

Detlor Diary Transcription May 13, 1834-December 26, 1849

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1834

May

- 13 Last night & this morning-Snowing 2 inches all go off by night
- 14 Snowing again
- 15 Snow & frost Ice sickles 1 foot long

April

- 23 Today H.C. Thomson died at ½past 2 PM
- 25 buried at 5 PM I was at the funeral

May

- 19 This morning ½ past 12 Samuel Detlor died
- 20 buried today 3 o'clock
- 21 go to Mohawk [World] dunning and take Maria to A Davis rain
- 22 Mr Hyland stay here last night take breakfast & dinner & return
- S 25 Field meeting
- 26 A Shorts call again for his pay I agreed to leave it to arbitration or he might proceed in law Sent a Notice to forbid all persons purchasing the same note to Herald
- 28 D Roblin start for Toronto Philip & myself go up to Taylors Auction
- 29 rain today

July

- 23 Walter W Simons died (Uncle Walter)

August

- 15 paid Nichol Nicholson 25% being amt of schooling D Roblin sick-common cholera

October

- 25 returned from Montreal

1835

March

- 6 Ann Maria Chamberlain died [sister]
- S 8 buried today Mr Hyland preached

May

- 28 Old Mrs Shorey buried today
- 29 Martha West (that was) buried

June

- 8 Thos. Empey Esq. died 4 o'clock AM
- 10 Elizabeth Wright died about ½ past 2 PM this day

1836

January

- 5 Elizabeth Sophia born 10 o'clock AM

June
? Elected a member of Parliament

1838

May
? remove to Brighton

1842

January
? return to Napanee

1843

October
? Move into rough cast house

1845

March
? enter Bank Superintendent

November
? go to Toronto as Witness in court Chancery Edgar Chambers

1846

April
? obtain certificate from court review

September
15 take Clapp's house at £20 per annum

December
31 Mr Goodwin & Nellis hold watch night protractor meeting commence

1847

NOTE: Goodwin throughout should be Goodson

January
1 Dine at D. Roblins
2 St George trade horses with George Mac
S 3 A stranger [local] preacher preached this morning. Last week old Jacob Fretts,
William Sager & Wm Dimond died. R Low, Esq., also died about 10 days ago

4 Town meeting Old Uncle John Embury & John Roblin Stay all night Snow & rain
 5 clear & windy
 6 wrote mortgage for A Loucks dated 1 yr
 7 at Mr Goodwins Saw Mr Smith there claiming the property at Smith's Falls took
 2 affidavits for Mr Dimond
 8 Swear A McGreer-to a service-wrote Power of Attorney for Mothers pension in
 my name Very cold requested Mr Campbell to make out School report Mr H.
 Dafoe's child buried
 12 School meeting for Trustees G.H. Detlor, George Mills & Samuel R. Shaw appointed
 13 Go to Kingston-return Saturday
 16 with J.C. Garrison
 18 Monday go with David by Bath. See Wm.
 23 return with J.D. Pringle & [?]. Mr A McNeill died
 S 24 at meeting-[Protracted] meeting continues Mr A. McNeill buried today
 25 Elizabeth returns-Amelia Miles & Helen go to Hungerford. Hold inquest on the body
 of Charles Campbell's 5th child
 26 go to Kingston by stage
 30 return with Lambert of Sophiasburgh
 S 31 meeting forenoon only
 February
 1 Finish inquest
 2 Go to Kingston with David, George & James Chamberlain & George Detlor's team council
 Meet, etc.
 6 return with Mr Pultg, pay him off He owes me 2 s. for a book (German)
 S 7 preaching twice Titus gets ticket [Ma ches]
 8 visit round
 9 Do Do
 10 George Empey girls stay here last night and to dinner go to Indian School. Jane go with
 Wm. Maria calls upon Mrs Macpherson Mrs J V has been very ill-is somewhat better.
 Samuel returned Monday evening from Hungerford with oats. Jehial went with him-
 Meeting. Mr Goodwin preach
 11 nothing of consequence
 12 Arbitration between Wright & Windover. Prayer meeting-Mr Booth lead. Mr Portt &
 H. Loft buried
 13 meet arbitrators this morning. Go to Qr meeting. Union question carried-large majority
 Stay at Switzers.
 S 14 At meeting & return. Mr Jones preach here in evening. Charles & Amelia Jones stay
 with us.
 15 Mr Goodwin go to Picton
 16 Arbitrators give in their decision-protsted A. McKay's note
 17 Wrote town wardens expect to leave for Kingston in the morning. Get down 9½o'clock
 20 return home with Charles Miller & Mr. Dier
 S 21 Mr Howard preach twice Storming Do & Nellis dine here
 22 prepare for Missionary meeting but in consequence of cold & storm Mr Jones don't

arrive and a small congregation. Mr Williams from Picton preach "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me" Mr Baynon lodges here meeting adjourns for Thursday [-] night

