [sic] meeting Vincent went out for the first time since his bad cold, Levi Mary the Children & myself went also, _ _ _

—
16th Wille came back, Mary & the Children walked over to Nathaniels [sic], Levi & Lydia went to Bloomfield for her black luster dress, _

—
_21st Monthly meeting Vincent & myself went,
Mary Heriss that was came back with us, brought
Lydias [sic] dress home, _ _ _

—
22nd E Cadman came up on the boat for a
visit, _ Nelson Rachel & four of the children
came up next day with the wagon [sic], and

[pg 24]
stayed till the 26th

—
29th Elizabeth & Carrie went to Picton, _ _
30th Elizabeth & Lydia went to Picton,

—
10^{mo} 1st Nelly & her husband & Magge came up
to spend the day Levi going after them, _

—
_2nd Elizabeth gone home Lydia went with
her for a visit for a few weeks, _ _ _

—
_21st Levi & Mary on the Market with Ducks
& fowles got 50^c a pare [sic] for them, brought me
six yards of factory Cotten [sic] for some shirts,
& a ball of Sun threat 50^c _ _ _

—
_30th Lydia came home from Nelson's on
the little boat, Levi went down to meet her

—
[pg 25]
31st Grandfather been dead eleven years this e
vening, died about seven, _ _ _

—
11mo 2nd Levi geting [sic] out timber for a wheal-house
Mary finishing her Carpet, father & her
went to meeting behind Old Ellen, _ _ _

—
11mo 1st Thunder & Lightning in the morning about
eight oclock [sic], it got so dark we lit a Candle to see
if there was not an Eclipse _ _ _

—
_5th Benjamin came up to see us, spent
three days with us, went over to see Nathaniel

—
_8th Benjamin went home, Levi took him
to the boat, —
11^{mo} 29th 1876 My birth day [sic] 72 years old, it looks
as tho [sic] I was almost to the end of my journey,
and Oh that I may be ready, is all that I wish
for in this world, _ Lydia washing, Mary weaving-

[pg 26]
father cutting apples, Levi at the factory, Carrie
doing house-work, the Children giving Grandmother
little presants [sic], myself makeing [sic] flannel shirts for
Rachel, _ _ _

—
30th Father & Levi went to meeting in the buggy
quite cold, Carrie gone out this afternoon with
her dress to Mrs Hare's, _ _ _

—
12^{mo} 8th Mary put down the rag-carpet & paper'd [sic]
the room, 9th Went to the market got 60^{ct} for geese
50^{ct} a pair for Ducks, 22^{ct} a ^{lb} for butter _

—
12^{mo} 22nd Killed 14 turkeys 6 geese 8 Ducks
for Picton market, _ _ _
23rd Went to the Market got 5/shillings a peice [sic]
for the turkeys, 3/- for geese [2lb?] a pare [sic] for Ducks
22^{cts} a pound for butter 20^{ct} a dozen for eggs, _

—
[pg 27]
12^{mo} 24th the Children went to meeting
with Carrie, there [sic] father & Grandfather.
Philip Ward came in the evening also Elisha
Huff, _ _ _

—
_25th Christmas day the Children much
pleased with there [sic] presants [sic], -Aman and
his wife here on business makeing [sic] a wheel

for Levi, _ _ _

26th Carrie gone down to see E Cadman
went with friend P, W, _ _ _

—
28th Nelson Rachel & Uncle Henry came
stoped [sic] with us till 2nd of 1st moth 1877
Henry stoped [sic] with us till the 11th Nathaniel
took him to Belleville, _ Levi Mary father
& myself went out to Prepartive [sic] meeting, _

—
1877 1st mo 13th A great blow snow with it, Levi &
Jim had a great job to get in from Bloomfield.

[pg 28]

1877, 1st Mo 19th An invitaion [sic] to dine with
Eliza Brewer, did not go not feeling very
well, in the evening our School-house
was burnt down, _ _ _

—
_20th Carrie came home, a rain storm
in the morning, Consider brought her. _

—
_21st Our folks went to Hubbs [sic] did not get
home till three oclock [sic] in the morning.

—
_23rd Charles G Bowerman & his family here
for dinner, also Johnson Brewer & Eliza.

—
_24th Been married 27 years to day [sic], Johnson
& Eliza stoped [sic] all night with us. _

—
2^{mo}5th Our quarterly over a very favourd [sic] one &
very fine weather, Stephen Cartland and
Sebern Dorland attended our quarter,

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26 friends lodged with us, five one night,
four another, ten the third eleven the fourth
night & sixteen the fifth, Robert & Elizabeth
was [sic] in the company, Also my brother Arthur
& his son, Vincent & myself was [sic]out to the

Select meeting. _ _ _

—
3Mo5th Father Lydia Rachel & myself
went to Leven's for a visit. _ _ _
Edward Daly here stoped [sic] all night quite
unwell, _ paid him seven dollors [sic], he left
12 pounds of tea. _ _ _

—
_7th Levi & father went to Prepartive [sic] meeting
a heavy rain all day _ Jim went to
Stone Mills for Plaster. _ _ _

—
_10th E Cadman's Birth-day [sic] 47, Levi & Mary
went to Napanee, a snow storm in the
afternoon, fell ten inches, _ _ _

[pg 30]
3^{mo} 12th, 1877_ Levi & Mary got home from
Napanee, have conclud [sic] not to break up our
family this summer, for which I feel
very thankfull [sic], _ _ _

—
_15th Monthly meeting father Levi & Mary
went, W^m Allen there, _ _ _

—
_16th Another Snow-storm in the afternoon,
Levi & Mary gone back in the Sap-bush,
to clean the buckets. _ _ _

—
_17th Went on to the Market with some eggs
& Dried-apples, _ quick-silver two degrees
below zeroe [sic]. _ _ _

—
_18th First day I went to meeting good sleig-
-ing [sic] W^m Allen there, gave us an excelant [sic]
sermon, he also had a meeting in the
afternoon, _ Byron Robinson came back to dinner

[pg 31]
_19 William Allen had two meetings at our
meeting house, our folks going. _ _ _

—
_20th Lydia & Carrie went to Robert Taylor's
for a visit, after attending W^m Allens [sic] meeting
in the morning. _ _ _

