

Saturday, January 1, 1876

The weather in this first day of the Centennial year has been wonderful. Warm and spring-like. A real butterfly has been flying around in the open air. Yellow jasmine in bloom. Buggy rides the order of the day. We spent the day overly at home, the folks having gone to the "Rock" and Ironton last Tuesday and red Ricker is here. In the afternoon Mr. R brought a buggy around with me and the two children out to ride and we enjoyed in exceedingly. The new year was wherried in very enthusiastically last night leant bells, whistles, rockets, jinoeissious (?), linches and all that could contribute to a general "jamboree" were brought inborequesitine (?). We did not go to bed until 1 o'clock this morning.

Sunday, January 2, 1876

Everyone was tired and sleepy today and the day was quiet enough. Jimmie and Maggie went to Sabbath school today and I went to church in the morning with Fred Ricker. Jimmie had the headache and did not go over until evening. Weather continues to be delightful and seems much like southern winters.

Monday, January 3, 1876

This afternoon Mr. Tracy sent Jimmie word that he wanted him to drive him to Sciotoville this afternoon. He went with him and Fred Ricker left on the Dugan for home. Has been here since Wednesday evening. The weather was beautiful but it was turning colder and Jimmie came from his long ride with more cold than he had when he started.

I sewed today an apron for Maggie.

I went to manuringmayer (?) meeting and came home and found Willie sick and Maggie nearly so, with cold.

Tuesday, January 4, 1876

Pa and Ma Ricker came here this evening from Ironton on the Scioto. The children are both about- sick with sore throat and fever. We had to have the doctor come to see Willie this evening. Ma was in after church to see them. She has been running from one sick person to another today. Mr. J.B. Nichols has a very nice church and she was up to see him when I went after her to come and see Willie. We slept very little last night on his account.

Wednesday, January 5, 1876

We did not sleep for more than half the night but the children both seemed better this morning when the doctor came in. I have finished Maggie's five new aprons and my next undertaking will be a black busker dress for Willie.

The morning and evening prayer meetings continue this week but I cannot attend very often. Mrs. Toune was here to smile as over there tomorrow evening.

Thursday, January 6, 1876

I was up several times last night and as it has turned colder I have taken more cold and have been sick with it all day. Father Mirth (?) Ricker, Pa, Ma, Jimmie, Mrs. Mcleart. Mrs. Hamilton, and Dr. Pratt were over to Mr. Toune's to today. I was not well enough to go and did not want to go but felt that I must and so I went, and came home before the others did. Mrs. Neu Drakeu (?) was here just before I left home.

Carrie Jones was here this morning to see Grandma but she had gone from prayer meeting to Uncle Jimmie's and was not here.

Friday, January 7, 1876

The children and I being better today, I engaged Grandpa Jimmie to take care of them and let Grandma and me make calls this afternoon. Ma was over in the forenoon + took Maggie home with her so they had but one to keep. We got as nearly ready as we could before dinner and started out early. We went to Connelley's (?) first and then to see Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Lehi's young, Mrs. Leare, Clara Pursell, Carrie Lerim, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Pound, Dell Ramsey, and Mrs. Lodrick and Miss Rube Gould. When we came here Aunt May Sam was here and Miss Montgomery had been here.

I went to prayer meeting in the evening with Jimmie.

Saturday, January 8, 1876

The folks left on the morning train to Jackson to spend after Sabbath near Mr. Gibson and see some other friends. I finished Willie's black busker dress and put it on him and then started the rest of the afternoon drawing and resting. It has been a lovely day.

Sunday, January 9, 1876

Beautiful but the mild atmosphere felt like rain all day and in the evening the threat was fulfilled and a very hard rain was the result. Lizzie came here from (?) this morning and brought a nice little Maltese kitten from Walnut Hills. I went to church in the morning although I had a severe cold and a troublesome cough. The children both coughed very hard.

Monday, January 10, 1876

Very cold and clear today a great change since last Monday. We were at home all day trying to keep warm. I was busy all day making a cashmere dress shirt for Maggie. Mary brought her work and came to sit awhile with me. The folks came home on the evening train from Jackson when they went to spend Sabbath. After church Ma and Uncle Jimmie Wood made a call. Had a letter from Aunt Betsy Ricker.

Mother Ricker came home with a strained foot which threatens to give her trouble.

Tuesday, January 11, 1876

Cold and clear. The Ther indicated 14° this morning when Jimmie went to look at it which was not very early. I did not succeed in accomplishing anything this whole day. When I got my room in order I went over home and got the children's apron patterns but when I came home Theresa Story was here and when she left I cut out a lining for Maggie's new cashmere dress and that was all I did. After dinner Ma came over and wanted us to go over as soon as we could get ready. We got ready and went Carrie Durham and Uncle J.W. and Mr. + Mrs. E.B. Greene and ourselves were there to tea. We came home early and Father R. went to church. Maggie complains of a sprained foot. Letter from Uncle Drew saying they have another son.

Wednesday, January 12, 1876

We were invited to Mr. McLennells to tea this evening and went and had a delightful supper. It was then some company that Mrs. Toune had with the additive of Mrs. Willa Glidden, the Misses Young, Mrs. Linksburg and Mrs. Lorna Jeru's called to see the folks.

Thursday, January 13, 1876

The folks expected to leave tonight on the fast line but changed their mind. It has been bitterly cold but several persons came to bid them goodbye. Mary Ellen Moore, Mrs. E. B. Greene, Mrs. Kendall, and Flo McConnell were here. Ma Ricker talked of going to make a few calls in Mrs. T's buggy this afternoon but gave it up. We had Pa, Ma, Uncle Jimmie, and Mrs. Hamilton here to dinner today.

Friday, January 14, 1876

Thermometer 12°

This morning the folks left on the Potomac. The folks from here came to bid them good bye also Mrs. Peebles and Mary and Carrie Donham came with Mary and Lizzie. Uncle Jimmie came and walked to the boat with us. It has been very cold and windy.

Today and on walk I was not very pleasant. We felt so sorry to see them go as there is no certainty that we shall ever meet again in this world. In the afternoon Mary J. Moore came to play with the children and I had street. She + Bart stayed later and after they left Jimmie + I went to church.

Mrs. (?) came to say goodbye to the folks.

A kissetla (sp) .50

Saturday, January 15, 1876

So this was a pleasant day and the last one in this week. I determined to dapple it to paying some calls instead of sewing. I spent the forenoon in preparation and at 1:30 Mary and I started out together. We went first to the hotel to see if Mrs. Jas Herman and Mrs. Dennis and then to Mrs. Dr. Dennis and Mrs. Will Beyerle. I went to call on Mrs. Rob Peebles while Mace went on up to Mrs. Clarksburg's and I met her there. We after called at Mrs. Drouil Hiards's, Mrs. Ella Murray's, Mrs. Muskirk's, Mrs. Roads, Mrs. Kennedy L. Houston's, Mrs. Johnson's, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Dr. Meyer, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Dammars, and I went to Mrs. Connolley's.

Sunday, January 16, 1876

It was cloudy this morning and when we came out of church was raining. Lizzie came home to dinner with us. It rained hard at the night but Jimmie went to church and I to bed.

Home Missionary Fund 1.00

Monday, January 17, 1876

Cloudy and warm at least warm for the season.

I sewed all day on Maggie's navy blue cashmere waist but did not get it done. It was troublesome to fit and I had no guide to go by. In the evening I wrote to the Lacy of the Amazon (?) for this dividend which has been declared and after that wrote to Maggie Wasen. Jimmie went to church and heard a sermon from Dr. Pratt.

Tuesday, January 18, 1876

Ther 61°

Still rather cloudy but during the forenoon the clothes dried. It rained hard last night and regularly all this afternoon. I finished Maggie's waist. I'll get the jar linings in the forenoon, and after dinner allowed (?) the kid shirt to Willie's suit. Lizzie came over directly after dinner and stayed until after tea. Jimmie + Bart bought a barrel of akkles (sp) today and offered them this evening.

Wednesday, January 19, 1876

Have had a very tiresome day. Sewed the children's suits all day. In the forenoon Maggie and Mrs. Rob Peebles called. In the evening I wrote and mended. The letter was to Mother R. and the mending was in a flannel shirt for Willie. It occupied the whole evening. Jimmie went to church.

Thursday, January 20, 1876

Had a letter from Helen Allen Boardman today acknowledging the receipt of my letter and the little bridal present I've sent her. Was down street this afternoon late. Got ready to go and was just wishing someone would come to stay with the children when Ma came in and I went to get some thread + buttons for the socks and to do an errand for Ma.

Mrs. Sam Reed and Mrs. Reba Lloyd called this afternoon.

Gilmore + Warner .10 cents

Mrs. Samuels .25

Friday, January 21, 1876

It has been quite pleasant today and I had the house all in order and then got myself and the children ready and went to sit awhile. Had just got settled in Jimmie's room to visit a while when Carrie came to say that Mrs. D.W. Young was waiting to see me at home. I came and brought Willie and visited until almost 4:30. When she left and I took to my work on Maggie's bonnet. Jimmie and I went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Finished off the children's cashmere suits this forenoon.

Rec'd Amazon Dividend 6.00

Carrie's wages for 3 weeks 6.50

Saturday, January 22, 1876

It has rained all day. It was not (?) the house, did not get Maggie's bonnet put together until 4 o'clock and was very tired when it was done. Had just straightened up myself when Ma came over and brought the beautiful large family Bible which she gave us for a Christmas present. She gave Jennie + Bart one just like ours. It is something we have long needed and wanted and will prize highly.

Sunday, January 23, 1876

Another rainy Sabbath. Jimmie and Maggie went to S.S in rain and we all three went to church under one umbrella. Lizzie came home with us to dinner and Maggie went home with Ma. Mary was over awhile.

Monday, January 24, 1876

Cloudy this morning, but not at noon it cleared off and was bright and sunny.

I began making skirts for Maggie today and finished the first one after coming from church in the evening. Had a letter from Clara King at noon.

Have had a quiet day to sew, no one was in and I was not out except over home a few minutes in the morning when I went to bring Maggie home. She stayed there all night.

Tuesday, January 25, 1876

This has been a very pleasant day. I spent the forenoon making a white skirt for Maggie and after dinner got ready and went down to see Em Voorhees and hear what she had to say about the fire that occurred at her house yesterday. She was over at her mother's so I called on the Pratt girls and then went to Mrs. Miller's where I found Ella Murray and Sallie Peebles. I was there a long time and then went down street to get some trimmings for Maggie's skirts.

Paid Gilmore + Warner .60

Wednesday, January 26, 1876

Another beautiful day. I busied myself in the forenoon getting some skirts cut and trimming ready for them. After dinner I went to Dr. Dennis' and spent the whole afternoon having my two front teeth refilled. Went to prayer meeting in the evening and I was too tired to sit still. Have had not letter from the folks this week so I did not write tonight. Mrs. Jas Nichols was here while I was out.

Thursday, January 27, 1876

It rained all day and I was not over home neither was any of the folks over here. I sewed on skirts all day but did not finish either of the two that I had on hands. After tea I wrote to Ma Ricker and also a long letter to Aunt Betsey Ricker.

Friday, January 28, 1876

Ther 70 °

Still rainy but I heard that sister Lizzie was sick so I went over to see her. Found her in bed but not very sick. I managed to finish off the evening by sewing until church bells rang and then finishing when I came home.

It rained very hard but Jimmie and I went through it all.

Saturday, January 29, 1876

Ther over 50° in the morning and below freezing at night. It turned cold very rapidly in the afternoon. I worked hard all the forenoon cleaning house and after dinner dressed wisely and children sat and mended awhile and then put on my things and went to call on Mrs. Toune's. Stopped a while at Ma's and then called at Aunt Mary Sam's and Julia Young's but they were both out. While I was gone Carrie Donham, Amelia Thompson and Mary McCain called.

Sunday, January 30, 1876

Weather quite cold. Jimmie and Maggie went to S.S and she had her verse as usual. We all three went to church and I was not over again during the day except to the afternoon praise meeting. Ma came over and I went with her. Jimmie went to church in the evening + heard Mr. Ketchum preach.

Monday, January 31, 1876, 1876

Weather lovely today, bright and clear but still cold.

I sewed indecisively all day. Mace came over after dinner and about the middle of the afternoon took the children home with her. I followed with my work after 4 o'clock and made a little visit.

Letter from Maggie Warden.

Tuesday, February 1, 1876

Rained hard all day and was very gloomy. Ma was over a few minutes in the morning. I finished the last of Maggie's half dozen new white skirts and spent the rest of the day until 11 PM in mending, drawing etc.

Letter from Mrs. Brooks asking us to come down as soon as we can to visit them. I am very sorry we couldn't go.

Weather changed very suddenly this evening and it is getting very cold.

Wednesday, February 2, 1876

Snapping cold today but clear and bright. Began making a black busker waist for myself. Was not out at all today.

Had one caller, Mrs. Wm Beverly.

Note to mother Ricker and a note to Sallie Ball.

Thursday, February 3, 1876

Weather moderated some this morning and afternoon snow began to fall, as I write this evening it is about five inches deep and still falling. Papers state the late storm tonight in some parts of the country houses being (?) and much damage done besides some loss of life.

Have been at home all day sewing on my busker waist. Ma came over through the snow and made us a visit.

I wrote to Mrs. Brooks this evening regretting that we will be unable to visit them at present.

Friday, February 4, 1876

This morning a deep snow lay on the ground and soon the sleigh bells were merrily going all day and still late into the night. I was busy all day finishing off my waist and it is not of much satisfactory how. I went to prayer meeting in the evening.

There were not many present.

Saturday, February 5, 1876

Snow still on the ground and a good many sleighs out but the rest of the sleighing is over. The boys were out today and I was very glad of it as they have never been (?). In the afternoon I took the children + some work and went over home to visit a while. In the evening Jennie called to see if I would go sleighing with some others but I excused myself. Their sleigh was already full and I had a little work to do.

Sunday, February 6, 1876

Rainy and disagreeable but not very cold. Jimmie and Maggie went to Sabbath school in the rain and on very slippery pavements. I went to church in the forenoon and Lizzie came home to dinner with us. I was not out again during the day.

Monday, February 7, 1876

A very gloomy cloudy day. Mace was here in the morning and Ma late in the afternoon. In the forenoon I washed windows and cleaned my room and then made some Canton flannel cases for my knives.

After dinner I skipped washed and mended an old busker skirt. Preparing to make it over for every day. Spent the evening making tatting for the bottom of some of Maggie's new skirts.

Tuesday, February 8, 1876

Everything still looks gloomy and dismal with the remains of the snow still on the ground but it is not very cold. The walking is very bad. Ma + Pa expect to go to Cin this evening. Was busy all the forenoon with my room and flowers. My one crocus and hyacinth look very pretty. Began to trim my primroses hoping it would do better. Sewed all the afternoon on an old busker skirt. Sallie Ball called to see me.

Wednesday, February 9, 1876

This has been a rainy day. Charlie Greene + his bride are expected on the train tonight. I was at home all day and had a good opportunity to finish my skirt. Uncle Drew and Jimmie went to church tonight and I wrote the usual letter to the folks.

Thursday, February 10, 1876

Uncle Drew went to Ironton today and will not be back until Saturday night when we will probably go home with Mr. Tewksbury to spend Sabbath. Jimmie went to the boat with him and then came back + took Willie + I took Maggie up street. We went together to Connolly's + I bought a pair of gloves and then went to see Miss Newton about Miss Kizer when I want to finish my velvet sack.

Maggie and I went to call on Mrs. Laura Jones and then to Sallie Peebles' where Maggie continued to stay while I went to call on Mrs. Lloyd. Mrs. Samuel Reed + Mrs. Graham. I then returned to Sallie's where I found Jimmie + Willie. We all called at Mrs. Peebles + then came home.

Friday, February 11, 1876

Pa and Ma came home from town this morning and Ma was over while we were at breakfast to see us. She did not stay long after but came back after dinner and stayed all afternoon. I went to church in the evening. There was a Mens meeting of the two congregations at our church and the evening was spent singing, almost two hours being this played preparatory to the meetings next week.

Saturday, February 12, 1876

Weather bright + pleasant. Was very busy at home all the evening and in the afternoon Ma and I went out to make some calls. Ma went to Mrs. Richardson's first and then Connelley's store and from there to Mrs. Tewksbury's. She was just returned from Cin (?). We went next to Enos' to see Grandma and the rest of the folks. It was late when I came home and found out that Mrs. L. H. Murphy had called in my absence.

