

William (Henry) Watson (1838-1918)

1881-1911 Diary

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Henry Watson's Diary

1882

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Dancing

Young ladies allow gentlemen privileges in dancing, when taken under any other circumstances would be considered as improper. It requires neither brains nor good muscles to be a good dancer. As the love of the one increases, the love of the men & women in skilful dancing. In ancient times the sexes danced separately.

Alcohol is the spirit of beverages, so sex is the spirit of the dance, take it away & let the sexes dance separately & dancing would go out of fashion very soon.

Parlour dancing is dangerous. Tippling leads to drunkenness and Parlour dancing leads to ungodly Balls.

Tippling & parlour dancing sow the wind & both reap the whirlwind.

Put dancing in the crucible, apply the acids, weight it, and the verdict of reason morality & religion is "weighted in the balance and found wanting."

The Chief of Police of New Your city says, "That the families of the abandoned girls in the city were ruined by dancing."

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Were I so tall to reach the pole,
And meet the oceans with my span,
I must be measured by my soul,
The mind is the standard of the man

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News papers

A good newspaper is the grandest temporal blessing that God has given to the people of any country. Opinions sometimes are, that anybody can make a newspaper with the aid of capital.

The facts are that fortunes are swallowed up every year in the vain effort to establish newspapers. It is time, in my opinion, that it was understood that unless genius & ability are the basis of the undertaking, that the most successful way to sink a fortune & keep it sunk, is to start a newspaper. To publish a newspaper requires the skill, precision, vigilance, strategy and boldness of a Commander in Chief.

To edit a newspaper one needs to be a statesman, a geographer, a statistician and so far as all acquisitions a concise encyclopaedia.

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There are some women who are unbearable. No love or tenderness can subdue their bickerings. If every want be not instantly gratified they accuse their husbands of not caring for them, and either vent their dissatisfaction in angry words, or worse lapse into sulky silence. Can you wonder that the husbands of such women seek refuge in places of evil resort. A prison is more compassionate than domestic unhappiness.

“A fretful temper

Will divide

The closest knot

That can be tied.”

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Clearville Dec 19/82

This day has revealed to me, by sentiments expressed in confidence by an aged Father. One who has struggled through life's journey to rear and comfort a home for his aged wife & children of small sons & daughters that life is a pilgrimage. One may struggle & fight for our children, they grow up to dishonour their parents, seemingly do everything to destroy the comforts of age, & bring grey hairs & a premature grave, such is the case related; domestic discomfiture instead of domestic happiness, seems to prevail.

Remember sons & daughters, your convictions will realize you are slowly but surely murdering your aged & respected Father.

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Never swerve in your conduct from your honest convictions decide, because you see reason for decisions, and then act because you have decided. Let your actions follow the guidance of your judgment & if between them both you go down, go down. It is the only course worth of a man.

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Met at the dedication of the Universalist Church in Detroit in the fall of 1881. The following persons were present:

Role Woods Esq

Nixon {P. Q. ?} Ont

R.W. Cobb Esq.
Smithville, Ont.

JT Middleton Esq.
Hamilton, Ont.

R. {Bumar?} ESq. & daughter
Olinda, Ont

Rev. {C.F.} Dodge ← Apr 2/80 – wrote me regarding a location
Branchport N.Y.
Yates Co.

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West Lyone Prov. Of Manitoba
Apr. 15/ 1882

Myself Louisa & Clayton crossed over the Red River on the ice, just before it broke up. The River was supposed to be 4 ft. above its natural level & shortly after crossing, the ice broke up & showed plainly the danger we were in crossing. Brother Theodore & Mrs. George Cummings were with us. Got my luggage across in a small boat. Was taken ill that afternoon & had Dr. Cameron to see me. Met W. J. Gosnell & Wm. English on the banks of the Red River west side. In such trying times how cheering it is to find old acquaintances & true friends.

