The Eliza Bellamy Diary

This account of daily life from October 17, 1854 through December 18, 1855 was written by Eliza Bellamy, the second wife of Samuel Bellamy, mill owner and farmer at North Augusta, Grenville County. The original diary is owned by Mrs. King Whitney, Glen Lawrence, Kingston, Ontario. Mrs. Bellamy was the grandmother of Mrs. Whitney's grandmother, Emily Helen Wright Mylks.

The following short family history was written by Mrs. Mylks.

"My grandfather's name was James Forbes Keays. He was born in King's County, Ireland. He was the second son and the law at that time was the eldest son inherited the estates. He was bought a Commission in the army and when quite a young man came to Canada. He was appointed by the government to the Commissariat department while the Lachine canal was being built in Quebec. He was highly educated, understood French, etc."

My grandmother was born in the city of Waterford Ireland. Her name was Eliza Amelia Gift. She too was educated at a boarding school in her native city [.] when she was quite a young child she lost her mother. her Father married again She was the only child of the first marriage. When she was about eighteen she came to Canada with some cousins by the name Link. it was a new country then, it taking about six weeks to cross . the Atlantic. After she was here she met my Grandfather and they were married. They first lived in Quebec at the Ile of Nois. There was where my mother was born. later on he was moved to Bytown which is Ottawa now where there were more public works carried on. From little souvenirs I have seen there was high life for those days.

"When quite a young man 45 years of age he was stricken with Dropsy and passed away leaving my Grandmother with her little family alone in a new country my mother aged about ten and a son William between named James Forbes, after his Father. but my Grandmother was a strong minded woman and they had a government grant of 200 acres of land situated

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near North Augusta. She came to the woods bringing her old servant man and his wife with her. there she made a living and faced the change of circumstances bravely. after being a widow about five years she married Samuel J. Bellamy quite a wealthy man a widower with five children after which her troubles of getting on were at an end. The two families of children grew up together. it was said a stranger would scarcely know the dividing line (of course bringing her two along)

It seems there was money left in the Bank at Waterford by her own Mother which as long as she lived there was a dividend came to her but at her death it ceased.

I remember my grandmother quite well as I was about fourteen years of age at the time of her death. She was a very fine gentle lady her advantages were better than my own mother as she grew up in a new country William her son was quite well educated. The money that came to her every year she spent by sending him to Toronto to school. His family are living in the U.S. The daughter, a Mrs. Carpenter, at Jamestown, N.Y.

Emily Wright Mylks

There are two sons Reginald Horton & William

The 1851 census for Grenville County provides the following information about the Bellamys of Augusta Twp. [From District 2, p.113]

No. 43 Samuel I. Bellamy. Farmer & Miller Born in United States. A Congregationalist Age (next birthday): 64 Stone house, 1¹/₄ story. 1 Fine Church of stone. Seat 500 persons 1 Flouring Mill wrought by water, 2 runs of stone. Manufactured 30,100 bu. 2 employees. Grist Mill mostly for custom work. 1 Saw Mill run by water 1 saw

No. 44 Eliza Bellamy. Born in Ireland. Church of England. Age (next birthday): 55

No. 45 Luther H. Bellamy. Clerk. Born in Upper Canada. Congregationalist. Age (next birthday): 20

No. 46 Mary Ann Bellamy. Born in Upper Canada. Congregationalist. Age (next birthday): 17

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No. 47 Wm. Sharp (?). Labourer. Born in Ireland. Roman Catholic. Age (next birthday): 22

No. 48 Margaret Greer. Born in Ireland. Free Church. Age (next birthday): 25

The next household listed was that of John B. Bellamy, one of Samuel's sons.

- No. 49 John B. Bellamy. Clothier. Born in Upper Canada. E. Methodist. Age (next birthday): 29 Frame house, 1¹/₂ story (2 families occupying). Clothing Mill by water and Carding Machine by [water]. 6000 yds. manufactured. 20,000 lb. wool carded. 4 employees
- No. 50 Margaret Bellamy (wife of John B.). Born in Upper Canada. E. Methodist. Age (next birthday): 24.

Another of Samuel's sons was listed on page 189.

No. 49 Archibald Bellamy. Clothier. Born in Upper Canada. No Church. Age (next birthday): 22 Log house, 1¹/₂ story.

No. 50 Nancy (wife of Archibald). Born in Upper Canada. No Church. Age (next birthday): 20

Eliza's daughter had married Isaiah Wright. They also lived in Augusta Twp. and were listed in Enumeration District 2.

- Isaiah Wright. Farmer. Born in Upper Canada. W. Methodist. Age (next birthday): 33
- Eliza A. Wright. Born in "L. Canada". Church of England. Age (next birthday): 26

Eliza Bellamy was much concerned with Eliza Wright's health. It is reassuring to find Eliza Wright in the 1861 Census. The entry there shows her place of birth as Upper Canada and her religion as W. Methodist. The Wrights lived in a 1¹/₂ story frame house as in 1851. Daughters Florence and Emily, going on 14 and 12 respectively, attended school. There was a third daughter, Isabella, who would be 4 on her next birthday.

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The 1861 Census shows a few changes in the household of Samuel and Eliza Bellamy. [Enumeration Dist. 8, p. 98.] Included in the household is Luther Haskins, to be 12 years old at next birthday; he is shown to be a member of the family. Also listed as a member of the family is a widow Pamela Smith, an "old lady", 65 yrs. old on next birthday.

Luther H. Bellamy had been married during the year, and he and his wife Marian were in Samuel's household. Finally there were a man and a woman as servants.

A Genealogical Note

Mrs. Norma Whitney, owner of the diary, is the daughter of Leonard E. Mylks, M.D. He was the younger son of Emily Helen Wright Mylks, the second daughter of Eliza Keays Wright.