Sunday, February 13, 1876

Cool and pleasant today. Maggie + her papa went to S.S. as usual. He is taking a very great interest in the school now, the result of doing some work in it I think. I am rejoicing over it all the time. Uncle Drew is at Mr. Tewksbury's today. Jimmie and I went to morning service and I went to the praise meeting in the afternoon but could not go in the evening as Carrie went out.

Monday, February 14, 1876

Dark and disagreeable.

The first morning scene of the series of meetings to be conducted by Mr. Wells was held this morning but I could not attend as I did not feel safe in leaving the children with Carrie when she was busy washing. After dinner I did not accomplish much of anything. I was in a state of perplexity concerning the infant + whether or not to go. I however began to make a few preparations and thought perhaps I might go after church but will not leave for the party. Uncle Drew came back from Mr. Tewksbury's and was here to go to church with us and hear Mr. Wells preach, Mr. Wells' brothers have long been praying for him and it seemed singular that he should be the first person moved in those meetings.

Tuesday, February 15, 1876

Snowed a little today and was quite disagreeable + dreary. Went to the morning meeting then in the afternoon made some arrangements for the affair at Mr. Greene's tonight. Uncle Drew was there to tea + went to church in the evening with us. We parted at the gate about 9 PM he going to the boat and us coming home. We made hasty turrets (sp) + went to Mr. Greene's about 9 ¾ o'clock after which we had plenty of time to congratulate Charlie + his bride, partake of the refreshments, see a good many friends and come home about midnight. The weather had turned a great deal colder than it was during the day.

We were quite pleased with the new Mrs. Greene and I should like to become better acquainted with her. Mother R. had a hand chill again today so a letter tells us.

Rec'd from Moyes + Lloyd \$72.90

Wednesday, February 16, 1876

Cold and windy. Ther 22° this morning.

Attended the morning meeting and after dinner Ma and I went to make a few calls. I stopped to see Sallie Ball hoping she would attend some of the meetings bur she said she could not. We made calls at Mr. Greene's, Mrs. Dr. Fulton's, Mrs. Reilly's, and lastly at Mr. Peebles and saw Mr. Wells a few minutes. Went to church in the evening and was very tired when bed time came as I had taken such a long cold walk in the wind in the afternoon. At Mrs. Greene's I saw the bride, Mrs. C.W. Greene and also Lillie and Lizzie Johnson. Wrote the usual letter to Mother Ricker tired as I was.

Thursday, February 17, 1876

Clear and cold but the wind does not blow as it did yesterday. We went to church in the forenoon and enjoyed a very precious meeting. For the second time in my life I found my tongue loosed to speak a word when volunteers were called for. After dinner I did not feel like doing much so I did not do much. In the evening Jimmie had a severe headache + I sent for some Homeopathic medicine and gave him his first does before going to church. He could not go + I went with Ma + the boys. We both regretted that he would miss the meeting. We had letters from the folks tonight.

Miss Mollie Davis called.

Friday, February 18, 1937

Clear and not as cold as yesterday. I managed to get through with my work in time to go to church with Jimmie this morning. We had a very interesting and precious meeting and it was well attended. Came home at noon and had dinner then I went up to Mr. Peebles' hoping to see Mr. Wells but he was out and so were Maggie and Mary but I spent an hour talking with Mrs. Peebles on the subject which is now interesting all of us. She then went to the Children's Home meeting and I spent a half hour with Mrs. Hamilton after which I left as Mr. W. failed to come in. In my return home I dressed the children and had just finished when Ella Greene, Lillie Johnson + Lizzie Johnson called. After they left I took the children over home a while. Jimmie had to go to church alone tonight as I could not leave home.

Paid Carrie 2.00

Saturday, February 19, 1876

Carrie left today for home and from there will go to Ironton and probably will not return. I entered upon the kitchen work myself today but am expecting a girl Tuesday who will relieve me from that part of the work. I'm glad to have enjoyed one week of the meetings any way before Carrie left as I would leave her with the children and go all the time. I was over home a while in the afternoon with the children and left Maggie there to tea.

Mrs. Toune + Mrs. Safford, Mrs. Richardson + Charlie were here after I had convinced to get supper and Fannie Sentzer, Jennie + Freddy were here just before.

Sunday, February 20, 1876

I did not go to church this morning nor any service until evening. Jimmie and Maggi went to Sabbath school + church and at 5:30 o'clock went to children's meeting.

Uncle Jimmie was here to tea and after tea was over I got ready for church and went there.

Monday, February 21, 1876

Weather rainy and cloudy. Did not try to do anything but work and it as all I could do. After dinner I took Willie and went to sit a while with Jennie as she was going up to Mr. Greene's to make a long visit to stay. They left while I was there and it seemed as though they were taking a final leave as they went in the bus and took a large trunk. Maggie was up to spend the day with Mary (?). Worked and came home very tired and almost sick with cold. I went to church in the evening.

Paid Mrs. J. for the eggs .30

Tuesday, February 22, 1876

Weather pleasant today. My new girl Maggie Davis or Mary as we will call her came early this morning and after a few days of teaching her my ways I hope to have no further work to do in the kitchen. Had a washerwoman also today. Wrote to Maggie Mason this evening while Jimmie was at church. Ma came and stayed with the children this afternoon and let me go to the meeting for singing at the church.

Wednesday, February 23, 1876

Jimmie went over to the court house this morning and became much interested in the proceedings that he did not go to church at all. I began a pair of pillow cases for the children's bed. I went to church in the evening and heard a very good sermon from Mr. Wells.

Thursday, February 24, 1876

While I was doing my morning work Jimmie went out and returned to stay with the children while I went to hear Mr. Wells give a Bible reading. I was very much pleased and I hope profited by it. After dinner finished the pillow cases for the evening. Jimmie went to church and I stayed at home and wrote a long letter to Mother Ricker which I should have written last night had I not gone to church.

Friday, February 25, 1876

Weather just like spring.

Carrie and her mother came in today and I bought a gallon of maple syrup from her. Carrie was here to dinner + then went to Ironton. In the morning I called for the first time to see my neighbor Mrs. Boulding who has lived next to us almost or quite a year. I minded her to go to church with us in the evening and she went. In the afternoon I began another pair of pillow cases and Ma was over in the afternoon + made a nice long visit. Mary was over a little while.

Paid Mrs. Jones Syrup \$1.65

Paid Dr. McClure for Bab. .10

Saturday, February 26, 1876

This has been a lovely day but I've not been outside the yard and no one has been here except Ma + Lizzie a few minutes after tea. Fred Ricker was here to dinner and tea came dozen to attend the Boston Quenette Club cancelled and expects to reform tonight so bade us good bye after tea.

I finished off the second pair of small pillow cases for the children's bed today. Miss Kizer brought home my velvet sack all finished on it for which I paid her 3.00. I must now make it up again.

Paid Miss Kizer \$ 3.00

Sunday, February 27, 1876

Weather bright + pleasant. Jimmie and Maggie went to S.S. in the forenoon and after dinner Maggie and I went to praise meeting.

In the evening Mr. Wells and Jimmie stayed with the children.

Monday, February 28, 1876

Bright but quite cool. I did not go to the morning meeting as I felt I ought not leave the children when Mary was washing so Jimmie went. The morning meetings are the best of all the services held that I have attended.

There is little or no visiting done, whenever we go out there is some kind of meeting going on which we want to go to so everything else is put aside for the present. I began to put my velvet sack together again Friday. Went to church in the evening.

Paid Brubeck 1.65

Paid Connolly 14.54

Tuesday, February 29, 1876

Went to the morning meeting while Jimmie kept the children for me. He went in the evening and I wrote to Mother Ricker and Mrs. Brooks. Did what I could to my sack but it was not much.

Paid Mary Davis \$2.00

Wednesday, March 1, 1876

Gloomy and disagreeable. Uncle Sam was here to ask us out to tea tomorrow. Lizzie spent the afternoon with me. I was at work all day on my velvet sack which is a very troublesome job. Jimmie went to church in the evening and I spent the time doing drawing and mending for the work.

Thursday, March 2, 1876

A little snow on the ground today.

Mr. Ketchum was here to see Jimmie this morning and Jimmie was gone so I saw Mr. K. at church and then came home to report for J. Mr. Ketchum followed me home and we all then went down street together. I went to the meeting half hour late in consequences to my two trips. Went to the Temperance Bible reading at 3 o'clock and after that not to church. Uncle Sam's to tea, he being at home and having asked all four of us girls with Bart + Jimmie to take tea with them. Aunt Maria was there also. Went to evening service.

Friday, March 3, 1876

I was not out this morning but Ma offered to keep the children + let me go up to the 2nd Pres. Church to the Young Converts meeting at 4:30 and I went a little while with Mary + Lizzie to the given house and afterwards to church. It was late when we got home so late that I just had time to finish my supper and go with Lizzie to the evening service. I stayed in the second meeting with Hattie Sterett who still seems deeply anxious and I trust will decide to be a Christian this time.

Aunt Maria McCall was here today.

Paid Milk bill for Feb 2.37

Saturday, March 4, 1876

Beautiful day and as pleasant as spring. I did my usual housework in the forenoon + then took some mending and went over to see Ma a little while.

While we were at dinner Lizzie came in and sat down with us. After dinner she offered to take Willie up to see Jennie so we got him ready. Then Maggie and I got ready and went down street. Made a few (?) and then went to Uncle Enos' and little Mary and Maggie went to Ma's and got Willie so we stayed there and made a visit.

Sunday, March 5, 1876

I was not out today until evening and then I went and heard a sermon from Mr. Wells. There was large congregation out this evening. Maggie and her father went to S.S. as usual.

Monday, March 6, 1876

Lovely weather today. Was very busy all the forenoon cleaning the house and getting the children and myself ready to receive a guest who did not come. I was so tired that I could not rest after I was done. Sat at home and alone all the afternoon wishing someone would come in but no one came. I went to the meeting at 4:30 but not the evening sermon which was not at the 2nd church. I took some a stamping to Mrs. Luther to be done.

Tuesday, March 7, 1876

Rainy + cloudy alternately and disagreeable all the time. I went out to the 2nd church this evening though, notwithstanding the threatening asked. Sewed on my velvet cloak and it is now almost done. Was down to the afternoon meeting and after that went up to Mrs. Porter's a few moments.

Paid for Harold + P. 2.50

Paid Mary D. 2.00

Wednesday, March 8, 1876

Beautiful + bright. Mr. Folsen dined with us today as did sister Lizzie also.

I did not go to the meeting this morning as Jimmie had the girls to attend to. Went to the afternoon meeting and Jimmie went out to the 2nd church at night. It is almost too far for one to walk. Have sewed a little today on Willie's underclothes. I do not progress very rapidly when I go out every day.

Thursday, March 9, 1876

Weather pleasant. Went to hear Mr. Wells' last bible reading the subject being Heaven. I have enjoyed all I heard very much and hope to have been benefitted by them. When I came home to dinner I found Mr. Gibson here. Mary also took dinner with us and the two children dined with Ma, Lizzie and the boys. Pa and Bart are away together. Mr. Gibson left after dinner very unexpectantly to me. I went to church at night + heard the farewell sermon but did not go in the afternoon as Jennie + her baby were here and stayed until after tea. I enjoyed their visit very much.

Paid for Mr. Wells' services 5.00

Friday, March 10, 1876

Warm and spring like. We fixed up a box of roots and bulbs to send to the folks with the goods that go tomorrow. Mrs. Nichols gave me some lilies + honey suckle and Mrs. Pouné some myrtle and I added a little of nearly everything I had. In the evening I went to church.

This morning I went with Ma to bid Mr. Wells goodbye as he left on the Potomac. After that we went to some of the stores and came home quite tired.

Paid W.A.C. .83

Paid Bruner .40

Saturday, March 11, 1876

Weather delightful. We worked out in the yard a little today Jimmie at the raspberry bushes and I planting my pansy seed. It being Bart + Jennie's 1st Anniversary we were visited over home to take tea with them. Bart has been away but came on the evening train.

Jennie and Fred came down last night and was over home all night + today. After tea Jennie + I played a little together as we used to do all of us sang together a while.

Sunday, March 12, 1876

Weather quite like March rained hard in the afternoon and evening and turned cooler. I think it is eleven years since sister Annie died. I was at home all day, did not feel well enough to go out.

Maggie + her father went to S.S. as usual and she attracted a good deal of attention by the way she received her golden text which was quite long today. She always learns it to repeat at S.S.

Monday, March 13, 1876

Weather quite cool today, but bright and sunny. Have been at home all day engaged in reworking shirts for Willie. Jimmie brought home a clock this evening but we do not know whether we will keep it. He paid 4.00 for it at Polley's auction but he told Lizzie she could take it if she wished. I went to church tonight and Jimmie kept the children.

Tuesday, March 14, 1876

Weather warmer, indication of rain.

Have been very busy with Willie's shirt all day. No one came in until late in the afternoon when Ma came and stayed a little while. It was after tea but before dark. The days are so much longer that we do not need gas light for some little time after tea.

Wednesday, March 15, 1876

Cloudy and not very pleasant today.

Louis E. Miller and Bertha Ceraden were married this morning at the 2nd Pres church and left on the boat for their future home in Cin. Neither Jimmie nor I went. After the wedding I had a call from Mrs. Tewksbury, Ella Murray, and Sallie Peebles.

Have been busy all day and finished off the last of Willie's shirts. He now has eight in good condition but not a new one among them only his own and Maggie's made over but they will last until he outgrows them. Jimmie went to church. Rainy and straight.

Paid Mary D. 2.00

Thursday, March 16, 1876

We have had all kinds of weather today storm and sunshine, wind and driving rain. Miss Emma Bell and Parker Ritenberick came soon after 11o'clock and spent the rest of the day with us. The three children have been anticipating the visit with much pleasure and I think they really enjoyed the day. I employed my spare moments in scalloping a flannel skirt, did one half after tea.

Rec'd rent from Cin. \$22.95

Paid for yeast .05

Paid for Lemons .10

Friday, March 17, 1876

Ground covered in snow this morning and it has been blowing and snowing all day but the snow melted as fast as it fell. It is of while cold + blustery tonight. I am taking cold again and did not go out to prayer meeting this evening. Have been sewing on calico aprons for Willie today, cut out three this morning and made a very good progress with them today.

Saturday, March 18, 1876

Weather rather cold.

I was busy most of the forenoon with household duties but I finally got settled down to sewing. Could have finished three aprons but had no thread to make button holes. Ma brought some

work and came over a little while in the afternoon. Bart and Jennie were down a few minutes after tea. Jimmie went down to ward meeting after supper and I was alone while he was gone. Paid for S. cakes .05

Sunday, March 19, 1876

Quite cold today. Maggie and her papa went to S.S. and church in church in the forenoon as usual. But I was not out at all. Had intended going in the evening but when the time came I did not feel well enough.

Lizzie was not well and went home from S.S. not intending to go to church so I went over and sat a little while with her and Ma who was also home.

Monday, March 20, 1876

Snowing when we woke and still snowing at night. There was scarcely any nicer mission during the whole day. It had been the heaviest. Fall of snow that we have had this winter. I was not out today but Mary came over in the morning and Ma was brave enough to wade over after dark deep as the snow was. Jimmie had to go down street in the evening so I had the pleasure of Ma's company while he was gone. During the day I made a few button holes and did some work on some little shirts which needed mending + fixing over.

Tuesday, March 21, 1876

Thermometer 22° this morn and the snow about a foot deep on a level. In the forenoon Mr. Peebles and Maggie called and took Maggie sleighing and she enjoyed the treat very much. Willie saw them off without even asking to go with them but said afterwards that he wanted to go sometime. His ear is still too sore for him to go out in the cold. After dinner Jimmie kept eh children for me and cleaned my machine while I went out to do a little shopping. After that was done I went over home a little while.

Paid W.A.C. 8.10

Paid Mary Davis 2.00

Wednesday, March 22, 1876

Have been busy sewing on Willie's aprons, he will have three going home and three calico ones. By degrees I am getting my work pretty out of the way. I sewed until quite late this evening and then wrote after to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, March 23, 1876

Have been sewing all day as usual I finished off an apron for Willie and made 2 dozen button holes and sewed on 2dozen buttons which complete his half dozen new aprons.

Little Mary Moore came and spent about an hour with the children this afternoon. They enjoy her company very much.