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Theodore T. Watson
Nelsonville, Manitoba
May 6/1882

Eugene Watson
Nelsonville, Man.
May 6/1882

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Clearville July 11/82

This night brings forth sad remembrances. Two months ago this a.m. my dearest of all earthly treasures was taken from me. Death claimed her as heaven's own. Sad is such realities but only a matter of time with all beings. Our reunion is sure when my time comes.

Henry

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Sabbath Evening Sept 3/82

This day has been spent under severe trials of sustaining a despondent spirit. Memories of my precious {look} lurk through the mind and imagination says they are with me only to vanish upon reflection of sad reality. They are visionary plain the only consoling comfort. Ida and Linus went home & to the fairchilds

Suffered nearly all day with headache at home with Clayton Mary & Becca.

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Mix first hope & then despair, how sad is life in such a mood.

How said it is to convene around the grave of the dead to see the tears & hear the sobs of the survivors stricken & mourning friends. Only "A little while" Job xvi-18. Death is the great conqueror. Life's activity is only a little while. The sun goes down and death transforms all.

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The spirit departeth
How calm the repose
The pale lily bloometh
Whence fadeth the rose;
But there is no death
Only transfiguration
The yielding of breath
For the glorification
OH God, to that faith
To the heart's consolation.

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Not dead not dead,
Only gone to the giver
Awaiting the weepers
Just over the river
Only gone by the path
That the blesses have trod
To walk with the saints
In the city of God.

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Died

At Nelsonville, Prov. of Manitoba. My dear companion –wife- Louisa on the morning of May 6th 1882 at 1a.m. The mind is incompetent to express the Heart's feeling under most trying times, I have the confidence to feel

There is another loving
hand

To heaven's harp strings given
Another gentle seraph's voice,
Another star in heaven.

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Nov 18th 1882 A.D.

My birthday Sat. A lovely day all sunshine no shadow. Sad is the remembrance & position from one yr ago but life's cross we must bear and fight our destinies with fortitude. I was home all day with Ida, Lucy, Mary & Becca McDougal & my precious little boy Clayton. Linnius was at the Eau boating. A peculiar day as telegraphing was intercepted by magnetic aerial interception. Messages were heard without the aid of batteries etc. Northern lights were bright.

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Memorandum of Photographs sent to various parties.

George Angolosis, Self & Louisa

Walter & Mary Garreth “

R. Constable - “

Anson Tucker Family

Wesley & Leva – self & Louisa

T. E. Rennie – “ “

T. Harvey – “ “

Eugene – Family with Clayton

Theodore – Louisa & Clayton

Henry Adams self & Louisa

John {AE} - Clayton

Elizabeth – “

Dr. Ras{illegible} - Louisa & Clayton

Jennie {or prob. Tennie, who was Henry's sister Hortense} – Clayton

3 De Longs – Clayton

Mrs. Frances self Louisa & Clayton

Rebecca DeLong Clayton & Louisa

Clarke Watson – Clayton

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Guard well they life

One never can know

What evil from thy tongue

can flow

What guilt, what grief may

be incurred

By one incautious hasty word

He who receives a good turn

Should never forget it.

He who does one
Should never remember it.

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A word, a look, which at one time makes no impression, at another time wounds the heart, & like a shaft flying with the wind pierces deep, which with its own natural force would scarce reach the object aimed at.

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A solid statement embodying much political reasoning illustrating genius, capital, money, skill, business, foolishness & labour.

Tennayson can take a worthless sheet of paper & by writing a poem on it making it worth \$5000 & that's genius.

Vanderbilt can write a few words on a sheet of paper & make it worth \$5,000,000 & that's capital. The United States can take an ounce & a quarter of gold & stamp upon it an "Eagle Bird" & "Twenty dollars" & that's money.

A mechanic can take material worth \$5 & make it into a watch worth \$100 & that's skill. The merchant can take an article worth 50c & sell it to you for \$1.00 that's business.