—
_21st W Allen had two more meetings, our
folks washing. Lydia went to S Hubb's,

—
_22nd Meeting day father & Mary went. Seburn
Dorland there, W^m Allen left for Huntingdon

—
_23rd Mary & Carrie bakeing [sic] & ironing, David
Ellsworth spent the day here, _ [laped?] the
bush yesterday. _ _ _

—
_24th Carrie Birth day [sic] 22 years old,
Levi at the Factory a fine day, _ _ _

—
[Letter 1]

6^{mo} 12th 1892

Here I am up with Lydia
been here most four weeks,
going home to night _ Lydia
playing on the Organ_
Lydia reading over some Old
[manuscripts?]. _ _ Frank Waring
died the 9th of this month. _
Here I am at John Williams _
writing without glasses, 87 years
old & six months old. _ _ _
Mary been down with Rachel
the last four days, comes
home to night. _ _ _

Bloomfield

6th mo 12th 1892

[Letter 2]

Hannah [ClaMier?]
whose maiden name
was Popel, had five

children, Saumuel, Sarah
Arthur Martha, Mary
13 of 3mo 1870 A very
stormy first day not able
to get out to meeting _

My Grandfather Clothier name
was James & my Grandmother
name Hannah her maiden
name was Pople, they had five
Children two sons & three daughters
Samuel & Arthur, Sarah
Mary and Martha

11 of 3mo 1878 Mild weather, no snow
[taped?] the bush the 9th of this
month.

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4^{mo} 4 Lydia came home Stephen & Lydia
brought her in the buggy _ _ _

7th Levi & Mary on the Market, Potatoes
five shillings & seven pence halfpeny [sic] a bag,
Uncle Arthur Willie came down from
Brighton, I heard & saw the first Robin.

8th Went to meeting Matura Bowerman came
home with us, Mary & the Children went
back to the Sap-bush, _ Willie & Carrie went
to Stephen Hubbs [sic] for a visit, _ _ _

9th Edith's Birth-day [sic] would have been 20,
makeing [sic] sugar yet, _ _ _

11th Lydia & myself walked down to see
Phebe Burlingham, in the evening had a poor
turn of Heart decease [sic], but it passed over in
about two hours, leaveing [sic] me very weak. _ _ _

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5^{mo} 17th Monthly Meeting at Hillier Father
Levi Mary Carrie & the Children went up
& took dinner at John Dorland's. _ _ _

—
_20th A fine day went to meeting P W, here our
folks went to Picton to look for E Cadman the boat
was gone, [Wesleyan?] Conference there,

—
21st Father Birth-day [sic] 86, a fine day. _ _ _

—
23rd Jim went to Toronto to see his father found
him dead & buried, _ _ _

—
24th The Queens [sic] Birth-day [sic], Nathaniel [sic] two
Children were here for a visit, _ _ _

26th Nelson & Rachel came up with the bugey [sic]
stoped [sic] with us three nights, went home the 29th
I think its [sic] rather uncertain if she sees us all
together [sic] again, for we little know what a day
will bring fourth [sic]. _

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1877 5^{mo} 31st Uncle John came down for a
visit & to attend the Quarterly meeting, _

—
6^{mo} 1st Select meeting Vincent & myself went
found two friends there from Philadelphia
Samuel Morris & his companion a friend
by the name of [Cope??], when we got home found
Frederick Sivetman his wife & four Children
here had a very pleasant with them.

—
3rd A number of our friends made us a
visit 20 in number W^m Allen & companion
among the company, we lodged the whole of
them, & after breakfast, had a chapter read
& a few words spoken after by some of the
company, which was acceptable, then most
of them started for home, some went to

the Sand-banks. _ _ _

—
4th Robert & Elizabeth left us for home.

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after spending three days with us _ _ _

—
7th Meeting day Father & Levi went, a fine day
Alice Sivetman here to spend her 14 Birth-
day [sic], Lydia doing a large wash,

—
10th First day Rachel's Birth-day [sic] 9 years old, a very
windy day it blew down the vine off the house,
S Hubbs wife & daughter here for dinner also
Thomas [Hasard?] wife & three Children, & Willie
Mullett, Carrie & myself went to meeting found
Wing Rogers there. _ _ _

—
_13th Wing Rogers made us a visit in company
with Johnson Brewer, _ _ _

—
_17th First day I did not go to meeting, our folks
went over to Hubbs [sic], in the evening,

—

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1877. 6^{mo} 19th Reuben & Mary Elizabeth
Garrett came here stoped [sic] one night
with us, _ _ _

—
_20th Elizabeth Dorland died aged 33,
buried the 22nd our folks went to the funarel [sic]

—
_23rd Thomas Clark's Son & daughter came
stoped [sic] all night with us, _24th first day
Barkley Jones from Iowa at meeting,
A woman friend from England there
in the afternoon by the name of Satherwait.

—

7^{mo} 1st First day Mary & the Children went to

meeting Willie came back with them, Nathaniel came after dinner. A wonderfull [sic] thunder & lighting [sic] storm seventh day night lasted four hours. _ _ _ New potatoes for the first. _ _ _

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7^{mo} 2nd Lewis & Phebe Jane's Wedding day married 25 years, so there was a great many friends invited makeing [sic] in all about 150, Levi Mary & their three Children went, a great many handsome presents made, to the amount of near a hundred & thirty dollors [sic].

—
5th Our friend P W came on his way back from Niagra & Yearly Meeting. stoped [sic] till the 9th
—

_8th First day a Friend by the name of Redclif & two Colourd [sic] friends from the States attended our meeting had a meeting at Hillier in the evening our folks went up. _ _ _

—
_11th Father & myself went out to see Levi Varney found him quite poorly. _ _ _

—
_12th fifth day father Mary & myself went to meeting our friends home from YM. many forward spirits there

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1877_7^{mo} 24th Maria Diamond came here for a visit, & her little girl, spent two days with us. _ _ _

25th Five years ago to day Edith died about three oclock [sic] in the morning, buried the 27th _ Thoomas Stinson & wife Phebe [Norton? R?] Phebe Bowerman here for dinner,

—
28th Vincent quite unwell with with (she doubled the word) the Disentry, Levi Sprained his ankle, _ _ _

—
22nd James Richardson & Sarah [Satterward?]

attended our First day meeting.