Paid for slate + thread .22

Friday, March 24, 1876

Rained steadily all day.

It was Examination day at the High school and the folks over home went but I did not. I stayed at home and sewed all day and doing a good deal by keeping at it all the time. Rained very hard in the evening but Jimmie went to a prayer meeting and said they had a very good meeting. Enos was here with me and spent an hour or more looking over my old letter to get the old model stamps from them.

Saturday, March 25, 1876

Rather cloudy.

I have sewed all day on some little things that were to be done. After dinner I got ready and took some work over home to do. Mar had invited the children over there to dinner and they joyfully went. About 4 o'clock we all came home and soon after Uncle Enos and Aunt Mary came in and made a little call.

Jennie has been in two or three times this week for a few minutes at a time.

Sunday, March 26, 1876

Weather very pleasant if it were not quite so windy. I was not out to church today but took Willie over home a little while in the afternoon. Maggie was over there to dinner and stayed until I went over. Lizzie has been unwell today and was not out at all.

Monday, March 27, 1876

This has been a lonely day. I was busy all day sewing but watched time enough after dinner to run over and see how the folks were. I put a new band and trimming on one skirt and made a new one with a ruffle and twelve tricks then chain-stitched all the evening on a flannel skirt.

Tuesday, March 28, 1876

Raining when we awoke and it steadily continued to rain until noon then cleared up for a while and began again.

Just before dinner I went to the door and found Helen Ricker outside having come down to attend concert of the creation. After dinner we went to Connolley's and she something and we went up to see Sallie Peebles. Dr. Pratt was there and we made quite a little visit. Soon after leaving there it began to rain and at Connolley's we had to stop and borrow an umbrella. Mr. Neal took Helen to the concert. Her visit has been a very short one but very pleasant
Mary's wages 2.00

Wednesday, March 29, 1876

Weather still rather cold and quite disagreeable. Have finished off two new muslin skirts and reconstructed one old one this week. I had a very pleasant surprise in a new wrapper this afternoon that Jimmie bought and the good home folks made for us. The goods is seal brown and the pattern a very pretty one. It is trimmed with seal brown silk bands and bows + is stylish + dressy enough for me to wear for the street at most. I put it on and went over home + spent

the afternoon. Jimmie + Bart were there spending the day. I almost finished (?) the skirt which I began recently. I feel as glad + relieved with my new wrapper that it looks as if it's not enough work sewing to do. I had expected it to do that expertly.

Thursday, March 30, 1876

Cloudy and cold. Before I had changed my wrapper this morning Mrs. Hamilton, Sadie Crossley + Hattie called to see me. Ma was here at the time. Mace was here nearly all the afternoon. I sewed up and worked out the scallops on my flannel skirts and almost finished one of them before going to bed. Am getting along with my sewing very well.

No one except members of the family were in today but I was not out. After many days, weeks and minutes of waiting the street cars are at last on the track and Jimmie brought me a package of tickets today. Letter from Aunt Betsey.

Friday, March 31, 1876

Bright and sunny but not very warm today. Sister Lizzie in the goodness of her heart took Maggie down this morning to get her picture taken. I've been wanting it done a long time but dreaded the undertaking myself. She and Maggie were here to dinner and visited us a while, she was soon sent for however to go over home and play with Hattie Crossley and was there with her a while + Mrs. Hamilton to tea. After tea she came home to stay all night and will probably remain now. I put bands on their little flannel skirts and scalloped one of them today besides finishing one that was nearly done. Had a letter from Ma Ricker.

Saturday, April 1, 1876

Bright and pleasant looking out but rather cold. Was at home all day and very busy but have very little to show for my work. Put a new waist on Maggie's best flannel skirt. Ma went this afternoon with several other ladies to take her first ride on the new street cars.

Mrs. Connolly and also Mrs. Cochran + Essie were in to see me.

Sunday, April 2, 1876

Cloudy but no rain, rather cool.

Maggie and her Papa were at Sabbath School and Maggie recited the text as usual and asks the one which she was to have recited before the whole school last Sabbath. She received a card for being present every Sabbath but one the last quarter. Ma came and took her home with her after S.S. so she did not go to church. Communion services were held at our church in the afternoon but it was not there, 22 persons visited with the church. Rev. Mr. Calhoun from Ironton was present, he + Mr. Ketchum having exchanged pulpits. Mr. K. is assisting him in special services.

Monday, April 3, 1876

Cloudy and April-like all day but no rain. Just as I had finished up my morning work and changed my wrapper Mrs. Crossley + Hattie came in and made quite a long call. Uncle Enos was in a few moments with Jimmie on his way to the polls it being the Municipal Election Day.

Ma came over and spent most of the afternoon with me and Mace was here once or twice. Ma was up to Mr. Greene's in the morning to help Jennie and Fred out ready to (?) with Mr. + Mrs. E. B. Sr to make a visit.

I saw the street cars for the first time his evening while standing in the door over home.

Tuesday, April 4, 1876

Weather beautiful + bright. Have been sewing all day on a little dress which I finished all but the fastenings. Mace was here in the morning and Lizzie was over times but did not sit down either time. She brought me Maggie's pictures, one dozen and one of them I gave to her for her trouble in having them taken. Flo McConnell was in the last time Lizzie came.

Paid for pictures 4.00

Paid Mary Davis 2.00

Wednesday, April 5, 1876

Sewed all day as usual. Was not out and no one but home folks were never in.

I wrote a long letter to Mother Rocker this morning and enclosed one of Maggie's pictures for her and Grandpa Jimmie went to church.

Rec'd from Cin. \$ 38.95

Thursday, April 6, 1876

Bright + Sunny but dusty and windy. Have sewed as usual today while I had company. Ma was in and made quite a visit and after she left Maggie Peebles came in and stayed until tea time, almost two hour. I enjoyed her visit very much, she has not been here for a long time owing to the demands of the various church and socially meetings. Gave her one of Maggie's pictures.

Friday, April 7, 1876

Windy as March and the dust as bad as July. Mary was engaged in house cleaning today and I sewed all day. Am getting along very well with my work. In the evening after the children were asleep I got ready to go make a call and when Jimmie came from prayer meeting we went up to Uncle Enos's and stayed until after 10 o'clock.

Saturday, April 8, 1876

Somewhat windy but otherwise very pleasant. I was very busy all day getting things in order for my little tea party. Had visited Maggie Mason, Mace and Lizzie to take tea with us, and they all came.

In the afternoon Sallie and Mattie Peebles came in and made us quite a visit. It was a long walk for Sallie to take, longer than she has taken for weeks and months. From our house she went over to Ma's for a while. I was quite tired out when bed time came.

Sunday, April 9, 1876

Weather bright and pleasant except when the wind was blowing.

Was in the house all day and felt miserable. Maggie and her papa went to S.S. and church as usual in the morning and he went alone in the evening.

Monday, April 10, 1876

Warm and pleasant only that occasional gusts of wind stir up a good deal of dust.

Have been home all day sewing and saw no one but Ma and Macy. The former was over in the morning and was not feeling well at all.

Macy made us four or five calls and spent nearly all day with us. Jimmie worked out in the yard a little in the evening and the children were out playing nearly all the afternoon.

Tuesday, April 11, 1876

Warm and pleasant.

I spent the most of the day sewing. The children were out on the front porch all the afternoon as it was too pleasant to keep them in the house.

Mary Geodon was here to tea and afterwards went to the S.S. church meeting over at Ma's.

Jimmie had a very severe headache tonight.

Paid Mary \$2.00

Wednesday, April 12, 1876

Jennie and Fred came back from Cincinnati this morning and I was over home when she came down to see the folks. She told us that Bart had decided to stay at Padersburg (sp) and would take her up there about May 1st. It is about what we have expected all the time but dread the separation none the less now that it must come. She will be the first one to leave us. I had a cry over it tonight when I wrote to Ma Ricker about it. I can't bear to think of her away off there from the rest of us but I am in almost constant dread that we'll have to go ourselves eventually. Spent nearly all day upstairs among the old clothes boxes and closet.

Thursday, April 13, 1876

Willie has been sick all day but we did not have the doctor come to see him until this evening.

He would not be undressed but was in my arms nearly all day. I've done nothing but take care of him. Ma took Maggie home with her this evening to stay a while.

She was alighted to have to opportunity of going and told us of the night most cheerfully.

Friday, April 14, 1876

Weather windy and unpleasant, Jennie and Fred came down home today to spend the rest of their time with the home folks before leaving for their new home. She was not over and sat a little while with me.

Maggie is over home visiting also. I was there a few minutes in the evening just for a little change. Willie seems to be so sick that I do nothing but take care of him now. Eleven years ago today President Lincoln was assassinated by J. Wilkes Booth.

Saturday, April 15, 1876

Bright but windy.

I was busy all day with my sick boy and the day seemed long. Maggie came home this morning from her visit to Ma's and was coughing a little so I was afraid she was going to be sick. Jennie + Mary were out calling all the afternoon. Ma kept Fred. Jimmie went riding with Mr. Tracy and I was alone all the afternoon. Willie seems very weak and languid and I know he is quite sick when he ails as he does now.

I sent off the order to stores Harrison for some flowers for Jennie and myself. Lizzie sends for \$1.00 of tube roses.

Royalty landed on our shores today, the Emperor and Empress of Brazil have come to the centennial.

S.H. + Co. 2.00

Sunday April 16, 1876

Bright but rather cool and disagreeable. Maggie had fever last night and I did not think it best for her to go to S.S. We were all disappointed that she had to miss a Sabbath but she had her verse and repeated it. She had her verse and repeated it to the doctor so Mr. Bell said she should have credit for it. It was on an unusually hard one. I did not feel equal being left alone with the children as Maggie had fever and so Jimmie stayed until one. Ma was here part of the time and Mace had to leave church on account of coughing, so she came and stayed to dinner with us. Willie seemed a little better at night and ate a little bread and butter, the first he has eaten since last Wednesday. Maggie had fever all the afternoon and at night.

Monday, April 17, 1876

Cloudy in the morning, but afterwards cleared off bright and sunny. Both the children were better this morning and this evening are still improving but Willie has been coughing almost incessantly all day. The home folks were over to see us early and often. Ma brought some work in the afternoon and while she was here Maggie Mason called. She + Mr. M leave tonight for Cin. After tea Mrs. Tewksbury and Sallie Peebles called to see the children.

Tuesday, April 18, 1876

Bright and pleasant.

The children both seemed better but Maggie had fever again in the afternoon. Carrie Toune was in to see her in the morning and after dinner Mary Peebles came. Ma was over and Mrs. Gregory came here to see her. Mrs. McFarland and Mary have been cleaning the hall today but it was without my help. I stayed in my room with the children.

Paid Mary 2.00

Wednesday, April 19, 1876

A beautiful day but still rather windy. We put in a faithful day at housecleaning. Took up the carpet in the bedroom and I ripped and sewed carpet while Mrs. McFarland + Mary cleaned.

Paid Mrs. McF \$ 1.75

Thursday, April 20, 1876

Just after I had put the room in order this morning. John O'Connell came in to see us and leave some packages the folks had sent from the furnace. Calico letters, papers, and pictures of Mr. + Mrs. Jordan + Mary. The latter were just for us to look at and we are to return them the first opportunity. I took the children over home a while in the afternoon and left Maggie there as she wanted to stay and wanted us to leave her.

Friday, April 21, 1876

Weather pleasant.

Maggie was not so well today and Ma did not think she had better come home so she stayed. Jennie is there sick also. I went over in the morning and helped get the folks settled in bed. Finished the last little dress all except the buttons.

Paid H.A. White .45

Saturday, April 22, 1876

Cloudy and warm today. Jennie is still sick in bed but Maggie is well enough to be up and dressed. I was over to see them a while before dinner. The white washer kept one at home until 11 o'clock. Mrs. Draper and Emma Bell called to see about Maggie but they will be obliged to supply her place in the dialogue with someone else. She will not be well enough to go out. At noon our box of flowers came from Painesville and we were just delighted with the plants. Set ours out in the afternoon + replaced Jennie's in the box + set them in the cellar. Cut out two little wrappers.

Sunday, April 23, 1876

Cloudy all the forenoon and cold + rainy later in the day. Maggie is still over home and not well enough to go to S.S. Her papa had to go without her to Sabbath for the second succession. I went over home as early as I could and dressed Freddy and stayed with the sic until Mrs. Greene came down. Ma had to go to S.S. Mace was over with me all the afternoon.

Monday, April 24, 1876

Cloudy in the morning but bright in the afternoon. I made a little calico wrapper as my day's work. In the afternoon we all went over home a while to see Maggie and the rest of the folks. Maggie does not talk of coming home yet. We came back Jimmie had put out some Madeira vines around the front porch. After tea we had a call from Fred Ricker who is down to some entertainment with some other Ironton boys. When we left I went over home a while and visited Mary + Lizzie in Mary's room and afterwards Ma + Jennie in Jennie's room.

Express chg on flowers .70

Tuesday, April 25, 1876

Beautiful day.

Sewed all the forenoon just after dinner Mrs. Emanuel Bell came in and made quite a visit and when she left I put the room in order dressed Willie and myself and went over home to visit. Jennie is up and around again and the folks are making her calico wrapper that Pa Ricker sent her. Lizzie is still afflicted with deafness and does not seem to improve at all. Maggie is better but coughs some yet. Made a little calico double wrapper. Wrote to Aunt Betsey and Steers Harrison also.

Paid Mary 2.00

Paid for buttons .15

Wednesday, April 26, 1876

Bright warm and beautiful. Jennie and Freddy came and spent the day with me and made a little calico wrapper which she sat out for Freddy. Mrs. Elain called to tell me I need not take the cake I promised for church entertainment and in the afternoon Mrs. T.J. Pursell + her daughter Mary called to see me. Later in the afternoon Miss Faunier Seitzer was here. Maggie came over with Ma and made a little visit but they did not stay long. Wrote to Ma Ricker.

Thursday, April 27, 1876

Father Ricker is 63 years old today. Have been sewing as usual and am getting my work pretty well out of the way. This was the evening the church entertainment in which Maggie was to have taken part but she is not well enough. Jimmie went and served as door keeper and did not get home until quite late. He said they all did very well in the parts assigned them and the ladies realized nearly \$60.00 for their work.

Friday, April 28, 1876

Lovely day one which is a great templating to me to go out but I can't go. Bart came home from Frazeysburgh this evening. Have been sewing on little night dresses all day. Took my work over home a while in the afternoon. After tea we went over again, Willie and I and he did not want to come home when we were ready so we left him.

Saturday, April 29, 1876

Beautiful day but not yet warm enough to dispense entirely with fires. Bart and Jennie have been packing up today with the expectation of leaving for their new home next week. I have been busy all day finishing off pieces of work that I had on hand and succeeded in getting everything done that I had begun.

Maggie came home from her 10 days visit over at Pa's and Ma's and Willie from his short one night. We could not prevail upon him to come with us last night + as Pa was going to Rome he slept with Ma and wore one of her night dresses.

Paid U.A.C. 2.06

Paid Mrs. J. for syrup 1.85

Sunday, April 30, 1876

Bright pretty day.

I went over home once or twice this forenoon. Bart + Jennie had Fred baptized just before the sermon in the morning and I went over home to see him before they took him to church. Maggie went to S.S. again this evening after being absent tow Sabbaths in succession. She repeated all three of her texts which had been carved since she was last there.

Monday, May 1, 1876

May day has been cold and disagreeable.

Fires and furs are more seasonal than jars and flowers. I sewed until about the middle of the afternoon finishing off the two shirts that Ma and Mace made for Jimmie and when that was done I took the children and went over to see the home folks. Visited Ma in the kitchen, Jennie in her room, Mace in hers and Lizzie in the library.

Spent the evening cutting quilt pieces out of scraps that I do not know as I shall ever use after all but I may.

Tuesday, May 2, 1876

Cool enough to keep this house shut up and a good fire going all the time. Bart and Jennie did their packing at our house as their boxes were here and so they came in the morning bringing Freddy and were here nearly all day, took dinner with us. Macy was here nearly all the time and Ma in the afternoon. It seemed almost as if we were moving ourselves to see so many boxes and things strewn through the house and yard. After tea we went over home and saw them all again. We expect to see them in the morning at 5:50 o'clock. We may miss them.