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A lady can purchase a very comfortable bench for \$10 but prefers to pay \$100 that's foolishness. The ditch digger works 10 hrs a day & shovels out 3 or 4 tons of earth for \$1.00 that's labour.

Died

At Ridydom on Friday morning {here?} 8th at 5 am, Little only old, smallest child I ever saw. Weighed wo pounds when Born. Why should such a little innocent Babi suffer as it did for days before death.

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All over the world there are women who endeavour to satisfy the hunger of their own hearts with the devotion of man who inspires them with reverence & tenderness perhaps, but who fail utterly to rouse in them the deep strong love of which they are by nature capable.

Sometimes before it burst over their heads then feel the cold dark shadow of the storm clouds which is to wreck their dearest hopes & flood their souls with misery.

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Richard DeLong
Rosannah DeLong
Traverse City, Mich.

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Zelotes B. DeLong
Elgin Ill.
Sept 13/83 16 yrs

Bertha DeLong
Elgin Ill.
Written by herself Nov 20/83

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Maud DeLong Elgin Ill.
1882 – 10 years old

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Frances C. DeLong
Traverse City Mich.
Nov 20/1883
Died 1886

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C.E. DeLong – Traverse City
Nov 26/1883 Mich

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J.C. DeLong, Elgin Ill.
Nov 20/83

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Detroit Nov 15\83

Was married to Ida K. Handy by Rev C.W. Knickerbocker in the Parlor of Antisdale Hotel in the presence of Anson Tucker wife & daughter & a few others. Passed a pleasant evening in conversation in Parlor. A very blustery disagreeable day with snow squalls. Went through the City some.

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Started for Chicago at 9.15 on the morning of 16th arrived at 9P.M. & stopped at Commercial Hotel until 19th. Went from there to Elgin Ill. Arrived at 11:30 am. found residence of Uncle Zelates & Aunt Harriet, on Walnut str. West Elgin. Family – Cecilia Apr 26/83 30 yrs, Delbert – Aug 26 – 25 yrs old Alives Mar 16 – 32 yrs Julia Nov 16 - 21 “ Burton – Sept 13 – 16 yrs

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Maud Jan 25 – 10 yrs
Zelates – 60 yrs, Harriet – 51
George killed on railway July 20/83 25 years old –

which constitutes the family of Derick DeLong May 13 1883 – 56

Rosannah Feb 25 “” 53

Chas. Edgar Jan 4/83 “ 30

Frances 20 yrs age

– Edgar’s wife maiden name Amelia Minerva Hade,

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has one child born Oct 8/82
Phinneus Baldwin
Julius Baldwin
Birthday Apr 16/83 – 51 yrs age
Clair McLaughlin – Ap 17 – 48
Charles Baldwin – Jan 4 – 26
Clinton “” - June 4 - 25
Lloyd “” - Aug 11 – 23
Minnie “ - May 18 – 20
Neva “ - Feb 18 – 18
Saya “ - Apr 20 – 10
Daisy {-Apr 20 – 10?}

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Mrs. C.E. DeLong
Traverse City, Mich

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Colin Ross
Fulton, Ill. Whiteside Co.

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Anson Baldwin
July 11/1883 – 47 yrs
{Eliner?} Baldwin (Sawin) Oct 10 – 47 yrs
Lewellyn “ Oct 10 – 20
Zala Sawin “ Mar 3 – 16
Jennie Alla “ Feb 10/83 – 13

Burdet Jay “
Myrtie May “

Nov 16/83 – 7
Apr 2/83 – 3

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Celia DeLong – Elgin Ill.