—
26th Uncle John Mullett came here.

8^{mo} 1st Mary Mullett & Fred came here.

_2nd I went to meeting & heard the Black
-man Preach, Noah M Lean. _ _ _

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8^{mo} 5th Consider been dead 39 years to day [sic].

George & Amey here to day [sic], W^m [Bransrom?] and
family. W^m Valentine & wife Jane, Levi Varney
& wife. _ _ _

—
_11th [Alphes?] M^c Taggart & his father came
here stoped all night with us, then on to
meeting. _ _ _

_18th Uncle John left us for home
Mary took him as far as Picton with the
Buggy, bringing Deborah Sills & her little
Sister May back with her.

—
_19th Jim drove Lydia & Deborah out to
our meeting. to hear the Black-man preach
a very warm day our friend J.C. called
on us once more. _ _ _

_24th A party of Old Friends at Lewis Leven's
eight in number, their united ages makeing [sic]
647. Vincent & myself being part of the company

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26th Frederick Richardson & wife Stephen
Hubbs wife & daughter here for a visit.
none of our family at meeting to day on account
of Noah M Lain & his companion, we hope
they will return home soon. _ _ _

—
27th The Colord [sic] man & his Companion gone,

—
31st Our folks got in their last load of grain.
—

9th mo 1st Arthur Mullett & our brother John
came down for a visit, stoped [sic] over first day.
they went over to Nathaniel's.

—
_5th Levi Varney & his Cousins here for a visit
_8th Father Lydia & myself went over to see
- Amey Leer, a beautifull [sic] day.

—

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9th A fine day, went to meeting, Stephen White
& wife here, we went down to see the new
School-house with Lewis & Phebe Jane.

—
10th Thomas Birth-day [sic] seven years old goes
to School for the first time. also Rachel
nine years old never been to School before.
Lydia & myself went to see Jane Cronk about
going to Montrehall [sic]. _ _ _

—
12th Andrew Wycott & Sarah & daughter here

—
13th Father Levi Mary & myself went up to
Wellington to spend the day with W^m Garrett
& Patience, it being the Aniverserty [sic] of their
Wedding day 59 years married, 54 of their
friends took dinner with them. a beautifull [sic]
day rather to warm, sleeping with our
window open every night. _ _ _

—

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9^{mo} 14th 1877, A very warm day Sarah
Richardson brought Margaret Wright here
for a visit, _ _ _

—
15th Mary took the Children and went over
to S Hubbs [sic] for Butter got back around nine
oclock [sic], a beautifull [sic] moon-light night, Levi
& Hugh Morton went to Picton, Carrie
D Sills & M Wright went to L Leven's.

—
16th First day I did not got to meeting, a fine day,
about six in the evening Uncle Benjamin
brought Rachel Clendenan & her daughter
Mary, E Cadman & R Sills, Benjamin returned
home on third day also Elizabeth & Rachel

—
18th Gidion H Bowerman buried, Aunt Rachel
& Mary went to Nathaniel's, _ _ _

—
19th Went to Select meeting, Aunt Rachel &

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Mary went to Thomas Waring's, _

20th Monthly meeting-I did not go, _

—
21st R Clendenan's Birth day [sic] 71, went to William
Valentine's for a visit, _ _ _

—
22nd Started for Huntingdon Levi Mary and
the Children takeing [sic] them in the waggon [sic],

—
24th Our folks returned home about ½ past nine
leaveing [sic] Aunt Rachel & her daughter May at
Uncle Arthur's. _ _ _

—
29th Our folks went to the boat for Maggie [Stewary?]

—
10^{mo} 4th Consider & Mary started for home
Deborah went with them, after being with
us more than six weeks, _ _ _

—
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10mo 10th 1877, Levi took Carrie & Maggie Stewart
to the Boat, thrashing Buck-weat [sic] in the field
got near two hundred bushel, _ _ _

—
_13th Carrie came home on the boat R Sills
came with her to dry some apples, returned
home the 20, _ _ _

—
28th Lydia went over to S Hubbs [sic] for a
visit, returned the 7th of 11mo Stephen
& Lydia bringing her home. _ _ _

—
11mo 4th My father's Birth day [sic] had he have
lived would have been 112.

—
_5th Willet Hubbs died, buried the 7th
—

11th George & Amey here for dinner.
—

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13th Carrie went to spend a few days with
Margaret Jane Hubbs & her daughter,
returned home on the 15th a very wet day

—
_16th Boiling Cider, Edward & Jane Cronk
here for a visit, Mary bought some shells
of [sic] a Pedlar [sic] at the door, _ _ _

—
17th Levi & Mary went on to the Market with
Ducks fowls & butter, 25^{cts} a peice [sic] butter 22^{cts}
a pound, _

14th Edward Dayle here for dinner, paid him
\$7- got 10 pound of tea of [sic] him at 60^{ct} a pound,

—
_21st Nelson Sills came to see about takeing [sic]
the farm, returned home on the 23rd _

—
_23rd Mary & Carrie Cleaned the dineing [sic]
-room took up the Carpet, Carrie got her
boots from Glens. _ _ _

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1877_11^{mo} 29th My Birth day [sic] 73 years older
than my Mother was when she died,
our second flury [sic] of snow fell to day,
fifth day Vincent Levi & Mary went to meeting
I did not go feeling much older than

I ever did before. _ _ _

—
12^{mo} 4th Killing hogs, _ _ _

_8th On the market with Ducks hens
apples, butter, eggs, & hogs [sic] fat, father went
down to have a full cloth coat cut a
fine day, _

_22nd Mary on the Market with geese ducks
& turkeys, geese 50^{ct} a peice [sic] turkey 75^{ct}
Ducks 60^{ct} _ Mild open weather no snow
on the ground, saw several teems [sic] at
plow.

—

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12^{mo} 23rd Lydia & myself went to meeting
mild weather yet – Stanly White wife &
three Children here for dinner, also
James Sivetman & sister _

—
24th Levi Lydia Carrie & the Children
went to Picton in the afternoon to get
Christmas presants [sic]. did not get back till
after dark.