17th Octr 1854 Tuesday) Isaiah family here, to dinner last Thursday Liddy here and Hiram B'y here. Mrs. Burwash had a daughter the 7th Protracted meeting still continues. I went last night with the girls, heard a good sermon Satturday evening Revd Mr. Boyd came Preached on Sunday. few in the Church went home after dinner. Yesterday Edward Bellamy Came from the States. mornings cold. men puting up a Cistern. Friday 20th yesterday made a Cheese, only the second this year. made Tomato Catsup very dull wes--ther. Flurries of snow, yesterday the first last sunday letter from William and Jere--miah. Wm wanting J. to go to Goderich. Monday 23rd) much to write about. Friday went with Hiram Bellamy to Eliza'. they had just returned from Hariet Wright' wedding, that night had a Chat with Isaiah about Goderich. Father came for me next day. same evening. E. Bellamy wife and Child came. also Liddy, and H. Bellamy here. Sunday at home until after dinner. took tea at John Bellamy'. while there Walker brought his wife home. I read the word when I could this morning Call'd with the visitors to A. Pardees after which they left here on their way home. Uncle Chauncy here yesterday

Saturday 2[8]th weather this week has been delightful, no water for the Mills. time passing away rappidly, two cheese made this week, on Wednesday I went with Hiram Bellamy to Brockvill. went to see Jeremiah family before they left for Goderich. staid at Griffins until next day. made sum purchaces. after dinner took a final leave of Jeremiah' family. went to Revd Mr. Smarts. staid to tea Hiram Call'd for me, returned home had a very plesant ride. found all as usual. Father reading, had tea again. Chated read and went to bed first returning thanks to my Heavenly Father for all his mercies. Yesterday Call'd on Mrs Burwash, spent the evening at I. Bellamy's Father and others there. this morning makeing Apple Jelly Thursday Nov'r 2nd Fine morning. Last Sat'y rec'd a letter informing us of the death of Susan Wallace and her daughter by drowning. her Sister Liddy was here went home next day. Hallowene. Miss Beaty with others were here to tea past a pleasant evening.

Isaiah call'd this weeke. had a Letter from William. all busy here sending off Lumber this evening had a letter form Jeremiah who this morning started for Goderich. Satturday 4th very hard frost last night. very high wind thursday night, Hiram Bellamy here. finis -hed my Plaid dress yesterday. very cold today. (Sabbath 5th) we all went to Church which was Crowded Orangmen being there. a Sermon preached to them. read the word. I hope to improvement in the evening went to Advent Meeting Monday 6th/ Orangmen paraded the Streets, druming away their time. Tuesday 7th/ Snow last night. Father and Luther gon to Brockvill busy mending Father' Coat. Mrs. and Mr. Burwash here in the afternoon to tea Father and Luther home while at tea. Wednesday 8th) very Cold and very busy arranging tea Su -gar and nice honey which I just got, with many other fixings Father Cuting up a Cow in cellar, a Musiceon playing at the door. sat down read the word and now write. 11 Oclock AM. Friday 10th) fine Clear day Father and John gon to Brockvill last night Isaiah here rec'd a letter

from Wm. Maryan went to Brockvill with Hiram Bellamy yesterday. Tuesday 14th) nothing remarkable occur'd since I last wrote, has had a Man working in the kitchen at the water Conveyance Father went to Prescott last Friday. every place dry except the roads. Sabbath. staid at home, reading most of the day. Maryan home. busy with her Cloak & dress. (Thursday 16th) flurries of snow yesterday Eliza and Isaiah took din--ner here. short will be the time I shall have the satisfaction of have -ing one Child of mine to come to see me. Oh! I cannot hear the thought neither can I write it. Thrashers here today. (Tuesday 21st) fine morning snow on the ground roads rough yesterday morning at 5 Oclock 20th Novr William Burwash departed this life after an illness of a few days. I have spent much time there. Yesterday serving

recd a Letter from my son last Thursday. Funeral this day. Tuesday 22nd) Snowing. yesterday went to the Funeral, after which with Maryan went to Bleak' to see the scalded child whose mother also very ill. When going to tea Mrs. Gammel, with John Bellamy' family

Came to tea. past an agreeable evening time passes rappidly with our varied employments. may we feel the necesity of a due preparation for the time which never ends. Thursday Isaiah with his little Girls came in the Sleigh for me went home with them and staid until Satturday. went home in the buggy with Isaiah heavy rain Friday night. Sunday went to Church in the buggy with Father and Maryan, a Funeral sermon preached for . Mr. Burwash' child. This day Monday 28th) Some snow on the ground Luther fixing the old school house for a tennant. Hiram Bellamy puting up a wood house at his in--tended residence. just finished a Letter to William.

2nd Decr/54) this week made a pair of full cloth trousers for Father. Wednesday visited Mrs. Burwash the last time in this place. Hiram Bellamy busy fixing the house the house Burwash has been live ing intending to move into it when they quit. Mrs. Smith returned from the states last Thursday.

6th Decr 1854 Wednesday My book which I wrote in has been mislade. I now write from recolection last week made a pair of full cloth trousers for Father. had a variety of employments. paid my last visit to Mrs. Burwash who moves away next weeke. buried her little Willy last month. Mrs. Smith home from the States last Wednesday intense cold weather since last Saturday with wind and and snow. hired Girl away. wrote to Jerermiah last mail. (Saturday 9th) last Wednesday Revd Mr. Chambers came here yet. Thurs -day Cold and stormy. Father and I went to the Funeral of Saml Percivals Daugh ter, who was buried in the Church of England burying ground in the aftern--oon. Isaiah and Eliza came. My dear Eliza' healthis still poor. Oh how little does she know. Waht anxious thoughts I have about her. This week the weather has been very severe. this day Hogs killd. I now sit down sick and tired. (Monday 11th)

Gloomy day. yesterday went to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Chambers preached, he is here yet. at three o'clock went with Maryan and Mr. Chambers to church. Arch' family in the evening. thawing. busy trying fat fixing for mince pies, force meat & c. Tuesday 12th Dec r) very busy. Chauncy Bellamy call'd. in the afternoon a Party at J. Bellamy's went there. after tea went home with Mrs. Burwash. Rec'd a Letter from William, all well (Wednesday 13th) went to Eliza', found her only midling. brought Letters with me to Isaiah. everything as we wanted it. Doctor'd Eliza, and next morning Jim came for me, before I was out of bed. after breakfast, Eliza Children and I bundeled into the cutter and home. in the evening Mrs. Burwash and others here to tea. Isaiah came for his Family. pleasant weather Friday 15th) fine morning making mince pies Sabbath 17th) no meeting except Advent meeting. did not go. Father sick. read the word most of the day. Friends calld. Monday 18) much as usual. bitter Cold Called to see Whealy who is very sick Dr Church there Calld at Johns. bid Mrs Burwash goodbye. Choping sausage meat.