Paid Mary 2.00

Wednesday, May 3, 1876

Delightful spring morning and we were up early enough to see all its beauties. I was up soon after 5 o'clock in order to get over home in time to see Jennie + Bart on the 5:50 train to their new home. They all seemed well and cheerful, Jennie is not well at all but seemed to be feeling better. Her leaving makes the first real break in our family as I have not yet been away from Ports to live. Am still settled in of my old home. Jimmie + the girls went with a few others in the Ky hills this afternoon and got wild flowers. Went to church in the evening and I wrote to the folks as usual. Mrs. Hamilton was here.

Thursday, May 4, 1876

Beautiful day but rather windy. Jimmie set out the wild flowers Mary gave me but I did not do much myself. I sewed a little, finished a pair of drawers that I had commenced for Willie but they were too large and I had to finish them for Maggie.

Friday, May 5, 1876

Very windy and dusty. Have spent a good deal of time in the yard today. Jimmie set out my old geraniums and the rest of the tube roses for Lizzie and did a good deal of other work besides. In the afternoon he made cellar steps which were much needed.

I was over home a while in the afternoon. Rained a little in the afternoon but not enough to do any good.

Paid Brubeck .91

Saturday, May 6, 1876

Delightful weather.

We worked in the yard a while in the forenoon and then my usual Saturday work took up the rest of the forenoon. After dinner I made three pairs of drawers for Willie which I had cut out and commenced before. I still have the bottom holes to make.

Ma was here nearly all afternoon. No one else was in during the day except Macy who was here a few minutes.

I suppose Jennie is spending her first day in Frazeysburgh. Jimmie was out to the ball ground all the afternoon.

Paid Nick 2.40

Sunday, May 7, 1876

Weather pleasant. Maggie and her papa went to Sabbath school and church as usual. I spent the afternoon with the children as usual, Jimmie was out with Mr. Tracy from 2 to 6 pm. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea. The days seem very very long when I am obliged to stay in the house all the time and can do nothing but read as my eyes tire.

Monday, May 8, 1876

Rather cloudy but not enough rain to hinder the washing + drying of the clothes as usual. Made button holes in the forenoon but after dinner I gave myself up to the luxury of a visit with Ma in my parlor and we did nothing up rest and talk. I had put the summer front in the fireplace in the parlor and towards evening the weather turned much cooler. A good fire in our bedroom was very comfortable.

Wrote Jennie

Tuesday, May 9, 1876

Rather cloudy and windy but no rain to refresh dropping vegetation.

The folks over home in papering today and have coupling to dinner as well. Mrs. Hamilton and Libbie Pratt are the guests. I have stayed at home all day and after dinner began scalloping a flannel skirt for Maggie and have finished that part of it before going to bed.

Furs are still necessary in the sitting rooms. The boys brought our wardrobe over this morning. Macy has been using it ever since we have been housekeeping until now.

Paid Mary 2.00

Wednesday, May 10, 1876

Day dusty and windy as March which is not pleasant though the sun shines its brightest.

My morning work was seedy as ever and make such show when done. After dinner I dressed the children and went over home where we saw Ma and Macy putting down matting in the back room which the papered yesterday.

Lizzie was engaged on the frame which she is making for Jennie's fern picture. She has recently taken up wood carving and does it very nicely, Uncle Sam is giving her lessons and she makes good progress. Her first piece was a bread plate which she gave to Jennie but I did not see it. The great Centennial Exhibition opens in Philadelphia today.

Thursday, May 11, 1876

I went into the parlor this morning to do some little thing and got engaged in work which kept me there all day. Dusted the walls, cleaned pictures, took down the parlor curtains and had them washed and then put them back up again. Before I had finished Mr. Dr. Dennis called just after I had finished and dressed myself, Maggie Peebles called and made a nice long visit.

Friday, May 12, 1876

We had a nice shower today and a little hail with it.

Jimmie put out the oleanders in the evening after the rain was over. I was at home all day but after the children were in bed and asleep Jimmie and I went out to take a little walk. We did not go quite two squares when I concluded I might as well come home as I did not feel like walking.

Saturday, May 13, 1876

Pleasant.

I have had the pleasure of Ma's company nearly all day. She and Macy went down street in the morning and as Ma went home she stopped here and stayed until nearly noon.

Came over after dinner and stayed nearly all the afternoon. I sewed on a flannel skirt for Maggie while visiting with her. After tea Jimmie put out the caladiums and other things which have been in the cellar during the winter. Nearly everything is out now. I planted some double moss seed which Ma Ricker sent to me.

Sunday, May 14, 1876

Weather delightful.

Maggie and her Papa went to Sabbath school as usual and alas to church. Willie and I remained at home. After dinner Ma took Maggie to the childrens meeting and Jimmie went with Mr.

Tracy to take a walk. Late in the afternoon I and the children went over home a little while. Saw the picture motto which Lizzie has framed for Jennie. She carved the walnut frame herself and it is very pretty and appropriate for the fern picture.

Monday, May 15, 1876

Weather very pleasant. Lizzie went to Cin. this morning to be gone trip but I did not go to see her to say good bye as she was hurried and I was not well enough to go over. I have been quite miserable all day. Mollie Murray was here a few minutes this evening came to bring a book from which Maggie is to learn a piece to recite at the next church entertainment.

Tuesday, May 16, 1876

Warm and dusty.

Have been in bed all day long, something that has not occurred in three years. Surely I have much to be thankful for. Ma has been in an out as often almost as if we were under the same roof and that is something also which I am very thankful.

Mary Davis 2.00

Wednesday, May 17, 1876

Weather very warm and somewhat windy, I have felt quite badly all day but improved a little towards the evening. Ma came in soon after dinner just ready to go up to see Mrs. Murray but I thought it was too hot + windy for her to walk + gave her car trikes (sp) that she might ride but she decided to stay with me and Mary went and told Mrs. Murray that she would not be there. I was lying on the bed nearly all the afternoon. Wrote the usual letter to the folks. Carrie's sister from Ironton was here this morning.

Thursday, May 18, 1876

Warm and pleasant.

Have felt better today than yesterday, but not well enough to do my work. No one was in during the day but Ma and she came several times. Lizzie was here a few minutes after tea. In the afternoon I concluded to begin embroidering the initial on a pair of pillow cases that have been stamped two or three years.

Friday, May 19, 1876

Very warm today.

Maggie went home with Ma and soon afterwards Maggie + Mary Peebles + Mattie came in the carriages to see if Maggie couldn't take dinner at their house so she went with them, and Maggie brought her home when it was time for the Children's House meeting. I have not tried to do much but work on my pillow case.

Ma came past our window before we were up to tell us that Uncle Enos + his wife have a son which was born this morning and Mrs. Hughes (Len Clare) has a daughter about an hour older than their boy.

Saturday, May 20, 1876

Warm dry + dusty.

I have felt miserably today but managed to work on my embroidery as part of the time. The homefolks are entirely out of help and consequently are busy but Ma has been in several times. After tea Jimmie took the children out to the cemetery on the street cars, it was their first ride on the cars here and they enjoyed it very much.

Sunday, May 21, 1876

Excessively warm all day. Rained in the afternoon.

I have been lying on the bed most of the day. Maggie and her father went to Sabbath School and church in the morning and to Mrs. Jas Stephenson's funeral in the afternoon. So Willie and I have been a lone much of the time.

Mrs. Voorhees has a new daughter this morning.

Monday, May 22, 1876

Much cooler cloudy all day, and a little rain. I have felt better today but have kept as quiet as possible and succeeded in completing the letter that I commenced embroidering last night Thursday afternoon on a pillow cover.

Maggie went over home with Ma this morning but soon after Uncle Enos's Mace came after her and she went up there and stayed all the rest of the day.

Ma has been in and out several times today.

Tuesday, May 22, 1876

Beautiful day.

I was at home all the forenoon but after dinner I took my work and the children and went over home and stayed until tea time. The folks have no help and do not intend getting any at present but a sewing girl who is to be there tomorrow and help them do some sewing. It is Louisa Yost who has served a great deal for Sallie and Mrs. Tewksbury.

Paid Mary Davis 2.00

Wednesday, May 24, 1876

Bright and pleasant. Have felt very well today and engaged in a little house cleaning or at least superintended and assisted a little in putting the store room in order. Taking the blankets off the bed and folding the, away closing the fire place afternoon.

Mollie Murray came in the afternoon to see about taking Maggie to the church to rehearse her piece and then she called when Maggie was ready and took her and brought her home. I took my embroidery and Willie and went over home to make a little visit. Wrote to Mother Rocker as usual.

Thursday, May 25, 1876

Cloudy in the morning but later it cleared off bright and warm. Mary was to have washed blankets today but the cloudy morning postponed that business.

I finished the second pillow case cover and have embroidered the two since last Thursday afternoon besides doing other things.

Did not feel well and went to bed quite early to get well rested.

Friday, May 26, 1876

Has been a delightful day and I have felt unusually well. In the forenoon Mary washed the blankets and I help wring and hang them out. At the same time I had other work on hand for the same moments. Vis altering and lengthening Maggie's organic dress. Macy brought me some strawberries this morning, the first I have had. Uncle Enos' Macy came this morning and

took the children home with her to spend the day, so I had a good quiet time. After dinner Ma came here a while and when she had gone I went down to see Ern Voorhees' and her baby. Had a nice visit with her. Have not seen her before a month though she only lives on the next street nearly opposite us.

Saturday, May 27, 1876

Weather warm + dusty.

After finishing Maggie's organic dress I ripped her blue percale and began to lengthen it. About 4 o'clock Jennie took Maggie to the church to recite her piece and Willie went with them so I took my work and went over home a while but did not have to stay long.

Sunday, May 28, 1937

Weather warm and sultry. Just the least sprinkle of rain fell hardly enough to wet a feather. Maggie went with her father to Sabbath School and church and in the afternoon she went with Ma to here Dr. Boyer speak to young men at our church.

Monday, May 29, 1876

Warm and dry.

In the afternoon I finished fixing over Maggie's blue percale dress and after that was done I commenced embroidering a monogram in blue silk on a flesh colored silk handkerchief for Lizzie, on she painted one to present to somebody else. It will be a kind of family affair as (?) Dawn designed the monogram, she brought the half and had it stamped and will do the work.

Tuesday, May 30, 1876

Very warm and dry.

Deconctrim day was observed by almost everybody. Jimmie asked if I wanted to ride out to the cemetery but I preferred spending the afternoon over home with Ma + the girls and taking the ride some other time just after rain when it would be cooler and pleasanter. He took the children out on the street cars and they had a nice time and I enjoyed my afternoon very much better than if I had gone. Made two bibs for Willie and with Macy's help fringed out six towels besides cutting out and commencing a dress for Maggie and finishing the monogram on the silk half for Lizzie. Had some ice cream and strawberries today.

Paid Mary D. 2.00

Paid for Ice cream .25

Wednesday, May 31, 1876

Hot, dry and dusty. We were up an hour earlier than usual to get ready for the sewing girl who came to help me make a new white dress for Maggie. We worked hard all day and Ma helped us a while had to do some dipping (?) but finally got it all put together before quitting. I'll have the button holes to make some other time. Was tired out at night and went to bed as soon as I could without writing the usual letter to the folks.

Had a letter from Jennie.

Macy's roses came today from Storrs Harrison Co.
Paid Milk Bill 2.50
Paid Louis Yost 1.00

Thursday, June 1, 1876

Spent today on finishing off Maggie's new white dress which Miss Yost and I made yesterday. I also ironed + fluted her white organic so she now has two white dress that she can wear.

Friday, June 2, 1876

Have been sewing today on Maggie's calico dress but my needles were out of order and I lost some time getting the machine to sew. Sent by Uncle Sam for some new ones. The days are getting very long and they seem longer than they really are because I can't go out and so few come in.

Saturday, June 3, 1876

Bright and warm.

I have been busy all day as usual finishing up pieces of work. Finished off the new calico dress I cut out for Maggie last Tuesday and she wore it to the church in the evening to recite her piece. Jimmie was to work all day nearly putting fly screens in the windows, he has been busy the most of the week making new frames and they are an improvement on anything I have seen as they slide up + down as the other statutes (sp) do. Mary came over and stayed with me all the time Maggie was gone as Jimmie was out at a ward meeting at the same time. Lizzie trimmed up Maggie's summer hat for me today.

Flowers for Maggie's hat .50

Sunday, June 4, 1876

Bright pleasant and delightfully cool. Maggie went with her father to Sabbath School and church in the forenoon and to Harry Robinson's funeral in the afternoon.

I was over at Ma's a little while in the morning heard Pa upstairs but did not see him. After that I was not away from home all the way.

Monday, June 5, 1876

Delightful Day.

I've not done much work today, fixed over a calico dress for Maggie in the forenoon and then did nothing the rest of the day. After putting the children to sleep. Jimmie and I went up to see the baby again. They have named him Ralph Seizer Moore. Had a letter from Clair King and wrote one to sister Jennie

Tuesday, June 6, 1876

Cool and pleasant indoors but warm in the sun. I was quite agreeably surprised to find Mrs. Jones, Maggie's Mother at my door this morning and had a nice call from her. Soon after she

left Mrs. Julia Young called. Ma and Mary also favored me during the forenoon and after dinner Jimmie sent up a case of strawberries for jam and MA came over towards the last and helped us finish. This evening Jimmie + Maggie are gone to the church entertainment where she speaks her piece + I have put in part of the time writing to Clara King.

Wednesday, June 7, 1876

This morning I finished cooking and then sealed up my strawberries and had eight (8) jars which done. Just as I was finishing a boy came with another box of them which I took and esteemed ready for making jelly tomorrow. When I got through I went over home and helped them a little while with theirs. Got a farewell glimpse of Mame Gibbs as she was getting into the carriage to go to the train. She was married at 1 o'clock today and left us as Mrs. J.B. Hudson. I should have gone to her wedding which was at the church if I could. Maggie and her Papa went. Jennie Adams from Ironton was here this afternoon but I was over home and did not see her.

Thursday, June 8, 1876

Actually hot and I had the full benefit of the heat while making jelly in the kitchen. I was there all the forenoon and then after dinner I put away the clean clothes and spent the remainder of the day mending the darning.

Friday, June 9, 1876

A very warm day and no rain. I have been sewing on Maggie's pink calico dress all the time I seemed to get today and hope to be able to finish and I picked up five pints of strawberries from our vines this morning and we had the pleasure of eating all we wanted for tea and sent some over to Pa and Ma picked out the largest and some of them were very large. Carrie Jones was here today on her way home.

Broiled my jelly again this morning and while it was one the stove I helped Jimmie in the yard.

Paid Mary 2.00

Paid for Molasses .15

Paid for ice cream .15

Saturday, June 10, 1876

Warm and cloudy with some rain but not as much as we need. In the forenoon I did my usual housework and then covered, marked and put away eighteen glasses of strawberry jelly. Then I sewed white on Maggie's pink calico dress which I finished later in the day. After dinner I helped Jimmie pick strawberries and then began bathing the children and when was through with the and myself it was tea time. Ma was over a while after dinner and again after tea, Mary + Lizzie were also over a while.

Sunday, June 11, 1876

Warm and uncomfortable.

I was at home all day as usual while Jimmie and Maggie went to S.S. and church. The folks were in and out as usual but Uncle Jimmie failed to come.

The boys came in the evening and I gave them some strawberries from our vines. Lizzie had some and so have all the family now but Mary and it has been so happened that she did not get any but I hope she will next year.

Monday, June 12, 1876

Acting on Mary's suggestion I began early this morning to do what I could knowing that whatever I do must be done at once. I cut a dress from a piece of calico I had and then as Mary had not come with the rest, I proceeded to make it and finished by noon. After dinner I cut out four more dresses from pieces she brought and also four paper patterns, two for Jennie and two for myself. Was quite tired when night came Mrs. Jones, Maggie Mason's mother called to see me this morning, and Mrs. Tewksbury and Sallie were here in the evening. Julia Young was here this morning.

Tuesday, June 13, 1876

This morning Mary came over to sit a while and cut a dress for Freddy off the children's pink calico, when she went home I cut out two white ones that I had spent and bought for him but did not feel equal to such an undertaking as making them so I accepted Mary's offer to make them and said I would make the button holes in all if I could. After that I began to mend the clean clothes and it took me almost until bedtime to get through. There seemed to be more than usual to do.

Paid Mary 2.00

Wednesday, June 14, 1876

Rather warm today.