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Albert DeLong “ “

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A Baldwin – Union Rock Co.
Wisconsin Ill. Dec 7/83
{July 11/83 – 47 yr?}

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Eleanor M. Baldwin
{Willie Baldwin
Zola S. Baldwin
Evansville Wisconsin
Dec 7/83?}

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Jennie E. Baldwin
Burdette Joy Baldwin
Myrtie May Baldwin
Evansville
Dec 7/83

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Clara B. Baldwin
Brooklyn, Wisconsin

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Julius Baldwin, Brooklyn Wisconsin

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C.S. Baldwin Oregon, Wisconsin Dec 9/83

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Clinton J. Baldwin Oregon Wisconsin
Dawe Co. Dec 9/83

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Lloyd M. Baldwin, Brooklyn Wisc.
married Mary Graham

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Alvin Bryant Randolph Wisconsin

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Minnie Baldwin, Brooklyn Wis.
married Palmer A Naymes

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Mira J. Baldwin Brooklyn Wis.

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Daisy Baldwin Brooklyn Wis.
17 yrs old 1890

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23 yrs

Boyd M. Baldwin Oregon Wis

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Emerson Bryant Randolph Wis.

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Lucy C. Bryant Randolph Wis. 1883

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Hale Handy, Fox Lake Wis

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Larry M. Handy Fox Lake Wis

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Fannie K. John Fox Lake Wis Dec 18/83

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D.W. John Fox Lake Wis 12/18/83

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Hale Handy – Born in York state
Apr 1 – 1883 – 46 yrs
Laura (Wood Handy Feb 24/83 – 59 yrs
Archy M. Handy Dec 6/83 – 37
Fanny (Handy) John July 24/83 – 31
DW John Oct 25/83 – 34
(Born 3 children)
Morton H John – 5
Allan W “ Oct 19/83 – 4
“ sept 1/83 – Babe -

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Feb 17/86

Appointed & elected as District Deputy Grand Master of AOUW Lodge for St. Claire district –
comprising of Elgin, Kent & Essex. Got election through energy of John Lee, Colin Rathorne, {TLT
Lewis} & Bob {Prosser}

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Wm McLaren, Mapleton, Dakota
Clarke A. Watson – Scammon Cove
Drummond Island, Mich

Miss Baxter – 31 Roland Str
Detroit Mich

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Brother Masons who assisted me in Man. May 1882 (death of Louisa)
Nathan Logan – Westlynn
Alex Stuarant – “
Joseph Grant – “
JW Guthersey – “
Geo McDonald – “
Mr. Bromish – “

Joseph Leport
Rick Quail
ET Yenta
NE Wilson
CE Jackson
LE Scurbnor
JB Turnbull
Geo Gaffney
{Indley} Moon

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March 5/86

John Raycroft & Wm McLaren spent part of day with us from 11-4p.m. How pleasant it is to have valued & honourable friends call upon you & revive old acquaintances two of whom I value highly.

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Ages etc of Pa Handy's family
Collins Handy Sr Born Apr 7 – 1811
New Haven Conn.

Rebecca Baldwin – Sept 18 1814
Landsdown

Children 11

David Henry Handy – Dec 20/35
Collins Handy (jr) - Aug 18/38
Louisa Handy - Apr 12/41
Julia Ellen “ – Apr 21/43
Julius “ – Feb 17/45
George William “ – May 4/52
Franklin M. “ - Apr 20/50
Norman Wesley “ – May 4 52
Ida K. “ – Jun 14 54
Clara Lucy “ – Oct 17 56
Anson Fred “ - Mar 25 57

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A very good world to live in
To lend, spend or to give in
to beg or to borrow or to get a
man's own
The very worst world that ever
was known

T.F. Watson – married [T.F is Theodore Frederick, Henry's brother]
Maggie Murray – died Jan 16/1885
Arlow was born
Married Sarah Louise
Born Aug 31 1858
Charles Frederick – Jan 13/85
Louisa Ruth – June 13/94

Dec 87 - sent L.E Toronto & Globe

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Dec 4/1902

The Canada Temperance Act submitted to the voters for Ont. Result as follows
Had to get 212,725 votes to pass. Got.