Tuesday 19th) this morning Burwash Family, took a final leave of our Villia[ge] bitter cold. John Blanchard and Miss Hulbert calld to warm. last night sent two papers to Wm (Friday 22nd) winter has set in with the greatest violence. never have I experienced such a continuance of bitter cold weather as we have had all this month. Wednesday Eliza with Isaiah calld did not stop. feels far from well. I cannot express what I feel about my dear Child Oh! may she be spared to her dear Children Thursday. finish'd my Sausage meat some in bags, more laid down, had two geese killed, with a variety of other things made a large Christmas cake, and in the after =noon at 5 oclock Hiram H. Bellamy Wife and wifes Sister arrived. had tea with us. after which left for their new home if possible, this day is the coldest we have had 26th Dec-r) roads bad. Thawing. Sabbath went to Church. Hired girl away. Christmas day none but our own Family until we sat down to dinner, when Isaiah and the two Children came. immediately after dinner Isaiah left for home taking Maryann and leaveing Emily. at three Oclock went to Church. The Sacrament administered to a

large number, after which returned in the cutter. The roads covered with water it has been a dull Christmas, yet I found consolation in the house of God. busy today. Ramsey Hiram, and two others here to dinner. 3 Oclock PM I sit down to write and rest. rec-d a letter from Jeremiah as did Isaiah last week Maryan not home yet. Saturday 29th) Another year nearly Clos--ed. we should ask ourselves have we been more faithful to our Heavenly Father than we have been, in those years which have pass'd away for ever time with us will be short. oh! may we endeavour to improve it. Much to do this week yesterday kill'd six geese and two turkeys we have had heavy rain this weeke now Cold again. roads nearly bear Benj'm James died 27th of this month on Wednesday night with others I joined the _an_. very busy today.

2 Jan ry 1855) we have commenced anoth -er year. Oh! may we have a closer walk God. yesterday we had our usual com--pany. Children and childrens Chil--dren. also Hiram Bellamy, wife and little sister. the day passed off delightfully with the children. Father Walker and the Schoolmaster went to Town Meeting home after we had dined. our Party broke up at 9 oclock. very fine night scarcely any snow on the ground. I retired to bed pretty tired after all left. 6th Saturday. Cold no Sleighing last Wednes'y Mr. Smart here. Misionary meeting. not many there. bad Sleighing Thursday went to Eliza. Maryan with me, staid till next day. Came home with Isaiah bare ground he had a Letter from Wm who has been to Chicago. found Father very sick not very well yet. (Tuesday 9th) Clear fine morning. last sabbath rain. Staid at home all day, reading the word. yesterday very fine day. warm enough for Spring good waggoning. no snow. nothing remarkable occuring I have much anx--iety about my dear Eliza, whose health is so bad. sometimes I fear to think

but I look to Him from whence cometh help. Thursday 11th) weather fine, cold and dry. no snow. waggons rolling along like distant thun -der. made a few Calls on Tuesday Mrs. Hiram Bellamy one. last night Isaiah call'd. Eliza better. her Girl here. on her way there. Father and his Sister went to the Division last night. I staid at home, Maryan sick. no Letter from Wm. I wrote last Thursday Saturday 13th) Stormy day. rain and Snow. Father and John gon to Brockvill Hiram and wife call'd this weeke. yester -day wrote two Letters. one to J. Link the other to Jeremiah no sleighing yet Maryan sick, and teeth ach. just after fixing a goose for tomorows dinner. (Wednesday 17th) Cold. good Sleigh -ing. have had a fall of snow. not heavy Sabbath day Father and I went to Church spent most of the day reading. Hired Girl wash'd early and left here for her Aunts wedding. the Boy with her Maryan and I doing the work. Mrs. Smyth just as usual. last Saturday Father, brought

home two Mettle Tea pots, some t - ____. not very well myself up too early. yesterday Eliza and Isaiah here to dinner, did not stay long. last Satturday Singing School commenc'd H. Brown teacher. Isaiah rec'd a Letter from Jeremiah last night. Thursday 18th. Beautiful morning. last night Isaiah and Eliza Came with an intention of going to the division. Father with went. Maryan Eliza and I staid at home. enjoyed ourselves chating till the return of the folks. Hired Girl back yesterday. read the word and _____ - thanks to my Heavenly Father for all His mercies. (Saturday 20th) fine morn -ing. yesterday very sick and alone all day Father and Maryan gon to Prescott Aunt working for Nancy. some better this morning. Thursday Dowling here

also three misses Calld. Pardee Logo and Tomson from Brockvill last night Father brought home Oisters eat some raw, felt better after. fresh fish for dinner today bought in Prescott Monday 23d) Storming all day Yesterday and today. rain snow and wind, very bad roads at home all Sabbath. Cooked dinner Girl away. read most of the day. this morn duties as usual. (Thursday 25th) fine Mo'ing nothing remarkable on Tuesday Maryann quilting. Yesterday went with Luther to Eliza. Letters from Wm. Isaiah in Brock'l returned in the afternoon with L. Mrs. Lyman and Walker call'd for us to go to the division. I did not go. Saturday 27th) Tremendous snow Storm. yesterday very bad with inflamation in my eyes Thursday. E. Whealy spent the afternoon here.