—
25th Christmas morning open weather yet
All the family abel [sic] to get up & eat their
breakfast for which I hope we are all thank-
-full, How uncertain who will see the
next Christmas, Six years ago now poor dear
Edith was with us. _ _ _

—
1878 1^{mo} 1st Levi & Mary gone to see G Lear
who is quite unwell, Huffs young folks
came to spend the evening _ _ _

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1878 1stmo 18th Select meeting day Vincent did
not go, having a bad cold. _ _ _

19th Monthly meeting did not go, Levi and Mary went also Carrie. _ _ _

—
21st Levi & Mary went to Picton got flannel for Lydia & Carrie, mild weather yet no snow. _ _ _

—
24th Vincent & myself married 28 years ago to day, meeting day no one went, father showed Levi his Will, not altogether [sic] satisfied, poor man I feel very sorry for him, haveing [sic] involved himself so much. but we cannot all see alike. _ _ _

—
25th Samuel Baker died, _
26th Lydia went to Picton paid [sic] for her gold spectacals [sic] or in part 5 dollors [sic], then went to George Leers for a visit stoped [sic] all

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night with them. Carrie got her new black dress brought home, Lydia got her coat cut & left it to be made, _

—
_28th Samuel Baker to be buried to day.

—
2mo 1st Our Quarterly meeting commences Vincent nor myself went to Select meeting owing to the storm Uncle Arthur & Edwin came, also Philip and his Cousin, _W^m Spencer & Stephen Cartland attended our meeting, I did not get out at all, _ Reuben Haight was here from Snowden left here the 7th for Belleville, _ And Lydia went to Fredericksburgh Robert comeing [sic] up for her, it seems very lonesome without her.

—
_8th Levi quite unwell he gave me Uncle Arthur's Note, five dollors [sic] & 28^{ct} due on it up to this date, _ _ _

—

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2^{mo} 13th Carrie gone down to Amie Sills
wedding. a very fine day. W E, Harard
married last evening. _ _ _

—
_15th Nelson & Rachel brought Carrie home
N & R stoped [sic] with us till the 18th makeing [sic]
a bargain with Levi to work the farm,
which he has concluded [sic] to do, much against
the family's wishes. a very imprudent thing
to seperate [sic] a family so late in the day. _ _ _

—
_26th Lydia came home Willie going for her
Walter Morris at our meeting. _ _ _
When Eliza Brewer was in England in 1875
she stoped [sic] at a friends [sic] house, where they
had killed a fat ox that weighed 1400.
sold it for one shilling & tenpence a pound,
which brought him 143.15^s shillings_

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1878_ 3^{mo} 3rd First day mild weather I did not
go to meeting, Elizabeth White came back with
our folks, stoped [sic] till fifth day, Went down
to see [Liphet?] Levens, & Emma Lumbard.

—
_6th Levi & the Carpenter made a hole
in the parlour for another door, to seperate [sic]
& break up the family that has lived
together [sic] for 43 years. _ _ _

—
_8th Nelson's boys came on [sic] to make sugar,
Jacob Peterson died, aged 89 years, Levi &
Mary gone to the funarel [sic] buried the 10th
Saw the first Robin. fine Spring weather

—
10th of 3rd mo_ E Cadmans birth-day [sic] 48 years old,
A beautifull [sic] day no snow, sitting with the
door open part of the time. I am

affraid [sic] this will be our last first day alone,
a sad thought to think of breaking up a

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family that has lived together [sic] so many years,
Oh' Levi, Levi, little did I think what I was
living for. but happy thought I shall not know
it long. _ _ _

—
1878 3^{mo} 13th Nelson & Rachel got here with
there [sic] family & part of their goods, a very rough
day raining & snowing, _ _ _

—
_16th First day fine over head went to meeting
in the wagon, met with two strangers there
Albert Stover & James Barker, _

—
_17th Takeing [sic] every thing down to make
room for the new comers, a sad change
for old folks. _ _ _

—
_20th George Leer died about nine oclock
in the morning. _ _ _

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Buried the 22nd We all went a very
large funeral and a beautifull [sic] day.
E Varney had a good deal to say.

—
_23rd Got a Telegraph dispatch saying that
Mary Bowerman was not expected to live.

_24th Levi went over to Hubbs to let them
know it. A snow storm in the morning.

—
_30th Nelson & Rachel went below, All upside
down yet, not looking much like home, never
expect it too. _ _ _

—
_31st First day I went to meeting, had several
good sermons, directing us were [sic] to look for
Consolation in all our troubles, _ _ _

—
4mo 1st A beautifull [sic] day, Oh that it was as
bright in doors, time may wear it away
But the loss of a home, or changeing [sic] homes

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is a great trial for Old people. _ _ _

—
3rd Nelson commenced plowing fine weather
4th Mary & myself went to meeting.
6th Mary & Rachel went on the market
bought Lydia a sun bonnet some steem-
loom for the family. _ _ _

—
7th First day W^m [Bransrom?] & wife & son
here for dinner. _ _ _
8th Moved father's bed & mine down stairs
does not seem much like home.
9th Ediths birth day would have been 21
[Squires?] here. _ _ _

—
_18th Father Mary & myself went to Monthly
meeting a fine day, came home after meeting
all things changed, nothing like home any more
used to have a comfortable room to sit down
in, now I can sit down by the book-stove, quite

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a change for old people, _ _ _

—
_20, Rachel & Mary went to market Lydia
went to George Leer's old place, came back on
first day, Levi Mary & the Children going for her.

—
_22st [sic] Carrie washing, Levi hunting up milk,
_23rd Levi taking away the furnature [sic], it looks
rather hard after working so many years to get
it together [sic], then have it divided up & taken away
all for the sake of a little paltrey [sic] gold, Oh that
they may see the folly of heaping up riches in
this world. Drove away four cows to their

new home. _ _ _

—
_25th Mary took away our little girl & boy in
the buggy, a sad sight to see the children
taken away from you that you have nursed
& tended day & night for ten years, _ Oh that I
may be more resigned to my lot, or I do not,

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know what will become of me, _Elizabeth
came up on the boat, Nelson going for her

—
_26th they came back in the evening for some
of their things, Lydia & Deborah went to Coopers
for some black-water, _ _ _

—
_27th Sarah Levens brought Aunt Rachel's
bonnet, Lewis Levens called in to see how
we look in our new home.