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Family Record

{Haltun?}

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Gone Home

Departed this life Apr 22/86

Hale Handy age 16 with Influenza

Son of Collins & Elisabeth Handy

In peace in heaven. How glorious such hope though sad to separate on earth's [missing] with so promising a young man. In life respected by all who knew him. In death reunited.

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1886 May 11th

I as District Dep. Of A.O.U.W. for the Claire District worked up & got petition to organize a degree of Select Knights of the Order in Morpeth & Ridgetown. Sent petition to Grand Council B.J Friendship of St. Catherines, & he instituted Morpeth May 11/86 in evening with following chair members No 60. H. Watson Dr. Shaw, Collins Handy, J.R. Smith, Frank Guyott, AD Page, Geo White, D McFarlane, J. Truman, AR McDonald, J. Ridley & E. Monnom. AE Page in Supreme. Ad lunch at the Eno House after.

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May 12/86

Instituted Howard Laguire No. 61 in evening with following members,

W {Smewith}	D.O. Loane
W. Prosser	J. Ian
B.A. Thorpe	D. {Costernues}
N.J. Willson	W. Latimer
W. J. Grant	John Lea

I was appointed G.C. & a delegate to Grand Lodge in Guelph. W. Prossner same
Wm Howard Leguiere

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Clearville Mar 20/87

All alone with Clayton & Father Collins. They have gone to bed at 10P.M. Sunday evening Linny, Ida & Babe at Adamsons or Winefarlanes. I go to West Home in morning & Rodney Lodge in eve or

expect to. A very fine day. Done all the house work etc today
Henry

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Clearville Mar 27/88

To-day has been one of a Historical event in my life, showing the trials & natural destinies of paternal care. Linny & Mary also Wilfred took mail train this a.m. for Manitoba. Mr Greenway went yesterday 26th with car of effects. How little such separations are thought of unless realised. Such is destiny. Such is life. May God protect & assist them.

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Eternal Truth, Justice, Honesty & Mutual Aid

Wisdom penetrates many mysteries. Let prudence rule your mind & govern your temper. Justice demands protection but not abuse. Let not thy tongue offend thy neighbour.

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Excursion Sept 7/89
Clearville

On Sept 4 @ 8a.m. the Steamer "Lake Side" Capt N.J. Wright & A Cowan purser. Left the docks {Edgecombs}, Moores, Clearville & Morpeth. Left Morpeth nearly 10am for Cleveland. 168 tickets sold. Mr Isaac Gardner & self chartered boat & ran excursion at a loss of about 1.25 each. The weather so rough could not go on Aug 21st or would have made well as there was about 1000 on shore to go.

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So rough when we landed at the Eau on the 5th could not get to lower decks. Had to get down to foot of Eau in small boats & get home best we could. The schooner Lewis Ross of Port Hope went ashore, helped take the crew off. The Tug Maytham of Cleveland Ohio attempted to rescue but could not. Capt High & Capt & crew of Tug are deserving credit for noble effort & rescuing the men off vessel.

Upon the whole, good excitable time.

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Clearville Jan 9 1890

To-day has been one of sad experience. Departed this life David W. {Gresner} resident of Orford & Warden of Kent. A true & tried friend, a man of sterling material that embodies all that makes up true manhood. Departed this life at age of 55 yr 10 months & 24 days. Mourned by all & despised by none.

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Buried June 11/90 by Masonic Fraternity & aided by Select Knights (He was initiated into Masonry by myself) about 100 of the Brethren present from all parts, and over 100 conveyances in all.