Yesterday with much difficulty wrote a Letter to William. (Tuesday 20th Jan'y/55 Sabbath at home. reading all day my eyes are a little better. much anxiety of mind about different things, none immediately belonging to myself. Maryan fixing to get married, the last of our Girls my Children likely to be far away from me. All those things are against me. however, I am determind, God being my helper, to submit with resignation to His devine will, all things. this is and has been the most remarkable winter I ever remember. Yesterday all kinds of weather, with thunder and lightning today wind and snow. My employment varied as usual. at present makeing flannel Shirts for Father. Satturday a paper from Jerry (Friday 2 Nov'r [Sic] gloomy. yesterday Isaiah's family here to dinner Came with an intention of visiting at Johns. but went home Company there. others here to dinner I had the work pretty much to do. Girl away. 11 Oclock AM after making pies & c. and Cakes. Maryan busy quilting. Mrs. Sham helping her. (Monday 5th) bitter Cold weath'r watter freezing as I wash in the bedroom Satturday Luther went to Wellington.

home yesterday noon Roda Bellamy with them did not go to Church so very Cold. John Blandchard, wife and daughter with Arch'd Bellamy here to dinner read some, but not as much as I wish another weeke is gon. Time seems to fly. our cares and anxiety's are as absorbing now as they ever ware. why will we so strongly attach ourselves to the things of this life when we know it is not our home, our abiding place. Wednesday 7th) bright morning. Cold intense. every thing frozen in the house that could be Roda very sick with cold up late last night pareing apples for pies. Isaiah call'd. Eliza & children visiting at J. Bellamys. in the evening went to the division room . I did not go. (Thursday 8th) Father, Maryan, and Roda went to Brockvill this morning. flurries of snow. Returned in the evening with several articles. Maryan busy fixing for the great Move. Dowling here today. Friday 9th) making cakes and pies mixed more mince meat. Satturday 10th) Cold. Wednesday 14th) raining. very busy fixing for the wedding. last week had a letter from William. Satturday night Eliza

Roda, and I went to singing School no time to write much. Satturday 17th/55 Gloomy, have had a very busy weeke. have had a bad cold myself. E. Whealy, M. Bellamy N. Walker here different days this weeke. Wednesday night Isaiah call'd. brought me a butter cooler purchased at S. Gammel Store. I have nothing interesting to wright about, next weeke the wedding. Thursday 22nd Feb'y/55) plesant weather Tuesday 20th Maryan Bellamy has married to James Dowling in the presence of her near -est connection by the Rev'd R. Boyd of Prescott. our Company number'd about 50 every thing pass'd off well. at 12 Oclock prayer and the company dispersed. next morning, felt very tired, however much was to be done. after breakfast and worship Mr. and Mrs. Boyd returned to Prescott. after dinner at which was was a number, Bride and bridegroom went to her Grandfathers. this Morn'g Charlott and Edward Bellamy left for home. (Satturday 24th) very fine morning. very Cold last Thursday

Maryann took a final leave of us went with her Husband to reside in Prescott. day after Luther went to Prescott with Dowling Sen'r. Rhoda is here. yesterday wrote to Wm. Eliza' Girl call'd all well. Tuesday 27th) fine day. cold constant coming and going. Sabbath Rhoda and I went to Church. the coldest day I was ever out yesterday whilst I was cooking dinner Aunt Hanah Bellamy, daughter, and Mrs. Lake with another, were here to dinner, in the evening to tea also. J. Bellamys family Rhoda here yet. I am now after makeing pies. intend going to Eliza' to-day. (Satturday 3rd March/55) last Wednesday went with Hiram Bellamy to Eliza' Isaiah gon to Perth. returned Wednes'y. help'd Eliza to make a quilt. her health not much better. Friday after makeing pies, visited with Rhoda at E. Whealys. Margrett Bellamy there. before I went to bed set spring for buns. This morning baked them. have a variety of works. Aunt and Rhoda visiting at Pardees.

Counted and paid for the Spining of the yarn. gave Miss Oxby 2-6 for the Church society. March 6.) fine day windy. rain last night. Sabbath went to church. Lords Supper administer'd Whealy came for me to go to his house went there in the afternoon. Isaiah's family Came to tea. Eliza had been with Dr. Brouse. after tea they went home I went to Whealys. women there Eliza Whealy had a Daughter born at half past two Oclock AM. 5 March/55. I returned home at 5 AM. Dowling Sen'r here since yesterday. I went last night and fixt the baby. Satturday. 10. Thursday went to Isaiah' all better in health staid till next day. brought Eliza home. left the Children at School Stormed. E. did not go home but went to Singing school with Rhoda and Luther. this morning fine busy makeing cakes and pies. Isaiah

came for Eliza staid to dinner. had a pleasant time. Aunt chating while I write. two Oclock Eliza gon home. Monday 12th) fine. Father and Luther gon to Brockvill. a strange Girl working in place of Mary. Sabbath. reading all day help'd to get dinner. A. Pardee call'd talked of his visit to ramsey. a letter to Isaiah from Wm .: I dont like how things go on. I pray that all may be well sent a paper today. went to see E. whealy. Wednesday 14th. heavy snow storm. commenc'd whilst Rhoda and I were visiting at H. Bellamy's. Dr. Aimes there. Hiram brought us home in the cutter Isaiah down did not meet him. very cold. Ramsey Hiram here yesterday and day before. makeing Shirts for L. Haskin I now read the word, and so pass on from day to day till I shall be no more Satturday 17th fine morning now Storm

Roda went home this morning with Luther I shall mis her company. Yesterday a host of visitors. Mrs. Chambers and Son with Miss Hulbert and I Blandchard to din -ner, afternoon Isaiah, Eliza and Emily Dr. Scofield, wife, and Mrs. Gammel Isaiah did not stop to tea. Isaiah has decided on not moveing to Goderich at which I rejoice, as I do hope it will be all for the best. this afternoon went to Walkers with Mrs. Chambers staid to tea home with J. and Margrett. Sabbath did not go to Church. Father and I went to Isaiah. they had been to Prescott with the Doctor saw Maryan, took tea and home Monday 19th. Cook today. wrote to Jerry markeing my plaid dress. Father gon to Brockvill. Satturday 24th past a busy weeke. Wednesday Jim and Mary gon to a Funerall. had to get dinner. Uncle Chauncy and Son here. afternoon Mrs. Chambers and Son called. Isaiah and the little Girls, all to tea. Thursday call'd to see E. Whealy. this weeke arran -geing with Hiram. made a lot

of Pies this morning. not very well myself. Friday after makeing cake call'd to Nancy Walkers at 11 AM and at two PM her fourth Boy was born. staid until nine Oclock came home up to my nees in snow. had stormed all day. John Haskins and Mr. Sileck chating with Father left them there went to bed tired. This morning bright and very cold Haskins gon home heavy roads Wednesday 28th) Cold, last Sabbath went to Church not many there cold and windy Monday much as, usual comers and goers all the time. Mr. and Mrs. Dowling came on Satturday. Mr. D. returned Sabbath Maryan here busy fixing fore home. Call'd to see Nancy. Yesterday made Cake before finished Haskins & Selic came had to get breakfast for them, tryed to finish my dress, but did not. want to go see Eliza but cannot, as usual no way to go. Mrs. Chambers here on Sunday Satturday 31st) fine, but bad roads. Wednes -day night after Isaiah left the Division. I went home with him, on the way the