23 Fine cold morning Go to Kingston with Mr Herring's brother. Pay toll

27 return with young Sager (storm)

S 28 Temporary qr meeting adjourned in consequence of cold storm Mr Goodwin preach evening, [Mr] Woodsall morning

March

1 Pleasant, go to Kingston by stage

2 at office

3 do

4 do our missionary meeting

5 do

6 do & return home with Mr Willard of Belleville

S 7 Mr Seymour preach morning, Mr Osburn in evening

8 pleasant, go by stage to Kingston on credit to D Pringle 57

13 return to Bath corner with Peter P. Aylesworth, walk to Mr Strachans who sends John Hopkins to Napanee hill

S 14 St George & Wm home no sermon-morning, Mr Goodwin preach evening

15 Snowing went to Kingston

S 21 Remain in town – take tea at Dawsons French missionary preach

22 Attend the sitting of the city council rain

23 Attend Humphreys lecture on magnetism & electricity

26 Credited at Herald office 1.1/3

27 Return to Mill Creek with Conrad Timmerman, then home with Robert Aylesworth who lecture on temperance

S 28 R. Aylesworth preach in morning "Forsake the Fool and Live" 6 5 9 ch Proverbs Mr Goodwin preach in evening

29 Snow Arbitration between Wright & Mayack Wm come up

30 Do Do Wm takes his mother & Egerton to Hungerford They return 1st April

31 Snow early this morning I start for Kingston about 6 o'clock with a grey mare & cutter belonging to Mink and left at Shaw's by Mr Cameron Lumberer get to town about ½ Past 11 o'clock

April

1 write until 10 o'clock Leave town about 4 with Mr Strachan with whom I take tea & then come home with Mr Knapp on his way for potatoes

2 Go up to Newburg with Wm & Samuel see Coulson call on Mrs Kitty Carscallen who is very ill Wm go to Bath with Adam Miller pay E. Dunham all borrowed money and also leave 3/9 with for Mr Lowry

17 Return with Samuel

19 go down with Mr Barrager Dow & Miss Kenzie paid Pringle all stop paid mr Lamb for flour Mrs Dawson here

20 in Kingston

21 Do

22 do
 23 do
 24 return home with Dollar
 25 with Mr Pultz to Mr Strachan
 26 in Kingston
 27 Do
 28 Take 3 lessons on Mnisionie
 29 ---
 30 Mr McCoy died 5 o'clock

May

1 return with Dollar (get new coat satinette
 S 2 Mr McCoy buried at Switzers rainy day Mr Goodwin preached
 3 at home
 4 Titus take me to Kingston call at James Frasers
 5 at Kingston
 6 Do return by stage St George
 7 at home moving stairs
 8 David go to Kingston quarterly meeting
 S 9 do do
 10 go to Davids at Jas Frasers
 11 at Davids Mr & Mrs Goodwin & Maria come there
 12 go to Kingston with Mr Goodwin
 15 return by stage
 S 16 Mr Goodwin preach
 17 go to Davies
 18 at do & return home
 19 go to Kingston with David
 22 return home with Donald Mcpherson
 S 23 Mr Osburn preach morning, Goodwin in evening
 24 at home
 25 go to Kingston with Jas Booth
 29 return with Seth Irish, walk home from there
 S 30 Master Switzer preach rec'd letter & answer it-from Titus Mr Newton here 2 hours
 Mr Switzer preach Mr Newton [too]
 31 go to Kingston with stage in debit my passage to D N[icgh]

June

1 Mr McDonald elected at Kingston
 5 return by stage pay Mr Thibads \$10 in cash
 S 6 Mr Shorey preach Samuel & Mr newton go to Belleville
 7 fine morning Elizabeth abed [measles] go to Kingston
 8-11 Do
 12 return by stage
 S 13 I & D preach, etc. Brown ok
 14 rain Mr Gibbard died I go to Kingston by stage