Memorial cards sent to

J John – successor as Warden
J Flemming
J T Arnold
J McMichael
J Duich
David Wilson

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P Spence	}	Council
Julius Murray		
T Warrington		
Colin Lietch		
AJ McMurdo		

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{checkmarks in pencil go down the left of this page next to each name}

John Mcham
John Fon
John Hurry
W. J. {Buckm?}
Wm Ridley
Hank Ridley
{Malln?} Badens
{F.7.?} Allen
{Thrs} F. Ronllidy
Alex McLanish
L. S. Censhy
John Lee
A. J. C. {Anderson?}
L. {Cenpudin?}
Mr. Royne
{Las?} Reycraph
L. D. {Cennier?}
{Webinder?} {Emydt?}
John Carry
John {Cradon?}
{Lindyr?} Nood
D. McFarlane

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{Signatures}

Chas S. Pratt Large Man
596 West Av
Buffalo N.Y.

Earnest Wende Buffalo N.Y.
Heath Couns

F Knoll 45 Niagara Str. Buffalo N.Y. – old man

L.H. Smith 663 Main Str.
Buffalo N.Y.

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Aug 14/15 – 1890

Julius Baldwin visited us in Canada. Was here & visit for 2 wks & over. Had a picnic at Eau & Pa Handy's on Aug 26. I had to go to Chatham county audit & could not go. Ida & I went to Julie Handy's on Sat. Eve. 30th & came home Monday – bid Uncle Julie good bye & at Collins Handy on Sund 31st. He went or started for home on Sept 1st.

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1890

Mr. Marcus died at Ridgetown was buried at Ridgetown on Sat. 30 Aug. I was Pall bearer.

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Born Oct 14/1874 Preston Coffey

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Mary Geldon wife of Wm. Watson born in Yorkshire Eng Oct 15/1794 came to Canada 1819 died at the Eau point May 5/1885 Buried at Morpeth

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Robt Watson

Born Aug 8 1819 died in Harwich Nov29 1880 Buried at Morpeth

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A. Traunweiser

requests the presence of ----- at the marriage Miss Cora Lapier to Eugene Watson on Wed. eve. May 11/1892 at the Methodist church Calgary at 9PM. Reception at 9.30 at Mr. Watson's residence McTavish str. Calgary.

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Sent Photos of buildings & family to Eugene & Fred Watson, Lin Watson & Miss Alvin Bryant & of family only to Duncan McFarlane Johnson & Soper.

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RE Gosnell
Legislative Library
Victoria BC

JC MacDonald, 182 Vict Ave Ridgetown Aug 29/95

Minnie Smith, Cedar Springs

J.A. House, Stoney Creek

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1898 Feb 18

Edden Turner was in office & on 19th took tea with me sold his farm to Mr. Williamson

Francis {Ferno?}
Solicitor in co. with Richard Luddium, {Roode?} District Registry Office
Wakefield Yorkshire England

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G.W. Tape of Sumpten Oregon

Father died July 23rd 1887, was buried at Morpeth aged 72 yrs. Mother died Sept 29 1900. Buried at Morpeth Oct 1 1900.

Rev. L.S. McCollister preached service

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1901 Sept

I was appointed Post Master of Highgate – took possession of office – Aug 3rd 1901 Opened new office Oct 9th 1901 on corner of Main & King str. Highgate.

Molsons Bank opened an office in Highgate.

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Sund Apr 5 1903

A cool dull day, some sunshine. Morden & I all alone. Leona was at Ridgetown at Oliver & Julia & ma in Wisconsin. We went to church in forenoon. Done cooking & put in day as best we could. Reading & writing letters etc. When alone the mind has many themes to ponder over & the past will crop up & cause the thoughts of “man’s vicissitudes of life”.

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1903 Aug 12th

Started on a trip via San Francisco , Portland, Victoria & Vancouver to see Fred & Eugene, returned by Manitoba, St. Paul & we got home Oct 2nd 9PM.

Melford Selden only grandchild came with me.

Dec 21/03 – Melford took sick – developed into Scarlet Fever

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a very bad type & uncertain of recovery. Telegraphed Father & Mother (Lin & Mary) to come (Dec 27th). They got here on 30th in eve. Boy changed for the better & gradually improved. Quarantine lifted on Jan 28th.