I went out this morning and picked almost two pints of strawberries, about the last we will get from our vines. When I came in I was very tired and did not do much during the rest of the forenoon. After dinner I began making button holes in one of Freddy's dresses but only made three as I did not feel very much like work and had some other little things to do. I mended up all the stockings and that took some time. Ma was here with her work part of the afternoon. After tea when I had put the children to bed I wrote the usual letter to Mother Ricker. Lizzie went to Cincinnati today. Maggie Mason came home to make a visit to see Emma graduate.

Thursday, June 15, 1876

This morning finds me all through with my trouble and comfortably settled with nothing to do but get well and a darling little son to pay me for what little trouble I had. I feel that I am more favored and blessed than most women. I had not expected event until tomorrow but surprises are blessings indeed. I called Jimmie at 1 o'clock and he hurried off after Ma who came immediately + the doctor + Mrs. Peebles but none of them got here as soon as baby did. Ma and I were all alone. I owe thanks to the Father of Mercies for it all as I feel sure that it was an

answer to prayer. No one but the doctor + the family and a neighbor were in today though I feel able + anxious to see the others. Mrs. McFarland came to stay with me for a week or two.

Friday, June 16, 1876

Weather very pleasant for me. I have been very comfortable today and sat up in bed while I combed out my own hair. Ma and Mary are very busy with Fred's clothes but Lizzie brought her work, a hat and sat with me all the afternoon and ate supper with Jimmie and the children. Miss Fanny Switzer sent word that she would be around to see us but something prevented her from coming.

Mrs. B. F. Richardson and Mrs. Mark Wells called this morning.

Saturday, June 17, 1876

Weather pleasant, rather cool towards the evening so that the children needed a little extra clothing when going down street after tea. The Republican Nominations of Hayes and Wheeler is the all absorbing theme today. Jimmie is delighted, has been a Hayes man all the time but hardly dared hope for his nomination. This evening there was an enthusiastic ratification meeting down street and Jimmie and the children went down for a little while. Mrs. Peebles called to see baby and me. It rained delightfully tonight.

Miss Fannie came today and late in the evening Fannie and Mary were here.

Sunday, June 18, 1876

Not so warm as might be expected for which I am very thankful. Lizzie is twenty years old today, and a more fine looking or lovelier girl would be hard to find. It does me good to look at her. She came in two or three times today, was here to eat dinner with Jimmie and the children. I have felt as well as could be expected to and in the afternoon and evening we had calls from nearly all the uncles old and young. Uncle Jimmie Wood was here to tea. Pa + the boys, Uncle Enos and Aunt Mary Ellen all favored us. The doctor comes every day and seems like any other caller. Fannie Moore was here a few minutes after dinner.

Monday, June 19, 1876

Rather warm but not enough to make me uncomfortable in bed. I am being highly favored by the weather. Carrie Swim came in for a few minutes this morning as she was on her way down to the church. She is very fond of little babies and like myself always calls on those of her friends soon after their arrival.

This morning at tea time we were agreeably surprised to see Bart walk in. It seemed good to see him and made us want to see sight of Jennie + Fred very much. He only came on a hurried business trip + will return in a day or two and Ma and Mary will try to finish off Fred's short clothes to send with Bart. Mrs. Tewksbury and Sallie Peebles called this evening. Mrs. Toune was here also.

Gilmore + Warren Company .60

For thread .40

Tuesday, June 20, 1876

Weather unusually pleasant for this month.

It rained quite hard for a while today and looked rather discouraging for the Festival. There were two rehearsals today. We expected Helen and Aunt Add Ricker down to stop with us or Mrs. Tewksbury and attend the festival but at noon when the boat came Mr. Neal of Ironton told Jimmie that Helen got badly burned last night while cleaning a pair of kid gloves with benzene. She went to ven (sp) the gloves and they caught fire and she was burned to the tips of her fingers to her elbows. Addie was burned in the same way but not so badly. I sat up in bed long enough to write a note to Helen which is the first thing I've done since I was sick. Paid Mary \$ 2.00. Mrs. E. B. Greene called this evening.

Bart was here this afternoon. Willie went up to dinner with him + Bart brought him home.

Wednesday, June 21, 1876

Weather cool enough to be quite pleasant since the late rain. The Musical Festival Proper was inaugurated this afternoon. Jimmie went out to assist the church ladies according to promise but failed to find them in the forenoon and after dinner he went again but had no better success.

Ma went to the farm in the afternoon to get some flowers for Mary and Flo McConnell who were to sell bouquets at the hall.

I wrote to Mother Ricker as usual today, I will not miss at all this time as the last thing I did was to write last Wednesday night.

Maggie was out to the Festival this afternoon and was quite delighted. The folks packed Fred's box today + it contained 9 dresses (3 white, 6 colored) 3 or 2 white skirts and 1 flannel, some patterns and a hat for Jennie.

Thursday, June 22, 1876

Hot expresses the state of the weather today and it is the last day of the Music Festival so that crowds of people will congratulate and perspire and swelter within the walls of that temporary music temple. The folks have season tickets and will suffer rather than lose any of the music so I have been almost alone today. Jimmie took Maggie again in the afternoon and Mrs. Tewksbury was here at tea time to ask him to serve as treasurer again in the evening for the ladies missionary ice cream saloon and he did so. Mary was on duty too. The Festival is said to be quite a success both Musically and financially.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Dr. Cotton were here this morning.

Friday, June 23, 1876

This has been a hard day to be in bed, oppressively hot and sultry but in the evening we had a thunder shower that cooled the air somewhat. The day passed rather monotonously, no one coming in until late in the evening when Ella Greene and Mrs. Chas Greene called. I was glad, and a little surprised to see them. Mrs. Belle is just returning the calls that were made her when she came as a bride.

Saturday, June 24, 1876

Warm and cloudy.

This being the tenth day since I was taken sick I ventured to get up and dress after dinner and went out to tea. Feel very weak but hope to gain more strength soon. Ma and Mary are busy getting the boys ready for their trip next Monday. Miss Fanny Switzer was here in the forenoon a while.

I wrote to Jennie this morning and will send the letter by John. Miss Emma Bell and Lucy Collins were here in the evening. Lucy has grown considerably since they left Ports.

Aunt Mary and little Beatrice were here about dark.

Sunday, June 25, 1876

Exceedingly warm today.

I got up after breakfast and remained up all day. Jimmie and Maggie went to Sabbath School but Maggie went to church with Ma and Macy as Jimmie felt that he ought to remain and do what he could for Mr. Boyant who was thought to be dying this morning. He is suffering intensely with inflammatory rheumatism. Mrs. Toune has been there all day and Mrs. Jan K. Lodrick since dinner besides Mary others coming and going all the time. The two ladies were in to see me a few minutes in the afternoon. Uncle Sam and Ralph made us a long visit also and the family were all over during the day.

Monday, June 26, 1876

Weather very warm but a good breeze stirring.

I did not arise until after breakfast but when once dressed I stayed up all day.

Enos and Fred Greene were off by 5 o'clock this morning on their long ride to Frazeysburgh and by 7 o'clock John was over here to bid me goodbye before going to the boat which never leaves until 11 am or after. They boys will have a fine time this summer I hope and Jennie will enjoy their visit too.

Maggie Mason came and made me a nice long visit this afternoon. In the evening I went out and walked all around the yard seeing quite a change in the flowers since I last saw them.

Tuesday, June 27, 1876

Warm but very very breezy. I have spent most of the morning writing up this book. Have written for 16 days past.

Jimmie came up this morning to see if I could spare Mrs. McFarland to go to Jos Reed Whonds a young daughter but I have not felt at all well and knowing that Mrs. McF would have to go to Mrs. Paxley Roon anyway I thought I had better keep her the few days that remained.

Mr. Boyant was sinking all day and at 8:15 pm he fell asleep for the last time. He has suffered intensely and we had reason to believe that he was a Christian. We shall miss him very much. Maggie Peebles was here this afternoon about an hour. Rained while she was here.

Paid Mary 2.00

Wednesday, June 28, 1876

Have felt a little stronger today and wrote my usual letter to Mother Ricker. Just as we were about ready for bed someone came after Mrs. McFarland saying Mrs. Paxley wanted her so she had to go.

She has been here just two weeks and though I am not yet very strong I am so that I can get along.

Sallie and Mattie Peebles were here this morning.

This afternoon it rained very hard about the time for Mr. Boyant's funeral but there were quite a number of carriages started from the house. Ma was here most of the afternoon. We all felt very sad to see Mr. Boyant carried out for the last time. He has been a good neighbor to us.

Paid Mrs. McFarland \$10.00

Thursday, June 29, 1876

Today I had to take up my old routine of household duties again. Mrs. McF being gone I had it all to do but I tried to get through as easily as possible. Still there were a good many steps to be taken.

This evening Mrs. Evans called to inquire about Mrs. McF she seems to be in great demand. I never knew such a time for nurses and little babies. Mrs. Evans was trying to find someone for Mrs. March. Clara Pursell was here this morning.

Friday, June 30, 1876

Very warm.

I am very thankful to be out of bed now and should get along very well if the baby did not have colic so much, he has it nearly all the time he is awake.

I put the children to bed early this evening and even they were sound asleep.

Ella Bousall and Jennie came to call on us and as the baby was fretting I was very glad the others were asleep.

Saturday, July 1, 1876

Bright and warm today.

I have been around all day, did my usual Saturday work including the washing of the two older children.

Preparatory lecture was observed at our church this afternoon but I was not there. Mary Ellen came around and made me a nice visit while the others were at church.

Sunday, July 2, 1876

Very hot all day with a thunderstorm and hard rain in the afternoon.

Maggie and her Papa went to S.S. but as we intended to let her go to the S.S. Centennial Celebration in the afternoon we kept her home from church.

Communion services were held at our church in the morning on account of the S.S. services which were to be held in the afternoon all the S.S. in the city united in the celebration. The hard

rain kept many at home and Maggie among all the rest filled the Hall with a seating capacity for 2000 was filled in spite of the rain.

Monday, July 3, 1876

Weather very warm but there is a good breeze all the time. I have taken up my round of usual household duties again only that I do not sew any yet. The baby is about all I can manage aside from the care of my room the other children. I went over home a few minutes today, the first time since I was sick.

In the evening Mary Glidden and Maggie Bell called to see me. Grandma was over home when I went and after taking dinner there she came here to spend the afternoon and take tea.

Tuesday, July 4, 1876

Weather warm, yes hot as it usually is and in the evening there was quite a thunderstorm with a good deal of rain and lightning.

This is the great Centennial 4th of July and will be celebrated in an unusual manner all over the country. It has been very quiet here. Our girl went to a picnic and I had the work to do which was something of an undertaking for me at this time but I did as little as I could + Jimmie stayed at home + helped me so we got along nicely. Pa took dinner with us and Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Wednesday, July 5, 1876

Rained again today.

After dinner I got ready and took Willie and the baby over home a while. Maggie had gone before Ma was here in the morning as she was on her way out to the 2nd church to see Dr. Pratt and Miss Urmston married. It seems very queer for him to marry after having already had two wives and having three grown daughter at home and a son married who has two children but he has a good wife and it will probably prove a good thing for him and the church as well. He took his son two daughters and wife to the Centennial. The new Packet Bonanza came up today for the first time.

I wrote or began to write to Ma Ricker this evening. Mrs. Hamilton was over here spending the day. Mrs. Clare + Mrs. Hughes called this evening.

Thursday, July 6, 1876

Rained again today, we are having a good deal of stormy, rainy weather but all fortunate in not having a good deal of destructive storms as prevail in some parts of the country.

I have been at home all day, all the afternoon was spent trying to keep the baby quiet, he and I have rather a hard time.

Friday, July 7, 1876

Bright and warm in the morning with quite a thunder shower after dinner. Mary was over in the morning and kindly offered to take charge of the baby while I got Maggie ready to go with her father to Ironton. He was just going up for the day and we thought Maggie might as well go

with him. I was not at all well today and hardly able to be up. After tea Aunt Mary Sam and Anna Young called to see me. Ma and Macy were here and Macy stayed with me until Jimmie and Maggie came home which was almost 1 o'clock at night. They were gone longer than they expected to be.

Saturday, July 8, 1876

Very hot weather. I was up and around a little this morning but was not able to be at all and after dinner I undressed and went to bed.

Aunt Mary and Anna Young are spending the day over home so the folks have stayed there most of the time and I've seen very little of them. Mrs. Memill called to see me after tea and just after she left Ma and Anna Young came in and sat a while.

Sunday, July 9, 1876

This has been one of the hottest days of the season. I was not up until noon and was not fit to be then but it seems so forlorn for Jimmie and the children to eat without me.

Maggie went to Sabbath S. with her Papa and they came home expecting to remain with me but Mary came and wanted Jimmie to go to the Methodist church with her so he went.

After tea Jimmie went down to see Mr. Voorhees who was taken sick in church this morning and Ma stayed with me. While he was gone Mary Ellen came and sat a while with me and after church uncle Enos came after her.

Monday, July 10, 1876

This has been one of the hottest days I ever knew. I have been better today but we all suffered the heat. After dinner Ma came over and took the baby home with her leaving orders for the rest of us to follow as soon as possible which we did. We found quite a difference between their sewing room and our sitting room. There was quite a breeze blowing through there all the time. Jimmie came a little while before tea and we all came home together.

Mrs. Eldin called while I was gone. Maggie + Mary Peebles came after tea and took Willie and me riding. We enjoyed it very much, I have not been so far from home for months before.

When we came back Miss Fannie Switzer + Mary Moore were here.

Tuesday, July 11, 1876

Another hot day but not quite so bad as yesterday because of a thunder shower after dinner which cooled the air a little. I have been better today but am obliged to keep as quiet as I can and I feel as though the house has my attention very much indeed.

Paid Mary \$2.00

Wednesday, July 12, 1876

Another hot day.

Pa and Ma went somewhere in a buggy this afternoon and returned after our supper was over, stopping at our house Ma passed through and took the baby with her telling me to get ready and take Willie with me and we should have a ride. Pa got out and Jimmie took his place and

after a little delay we started. Had a nice little ride which we enjoyed very much. Willie has been sick all day and is not much better this evening but we think he will be better tomorrow. He did not enjoy his ride very much still it did him no harm. I wrote to Mother Ricker after the children were put to bed.

Thursday, July 13, 1876

Very very warm.

It is just thirteen years today since the Union Army made its appearance at Yazoo City and we determined to leave the place when the soldiers did. Willie is better today.

Mollie York was in to see me this evening. When Jimmie brought the mail, there was a letter to me from Pa Ricker with a check from him for 25.00 and one from Ma Ricker for 15.00, quite a valuable present at this time. Pa had a letter from Jennie this evening telling of the narrow escape the boys had from death by lightning. They took shelter in a R.R. bridge and it was struck filling it with smoke and lightning like made from a gun. John was deaf in one ear for a while and Enos' left arm was marked as though a cat had scratched him. Fred was unhurt but badly frightened.

Friday, July 14, 1876

Weather still warm and stormy, we have little thunder showers almost every day.

I wrote to Father + Mother Ricker thanking them for their acceptable present of \$40.00. Pa went down on the Bonanza today, his first trip on her.

I was over home a while with Mollie and the baby. Maggie is still staying there.

Mrs. Chris Young called this evening to see us. I wanted to have Aunt Mary and Anna Young come tomorrow evening to take tea with us but Ma thought I had better not and Jimmie had said the same all along, I gave up the idea.

Maggie is having trouble with her eyes again and is staying with Ma for treatment.

Rec'd Rent \$29.69

Saturday, July 15, 1876

No abatement of heat that I can notice.

Jimmie is 35 years old today, and the baby is one month. Our neighbor Mrs. Boulding has a young daughter that was born at noon today. We will now have a little duet every evening instead of a solo as we have had for a month past.

I am alone this afternoon as Ma took Willie home with her after dinner but I expect her to come to tea and bring my children and her two remaining daughters. Had a letter from Uncle Drew this evening containing a draft for my show of dividend on Amazon bus (?) stock.

Also one from Pa Ricker with a check for \$ 6.20 for the children.

I had a letter from Ma Ricker too.

Sunday, July 16, 1876

Very, very warm.

Maggie missed S.S. this morning on assessment of her eyes. She is still over at Ma's and would stay there contentedly for the rest of her life I think.

Rev. Mr. Brown preached his first sermon here this morning and the folks talk as though they liked him very much. Jimmie went both morning and evening.

Monday, July 17, 1876

Hot as usual.