—
_28th Elizabeth went to meeting with father
& myself also Nelson & Rachel, got our dinner
at Levi's, it did not look much like home,
Eliza Brewer had a meeting in the afternoon.

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_29th Elizabeth & Rachel sewing carpets together [sic]
beautiful [sic] weather Cherrie Plumb trees out
in blossom. Musketoos [sic] troublesom [sic].

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4^{mo} 30th Elizabeth gone home Rachel took
her to the boat.

—
5^{mo} 5th Levi Mary & the Children here also
Nathaniel & Isabela, _ _ _

—
_6th Quite unwell had sick head-ach [sic]
Joseph Baker & P W. here for a call, _

—
_7th Lydia's birth day 40 years old it does
not seem possable [sic], washing no little Children

to go to the woods with her to gather flowers,
as in former days, owing to Levis breaking
up the family, a cruel thing.

—
_8th Stephen & Lydia here Lydia Haight
[has?] hung blankets out of doors in the sun, rather
hard after haveing [sic] things so convenient [sic].
beautifull [sic] weather Lylack [sic] in blossom.
a very forward spring. _ _ _

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5^{mo}9th Prepartive [sic] meeting Father Lydia
and myself went out in the buggy, then
down to Levis for our dinner.

_21st Fathers Birth day 87, Levi & Mary here
cut a hole through the north side of the
house for Lydia's kitchen, _ _ _

24th [Lisset?] Levens birth day 87, father
Lydia & myself went over to Levis in the
evening stoped [sic] over first day with them
father walked up to meeting I rode,

6^{mo}1st Quarterly meeting none of us women went
Thomas being very sick the Dr here, no company
here only Joseph & Ann Willby their daughter and
her husband, Uncle Arthur & Uncle James stoped [sic]
two nights with us. it does not seem much like
our quarterly meeting, the family so broke up, _ _ _

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5^{mo} 31st Uncle John & Daniel here on account of
Deborah M^c Coy's death which took place the 23rd of 5^{mo}
1878 Aged 54. _ _ _

—
6^{mo} 11th 1878. Vincent Lydia & myself had an invitaion [sic]
to spend the day at [Liphet?] Levens, not W^m Garrett and
Patience there also their daughter Precila, Maria
Ellsworth & Sarah Maria. _ _ _

—
_13th Nelly Fox & Ellen Mary Castor stoped [sic] all night
with us, then started for Belleville with the

horse & buggy. _ _ _

_15th Abby Ellsworth here & her daughter, & Maria Ellsworth with her daughter Sarah Maria,

_19th Catharine [Impey?] & Amie Mullett came
Levi met them at Picton, 20th they went to
Monthly-meeting, 21st Went to the Sand-banks,
22nd took the boat for Bellville [sic], 24th took the Cars to Niagra
Sailed for England the 29th 1878 _

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1878. 7^{mo} 1st Father Lydia & myself went
over to see Amos Hubbs, & family a very
warm day. _ _ _

_7^{mo} 7th Went to meeting a very hot day, Levi
& his family came back with us, also
Isabela Peterson.

_7^{mo} 3rd 1821. We landed in Quebec, after a
passage of seven weeks, My father & Mother
with eleven Children, the youngest two years
old. a little boy called Benjamin.

_11th father Lydia & myself went to meeting then
down to Levis, Came home & found Daly had
been here & left 15^{lb} of tea at 55^{ct} a pound, _

_25th Mary weaving out a peice [sic] of Cotten [sic] [ware??]
Six years ago to day poor dear Edith died,
great changes since then, it does not seem

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much like home any more, strangers comeing [sic]
and going. _ _ _

_28th Amy & Sarah here for a visit, _ _ _
21st Thomas Waring buried at our meeting-house

_8^{mo} 5th Consider died 40 years ago this evening

about eleven oclock [sic]. _ _ _

—
_10th S Richardson & Lydia went down
to [Woossoos?]-Island, _ _ _

—
_19th I went down to see the Doctor, got
myself some muslin for Caps ribbon,
Envelops [sic] books for Thomas. \$ 1.90,

—
_21st Andrew Whycot Sarah & daughter,
Sarah 64 years old, & Lydia Hubbs 50 the 22nd

—
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8^{mo} 23rd Father Lydia & myself went out to
Levis stoped [sic] two days with them, it seems rather
lonesome to come back without the children.

—
_30th Sallie Taylor fell down stairs lived
about two hours after, was buried the first
of 9^{mo} —

8^{mo} 31st Henry Mullett came from Whitby on
his way to the States, spent first & Second
day with us, then Nelson took him
to the boat. _ _ _

1878 10/7 Stephen Hubbs brought my Sister
Maria here haveing [sic] come down with his sister
Hannah from Pickering. _

—
_9th Arnold & Rachel Haight & Maria Niles
here stoped [sic] all night, _ _ _

—
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10th Aunt Maria father & myself went over
to Levi's stoped [sic] all night with them, went
to our preparative [sic] meeting. _ _ _

—
_13th Our General meeting begun, Did not
last but a week _ _ _

_14th Aunt Maria & Lydia started for
Fredericksburgh, Levi & Mary takeing [sic] them
to the boat. _ Sent Kate [Jmpey?] the minuts [sic]
of the Yearly meeting. _ _ _

—
11mo 9th Lydia got home from Huntingdon
Aunt Maria takeing [sic] the Cars the day before
for Whitby, Wille came back with Lydia,

—
_20th Mary's birth-day [sic] 43 years old, The first
she ever spent without her Mother, a
sorawfull [sic], thing for a woman to be draged [sic]
about the world by a husband, _

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11/29th 1870 My Birth day [sic] 74 years old,
it seems like a great age, hardly likely
I shall see many more, Oh that I may be
ready when the summons comes,
Levi Mary & the Children came out
in the evening & took tea with Grandmother
& Chrisend [sic] Lydia new dishes. _

—
12_1st Gatherd [sic] some rose leavs [sic] at the east
end of the house, Elizabeth came up,
I read two Psalms without my
Spectacals [sic], _ _ _ Amos Hubbs died in
the evening, on his birth-day [sic] 81 years.