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roads were so badly drifted that we could with great difficulty got along wind blowing hard. I wish'd to see how Eliza was getting on since She commenced takeing brous' medicine. I found her as well as I expect -ed. staid till next day. Came home with Sam Gammel. snow had drifted so much we had to go through the fields. at home visit -ors, Mrs. Whealy and Margrett Bellamy. I help'd Maryan to bind her quilt. Friday busy morn arranging all the things Father bought at the Auction. Cut a dress off for Maryan Aunt and Self. This morning more yesterday afternoon Maryan and I went to John Bellamy's immediately after tea. Hiram Bellamy from Ramsey drove to the door for Maryan and I to go home. his wife and her Sister being at our house, we did so. I helped the girl to get tea, after which the young folks went to the Singing School. after they returned the Sand and played till I was tired and went to bed. The news of yesterday, Mrs. H. Bellamy had a Daughter. Thursday night, 29th March/55 I am now alone, all my visitors gon

they had dinner here which I helped to get and made the last of my mince pies 3rd April/54 [sic]) fine morning. Maryann took her final Departure this morn'g Luther going with her. we had a before she left. a family concern Satturday Isaiah call'd gave him the gingham I bought. visitors of one sort or another. Sabbath Father and I went to Church. turned very Cold. at night blew a perfect gale. water in our bedroom frozen solid in the afternoon, went to Hiram Bellamy's to see the Babby, all well passed a pleasant afternoon, after which home. nothing worth write--ing, tho' much said read and talked Mrs. Wright, Hiram' Mother in law at his house an agreeable person, should have said so before. Satturday 7th. fine day bad roads. this weeke had a letter from Jerry. This weeke has pass'd much as usual. John Haskins has been here

a few others also. busy sewing Thursday made pies and cakes. the Same today

Wednesday 11 April/55 Flurries of snow. no sugar yet. bad roads Father went to Merricksvill yesterday. Sunday afternoon I went to Church sacrament administered whilst at Church Isaiah' family came had tea and home. yesterday Isaiah pileing boards. Wrote to Wiliam last Monday. makeing my orleans dress. Monday 16th) fine weather all busy. last weeke three men here working in the saw mill night and day a large family now Mrs. Chambers and Son here since Satturday. last Friday went with others to visit at Mr. Pardees. day before Father went to Merricksvill staid at home all Sabbath reading the word. I trust to profit. this morning busy has most of the work to do. Wednesday 18th) gloomy, yesterday rain water high. just now parted Mrs Chambers, who is gon to her friend last Monday wrote to Jeremiah Isaiah called this week all pretty well.

Cut and fixt Shirts for Luther Mrs. Shambeau makeing them. I am makeing Coarse Shirts for Father. at present much trouble with H. Bellamys concern. Pigs killing today. yesterday Prayers in the Church with fasting for the suc -cess of the British Army 20th April. Thursday, heavy rain. Many occuran -ces, prevented me from writeing. weather has been fine. Father and Luther went to Prescott and Ogdens -burg on Tuesday. yesterday Mrs. Dowlings furniture went to her. on Monday Aunt and I went to the Funeral of A. McCulas Child. in the evening call'd to see Margrett who is sick also E. whealy. last Tuesday rec'd a Letter from Wm. all well yesterday Father took me to Isaiahs. roads pretty good. day fine in the evening home with Isaiah found all pretty well. brought home a rose bush. This morning put the Stove up in the Shed. 3rd May/55. Thursday fine weather. busy in the garden. Luther fixing a flower knot near the summer house last Thursday while spending the evening with Margrett Bellamy, a Boy riding in

haste, delivered a Letter from J. Dowling desiring some of us to come to Prescott quick. Maryann was dangerously ill Father and I started immediately, left home at 6 AM night Cold. I staid until last Tuesday. returned home with Father leaving Mary'n much better. I was surprised to get home, being very tired. Jeremiah sent several numbers of the Illustrated news, and an interesting Letter. all well Wm. gon to Detroit. have not heard from Isaiah' family since I was there. Monday 7th May/55. the ist of May I was in Prescott with Mrs. Dowling Cold dry weather. nothing remarkable occured since I last wrote. Mrs. Pardee visited here last Thursday. Isaiah call'd looking to hire a Girl. a few seeds has been put in the garden. Yesterday went to church. I should have mentioned my haveing been at Mr. Boyds Church. also the Episcopal Church in the evening went in the morning with Boyd. in the evening with Miss M'Elmiles. good sin -ging and good sermon at the Ep'l Church this day work just as usual.

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10th May/55. Thursday. this morning fine. hard frost last night. water low not well myself, could not get up to breakfast. Mary washing bedcloths Mrs. Smyth with Margrett Bellamy help--ing to quilt all this week. we have six men in the kitchen. Father troubled with pain in Shoulder. I have sowed flower seeds at the summer house. all other seeds in. wrote to Wm. last Monday. 11th Friday. felt much better, but weak wanted to go to Eliza', haveing no way of going I started on foot. The morning was plesant, and I got there without being much tired. found no one in the house. walk'd over to the Old Folks. not long there when Eliza and the Children came. had been up to the Store found all pretty well. Spent a comfortable day. after tea Father came for me. Chilly even'g Satturday 12th. avocations as usual. lots of newspapers. just at tea time Rev'd Mr. Throop, a misionary came. Sent by Revd McMurry. pass'd an agreeable evening prayers offer'd by Mr. Throop, with

reverence, in which I trust we all took an interest. (13th Sabbath all went at 11 AM to the Presbyterian Church. Congregation small. at 3 Oclock went with Father to the Episcopal Church. returned home spent the evening reading. worship at 1 Oclock Monday 14th) rain last night which was much wanting. every thing looks lovely this morning. a Calf was killed had veal for dinner. Cook'd made pies & jony cake for supper. pretty tired sat on the door step talking with Father and the Minister. tea over. going to hunt up a Girl for Eliza 15th Tuesday fine growing weather. after tea yesterday evening, went to P. Capes. engaged his Girl for Eliza. she went there this morn. I call'd at Mrs. Murphys who gave me Some Irish flower seeds which I sew'd this morning. also a few Cucumber seeds Uncle Chauncy and the Minister here. also A. Merrick and E. Burritt, trying to value the Property. they were here to dinner and tea. others in the evening Wednesday 16th. fine day, pretty tired