16 Miss Rose McGreer die of measles
 17 Matilda Jane & Egerton have measles
 S 20 Stay in Kingston
 22 return home by stage
 23 agreed with Shannon to dig drain to cellar to foot of the lot. 3 feet at top & 1 foot at Bottom for 1/. P rod or pick axe \$5/.
 24 Work Wm sent a bill of materials for House Mr Goodson agreed
 25 Egerton very sick Geo. Chamberlain here Miles come down for wagon
 S 27 Mr Booth preach Mr Kellar's son buried Mr J B Howard preach funeral
 28 go to Kingston with Mr Wright & D. Roblin & St George Titus return home
 29 return with Mr Lamphier
 30 Mrs Wright & Mary Booth sit up last night Egerton appears to be a little better

July

1 Miss Edgar set up with others Send for Amelia morning Egerton dies ¼ to 12 night
 2 Send to Wm Amelia & Helen come home
 3 prepare for funeral
 S 4 Egerton's funeral 10 o'clock Mr Goodwin preach Mr Booth perform service at grave
 5-6 at home
 S 11
 S 18
 S 25 at Home & to Lewis Fralic buried

August

1 Taken sick yesterday remain in Kingston until
 5 return home with Mr Caton
 6 Old Mr Esson's funeral 2 o'clock myself very sick this evening
 7 I am some better
 S 8 Still better Wm home afternoon & return in evening
 9 St George return from Petersons no work done at house today
 10 Boys all work I do little
 11 Titus goes to Mr Warner I go with him rains going & Coming Settle with Mr Shorey Get some flour
 12 Mary Caton stay here last night I go to Newburg with Wright 7 Shaw take tea at Mr Detlors
 13 Go to Bath for nails, glass, etc. Mr Goodson's house busy takes prayer meeting
 14 go to Maxwells this morning, afternoon to Adolphustown with Mr Goodson Stay at Arch Bogarts Gilbert there
 S 15 Sacramental Occasion held in L. Bogart's Barn Dine at Mr Campbells
 16-21 work at House 20 youngsters go to Hungerford
 S 23 Mr Williams preach Wm & Titus home
 24 work at House go down with stage
 25-28 at Office
 S 29 Mr Goodson preach morning, Mr Williams evening Wm home Williams comes home evening
 30 go to Kingston with David & Mr Wright Wm see me off Mr Wright go to Quebec

September

- 3 come home with stage
- 4 quarterly meeting Mr Jones preach
- S 5 Do Mr Jones rains
- 6 I go to Kingston with Foster, pay 2/6
- 7-11 in Kingston
- 11 return by stage Mr McKee & [-] married on Thursday
- S 12 Mother died 3 o'clock A.M. rain all day Mr Williams & Mr Dunham preach St George set up with Jacob Fralick
- 13 rain early
- 14 Betsy & Thos. Lockwood and Aunt Anna Dulmage comes to funeral, Wm & Titus also
- 15 Frost last night Uncle John & Aunt Mary, Aunt Kitty, Betsy & Anna & Hetty take dinner with us Wm & Titus go home forenoon Thos. Lockwood would go with Wm Betsy go to John Chamberlains I go to Kingston (stage)
- 16-18 in town
- 19 take tea at Dawsons
- 20 in town
- 21 return with stage Wm here
- 22 examine Jas Fraser Do
- 23-25 work at house Amelia, Elizabeth & Titus here
- S 26 Mr Beach preach Amelia & Elizabeth go back to Mr Catons tonight
- 27 Rain Titus go to Wilton 3 o'clock AM Rosan commence 25th @ 7/6 for 2 months ea or 10/ for 6 months I go to Kingston with D. Roblin & Jas Chamberlain & Jehial
- 28-30 in Kingston-court sitting

October

- 1 wrote deed for Randolph to Jas Lake & D Roblin
- 2 wrote 2 agreements Powel & Mills subpoenaed to provide a deed
- S 3 return by D. Roblin team & Jehial Mr Goodson preach, Mr Booth evening
- 4 paid D Shirley 30/, his account for District S____ in presence of D Pringle in Bar room Paid Jas Booth for flour & candles 5/
- 5 in Kingston council set jack as Clerk
- 9 do & return with Mr Goodson
- S 10 Mr Williams & Mr Jones preach Lambert Vanalstine died last____ John Files boy died Saturday Titus here
- 11 Titus go home Wm & I go to Kingston
- 12 appointed District clerk [-}
- 16 return home by stage
- S 17 Mr Williams dine with us
- 18 Mr McHenry dies 3 o'clock AM Trustees meet-employ Mr Newton 12 months 1 instant I work at house
- 19 finish chimney attend school meeting go to Kingston
- 21 Governor arrive
- 23 return home