—
_14th Mary was on the market with some
of her Ducks got brought me five yards of
red flannel at 10 cents a yard.

—
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12^{mo} 25th 1878 Eat [sic] our Christmas dinner
all alone so stormey [sic] & the roads blocked up

—
1mo 1st 1879 New years [sic] day Stephen & Lydia here
for dinner had a turkey & two fowels [sic], Levi and
Mary & the Children, also Nelson & Rachel,

—
_24th We went out to Levis a very high wind
Mary Ann Wright daughter buried, Nelson & Rachel
came up from Napanee. _ _ _

—
3^{mo} 19th Walter Levens & Mary Sills married, at
our old place, queer times to what it used to be
no wonder the Old folks feels sad, _ _ _

—
4^{mo} 23rd Came back to our old home after an
absence of three months, quite lonely to what
is [sic] used to be, it may all be for the best
but it looks rather hard, after living with
your children for over forty years, then to have the
family broke up _

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1879 5^{mo} 21st Grandfather's Birth day [sic]
88 years old, quite feeble this Spring & very
hard of hearing, we have had some beau=
=tiffull [sic] fine warm weather the Lilacks [sic] out
in blossom, I suppose it's the last time I shall
ever see them so, as Levi talks of selling a cruel thing,
after what him & his family has done here,
Levi Mary Lydia & the Children back in the woods
to pick up some chips, _ the Children going to
School here. _ _ _

—
5^{mo} 6th Jane Anderson died at Montreall [sic] was
brought up to Picton & intered [sic] by the side
of her Sister & Grandmother. _ _ _

—
5^{mo} 7th Lydia's birth day [sic] 41 years old, Carrie
& the Children went back in the woods
with her to gather flowers, I suppose
for the last time.

—
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1879 5^{mo} 23rd I stroled [sic] down the Lane alone
to look for father, pulled off some Maple

leaves, thinking it might be the last time
I should ever be there, the way things are
going. _ _ _

6^{mo} 6th Select meeting day Vincent & myself
going out for the last time I think, both of us
being quite feeble this spring. _ Stanley [Pumphery?]
& wife attended our quarterly meeting. _
Uncle Aurther & Aunt Jane down stoped [sic]
three nights with us.

6^{mo} 10th Rachel's Birth day [sic] 11 years old, Mary
Carrie & Thomas came out to dinner with us.
O, if I, as one forgiven,
Reach at last; that happy shore;
How shall all the hosts of heaven
Shout, and wonder, and adore!
The above lines written by Rachel. Bloomfield. 1879

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1879 6^{mo} 4th Nelson & Rachel gone to Napanee
myself trying to cut father some shirts quite
an undertakeing [sic] more than I expected, shall
not try it again. _ _ _

6_12th Reubie Haight from Snowden brought
me M E Garrett Photograph, I sent her mine in
return, he returned to Bellville [sic] the 13th.

_22nd First day no meeting, Levi & Thomas came
out for us did not go, they spent the day with
us, took father & Rachel back with them.

7^{mo} 12th Levi & Mary went down & met Nancy
Anderson, brought her here, to spend a few weeks

_20th We all went over to Meeting & then down
to Levis for our dinner, home again in the
evening. _19th took Rachel down to see the
Doctor, he gave her a bottle of medicen [sic]. 1879,

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1879 7^{mo} 3rd My father & Mother with eleven Children landed in Quebec in 1821, 59 years ago to day. _

—
7^{mo} 25th Seven years ago this morning between two & three o'clock, Our dear Edith breathed her last, sitting in the Arm-chair in her sixteenth years, _ _ Maria Ellsworth & daughter Phebe Jane spending the afternoon at Nelsons, father & myself took tea with them.

—
8^{mo} 9th Levi met Mary Bowerman daughter Lydia at Picton, on her way from the States, to make us a visit. _ _ _

—
_12th Met Elizabeth at the boat spent a week with us.

—
_31st Daniel Levens buried at our meeting-house aged 90 years, Vincent was at the feuneral [sic]. _ _ _

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1879 9^{mo} 1st Lydia & myself heard the Cars for the first time siting [sic] at our dineing-room [sic] window pealing [sic] pears.

—
_3rd Aunt Maria & Kate came here for a visit, spent three days with us, then to Levi's, starting for home on the 8th Second – day morning. Levi takeing [sic] them to Picton & bringing back some English friends, James Clark & his two daughters Sophia & Edith, it was a very short visit of two or three hours. _ _ _

—
_6th Father Lydia & myself went to Levis with Aunt Maria & Kate, stoped [sic] till the following Sixth day, Thomas Birth day the 10th 9 years old,

—
11^{mo} 2nd First day no meeting, our first snow

Levi Mary & the children here, Carrie gone to Kingston for a visit, N. A here yet _

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1879 11^{mo} 9th First day morning-Started our Coal-stove for the first time, Do not like it as well as the Old box Stove, _ _ _

—
_20th Mary puting [sic] a peice [sic] of cloth in the loom for full-cloth, -drove herself home in the evening very cold.

—
29th My birth day [sic] 75, not feeling very smart looking towards the end of the journey. & my daily prayer is htat I may be ready, but feel thankfull [sic] that I was able to sew all day for the family _ Patty Bowerman died in the evening about ten oclock [sic],

—
30th First day no meeting, David Ellsworth here all day, Will Cadman called on us the Children here going to School, Levi & Mary here in the evening. _

—

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1879 12^{mo} 23rd Father Lydia and myself went out to Levis. & stoped [sic] till the tenth of the fourth month following.

—
1880 3^{mo} 29th Our folks sold the Old Farm to a man by the name of John Henry [Levet?] for the sum of \$12000 twelve thousand dollors [sic], _

—
4^{mo} 9th Mary H Bowerman from Maryposa has been with us for several weeks, makeing [sic] her friends a visit, last evening she got a Telegram saying her father was dead, so she started for home Carrie going with her. & stoping [sic] a week, this is

Edith's birth day would have been 23. _

—
_10th We came home, Uncle Arthur & Samuel Haight came here also the former stoping [sic] three nights with us.