Thought I would try and start out today to pay some little bills and get some things that we need but failed to get away from home. While the weather is so warm there is little need of being ready to go out.

Mrs. Dr. Meyer and Lucy Rifenberick called this evening.

Anna young left today and I have not been able to go out to see her at all.

Tuesday, July 18, 1876

Weather extremely hot.

We do not try to do anything we can possibly avoid.

There was a very heavy black cloud gathering in the north east this evening but it passed on up the river and we escaped a deluge of rain.

I was over home a little while before tea and after tea I took the baby and went to see Mrs. Boulding and her baby a little while.

Had a letter from Jennie.

Wednesday, July 19, 1876

Weather still oppressingly hot, so hot that we do not know what to do with ourselves.

I do not try to do much. After tea I took a rocking chair and the baby out on the porch to see if it wouldn't be more pleasant. While there Miss Fanny Switzer came in and soon after Mollie Murray came then Ma so I had three callers until church time when they all left.

Thursday, July 20, 1876

Still rather hot this morning but towards evening it turned rather cool and the change was a very pleasant one.

I did not have a chance to write to Mother Ricker last night and so I did it this forenoon. It is always so late when baby settles down that I have no time to do anything in the evenings.

Friday, July 21, 1876

Quite cool and pleasant it is almost necessary to keep the windows closed. My doings these days almost is so little they are not worth recording. I managed to make a pilgrimage home nearly every day but find it quite an undertaking as I must take one baby in my arms and be followed by one or two more. This afternoon Thereza Spry came and sat quite a while with us. After tea Jimmie took Willie down street when he went for the mail. Mary was here several times this afternoon and evening.

Mar Ellen + little Mary were here this evening with Ralph in his new buggy which just arrived today.

Saturday, July 22, 1876

Macy knocked on our window this morning before 5 o'clock, she was on her way to the train going to Jackson for a day or two and wanted an escort to see her off. So Jimmie arose and arranged himself and went with her. It has been delightfully cool since Thursday. Ma came over and invited us to go and take tea with them as there was no one at home but Pa and her. Lizzie had gone with Rich to get flowers at the farm. We went and had quite a pleasant time. It seemed strange that I should be the only one of their children present and had three of my own.

Sunday, July 23, 1876

Weather delightful.

Maggie was here and went to Sabbath School with her Papa and after that to church but went home with Ma to dinner and Lizzie came here.

We have missed Macy today, there are so few days that she is not in to see us. Ma was here a long time in the afternoon and Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

The folks all still speak well of the new minister Mr. Brown and thinks he improves.

Monday, July 24, 1876

Delightfully cool and pleasant.

I was all day trying to get things ready so I could go on and attend to a little shopping at length. Mary and I succeeded in getting started about 4 o'clock leaving the three children with Ma and Lizzie. We had previously taken the baby up to Uncle Enos' intending to make a call and perhaps leave the baby with them if we could for a little while the folks had gone and we did not see them. We went to Connolley's and got some things and then to Mrs. Porthers to pay her and lastly to Mrs. Nickell's to see about a hat but she was gone.

Mrs. Spry was here this forenoon.

Tuesday, July 25, 1876

Still cool enough to be pleasant.

This day seems like a blank when I try to write of its events. I only remember that Miss Fanny Switzer and Miss Mumper called this evening and Mrs. Nut.

Wednesday, July 26, 1876

Warmer than yesterday but still very pleasant. Lizzie went to Cincinnati today to make a little visit. She is tired and not very well and needs rest. In the afternoon I was getting ready to go over home when Maggie Peebles came and made me a nice long visit. I always enjoy her calls. Maggie Ricker came home after tea this evening and we will have her home now for a while. Mrs. Miller and Em Voorhees called here this morning.

Thursday, July 27, 1876

Rather warmer today than yesterday.

The home folks are busy house cleaning, papering the front room etc., and Jimmie went over after dinner to help move furniture. When he came back I took the children over and was in time to help Ma sew carpet for her room. The front room looks very pretty with the white paint and delicate blue + silver paper and oiled walnut furniture. After tea we had two buckets blackberries that came on the cars and I picked over one of them and Mary Davis the other. After which we put them on to cook intending to finish them in the morning.

Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Friday, July 28, 1876

Very pleasant.

Finished cooking the jam and sealed up there being 10 jars of it.

After tea we got two more buckets of berries and Macy helped us look them over and put them on to cook. Ma was over and held the baby for me while I was busy.

One week from today we hope to see sister Jennie and the boys again.

Saturday, July 29, 1876

This morning I had 11 jars of jam when it was all done and now I am through with blackberries. Sister Jennie is 23 years old today.

I have not felt at all well yesterday nor today and rather dread having Miss Yost to see next weeks but I might as well have her come and be done with it as I can't do the work myself.

Sunday, July 30, 1876

Maggie went with her Papa to Sabbath School but did not go back to church with him. It was just as well for her to stay at home on account of her eyes. She had cold and is not at all well.

Monday, July 31, 1876

Miss Yost came this morning according the promise and my black grenadine is at last underway, being made over.

I had no callers today but the home folks, Flo Mc came in and Mace a few minutes to look at the baby. Macy seems to admire him very much.

Maggie went over home with Ma again today and did not return at night.

Tuesday, August 1, 1876

Rained some this afternoon and evening.

Miss Yost was here all day sewing and I helped her all I could but did not amount to very much. No one else was here except the family.

Baby has been very good today. There is nothing in the way of news worth reporting.

Wednesday, August 2, 1876

Rather cool and damp.

Miss Yost finished my dress about noon having been at it 2 ½ days. Jimmie came up about 10 ½ o'clock in a great hurry to see if he could go to Cin. I told him to go and he was soon gone. I have been sick all day with a severe cold and Maggie is just getting over one. After dinner John Peebles came with the carriage to see if Jimmie wouldn't go up to the Country farm with him and I was very sorry he was not here to go. He would have enjoyed it very much. Ma came over in the evening to stay all night with me and the children and I was very glad to have her company.

Lizzie came home from Cin.

Thursday, August 3, 1876

Quite warm.

Have been almost sick all day but took a notion after dinner to go down street and see about my hat and some other things. Ma came over and as she wanted to go alas we went together. I have not been nite (?) the stores down street for months before. Got a hat at Mrs. Nickells and put it on to make the rest of the trip in. Bought a best piece of carpet for chair, some lustine and muslin.

The ladies of the Mrs. Soe give a Fete Chapeteneout (?) at Mrs. Bell's this evening and I am very sorry I can't go. So the girls were going + told a she had better not stay with me tonight. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Charles Kinney called.

Paid Mrs. Nickells 1.50

Friday, August 4, 1876

Before I was up this morning Jimmie rang the doorbell and I went to the door and met Jennie, Jimmie with Freddie and the boys were standing outside. Jennie was anxious to see the baby. We did not do much but visit during the forenoon. I am still sick with my cold but keep going. Have been over home several times and would have gone to the Fete if I could possibly have done so. I was very sorry to have Jimmie miss it but he would not go without me. I saw Mary, Jennie and Lizzie start and they each all looked lovely. It was hard to tell which looked the prettiest. We who stayed at home had a forlorn time.

Paid Louisa Yost 2.00

Saturday, August 5, 1876

Rained this evening quite hard, Jimmie went and got some ice cream and owing to the state of the weather, they gave him extra measure and we had a real treat.

We have been going back and forth today visiting each other, Jennie has been here three or four times. Little Freddie looks thin and pale, has no teeth through yet but they are troubling him.

Sunday, August 6, 1876

Weather quite pleasant.

I am not very well yet and have not been out to church.

Maggie and her Papa went to Sabbath School and church and when they came home Uncle Sam was here to dine with us. The boys were in several times during the day.

Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Maggie turns 5 years old today.

Monday, August 7, 1876

A rainy day again, we have many such this summer.

I cut and made a skirt for baby today and it has kept me pretty busy, I must give baby credit for having been rather better than usual or I should not have accomplished so much.

Tuesday, August 8, 1876

Showery but Mary managed to get the clothes dried nonetheless. I made another skirt for baby and will now make some for myself out of those that were too heavy for him.

Maggie and Mary Peebles were here this morning to get my name and quarter for the new magazine club that the Society ladies are trying to get up in order to get premium.

Paid Mary 2.00

Paid the Cheo (?) .25

Wednesday, August 9, 1876

Nora Franklin called here this morning just after I had finished up my work.

No one else was in during the day. I wrote to Ma Ricker as usual.

Thursday, August 10, 1876

Baby was real good today and I cut out six waists for the children and made one of them besides getting all the others well started.

No one came in and I accomplished more work than usual. I was not over home at all I believe.

Friday, August 11, 1876

Ma and Macy came over this forenoon bringing a velocipede which Pa had sent to Cin for. He says he got it for himself but intends to let Willie have the use of it all the time that he does not use it himself.

Willie has been practicing faithfully all day and does very well for so young a boy, he will soon be able to go anywhere on it.

Saturday, August 12, 1876

Warm and damp.

I have been sewing all the time I could get today. In the afternoon I bathed and dressed the children and myself and took them and some work over home and stayed until supper time.

Mollie York was there and Mary kept the baby downstairs while I visited upstairs with Ma and Lizzie.

I was over home a few minutes after tea and saw Jennie and Fred who were there making a call.

Sunday, August 13, 1876

Warm with rain in the afternoon as usual.

I went to church this morning which was very remarkable. I heard Mr. Brown and liked him very much. Ma kept Willie and the baby for me while I was gone.

Willie behaved very well about his velocipede today, let it stay in the parlor all day until Uncle Jimmie came and then he brought it out to show him.

Home Missions .25

Monday, August 14, 1876

Warm, damp and cloudy in the forenoon but no rain, sun shone brightly all the afternoon. Baby slept until after 10 o'clock this morning and I had put the room in order and sewed a little before he wakened. I then bathed and dressed him and took him over home while he breakfasted. Finished off the half dozen under waists that I have been making for the children. Late in the afternoon I went up to Connolley's bought a bolt of muslins and paid my bill there which has been running since last spring. Went to Mr. Pebbles to see the folks there, especially Maggie who is sick. I've not been there before since March.

Ehrick's Mimhly (?) .25

Tuesday, August 15, 1876

Baby is two months old today and still has no name, it grows harder every day and I am almost discouraged about ever finding a satisfactory name for him. Jimmie took Maggie and Willie with his velocipede up to Uncle Jimmie's this evening and then to Mr. Peebles to see Marmie Crossley and Hattie Sarton's children. While they were gone I went over home and Macy, baby and I went up to see Mrs. Murrill and Mrs. Nichols. I altered Maggie's white dress also her bright pink calico and commenced the monogram on a handkerchief today.

Wednesday, August 16, 1876

Extremely warm and cloudy.

I spent most of the day embroidering the monogram in another silk handkerchief for Lizzie. I got it all done and then the children and I dressed up a little.

Jennie went to prayer meeting and afterwards to a speech and I put in the evening writing to Ma Ricker and Aunt Betsey Ricker.

Rec'd from Cin 38.95

Thursday, August 17, 1876

Warm and rainy. Everything is saturated with rain. I got 1 ½ bushels of tomatoes this morning and Mary + I paved them before dinner and after dinner we canned them getting 21 quarts cans full.

I was over home a few minutes and saw Lizzie's new black silk dress which is almost done and is very handsome. Two weeks from tonight we expect that she will be a bride, it hardly seems possible that the time is so near at hand. I have done no sewing today, after finishing the tomatoes I cleaned the baby buggy and it looks very nice, but will be nice still when there are a few repairs made to it.

Paid for vegetables .95

Friday, August 18, 1876

Very warm. Jennie is still stopping at Uncle Enos' and she and Miss Fannie Fannin were here a few minutes to stay.

I spent nearly the whole day in the kitchen and closets superintending and assisting in general house cleaning. Late in the afternoon I washed and dressed the family and was tired enough when night came. Jimmie went up the railroad to a speech this afternoon.

Mrs. Jan Lodrick and Miss Phoebe Gould called this evening to see us.

Saturday, August 19, 1876

Have been busy all day cleaning and putting the house in order. I've not been able to see to it before some time and it needed it very much.

I do not find much time for sewing these days.

I washed and ironed a dress for Maggie today to wear tomorrow.

Sunday, August 20, 1876

Very pleasant.

I did not go to church in the forenoon, not feeling very well. I preferred waiting until evening. Lizzie came to dine with us and we had grapes from our own vines, the first we have had from them. Enos is 16 years old today.

I went to church in the evening thanks to Ma who stayed with the children for me.

Monday, August 21, 1876

Bright and warm.

Jennie and Freddie came this forenoon to make us a visit.

Mrs. Connolley was here in the afternoon. I've done nothing of any account today but take care of the children.

Tuesday, August 22, 1876

Warm.

Willie is three years old today and has become quite skillful in the management of Pa's velocipede as it is called. He can run all around through the house, go backwards as well as forwards and also in a circle. We think he is quite small to do so well.

Mrs. Wm Tracy called this morning. I had a pick of wild plums sent over today and cooked them as for making jelly tomorrow.

Mrs. Greened was here to see Jennie and Fred.

Wednesday, August 23, 1876

Quite cool this morning but by evening it was very warm again.

Mrs. Greene was here just at church time and as Jennie wanted to go to church she stayed with Freddy and let Jennie go. Mr. Greene came after church and Mary Ellen was here and saw Ralph who has not been very well for a day or two.

Wrote to Ma Ricker as usual.

Thursday, August 24, 1876

Very warm with a thunder shower in the evening.

I was over home a few minutes this morning but did not see any one but Macy.

Jennie and I have done very little aside from taking care of the babies.

I covered 15 glasses of jelly and did a few odd turns that were to be done.

Mrs. Green was here late in the afternoon to see Freddy.

Friday, August 25, 1876

Weather pleasant.

I cut out and made a pair of drawers for Willie and put them on him when I dressed him in the evening. Freddy and baby were very good or I could not have done so well. Jennie watched both babies and worked on her afghan while I sewed on the machine. Miss Fannie Switzer and Fannie Moore were here after dark. They have been down the river and brought Grandma with them.

Saturday, August 26, 1876

Cool in the morning but grew warmer towards noon.

I spent the forenoon cleaning, sweeping etc. Maggie Peebles came in and sat quite a while in the morning. I was out nearly all the afternoon, Jennie kindly offered to keep both babies while I went to do some errands for both of us. I went and paid two bills and made a few purchases. When I came home Lucy Rifenerick was here. Aunt Mary Moore and Mrs. Greene were here this evening.

Paid Loever 4.40

Paid E.E. Elwing .50

Paid Connolley .70

Sunday, August 27, 1876

Weather delightful.

Neither Jennie nor I went to church in the morning but Ma stayed with Jennie and the babies in the evening and I went.

Mr. Brown preached his last sermon to the Portsmouth people this evening.

Monday, August 28, 1876

Cool in the morning but quite warmer later in the day.

Jimmie and I were up before six o' clock and picked over a bushel of blue plums which came from Cin yesterday.

Mary went to washing and by the time Jennie and the children were ready for breakfast, we had a good start on our day's work. Jennie went home to make her visit there this morning. Mrs. McFarland came in this morning and I had her stay to take care of the baby for me. I put up 19 quarts of plums made 5 glasses of jelly and then embroidered a white silk monogram R.R. P. on a white silk handkerchief for Lizzie making the third one I've done for her.

I paid ½ toilette seat 4.50

Paid for plums 1.00

Tuesday, August 29, 1876

Jennie and Freddy went over home today to make their visit there.

I have been busy all day getting ready for my company and the wedding.

We are expecting the Misses Ella and Belle Coles to stop with us at the times the other houses will be pretty full.

Wednesday, August 30, 1876

Ida Cragg came this morning to be one of Lizzie's bridesmaids and Helen + Addie came here to attend the wedding. There is hurrying to and for now getting ready for the event.

Lizzie has been busy all day with her dress. We or at least I feel sure that she will make the prettiest bride Portsmouth people ever saw.

Mrs. McFarland came today to take care of the baby and help me this week, I can't do much without someone to relieve me of the care of the baby. Belle and Ella did not come.

Thursday, August 31, 1876

Warm + cloudy in the morning but bright in the afternoon.