S 24 Mr Goodson preach-take up a collection contingent 3/ rain hard afternoon
 25 go to Kingston with David & Jas Chamberlain afternoon
 29 return with C.W. Madden afternoon Maria sick Mr McGowan dies
 30 Work at house pay [Terge] 40/
 S 31 Mr Goodwin preach Titus home & boys Mr McGowan buried

November

1 work at house Masons begin to[o] have \$29 Suzies school commences
 2 work Mr Walters take tea write lease for Charles Gunsolus & Samuel Lucas 6/3 paid
 3 David stay here last night, go home this morning & to return to take me to Kingston
 Col. Bonnycastle dies
 4 Michael Mason dies
 6 return home with Hawley & Mr McPherson's team
 S 7 Susan Elizabeth Detlor died ½ past 8 AM Mr Williams preach Mr Booth-prayer
 Meeting in evening Mahala & (Belmot) down David & mella take dinner
 8 Work at house Masons finish child buried at 2 o'clock
 9 Go to Kingston with Fletcher
 13 return Do Do
 S 14 Quarterly meeting –Switzers rain I go to church –Morven in new home
 15 go to Kingston with Fletcher & D. Roblin also [----]
 16 Mr Ryerson lecture
 17 Do hold meeting in my office
 20 return home with Fletcher
 S 21 Mr Goodson & Dunham preach Titus home
 22 Buy coffee house of Davy last of my bankrupt effects sold
 23 Go to Kingston
 24 Give out printing journal
 27 return home
 S 28 Mr Goodson preach
 29 work at house
 30 Go to Kingston

December

4 return –Bartells & Ham on ____
 S 5 Mr Williams & Goodson preach Mrs Johnson's funeral to Waterloo Titus here with
 Owens Stay all night
 6 execute mortgage & notes for village lots Newburg with S.G. & Titus
 7 go to Kingston with Mr Roblin
 11 return home Mr B____
 S 12 Mr Williams preach rain
 13 rain – paid Rosan for 2 ½ hours work at 7/6 – 18/9 Samuel go to Portland
 14 I go to Kingston with Rosan
 18 return & at Perry's Corners
 S 19 Mr Goodson preach & E.A. Dunham
 20 return to Kingston
 25 return home Amelia, Elizabeth & Miles

- S 26 Mr Williams & Beach take dinner
- 27 Miles & Amelia go home Go to David-he is sick a meeting for pews
- 28 Go to Kingston Election at Kingston

1848

January

- 1 return with Allen Mills—rain all day
- S 2 Mr Williams preach no evening meeting
- 3 pleasant Mr Shorey elected councillor pew committee meet
- 4 Election Miller & Seymour candidate
- 5 Miller 21 ahead (here) Poll close I go to Kingston with Mr Allen
- 6 Richard returned for Leeds 60 M
- 8 return with F Keller who brings me to Hill
- S 9 Mr Williams preach twice
- 10 very cold
- 11 Go to Kingston with Fletcher & Lamb Snow all day
- 12 pleasant
- 14 rain all day
- 15 return with stage rain nearly all day Pay G___ & paid Wm Booth's acct.
- S 16 Mr Williams preach twice Temperance sermon-evening he stay with us Maria & little girls & self go to David's to dinner
- 17 rec @cet Cephas Miller call on way to D Roblin I settle with Chatterson
- 18 Fletcher won't go today Snow some I go with mail stage
- 21 return with J Dean, Jr & S Baldwin
- 22 Qr meeting Mr Jones preach
- 23 Do Do & John Sunday evening Miss T Sermon collection, 8/10
- 24 Pews sold today Wm bids of 7/1 N 5@C 21/3 D. & mella here I go to Kingston with Jas. Spencer
- 26 Missionary meeting
- 29 return with F Kellar to Huffmans Corners & walk to Mr Maddens J Caniff pick me up
- S 30 Mr Williams & Mr Goodson preach
- 31 I go to Kingston with David & St George

February

- 1 Council meet today Aunt Ann return with St George
- 5 return with David we hire Mills horse & cutter for 10/- snowing
- S 6 Mr Williams preach twice I sit in Pew for first time this evening-moving sermon
- 7 Go to Kingston with David
- 11 return home with Mr Strachan R Fralick & A Stevens Wadsworth lecture at 7
- 12 Mr Wadsworth here I pay 2/6 for Temperance advocate David takes me to Newburgh
- S 13 Mr Armstrong & Mr Goodson preach
- 14 I ride to Mill Creek with Evans & from there by stage
- 19 return with Girvan in wagon bring Mary Dougherty up-St George Titus come home Miles & Matilda