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4^{mo} 20th Nelson & his family left for Napanee giving him a thousand dollors [sic] to leave the place. we miss them very much. _

—
_24th Robert & Elizabeth came up,
_26th They are gone down to Levens, to day [sic], _ _ _

—
_28th Levi's birth-day 49 years, the Children out here, also Elizabeth & Mary. _

—
1880 5^{mo} 1st Froze a quarter of an inch, Elizabeth with us. _ _ _

—
_7th Lydia Birth-day the Children disappointed at not going back in the woods to gather flowers it being a wet day, Elizabeth with us, also Mary Carrie, & the Children, in all probability it will be the last birth-day [sic] that Lydia will ever spend here.

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1880 5^{mo} 6th E Cadman helped Lydia wash the wood-work. _ _ _

—
_16th Over to Levis [sic] some of them down in the Grave-yard looking at Ediths [sic] grave.

—
_17th E Cadman brought us home behind Topsey, got some dinner, & then went down to see Maria Ellsworth. We are feeling rather sad & discouraged, thinking what a home we have lost, just to gratify one poor man, cannot

have the privilage [sic] of turning a house
in the door-yard, Oh Levi ! Oh Levi ! –
Why not have let thy poor Old father died [sic]
on his own farm, where he has been
over 65 years. _ _ _

—
_18th Elizabeth went home on the boat
Mary takeing [sic] her down to Picton.

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1880 5^{mo} 20th Monthly meeting at Hillier, none
of our family there, to [sic] much buried in
the cares of the world, Mary haveing [sic] the
Ague. _ _ _

—
_21st V B's birth day [sic] 89 Andrew & Sarah
here also Amey, a beautifull [sic] day.

—
_23rd First day no meeting for us, Mary
& the Children here.

—
_24th The Queen's birth-day [sic], it will not
make much differance [sic] with us, altho [sic]
my Sister Mary was carring [sic] of her about
the room when she was about
twelve months old. _ _ _

—
6mo 4th Quarterly meeting began Vincent &
myself went out to Select meeting, then down
to Levis, were [sic] we stoped [sic] till the 7th _

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Uncle John & Arthur down to the meeting
we had a very good meeting.

—
_10th Rachel's Birth-day 12 years old, they
all came out to the old place & took
dinner for the last time, as the place
is sold, Grandfather in his 90 year,
& Grandmother in her 76, _ _ _

—

_7mo 1st Dominion day, We went out to Levi's, met with some friends there from the States, by the name of Caleb Gregg & his wife, had some of their company at Edward Cronk's. _

—
_3rd 59 Years ago to day my father landed in Quebec with eleven Children after a voiage [sic] of seven weeks, leaveing [sic] England in the year 1821, in the fifth month. _ _ _

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1880 7^{mo} 27th Aunt Maria & Mary Ann came here, went to the Sand-banks, & over to Nathaniels, started for home the fifth of eighteth [sic] month, 42 years ago to day that Consider died,

—
8^{mo} 6th Charles Vail called on us a few minuts [sic] I gave him mine & Vincents photograph

—
_22nd Nellie Fox & baby here stoped [sic] three days with us. _ _ _

—
_27th Sarah Crawford & daughter called on us, had a nice little sitting, for our encouragement I hope. _ _ _

—
9mo8th E Cadman came up & stoped [sic] two weeks with us, Robert came up on the 18th for her, _ _ _

_17th We went to Picton Elizabeth Mary & the Children, also myself where I had

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not been for three years, We also drove round the Sematry [sic], I got myself cotten [sic] for night-gowns, Silk & [wadden?] for Lydia's quilt,

—
9^{mo} 14 Amie Mullett & her little neice [sic] from Belleville here spent three days

with us, _

—
_19th Edward [Harard?] & wife here for a visit
Nathaniel Swetman, M Levens, Amey Leer
Robert & Elizabeth, & our folks from
Bloomfield. _ _ _

—
_24th Lydia & Amey gone down to Reuben
Burlinghams for a visit. _ _ _

—
10mo 24th Three inches of snow fell, Icicles
hanging on the window frames,

_26th Makeing [sic] father a couple of new flannel
Shirts, myself two night gowns, _ _ _

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10mo 31st The Aneversary [sic] of my father last day. _

—
11mo 1st E [Liphet?] Levens died about three in the
afternoon, father & myself went down the next
day to see his remains, Mary driveing [sic] us down
in the buggy, & then called on Reuben Burlingham

—
_4th Frederick Richardson here also Sarah Foster,

—
_22nd Our fingers sticking to the door latch, so cold,

—
_24 Crossed the Ferry at Bellville [sic] on the ice,
with the horse and the Cutter, _ _ _

—
_29th My birth-day [sic] 76, Levi Mary & the Children
came out in the evening bringing a roast duck
with them, Thomas quite sick, _ _ _

—

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12^{mo} 5th 1880, We went out to Bloomfield
as Thomas was no better but worse, 7th
Vincent & Lydia went out took the birds
& locked up the house, for three months,
Thomas not getting much better, _

—
1881 3^{mo} 8th Returned home for a few weeks
to pack up our things & take leave of the
Old place after living on it 65 years, it
looks rather hard to see Old folks give
up their home before they have done of it

—
3^{mo} 10th Elizabeth Cadman's Birth-day [sic] 51.