Lizzie's wedding way was spent on a sick bed and up to the last moment she was determined to go to the church + go through the program but she finally had to give up and Mr. Brown went to the church and announced to the large assembly that the bride was sick and could not go to the church but the ceremony would be performed at home. The retainers were sent for and then Ma, Jennie and I hurried to get Lizzie ready. Her dress was as handsome as it could be, white silk with Ma's white crape shawl embroidered in silk, draped as an over shirt, but the poor girl was too sick to care much how she looked as the things were put on quickly. When she was ready she went down to the front parlor and the attendants took their places. The folding doors were opened and Mr. Brown began the ceremony but after a few words Lizzie and Rich had to

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Sit down on the sofa and just after they joined hands he had to take her from the room. She went to the library a few moments and then returned until the ceremony was finished.

After the congratulations she went up immediately to bed and felt better when her things were off and she had on her loose wrapper. Macy + Mr. Warner, Flora McConnell + Mr. Cabot, Ida Cragg and John Miller were the attendants.

Friday, September 1, 1876

Weather lovely.

The wedding is over and although we were greatly disappointed about the way it terminated yet we feel glad it is over.

Lizzie feels much better this morning and has had a roomful of company all the forenoon but had to be still on the bed. In the evening she went to the reception at Mr. Peebles' as well as the rest of us. It was a very pleasant party and we all enjoyed it. Mrs. McF kept the baby for me so I was free to enjoy myself as much as I could

Mrs. Tewksbury as here in the morning and Helen Margaret + Julia in the afternoon.

Saturday, September 2, 1876

Mrs. McFarland came and stayed until noon today and then went home but came again in the afternoon and kept the baby while I went over home to tea. Helen and Addie went up to Mr. Tewksbury's to stay over Sabbath. We took tea with Mr. + Mrs. Brown at Pa's and spent a delightful evening.

Mrs. Enos Reed and Mrs. N B Dennis called to see me this afternoon.

Sunday, September 3, 1876

Lovely day.

Could not get out of the house this whole day.

Got all ready to go to church in the evening and hear Mr. Brown's last sermon but baby cried so I couldn't go.

Uncle Jimmie took tea with us.

Monday, September 4, 1876

Helen and Addie did not return from Mr. Tewksbury's until after dinner today.

This is wash day and has been rather a busy one as Mary had more than usual to do.

In the evening Helen and I went up to the humane Society. We were out a little while before supper and went to see Maggie Mason but she was not at home.

She and Mr. Mason had come up for a short stay and took afternoon for a trip over the hills.

Tuesday, September 5, 1876

At noon today Helen had a note from home urging her to go up and spend this evening there.

After much deliberation she decided to go and left on the Dugan. Addie did not go.

Mrs. Sherman Johnson called in the evening to see Helen but of course missed her.

Wednesday, September 6, 1876

Rained hard this morning.

I got Addie to keep baby for me and I went up to Mr. Peebles' + Mr. Tewksbury's and Maggie Mason's to ask them to come + spend the evening with us. Tomorrow evening in the afternoon I made some little preparations for their coming.

Helen came back from Ironton on the afternoon boat.

Thursday, September 7, 1876

Rained a little today as usual.

I was busy all day getting ready for my little party. Eighteen of my guests I think for there were that many to wait upon. Rich and Lizzie, Bart and Jennie, Helen + Addie, Hattie Damarim, Flo Mclead, Maggie Peebles, Maggie Mason, Ida Cragg, Mary Moore, Fannie Moore, Jan Miller, Mrs. Marshen + Davy Johns. Several of whom we asked could not come. We had quite a pleasant time. Helen made me a card Lastat + Addie made me a frame of white splints, it is the first work Helen has done with her fingers since they were burned in the fire (sp) of June.

Friday, September 8, 1876

Warm and cloudy.

I am 28 years old today.

I have been busy about nothing all day, I do not try to do anything but keep the house + children in order.

After dinner Mrs. McF came to stay with the children and Helen + I got ready to go out but we had only made two calls and then had to hurry home on account of a rain coming up.

Thereza Spry called after tea and when she left we all got ready + went over home to spend the evening with a small party.

Bart + Jennie came in the morning for their home.

I had my first street car ride today in the Ports cars.

Saturday, September 9, 1876

Very warm and sultry.

I hurried and got things ready that I might go out to the cemetery when the morning train came in as Uncle Drew had telegraphed to Jimmie that he would be here with their baby's remains.

Some of the Peebles, Tewksburys, Ma and Helen + Addie besides Jimmie + I went out. Mr.

Rosford came home from Ironton. Uncle Drew was here to dinner + afterwards Mrs. H. came.

The girls went home on the Dugan this afternoon. We had a nice visit from them but it was not long enough.

We have had the hardest thunderstorm this evening that I have ever saw I think.

Sunday, September 10, 1876

Excessively warm and close all day and in the evening it rained very hard.

Uncle Drew and Mr. Hosford came home with Jimmie from church and stayed until church in the evening. Uncle Jimmie Wood was here also. Jimmie has been forged with visits from his relatives lately.

I was not out to church at all today neither was I last Sabbath.

Monday, September 11, 1876

Cloudy all day but no rain until late in the evening. Uncle Drew stayed with us last night but did not come back at dinner time after going down street.

Mr. Hosford left on the Granite Slate for home.

I have been feeling very well and have made a beginning on the fall sewing. All day I have been trying to plan in my mind some way for us to get to the Centennial I am so anxious to go and there seems to be no possible chance for me to gratify the desire.

Mrs. Allen McFarland was in to see us a few minutes this evening.

Tuesday, September 12, 1876

Uncle Drew went upon the Dugan today to Ironton and will probably go home tomorrow. He took dinner over at Pa's today and after dinner the folks were over here until he left.

In the evening Jimmie and I went out to Mr. Bell's to S.S. Leaders Meeting, Mrs. McFarland keeping the baby while we were gone.

Wednesday, September 13, 1876

We heard this morning of Col Jones being suddenly taken ill and at 5 ½ o'clock this evening he died after being ill only a few hours.

I have been busy all day sewing and have finally got a pretty good supply of panties for Willie.

Uncle Drew went down the river today and Jimmie saw him a few minutes on the boat when it stopped here.

Thursday, September 14, 1876

Rained very hard this forenoon and some after dinner. Ma took the children over home and Jimmie Mary and I went to Col Jones' funeral. It was intended to be held at the house but was found necessary to take into the church the Upper Episcopal, Rev Franklin Hierating (sp).

He will be greatly missed in his family and in the community as was testified by the very large attendance at his funeral. He leaves a wife and four small children one an infant only about a month old. Maggie + Em left the day she was taken sick and got home about noon today, just in time for the funeral.

Put up some tomatoes.

Friday, September 15, 1876

This is Ma's and Mary's birthday.

I have spent the whole day trying to cut out six or seven gingham aprons for the children. Macy said she would make them if I cut them out for her.

Mrs. Hutchins and Nora Franklin called this morning.

Baby has been quite troublesome all day and I do not have a very good chance to work at anything.

This is the anniversary of Maggie Mason's wedding and a sad one it is for her and the rest of the family.

Saturday, September 16, 1876

Cool but pleasant.

I did not feel well when I got up and soon after breakfast I had to go to bed where I remained the rest of the day.

Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary have been married 13 years today.

Mrs. Richardson was in this morning a little while.

Sunday, September 17, 1876

Cool and cloudy and gloomy.

I spent the day in bed more comfortable than I was yesterday but still not able to be up. Jimmie and Maggie went to Sabbath School but not to church. I couldn't manage the other children very well by myself under the circumstances. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea with Jimmie and the children.

Monday, September 18, 1876

This has been a most trying day for me. I came to the conclusion that baby must learn to be still and not cry to be taken up and have spent the entire day endeavoring to teach him a lesson which seemed hard to learn. He cried nearly all the time as though he would go sick spasms but I knew if I gave up it would only be that much worse when I made the next attempt. It almost made me sick but I manage to get through with it and at night he went to sleep and slept sweetly and peacefully as usual. I began altering Willie's everyday fall dress but did very little to it.

Wrote to H+P for a paper for Jennie.

Tuesday, September 19, 1876

Have been busy as usual but did not accomplish much, it seems as though I never do now. Mrs. Draper was here this afternoon late, I have been trying today and yesterday to train baby a little, he is getting quite spoiled and wants to be up all day long. Has cried a good deal today but not as much as yesterday.

Wednesday, September 20, 1876

Pleasant weather.

Ma is getting ready to go to the Centennial next week.

Jimmie has been at work all this week for the free lunch to be given Friday when Carl Schurg comes.

He took Willie to work with him in the afternoon and I sent baby over home to stay while I took Maggie to make some calls. I called to see Grandma, Mary Peebles, Mrs. Jones + Maggie, Aunt

Mary Sam, Aunt Sallie and Julia Young and Clara Pursell but she was not home. Did not see Maggie or her mother within as they were not at home.
Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, September 21, 1876

Rainy all day.

I began my grape jelly this morning after breakfast and had just cooked the grapes when Ida Cragg came in to spend the day. I left it then and devoted my time to her as it is the only visit I am to have from her. She expected to leave on the boat in the morning. Lizzie came over after dinner and brought her work.

Ida left before tea and I then went over to see how Mrs. Smith was and found her not so well as she has been.

I wrote to Jennie today or rather this evening.

Friday, September 22, 1876

Some sunshine but more clouds and rain was the order of the day. Everything and everybody was astir of wite (?) quite early getting ready for the Carl Schurg speech and free lunch. The people came from the country and surrounding towns in wagons and horseback, on foot + boats + barges.

There was a procession and then dinner and the vast crowd had assembled for the speaking when a hard rain began to fall and the crowd had to seek shelter. All who could went to Massie Hall and heard the speech. Uncle Alex, Fred, Jimmie and the children + I started out together but the children + I went to Mary Murphy's and spent the afternoon. Jimmie sent the bus there for us about 4 o'clock and we came home. I was disappointed that I did not see Schurg.

Wrote to Clara King.

Saturday, September 23, 1876

Rained all last night and part of today, we have had a great deal of wet weather.

I spent the forenoon sweeping and dusting and after that I sewed a little. Finished off Willie's busker dress which I have had on hands all week trying to get new sleeves and plaiting on it. Aunt Sallie young and Ma were over in the forenoon and again after dinner.

I have felt very well today and have accomplished about all I expected to do. Had a nice long letter from Mother Ricker also one to Jimmie from his father.

Sunday, September 24, 1876

Lovely day.

Ma kept the children and I went to church in the morning but was not out after that. Maggie and her father went to S.S as usual.

Monday, September 25, 1876

Pleasant.

Pa + Ma left for the centennial this morning on the Potomac going up to Huntington to take the Chesapeake + Ohio R. R. at that point. I spent the day making new garters for the children. They have needed them a long time but I always dread making them.

Tuesday, September 26, 1876

Beautiful and pleasant.

Today I made a change of girls. Mar Davis goes home to make a long visit and I take Rosa Rizer in her place expecting to keep her if we agree. Sorry to lose Mary but I could not do without for so long.

I've been home all day and sewed what I could get but I did not have much to show for it when I was done.

Presbytery met at the 2nd church this evening but I am so situated at present that I couldn't take any delegates to entertain. Jennie and Mary went out to the opening meeting tonight.

Wednesday, September 27, 1876

Rather gloomy in the morning but it cleared off bright and pleasant.

Rich and Lizzie here this morning for the Centennial I was too late getting over to see either of them before they left. I feel quite lonely now no one over home but Mary + the boys.

Em Voorheis + Dellie Ella Murray + Isabella were here this afternoon. Em expects to move soon. I began knitting a pair of scarlet stockings for one of the children this evening.

Wrote the usual letter to Mother Ricker. Made a little lace cap for the baby out of an old one of Maggie's. Mary Davis went home today. Aunt Mary Sam was here today. Mr. Gibson called.

Thursday, September 28, 1876

Beautiful day but quite cool.

I've had company today so much of the time that I accomplished very little work. Anna Hempstead was here quite early in the day. After she left I had to get myself + the children ready to see Mr. Folsom who was here to dinner. After that I hastily made over Freddy's little lace cap for him and then Maggie Peebles came and made a nice visit, bringing baby a pretty new sack. When she left Ella Covertief (?) + Bertie called and made quite a visit. After tea I went up to Connolly's a few minutes and that ended the day's work.

Fannie Switzer and Fannie Moore were here this evening.

Friday, September 29, 1876

Rain in the morning but later the sun came out and we had a lovely day. Jimmie left early with several others to attend a special speech at Ironton. I was busy with my work all the forenoon but after dinner took the baby in the buggy and went down to see Em Voorheis who expects to move to Cin next week. From there I went to see Mrs. Jones but she was not at home. We found Mary Peebles at home and stayed there quite a while. Went to the store and then came home. Baby cried at first when he was put into the buggy but soon became accustomed to it.

Saturday, September 30, 1876

Was at home all day. There was preparatory lecture at our church but I could not go. I believe we all was here during the whole day.

Sunday, October 1, 1876

Rather cool.

Willie went to Sabbath School this morning with Maggie and his Papa. It was his first appearance there.

Uncle Jimmie was here to dinner. While Jimmie + Maggie were at church, I took the two little ones over to see Macy but she was not there so we stayed a while with Miss Farmer and then came home. After dinner Rosa kept the children while Jimmie + I went to the communion.

Monday, October 2, 1876

Weather very pleasant.

I've been busy all day but it would be hard to find anything that I have done. Baby does not seem real well and takes a great deal of my time.

Wrote to Maggie Mason.

Tuesday, October 3, 1876

Pleasant but cool enough for fire which we kept in the dining room stove have not yet opened the grates.

Rosa ironed today and I have never had the pleasure of putting away such nice looking clothes since I have been housekeeping. If she does as well in future as she has done this past week she will be a real treasure. This is Will + Ella Bonsall's anniversary. Will + Clara Pursell have a daughter today.

Wednesday, October 4, 1876

Some rain and some sunshine.

I cooked crab apples today for jelly, sewed some in my cashmere basque, finished the sleeves in the forenoon and after dinner I took the children over home a while.

Had a letter from Jennie wrote to her also to Mother Ricker, Uncle Enos had a telegram from Pa saying they would remain longer at the Centennial than they had intended at first.

No one was in today. Mr. Voorheis moved his family to Cin or rather Cannington today.

Thursday, October 5, 1876

Rainy and rather cool.

I spent the forenoon making crab apple jelly and the afternoon ripping up and fixing over my basque (sp) which I had supposed was ready to wear.

I am rather unfortunate in getting things made, almost always have to up and sew over anything I have done. Have been at home all day except once when I went over to see Macy a few minutes. No letters today from anyone.

Friday, October 6, 1876

Beautiful weather.

I was up street today to get some things for the children and before coming home I went to see Hattie Sorton at Mr. Peebles'. The girls told me that little Mamie Peebles is sick and Mrs.

Peebles has gone up to help take care of her.

It turned quite cold in the evening late.

Saturday, October 7, 1876

Pa came home from the Centennial this morning having left Ma at Frazeysburgh with Jennie. /I have been very busy all day but don't know what I accomplished. Trimmed over my hat for one thing and pressed out baby's things to have him ready to be baptized tomorrow if the exercises take place.

Sunday, October 8, 1876

Lovely day. Pa is 61 years old today. I went over house to see him this evening while the children were gone to Sabbath School. I did not have a chance to go last night. I went again in the afternoon while Jimmie and Willie were out to Judge Saltus' funeral. Uncle Jimmie Wood, John + Enos took tea with us this evening. Baptism of children was postponed on account of Saltus' funeral.

Monday, October 9, 1876

Pleasant weather.

Have been at home all day. Mrs. J. B. Nichols was here in the afternoon writing a long letter to Ma telling her how nicely we were all getting along and then in the evening John fell from the horizontal bar and broke his right arm a t the wrist so Jimmie had to write and tell Bart that as we want Ma to come home.

Tuesday, October 10, 1876

Beautiful day.

The state elections took place today and everything was very quiet. I have been at home all day busy as usual.

Wednesday, October 11, 1876

Bright and pleasant but quite cool.

I took the baby and went over to see Gussie Connolley or rather Gussie Haldeman this morning. Was at home during the afternoon until quite late. When Jimmie came home to tea he told me that Mamie Peebles, Rob's little girl was dead and I went up to see Maggie Peebles about it.

The rest of the folks had gone up to Ashland.

Julia and Dollie Pursell called in the afternoon.

Thursday, October 12, 1876

White frost in the morning.

Lovely fall day.

I was at home all the afternoon but after dinner Willie went down street with his Papa and took Maggie and the baby down to see Grandma and then out to see Clara Pursell and her young daughter and afterwards to Carrie Simms's.