Father much troubled with pain in his Shoulder. busy sewing. Minister gon Thursday 17th. morning work (dusting helping to wash dishes & c. (done. read morning worship. then to sewing made a Cape for my drab dress. after which mending Shirts for Luther. help'd him to put the ist young Chickens & hen in the coop. sometimes chaced the hens out of the garden. Mrs. Burwash in Town.) Friday 18th warm. Father sowing grain. made Indian pudding and potpie mending Shirts. Satturday 19th. call'd on Mrs. Burwash. Margrett there looked ill. after a while went to Walkers spent the evening there, with others. Sabbath 20th went to the Presbyterian Church. no Minister there. Father and I were going to see Eliza, but were prevented by Arch' family comeing. They staid to tea Monday 21st. done the work in the forenoon. in the afternoon went with Mrs. Burwash to Arch!. very cold comeing home. same evening Maryan ,Dowling

came with Luther from Prescott next Tuesday 22nd. made Cakes & c. Mrs. Burw'sh and several others to tea. very tired at night. Wednesday 23rd. Maryan left here. Eliza and her two little Girls came in their Buggy. I was rejoiced to see them, but how soon was that damped by Eliza, telling me of the State of her health. Oh! I fear to write it. May her Heavenly Father look on her with pitty and spear [SiC] her to her dear Children. Mr. Green, Bible Agent, came at tea time. my dear Child left me with a heavy heart. Mr. G. went to Meeting but they had no worship and to bed. Thursday 24th. last night thunder lightning with rain. Mr. Green gon. house turned upside down, whitewashing & cleaning. Margrett Bellamy in poor health. John Whealy has been very ill call'd in. Dr. Brouse. Tuesday 29th/55 Much has been done since I last wrote the whole house cleaned and I got finish'd Satturday evening.

Sunday morning my Husband started off to Old Mr. Blandchards with his Son John, leaving me to my Cogitations. while siting in my room I heard a buggy stop. when on going to the door to my great joy I met my Son William accompanied by Wm. Garvey. we had a very agreeable time several friends. and in the afternoon Isaiahs Family. my dear Eliza is in poor health Father did not come home until night. Sat up till a late hour. Monday very busy. in the afternoon went with my Son to his Sisters. had as agreeable a visit as the State of her health wou -1d admit. returned home after tea our young men here chating till bed time. all up early this morning prepare -ing William and Luther. The latter going with my son as far as Prescott Wm. left here after saying goodby to all. Thursday, 31st May/55 Yesterday company to dinner. Hiram Blanc'd wife, and Sister. J. Blanchard and wife from the States. every day brings something new. went in the afternoon to John Bellamy's. after which call'd to Pardees
This morning. the strangers started others going took them on their way home to Prescott. once more, a little time to myself. Aunt keeping house for Walker 2nd June/55. Satturday. rain which is much wanted busy this morning. made cakes and pies. done some mending and pre--pared to go to Eliza who is not getting better. surely there is nothing in this life worth liveing for, when we think we are within reach of the object we most wished to obtain, a blight comes and all is gon. Oh! May we so live that when the dread summons comes, we shall have nothing to do, but, obey Thursday 7th. Cool gloomy weather. Some rain every day. last Satturday Father look to Eliza. Much trouble there. She had been with Doctor Edmondson who op--erated on her throat, where the cause of her complaint was, and which would end fatal, if not immediately attended to. I pass'd a lonesome Sabbath. Isaiah and Eliza went to the Dr in Brockvill has to go every second day. I read the word with the dear Children, they reading also.

Mrs. Wright came for me to there to dinner, but did not. I remained there, assisting until Tuesday even -ing. when just after they returned from Brockvill Father came for me bringing with him a hired Girl. I came home, commiting my Child to her Heavenly Father. Yesterday made a pair of trousers for L. Haskins. this morning, makeing pies.) Tuesday 12th. Cloudy heavy showers. there has been much rain. last weeke made a suit of cloths for L. Haskins on Satturday Made a cheese. had a note from Eliza the Doctor has given her hopes of getting well. Oh! may it prove so Sunday had a bad head ach. Mr. Morrice preach'd in the E. Church of which two persons sent me word did not feel able to go. rain'd all day. Monday made another cheese after which cut the sheeting 3 pr for Maryan and two for the house, made nearly 1 pr. Isaiah call'd. had been to Brockvill in

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The forenoon with Eliza Doctor said she need not go again for some time she being much better. this morning busy. Mary Whitewashing the Milk room. Satturday 16th) I now sit down tired 1 Oclock busy all the morning, makeing Cakes and pies. Since I last wrote, clean'd the flower beds, has had the cellar all cleaned so I feel a little better in that respect had a Letter from Wm. as also had Isaiah sent a note to Eliza to have her come and stop here a few days, hopeing it would cheer her under her present affliction, which I trust may be a trial of her faith in Him, who doeth all Things well. Isaiah and Mrs. Wright call'd today, going with their wool. Thursday 21st) Yesterday evening returned home with Isaiah. went to see Eliza, even ing before. found her much better than I expected. Mr. Bissell haveing told me she was very ill, staid that night. this morning makeing pies. Mrs. Walker here to dinner. a Man makeing Steps for the hall door. Margrett gon to the Doctor Friday heavy rain thunder last night

mending Fathers old coat. (Tuesday fine morning. have had much rain. Many things has pass'd since I last wrote. duties as usual. Eliza' health improving some may her Heavenly Father perfect the Cure if He sees fit. Yesterday Isaiah call'd said Emily was very sick. last Satturday went to the Funeral of John Hills child a fine Boy who died of the Scarlt fever. many Children have it Satturday 30th) weather hot. Thursday night heavy rain and thunder. was at Isaiah' where I had been since Tuesday attending Emily who was dangerously ill with Inflamation on the brain. her Father had Doctor Edmondson to see her. I remained there under much anxiety, being doubtful of the Childs health, howeverit has pleased God to spare her to her afflicted Parents Yesterday she was able to be up when I returned home with my Husband who was kind and attentive. Isaiah had a Letter from Jeremiah all m Mrs. Williams was here while I was away. call'd on my way home to see Mrs. Bissell who had broke her arm.