—
_13th R Cadman Elizabeth, Carrie Rachel &
Levi, _ 14th E Cadman went home,

—
_16th Adam Spencer attended our M Monthly
meeting. Came over to the Old place in the
evening to see Vincent & wife accompanied by

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W^m Valentine Amy Leer & Levi,

—
17th Joseph Rogers buried E Varney going up
to attend the funarel [sic], _ _ _

19th Heard the first Robin on the Old place

—
12^{mo} 25th 1880, Christmas Thomas sick a [sic] bed
not able to go to Picton, or to see the Christmas
tree, _ _ _

—
1881 1/1 New-years day Thomas in bed yet
not much better, lingerd [sic] along till the
first of 4 month, when he quickly breathed his
last about ½ past seven in the evening, by
the bursting of a blood-vessle, _ buried the
third by the side of his sister Edith, _
poor dear [Chils?] Oh that we were all
with them, the way things are going. it all
looks dark after looseing [sic] our home. _

—
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1880 11^{mo} 27th Rachel & Thomas came out to the
Old place on the Sledge in the evening, quite cold

after Skeiting [sic] stoped [sic] all night with us, thought he took his cold then, that terminated in his death First day morning the 28th after breakfast he read the 1st 23rd, & 27th Psalms also the 2nd cht of John little did we think it was the last time he would read to us, they went home in the evening.*

1881 4^{mo} 28th Mary & Amy Leer went to Mariposa to see Mary Bowerman, she died the 2nd of 5th month buried the 4th Levi went up to attend the funarel [sic] came back the 9th. on the Cars. _

5^{mo} 7th Lydia's birth day [sic]. no going to the woods to gather flowers, with the Children, one dear child gone to its long home. which leaves us only one. _ _ _

*The next day my birth day the 29th they brought

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him out again in the evening carring [sic] him in & out of the sleigh, not being able to walk with the pain in his legs, it proved to be the last time he was ever there. _ _ _

1881 5^{mo} 21st Vincent Birth day [sic] 90 years old, Andrew & Sarah Whycott here, & Hannah Maria [Harrard?], Henry Mullett also came in & stoped [sic] two days with us. _ _ _

6mo 5th Our quarterly meeting, 7th Carrie went home with Uncle Arthur for a visit,

12th Went for a ride over to [M Donalds Isaland?] Levi Lydia Rachel & myself. _ _ _

6mo10 Rachel's Birth-day [sic] 13 years old a fine day went for a ride in the afternoon with her Mother Aunt Lydia, & took tea with Eliza Varney.

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1881 7^{mo} 1st Maria Ellsworth here for a short visit, We took her up to Levi Varneys [sic] in the afternoon, myself going along, _ _ _

—
_2nd Lydia washing, Stephen Hubbs came over for her in the afternoon

_3rd Sixty years ago this morning my father & Mother landed in Quebec with eleven children, _ _ _

—
_9th Elizabeth Comstock paid us a visit spent part of three days with us.

—
9^{mo} 3rd William Barker called on me, had a good visit with him, had not seen him for 50 years, _ _

8^{mo} 24th Sallie Mallory & Mary Jones here for a short visit, _ _ _

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1881 10^{mo} 18th No frost worth speaking of yet, Lydia & Carrie up in the Village geting [sic] a dress fixed, I have not been as well as usual for the last two weeks, Altho [sic] I have finished this day a day-cap for myself now most 77, most likely it will be the last I shall ever try to make.

—
11_4th Paid Sarah Levens 50^{cts} for makeing [sic] four day-caps. _ Made myself three Shimeys, Lydia got herself 6 yards of Cashmeer for a dress & flannel for two shimeys, a pair boots, _ Mary & Rachel gone to Fredericksburgh. _ _ _

—
_28th My Sister Rachel Died about ten in the morning, buried the 30th she 75 years old, took her remains back to Mariposa

_29th My Birth day 77, shall I ever see another, if not Oh that I may be ready. Our folks very busy cleaning house Amy helping Lydia. I got a Card from

Maggie Stewart. —

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12^{mo} 25 A beautifull [sic] bright day the family
all gone to meeting except Lydia & myself
John Ward spent the evening with us.

—
_24 On the market with geese sold for
60^{ct} Ducks 60^{ct} a pair, a very full market

—
1882 1st mo 24th Our wedding day 32 years ago
Judith Bowerman & Abigale Ellsworth was
married the same day, this is a beautifull [sic]
winters day quick-silver 20 degrees below
zero, Levi killing two pigs, Lydia getting a
dress cut at the neighbors [sic], Amy Leer here.
Richard Suthard buried the day before yesterday.

—
2mo 28th James Morden his brother & his wife
here for a visit, just before going to Manitoba

—
5^{mo} 7th Lydia's Birth day [sic] 44 years old, her &
Rachel went back in the woods to gather flowers

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_Thomas still missing, only the second time, poor
Child taken from all the toils & troubles of this world
but how we miss him, _ this has been a fine day
also first day & meeting day. father & myself not going
feeble & old father 91 the 21st of this month, myself
77 & six months, Nancy Anderson took tea with us,
our folks drove out to Leven's. _ _ _

—
5^{mo} 21st Grandfather Birth day [sic] 91 years old some of his
Children spent the day with im all but Lydia
& Stephen, Thomas Stinson & Lydia was here also
& Amos Bowermans widdow [sic] from Whitchurch,
A very fine day, father & myself went to meeting also
Levi & Lydia Haight. Patience Garratt died
the same evening about ten oclock. _ _ _
Vincent planted a Maple-tree West of the house.

9mo 28th Levi Mary & Rachel Started for Leeds
quarterly meeting, returned 10/4th 1882_
10_6th Uncle Arthur & Aunt came here from
Camden & Leeds, also Annie Fred Dolly & Castor

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1878. 6^{mo} 18th My father's old Bible was
printed in 1578. _ Deborah Bowerman.

My father came hear [sic] in 1858, to board with us
was with us eight years, _ died the 31st of 10mo 1865
Paid us one hundred pounds while here.
D Bowerman

1879 5^{mo} 23rd The day before Elizabeth Levens was 88
years old, And two days after Vincent Bowerman
was 88 years, I stroled [sic] down the Lane alone to
look for father, I thought I would pull off some
Maple-leavs [sic], thinking it might be the last time
I should ever be there, for you to look at when
I am gone.
Deborah Bowerman 75 years old
Bloomfield 9^{mo} 2nd 1879

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(contains pressed leaves)

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1881 6^{mo} 12th Went for a ride on Cunningham's
Island, Levi Lydia Rachel & myself & the
two little dogs, we gathered some fern leavs [sic] &
several other plants, also three Cedars which
are planted or rather set along the garden fence.
_ DB_

(pressed leaves)

[pg 94, which follows pg 95]
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Elizabeth for a set of bed curtains, and seven
shillings I kept for my own use. _

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