- S 20 Mr Booth & Mr Goodson Preach rain
- 21 put in 4 panes in chapel Sell pews I got No. 20 for No. 5 with Waller
- 22 Go to Kingston with Ham, his wife & child & Mrs Henderson
- 25 returned home with David
- 26 write 4 pages (finish) the minutes & Mail-pay postage
- S 27 Mr Williams & Mr Booth preach
- 28 I go to Kingston with Henry Anderson Storm from Mill Creek down Mr Foot returns with Anderson tonight

March

- 1 Aunt Betsy Dunham dies 6 P.M.
- 4 Return by mail stage Mr Goodson preach Funeral about 12 noon Stormy Jacob Peterson take Tea snowing
- S 5 Stormy Mr Goodson preach
- 6 Stormy (snowing) I go to M Catons for Butter-get 10 lbs @ 8½ Elizabeth rode with me Samuel here & St George's cutter
- 7 Titus come home David take dinner here C.H. Miller call Mr Scott of Wilton take dinner with Titus I make a pine table
- 8 St George leaves to be married, all the boys & girls go except E & M rain in evening
- 9 Weddeners return and take tea David & Milly, Mr & Mrs Goodson A Leader's meeting this evening Cold
- 10 Snow Titus & strangers leave for home afternoon St George & wife go to D Roblins, Jerusha also
- 11 pleasant
- S 12 Dr Aylsworth preach Snow, rain & hail
- 13 Matilda commence with Miss Fox pleasant this morning St George & Elsey go to Fredericksburg I go to Kingston to Mill Creek with Samuel & from there with Baptist Hinchey lent pick axe to Jas Wilson-English [Betsy Corry died]
- 17 return with Chas Waller part & John Chatterson part
- 18 pay off Mr Parrish to 1st January 48 & gave Maria 16/6 for Miss Fox St George & Samuel go to Fredericksburg and take Jerusha
- S 19 Mr Goodson preach twice
- 20 Go to Kingston this morning with Mr Goodson & Martha – rain afternoon
- 24 return with Martin Switzer to Mill Creek & remainder with James Forrester-Tyendinaga
- 25 paid Mr Lamb for Ham put a lock on chapel door—Milton L & Samuel go to Kingston & return. Titus also come home evening
- S 26 Mr Goodson & mr Booth preach take up collection in morning for contingent Fund 2/0 ½ rains Titus returns Sunday School meeting evening
- 27 Sell metal to Herring 22 4 Milton go home by Adolphustown
- 28 Grind axe & commence Timber
- 29, 30 work at shed & stable Timber Mary has ague Tuesday
- 31 Rain and go to Prayer meeting Maria take an Emetic

April

- 1 cold pay Lamb for butter
- S 2 Mr Williams preach & led class

3 Cold left a few books with Mr Benson See catalogue in small book account Sent
Samuel to see Samuel Babcock about cedar posts for fencing Mr Williams take dinner
With us I go to bed unwell

4 rain I am well An American call to offer marble Head Tomb Stones—attend a peer
Committee meeting—rain—at 7 o'clock

5 pleasant engage 80 fence posts, 7 feet each @ 3 each to be delivered within a fortnight
@ 3 each of Cedar, spruce & tamarack of Samuel Babcock he owes me 3/6 visit Mr
Goodson, Maria, Matilda & self Mrs J V & J Mills & Maria Caton to Tea

6 Agreed with Nelson Pringle to draw Timber & Stone for well to wait until June to pay
7 Gave a due bill for Maria to trade up 20/ at 4 months—taken back—I go to Grays, look
After lumber can get about 6 & 9 ms average about 3/9 to C go to Prayer meeting and
Sunday School Board Maria go to Chamberlains evening Miss Caton take tea here

8 Fine Aunt Hetty here to Tea

S 9 Mr Goodson & Mr Williams preach Maria & self take 2nd dinner at J McGills Also go to
Sunday School Mr Williams stay with us tonight

10 Mr Dier call, Mr Thomas Madden also Mr Williams-breakfast & leave fine morning-
threaten rain rec'd of Samuel-Jas Baker's note 25% to pay Matilda 8/1/2 & Samuel 5%
in May, the rest to be turned in timber & stone out Mr Wright & J Detlor dispute-left
to arbitration, etc. Mr Butler from Pres__ stay here tonight fine day all day

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