Wednesday 4 July/55. Cloudy have had very warm days, now cool. Satturday night at 10 Oclock, James and Maryan arrived, had supper, up till a late hour Sunday, Father and I went to Church not pleased with the Minister. in the afternoon went to Johns, where was most of our family, also Isaiah'. Emily looking very delicate. Monday duties as usual. wrote to Wm. Yesterday evening Isaiah and Eliza call'd. also Nancy and Antha. every morning Skim Milk and work butter, if any is to be done also cakes and pies when wanted. sewing in the afternoon. Satturday 14th some time and much trouble has pass'd over me since I last pen'd a few lines here. My Grand Child Emily Wright was a second time attack'd with inflamation on the brain which was more severe than the first. I have been there with others attending day and night a weeke her poor Mother constant and little less her Father. few expected she would be spared but God in His wisdom has raised her. I came home Yesterday evening with My Husband who was Kind and

and attentive. Call'd to see Mrs. Bissel who is confined to her bed. fine rain yesterday. every where You turn you see nature in luxurious beauty. on the 12th The Orangemen passed through our Village at an early hour bands pla--ying and Banners waveing to the glo--rious memory. same day Thomson Wife had a Son. Cut a fine Cheese this week. first rasberries today. whilst at Eliza made a pair of trousers for L. Haskins. 3rd August/55. returned from Prescott 25 of last month haveing been with Maryann Dowling 10 days who was dangerously ill. Father came for me, bringing Aunt Smith whome he left and I returned home. I was not well not ever since. Many things has occured which I cannot now write. last Satturday wrote to Wm. and Jerry. Yesterday Isaiah' Family had their likeness taken by a Man set up in the division room. an immense number of Persons has been there. had a Letter from Wm. informing me of a certain event to take place

Sept'r. (Tuesday 7th August. much trouble just now. Luther very ill, walking, with Crutches. I have not much time to myself. makeing currant wine, and other thins. sent a Letter to Wm. last Satturday. even--ing before was in Humphries garden which is fine. Friday 17 August/55. Luther very ill with Rheumatism no use of his limbs. much to write but no time. last Sunday J. Dowling and wife Came. Maryann remains here, not well wrote to Wm. Thursdays Mail. Yesterday Eliza and Children drove herer [SiC] alone Dr. Edmondson has been here three times was yesterday. Burwash call'd this morning Maryann and I went to toll house. M. haveing a dress makeing there went from there to Isaiah'. all well home at 11 Oclock AM. Shambault here makeing a dress for Maryann day changed. high wind and rain. busy with berries & c. & c. Monday 20th. fine day. worked hard yesterday. Compa -ny here Isaiah family with others

Luther contined very ill. Girl went home today. Cooking bottleing currant wine, makeing rasberry vinegar with many other things. last month Dr. Horton died in Qebec on his way home. Satturday evening Revd Macdonnel here Preached in the Presbyterian Church. Wednesday 22nd. Warm. very busy every where. had a letter from William. Maryann here yet. not ' much improvement in Luthers health Margrett Bellamy not well. My poor Eliza far from well. such are the trials of life Oh! may we submit with pati--ence to the Divine will. Wednesday 29th Aug't much has transpired since I last wrote. last Sunday 26th morning Mr. Thomas Hill departed this life, in the hope of a Blessed Resurection. Sunday J. Dowling Came for his Wife. left here in the evening. several here to dinner Dowling has had an auc--tion those last 3 days. Father went to the funeral on Monday. Luther no better confined to the bed. Eliza & Isaiah went to the Auction Monday evening. had tea at Nancy's

Isaiah had a letter from William. Yesterday old Mr. and Mrs. Blandchard and Mrs. Blandchard and child were here to dinner with N. Walker in the evening. John' family. after doing many things for poor Luther, poulticing his legs & c. went to bed very tired. this mor -ning, I thank my Heavenly Father I feel much better. frost last night and night before. fine days 2nd Septr 1855 -Sabbath. cool. Doctor Edmondson has been here three times during the past week he Lanc'd or cut open Luther legs, from which an immense quantity of Matter flowed. the opperation was severe both to the patient and those who assisted I was the prenciple help. it was a trial Luther is very feeble yet, not able to be up. last sabbath Isaiah and Eliza call'd with several others. fine days Cold nights Isaiah was to meet William in Brock today. I have been quite unwell myself but am constantly busy. Luther requires much attention. Monday 10 Septr /55-This morning my son left here at 8 Oclock on his way to St. Andrews to be married on Wednesday. I shall say nothing of my

feelings at parting with him. I may never see him More on earth. none can tell what a Mother feels when oblidg'd to part with her her Children. there is some talk Isaiah' Family moveing off. they were here yesterday with others to dinner. last Satturday I went with William to Isaiah' took dinner there home to tea. in the evening P. Hough delivered a lecture, subject War. every day Father rides out with Luther my time passes away without any earthly enjoyment. I did not go to the lecture nor have I been in any place of worship those 7 Sundays. Mrs. Smyth is fixing for her S[t]ates journy. She takes her ease but others pay for it. Thursday 13th Septr fine day rain last night. fine day yesterday, on which day my son William was to be married. Tuesday evening went with Father to Isaiah' staid till yesterday evening came home with Isaiah who is determined to sell and go to Goderich if possible fine weather. Thursday 20 Septr frost every night this weeke but one. that night rain and thunder, fine days. Satturday Revd

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Mr. Smith came. Sabbath all went to Church but me. Girl gon I cookd dinner. Mr. S. left after. Monday Luther to Brockvill to the Doctor. Mary James Came to see me Tuesday I wrote two letters to Chicago for Mary James. Westerday [sic]she and I went to Eliza, had a good visit. dont think they will move off. this morning busy. Mrs. Smith fixing all the time for the States. Tuesday. 25. rain last night gloomy morning. Mrs. Smith has just started for the States. yesterday Catherine Gammel, Olive Carpenter & others started for the West. Isaiah' family here on Sunday Father and Luther brought Emily down with them in the morning went to Church. every thing much as usual. last Thursday Mary James left here. Yesterday a new Covered Carriage come. Monday. 1st Octr/55. Raining Wednesday I went with Luther in the Cover'd Carriage to Eliza, eat apples and home. Friday Eliza and Children Came. Went to Arch'd to tea home in the Covered Carriage and went. Isaiah has sold his Cows, prepareing to move. Satturday evening went to hear a Jew pray.