Malcolm McArthur died Jan 1904 & buried at [unreadable looks like 'Surrel'] Cemetery in Aldborough

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Alex McTavish died Dec 26/03 buried at Ridgetown Cemetery on Saturday. Service by the Masons. A very cold day. Was quarantined. Could not go.

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1905 Oct 27

Rosannah DeLong died. Buried in Travis City Mich.

She was 75 yrs 8 months 2 days old. Her maiden name was Rhuma Ross. A zealous Christian Lady, respected by everyone who knew her. Uncle Richard DeLong died Oct 26 1889 & was buried in Travis city.

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Her Brother is E.E. Ross, Chicago & sister was Mrs. C. W. Locke, Bellvue, Kansas USA.

There has been no records made in about 2 yrs in this book. Pressure of work & poor health the cause.

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1907

The township of Orford saw fit to sue me to recover what Falls said I owed. Tried in Chatham county courts before Judge Dowlan & case dismissed with costs against the Township in full. The suit created considerable excitement & I received numerous congratulations from the best men in the country.

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The following congratulated me strongly on winning the suit & expressed deep indignation at the council in the course they adopted. Sheriff Germinell, Dept. Sherriff, County Clerk Gosnell Clerk of the County Holmes, County Treasurer Flemmings; Judges Chambers. {Comity?} Constable – {Loupan?} – J. G. Walker. City {Solicitor-?}; Rob Black. Will Blue, Chas Ashton, some juryman

strangers – Joseph Kemel, L. J. Raycraft, my {Solicitor?} – J. S. Foster,

At Home – Geo W Moody, Dr Mcphace, {Wooh?} Hardy Geo {Melster?}, {Dam Lagan?} & family, Sam {Gosmell?} & Floyd. W. C. Sifton, R. G. Spruce, Rev McLong, John {Baiby?}, Barker, McConder; L. D. {Ellis?}, Geo Reycraft, A. J. Stone Rev {Cerichton?}; John Scott, {Kimmy?} {Shurch?}, John Lee

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James of Rember Narmer's family of Harwich.

Emma – maid – Sarah Rice

Mary Neads – Annie Handy

{Summan?} Bachelor – Leslie

Hallie Mallory, Frank

Edith Bruce

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April 7th 1909 – Grandpa Handy birth day 98 yrs old. I wrote a {skelni?} journal of his life, Huppy, journal {wanted?} {Cuh?}, {soh?} one and was published in journal & monitor Sad papers with it in as follows: Fine & Supene Watson, Ina & Mabel Muse, Sherman, {Munden?}, Jule – Baldum, Lucy Bryarch, Hale Handy Jas, {Baldiom?}, W R Watson, & Gordon Haily, Archy Campbell, Toronto, {Wr?} Roome, D. A. Gordon, Olio Handy, Geo Fisher, Ed Stewart_ Continued

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Frank, Geo & {Ino?} Handy, Oliver Ransome, Leis & Clayton & {Sworal?} others;

Morden started out in life, went to Toronto, to work for the Ontario Paving Buck Co, west Toronto, at 8 am {me?} week, Wm pears, manager, commenced Monday 22nd, March 1908 – Continued & liked it well

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April 3rd 1909, Uncle Zelotis {We?} Long, dud at his sons residence. {Aleeins?} {Dilong?} near Delton. {Wise?} I & e was born in Clark Township {comity?} {ac?} Durham in 8 yrs 3.1823 after 85 yrs x 7 m.