Sabbath, went to Hills Church. rained home in Carriage The Jew preach'd in the evening went to hear him. dark and muddy. a number there slept here. dont shave or cut his hair Satturday had a plesant Letter from William Jeremiah' wife has a daughter this day Isaiah here. wrote to McMartin. busy all the time. fixing to paper the kitchen makeing Pumpkin pies. Wednesday 10th fine day folks busy fixing for the Soiree tomorrow. last Thursday 4th Antha had a daughter. Friday went to Eliza in the evening. Second time this weeke. came home Satturday mad pies Sunday Isaiah' family here all day Call'd to see John who was sick. with sorrow I write it Isaiahs family moves to Goderich we was here on Monday. we wrote to William this morning. Burwash and Beaty call'd. The former on his way to Goderich. no one in the house but myself. Girl helping to set the tables. Monday 15th. with a troubled mind, I write my dear children are about to be separated from me in this world. they are packing their

things to go to Goderich. how shall I part them. last Thursday I went with Father to the soiree My heart was heavy when I thought I must so soon part with my Children all pass'd off well. next day went with Luther to Isaiah staid till Sunday. Father came for me they had almost given up going this morning received a letter from my dear Eliza, saying they had decided on go -ing. to thee my Heavenly Father I com--mend them. - Father gon to Prescott on Dowlings business. Tuesday 23rd. since I last wrote I have had much trouble. Isaiah' family made preparations to go to Goderich, much against the wishes of their best friends. however it now broke up and they remain. Eliza and Children were from Satturday till Monday here Satturday evening, we were at Johns. Friday went to a sewing bee at Whealy'. last Wednesday A. Bellamy house was burnt. so they had to quit. their family are here until they get a place. there is meeting in the division every night. Mr. Cook, the speaker, twice last Sabbath. weather Cold and gloomy. this morning made a Cheese and Pies Satturday 27th. 1 foot of snow has fallen this weeke. very bad roads. Dr. Scofield has been here all this weeke, left here this Morn -ing advent Meeting every night. Isaiah call'd made a cheese yesterday. all Arch' family

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here yet. Most fortunate I hope it has been, that Isaiah' family did not Start for Gode -rich. the weather has been so severe. Tuesday 30th Cold and windy. Yesterday Father went to Prescott made a Cheese yesterday with other things. went to hear Cook Sabbath day not many there. bad roads Wednesday 31st. went to Isaiah'. fine day. found all well. pleas'd they did not go to Goderich staid till next evening. Tuesday. Margrett Bellamy and Hirams' Wife spent the after noon here. Satturday 3rd Novr/55. every night frost. fine days. Arch' family here. Isaiah on his way to buy Cows. I have a bad Cold but I thank my Heavenly Father for all his mer -cies. I am yet spared while many are call'd from time to eternity. makeing Shirts for L. Haskins yesterday made the 5th cheese. Thursday 8th Novr/55. since I last wrote here, I have been very ill with a bad cold. far from well yet, but thankful for the mercies vouchsafed to me. I feel that I have been an object of care to my Heavenly Father else I would not now be blessed with so ma -ny privileges. Oh! for a Closer walk with God. last Satturday rec'd a letter from My Son in the midst of his happiness does not forget his Mother. Isaiah bought cows this weeke. Arch' family here yet. also hired men weather fine for the season. rain last night saw Mill going.

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- Novr/55. Monday raining different works going on. Father, pain in his knee, yesterday. Sabbath. Hired Girls away had to do all the work Isaiah family here went to meeting. After diner went home. I read some. could not much noise all the time. Arch' family not moved yet. 13th Tuesday. John Bellamys family moving up to the Shop. fine day. Yesterday wrote to My Son, and Nephew / Wednesday fine great family. all noise and bustle. My cold hangs on yet. Tuesday 20th last weeke snow some on the ground yet hard frost. plesant a Fair today. Father gon to Brockvill with Mr. Pardee. noise and confusion all the time. My head ach no use complaining last Sabbath all at home. I read the word most of the day. I hope to proffit. makeing a purple print dress today Thursday, 29th Novr) since I last wrote every thing pass'd off as usual. I have been much afflicted with inflamation in my Gums, which made me feel very unwell last Monday, Arch' family moved in their own house. we have yet a pretty large family men working night and day. Isaiah calld this weeke. then all were well. last night Dowling call'd and this morning Aunt Smith in Prescott I am makeing trousers for L. Haskins. Yesterday E. Whealy visited here.

(December 4th Tuesday/55. fine Clear day last Sabbath dry roads Father and I went to Church. reading the word the most of the day. weather has been very fine with sprinkling of snow. last Satturday got a new carpet for the pa -lour. Yesterday Isaiah' family here. left Florence, to go to school. works going on night and day. (Monday 10th) Cold with light snow. had a toilsom weeke Mrs. Shambeau and I makeing the Carpet Curtains & c. My health not good, distress -ing pain in my head last night. went to no place of worship yesterday. very stor -my. Father and John gon to Brockvill Mrs. Smith returned from the States this morning, Isaiah brought Florence to go to School. took her home Satturday (Thursday 13th) Cold no Sleighing verious employments. fix'd my winter bonnet. Sham beau here serving for L. Haskins. Rhoda P visited here yesterday evening. pretty large family all the time. I am much in the house dont feel well but I thank my Hea -venly Father for all His mercies that I am yet blessed with many priveleges 18th Decr) Tuesday. Cold but bright and lovely yesterday Sun Set bright and glorious no snow on the ground. last Sabbath raining most of the day. Garvey and wife here different times. Isaiah' family here to dinner. Florence went home