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J. Morse Hardy Oct 10/09 Born Nov. 30/1877

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1910 John White born March 2 1846

Sarah A white born Sept 2nd 1853

Samuel {mariner?} White born Dec 3 1875

Mary A Dodds {written above} White born April 18th 1880

Alice Wash White (wife of A White)

Peter John Dodds (husband of Mary White)

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{Photograph of two men and a woman glued to page} H. W. M., alley, Bloomfield {Hunny?} & Ida Watson Highgate 1911

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Hale Handy {died?}

Feb 23 – 1910 - {Banquet?} in one behalf

Feb 23 – 1912 - , Gave Gladys Barley {mice Biddles?} Mrs Hanndy, Merlis Crusade By Rosan Carney {Ho?} Little Came {pinch?} Mrs Midie

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April 1911

{Such?} Easter {Candy?}

{T?} – {Lemmus?} Watson family

Mr Mrs 7 am {Mcbenneds?}

M 7 Room & hady

Mr Mrs Meil Rathorn

Mrs Harriett {Leelong?}

5827 {Duducann?} are cheap

Mr Mrs C. A. Watson

Mrs Z. G. {Linkbart?}

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Died

At Cass City. Much

Sat. see 9 to. 1893

Mrs Alice Leelong

Wife of Reuben Belong

Ages 60 years & 3 m

{Interence?} in {Mavesta?}

Cemetary see 12 – 1893

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Wm. R. Meyer

126 Hallas Rd. Victoria B. C.

Charles F. Watson

Vancouver B.C. 1209 Thurow St.

Toronto 26 Gloucester St. Ont.

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Burons Steel

Rond Eau Ontario

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To Remember she of the happiest days. The one 2 {speut?} at this dear old home.

Sincerely

Elyse C. Lericelius

6/21/14 1110 Dillon Sh.

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For the sake of old sakes sake year address Harris Teachers College sh Louis {Missoure?} Summer address

Lyle, Washington (Laura J Soper 4288 Brighton {Aoe?} M.K. Loper Los Angeles Cal.)

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Thursday Oct 3/1911

My Dear Dauphlia

The coulds are gradually lifting over on Home and beautiful sunshine in dispelling our gloom. How thankful and pleased we all full over from recovery and our gratitude to our Heavenly Father who rules all things. For His kindom Cheer up my Dear Girl, let nothing worry you, You have a happy life before you yet. Be patient and exercise your best judgement and all will be again at home. Happy and prosperous your Pa

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John W Bailey

Nov 1- 45 year Jemma a Bailey Aug 8th 37. Last Frank G. Oct 17 – 13 yrs Gladys J. – 11 – Jan 30th {Hafbett?} Hewitt R. July 30 – 10 yrs Emma {Jeane?} 8, March 30th Grace M. Sep 6th 1911 Ellen A. Dece 23 1911 4 yrs

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Blenheim March 21st

Dear Uncle

When you are far away from me, I will always think of thee, as always good and kind to me, and wherever you are on land or see-sea May God's blessing follow thee.

Your niece,

Minda Handy

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Leva M. T. Handy at Dew ducy July 3rd, 1914

J.J. McAlice, North Vauce, Aug 19th 1915

Floruse E. McAlice, Aug, 19th, 1915

Leona Watson born 1884 Dec 7. Died Feb/1974 1974

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William Henry Watson. This is my Christian home but commonly through life. I have {wont?} by name or Henry Watson, I am well {kurm?} though {the G--?} of Kent, and {Eaux?}, was

Henry Watson suffered a stroke about 1914 in {Dewdncy?}. She tried to continue writing but most of it was illegible. Died 1918, born 1838-79

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Tuesday Oct 3 – 1911

My Dear Daughter,

The clouds are gradually lifting over our Home and beautiful Sunshine is dispelling our gloom. How thankfull and pleased we all feel over your becoming and our gratitude to our Heavenly Father who rules all things for His kingdom. Cheer up my Dear Girl, let nothing worry you. You have a happy life before you yet, Be patient and exercise your best judgement and all will be again at Home, Happy and Prospurous Your Pa

{stamp that reads “S. K. C. Education Industry Union”} Henry Watson, Clearville, Ont.

P.G.S. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

P. D. D. Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W.

D. G. C. Select Knights of Canada

Harriet Delong

Elgine Ells

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