I have had a bad cold and do not at all feel well. We expected Ma home today but she did not come. Have no word and do not know why she did not come.

Friday, October 13, 1876

Frosty in the morning but delightful after the sun warmed the air. I was sewing in the forenoon and after dinner Mary + I went up to Mrs. Peebles' to attend the funeral of little Mamie, Rob + Hattie's daughter. We did not go out to the cemetery, I had such a cold I was afraid to ride out so I went to the store and got some things I needed and then came home.

Saturday, October 14, 1876

We had news of Ma this morning saying she would be home on the evening train and we were all glad to hear it. Three weeks is a long time to be without Ma though we wanted her to stay as long as she wished and all sorry to have brought her home by such a serious accident as the breaking of John's arm. Night brought Ma and rain also and I had such a cold that I could not go out but she came to see us.

Sunday, October 15, 1876

Beautiful day.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and he went to church. After dinner the usual service for household consecration was held and we went and had our baby baptized and called him Robert Carleton but what we will call him I don't know yet. After that service we went up to see Grandma Moore and then Ma + I went up to Dr. Jones' a few minutes but did not see either Mrs. Jones or Hattie. The doctor died about 1 o'clock this morning after a Rhett illness.

Monday, October 16, 1876

Delightful day.

M and I went up to Mr. Peebles about 10 ½ o'clock this morning to see Hattie Peebles and the others but she had gone out to the cemetery, Mrs. P. was sick in bed, Hatt Newton had gone with Hattie Peebles and Maggie was with little John so we spent most of the time with Mary. They feel the loss of dear little Mamie very much indeed.

In the afternoon Dr. Jones was buried and Jimmie went to the funeral. I stayed with the children.

Tuesday, October 17, 1876

Bright and pleasant.

The event of today was the marriage of Will Silcox and Maggie Stewart at the 2nd Presbyterian church. We were invited but did not go. I seldom do go to church now and do not like to go to other places when I do not go there. Have been sewing a little today as I usually do whenever I can get a chance.

Wrote to Aunt Betsey Ricker.

Wednesday, October 18, 1876

Pleasant. John Peebles brought Sallie + Mattie home today and Lizzie came over unexpectedly to all of us. This is Mattie's 5th birthday and Maggie was invited up to Mr. Peebles' to spend the day with her and several other little ones. Linn + Isabel Murray Bertie Coventry and Jennie Bousalt were the party. After dinner I took the baby and went up then to see Sallie and while out called at Mrs. Jones' and Mrs. McFarland's. Emma Dane and Frank Connolley were married this evening and had a grand wedding.

Rich, Lizzie and Mace went. We were invited but did not go.

Thursday, October 19, 1876

Beautiful Autumn weather. I felt like being out and as I could not go calling I busied myself fixing up my winter flowers and pulling down the summer vines which are now all spoiled by the frost. After I had finished Jimmie came home and worked an hour or two in the yard improving the look of things very much. I took the babies and worked over home while he worked and the played. Sa Ella Greene over there. After I came back Miss Fannie Switzer came in and out a few minutes.

Friday, October 20, 1876

A lovely Indian summer day and quite warm. I have been in the house all day sewing when I could get a chance on some underclothes for Maggie. No one was in today except for the home folks. The children played out most of the time as it was too warm + pleasant to keep them in.

Saturday, October 21, 1876

Today I have been engaged in the spare room ransacking the clothes box and making war on the moths which have appeared there. I did my best to exterminate them. Did not have a chance to sew any today.

Sunday, October 22, 1876

Jimmie and the children went to S. school and as there was no service at the Presbyterian churches, he and Maggie went to Sixth Street to church and heard Mr. Bethcuser preach. Lizzie and Rich and Uncle Jimmie were here to dinner.

Monday, October 23, 1876

A rainy gloomy day which makes blue Monday for the washer women. I sewed hard all day and one night shirt completed besides the others cut out were the rest of my labors.

Tuesday, October 24, 1876

Rather cloudy.

Sewed as busily as I could all day on a couple of night shirts finished one about bed time. No one was in and I was not out, not even over home today. They are busy and so am I.

Wednesday, October 25, 1876

Rather cloudy and gloomy after dinner. Emma Murray was married to Mr. Herron of Hillsboro at our church this morning but we did not go though we had invitations.

I wrote to Ma Ricker as usual this evening. Sewed during the day. Finished a night shirt for Jimmie and finished a pair of drawers for Maggie.

Began taking milk of a milk man.

Thursday, October 26, 1876

Beautiful day. I spent the whole of it in the house sewing and taking care of the children. I am getting the children's clothes in pretty good order, that is their underclothes. I ought to be able to do it though when I do nothing else. Maggie had a letter from her Grandma Ricker tonight enclosing a short one for me how to turn the heel of a stretching for Maggie.

Friday, October 27, 1876

A lovely fall day but one of the heaviest fogs of the season hung over the river and city until late in the forenoon. Maggie O' Connel came to make my waterproof so I had to be up early. Baby did not give me a chance to do much at the sewing myself. He does not seem well at all.

Saturday, October 28, 1937

Warm and pleasant, we had quite a shower in the afternoon and late in the evening it thundered and was very threatening but the storm went by us. Maggie O' Connor + I have been working very busily at my water proof all day but did not succeed in getting it done.

I've not been out + no one has been here today.

Sunday, October 29, 1876

Cloudy in the morning but it soon cleared off and was beautiful until late in the evening when it rained a little.

Jimmie and the two children went to S.S. and he went to church. I was not out at all. Macy was here to dinner and Uncle Jimmie to tea. Ma and the boys were here in the afternoon.

Monday, October 30, 1876

Weather perfectly lovely, we all allowed the fires to die out and it was too warm to rekindle them. Maggie O' Connor and I sewed busily all day and made very good progress. She will only be here one day longer to help me. I had a letter from Jennie today, poor girl she is very homesick and wants some of us to come to see her as soon as possible. Mr. + Mrs. Connolley were

out making calls today. I want to go this week if I can get ready and the weather continues pleasant. Miss Fannie Switzer brought Ralph to see us this evening.

Tuesday, October 31, 1876

The weather is too fine for people to stay at home and sew but still it must be done. Maggie finished off my dress today and left. I now want to go out every chance I have until my calls are paid off. I have a long list of them and want to make them before cold weather.

Wednesday, November 1, 1876

This has been a warm lovely day and after dinner Ma and I went out to make some calls. We began at Dr. C. P. Dennis and called up 2nd Street stopping at Mrs. Gis Johnson's, Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. Uril (?) Tracy's, Mrs. Lowell Jones', Mrs. Dronllos' (?), Mrs. Chas Lloyd's, Mrs. Saw's Reed's, Ella Murray's, Mrs. Denloy's, Mrs. And Mrs. E. B. Greene's. When we left there it was quite late and we hurried home. This is only the beginning of what we mean to do on a regular tour of the town. Ma came over and insisted that I should go to church and she stayed with the children

Thursday, November 2, 1876

Rained all day and consequently I could not go out to call again this afternoon as I had intended. I went over home and got a bundle of aprons which I had given Mary to make and began on them myself. I finished one before bedtime but Mary had the ruffles all ready to put on and that facilitated matters considerably.

Friday, November 3, 1876

This is our anniversary. 6 years today since we were married but it is not so bright a day as was. The weather has been decidedly cloudy and gloomy. Mrs. McF came to see if I wanted to go out but on account of the weather I preferred staying at home and sewing on Willie's aprons. In the evening while Jimmie was gone to a speech, I sewed and then knit a while on Maggie's stockings. The new porter store came today.

Saturday, November 4, 1876

Bright but cooler than it was yesterday or the day before. We are all well and enjoying the weather while it lasts. The men came this forenoon and put up the store and built the fire in it. I mean the climax in the parlor I think we will have a great of comfort with it. It will be so nice to be able to keep all the inside doors open. Ma and I talked of making calls this afternoon but Mrs. McF did not come to stay with the children so I could not leave. I did not do much sewing today but worked a little on the new aprons for Willie.

Sunday, November 5, 1876

Pleasant weather still.

Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual and he went to church but I stayed at home all day.

Monday, November 6, 1876

A rainy day consequently a good one for sewing or any indoor work. I spent the most of the day regulating my closet and (?). That with the care of the children and a little knitting used up all my time.

Lizzie went to Cin today but I did not see her before she left.

Tuesday, November 7, 1876

Weather still rather damp and gloomy although the sun occasionally shines.

This is the great day that has been looked forward to with so much interest. Jimmie has spent the whole day at the poles working for Hayes + Wheeler against Tilden and Hendricks. Mrs. Folsom was here this afternoon + stayed to tea. Josie Murfin + her baby Roby Mclead, Miss Switzer and Artie + Beatrice were here also so we had plenty of company.

Wednesday, November 8, 1876

Brother John is 10 yrs old today. I have been sewing on Willie's gingham apron today and in the evening wrote to Grandma Ricker as usual.

Thursday, November 9, 1876

Mary Peebles and Mattie came in quite early this morning and when Mary went away she left Mattie to play a while and then came after her. She wanted Maggie to go home with her so I promised that she might go after dinner when she + Willie went to have their air cut. While they were gone I took the baby and went over home a while. Did not do much work during the day but worked at night to make up for lost time.

Friday, November 10, 1876

Spent the forenoon getting ready to go out after dinner. Mrs. McFarland came to stay with the children and Ma + I went out and made sixteen calls, finished up on 2ns Street and made some on 3rd + 4th streets. Had a very pleasant time and found all right when we returned. Finished off Willie's apron today and now he has 7 new gingham aprons besides three made in the spring. Had a long letter from Clara King.

Saturday, November 11, 1876

Beautiful weather.

Did not accomplish much today in the way of work but went out with Ma after dinner and made a dozen more calls. I am doing very well in that line and hope soon to be out of debt and then I may expect to begin to sicine (sp) again.

Sunday, November 12, 1876

Jimmie and the two children went to S.S. and then I went with them to church and Ma stayed with the baby for me. Rev. Mr. Rossiter was announced to preach but for some reason a change was made and he preached to Mr. Ketchum in the morning and Dr. Pratt in the evening.

Monday, November 13, 1876

Rather cloudy and gloomy. I was busy all day cutting out aprons for Maggie. I cut out four and began making them. In the afternoon Mr. Rossiter called on behalf of the Grad society. Mary Glidden came in and stayed to tea with us.

Tuesday, November 14, 1876

Sewed busily on my aprons but did not accomplish much until the children got to bed at night. I find I must work at night if I do much.

It is now a week since election and still there is nothing very certain regarding results. Both sides claim the victory most persistently.

Wednesday, November 15, 1876

Weather gloomy but not cold. I managed to finish the four aprons today by hard work and after dusk I hurried up to Connolly's and got the material for a dress for Maggie and expect to begin that tomorrow. Baby is 5 months old today. I got a half pound of scarlet yarn from Cin today for which I paid \$1.00 and I want to see how many pairs of stockings I can knit from it.

Thursday, November 16, 1876

Was almost all day getting Maggie's dress out and planned. It is dark brown, black and red plaid, not very expensive but sensible I hope. No one was in today and I was not out.

Friday, November 17, 1876

Sewed as usual when I could get a chance. The baby is quite fretful and hard to take care of. It takes about all my time to attend to the wants of the three children.

Willie has taken cold and is almost or quite sick this evening, Jimmie has been making cider and the children have been out and in until they both have cold from it.

Saturday, November 18, 1876

I managed to get Maggie's dress done tonight all but the fastenings so that she can wear it tomorrow if she was well enough to go out which is not likely to be the case. She and Willie are both hoarse. We have had to send for the Dr. for Willie. He was here last night and this morning again.

I wanted to have Rich + Lizzie, Will Peebles and Mace here to tea this morning but the children were not well enough so I gave it up.

Sunday, November 19, 1876

Rainy and gloomy.

The children both had to stay home from S.S. which was a great disappointment to them. I stayed right with them all day giving them my closets attention hoping to cure them of their colds. They are still very hoarse and cough a good deal.

Monday, November 20, 1876

Cloudy and damp but no rain.

The children are better but still cough even worse than they did last night. I have sewed some today. Finished off the dress and made a white skirt for Willie.

Tuesday, November 21, 1876

Mrs. Amy Arthur, wife of Lee R. Arthur Brooks died this morning at Kingsville Ky where she had gone with him to visit his mother. She died very suddenly congestion of the brain it is supposed. We feel very sad about it and sorry for Mr. B who has lost such a lovely wife today. Jimmie brought home a pine (?) of goods to see if it would do to make an overcoat for Willie.

Wednesday, November 22, 1876

Cold, windy and unpleasant. I went out this morning to try + get a pattern for Willie's coat. Failing in that I went + borrowed Eddie Meyer's coat + cut a pattern from it. After dinner Jimmie + I went down street to see what we could get to make the coat of and finally brought home the piece he got first, a soft thick olive brown chinchilla cloak which sold for about \$6.50 a yard from the whole piece but being a small amount we got it for \$ 3.50. Was up to Mr. Peebles a few minutes to see Sallie but she was out.

Thursday, November 23, 1876

Put in the day getting the coat out and started. It seems like quite an undertaking for me when I've never done anything of the kind before.

Jimmie read the notice of Mrs. Brooks' death this morning in the paper tonight in the morning news which was the first we had heard of it.

Friday, November 24, 1876

Sewed all day on the coat and got along nicely. Had several callers in the meantime. Mrs. Tewksbury + Ella were here, then Maggie Peebles came and she held the baby while I finished basting the binding up. Just before tea Mary Ellen + Miss Fannie came.

Saturday, November 25, 1876

I tried very hard and worked very late to get Willie's coat done today so he could go to S.S. tomorrow but had to put it away unfinished after all. Ma came over and made the button holes for me. I was down to see Mrs. McConnell about milk. We will take from her today.

Sunday, November 26, 1876

Both the children went to S.S. today. I bundled them up pretty well and they did not take any more cold I think. Ma kept the children and I went to church with Jimmie in the evening.

Monday, November 27, 1876

Dreary bad weather especially for washing but Rosie got ours done.

I've been busy all day but scarcely know what I've done. We are looking for Uncle Drew, had a letter from him saying they were coming so we are getting ready for them.

Tuesday, November 28, 1876

I made mincemeat today and was busy with it all my spare time in the forenoon and after dinner while I was finishing it Aunt Hamilton came and brought her knitting and sat until 4 o'clock. Would not accept my invitation to tea so I walked home with her. Ma was here all the afternoon and sewed the sleeves in Willie's overcoat for me. It is now done and cost \$4.50 but I could not buy as good a one for double the money. The material is fine, cost \$6.50 per yd as sold for men's overalls but being a remnant, we got it cheap.

Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Wednesday, November 29, 1876

Spent all day getting the house in order for our expected guests, Uncle Drew, Aunt Jennie, Frank and Clara. They came on the evening train and after tea Mr. Tewksbury called to see them. Mrs. T was out of town but will be home tomorrow.

I found the baby's first tooth through this morning. It was quite unexpected to me.

Thursday, November 30, 1876

Thanksgiving day and it looks like it is everything is white with snow though it is not very deep. We had Aunt Jennie, Uncle Drew, Frank + Clara, Pa, Ma, Mace, the two boys and Uncle Jimmie to dinner with us. Lizzie + Rich were invited to Mr. Peebles as it was his birthday. Jennie + Bart are at home in Frazeysburgh having a little dinner party. We had a very pleasant time with our party. Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury came down in the evening.

Friday, December 1, 1876

Snowy and cold.

We stayed in the house all day. I sent word this morning to Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury to come + spend the day but they were invited to Ella's so could not come until after dinner then Mrs. T came with her knitting and we had a very nice visit.

Baby has been almost sick today with cold. We are having a nice visit with the folks. It is too cold + snowy to go out so we stay at home and visit.

Saturday, December 2, 1876

Snowy, windy and very cold today.

Mrs. Tewksbury sent for the folks before dinner today and they went up to stay the rest of the time.

Lizzie came over with her work after dinner today and was here all the afternoon. Ma was here also but Mary was not here at all which was rather unusual. Mrs. Bell+ Mary were here this morning to see Aunt Jennie.

Sunday, December 3, 1876

Cold, snowy and bright.

Jimmie + the two children went to S.S. Willie wore his new overcoat for the first time. Macy came over and insisted that I should get ready and got to church although the baby was not dressed I went and she kept both Willie and the baby. Dressed the baby + I guess it was the first time she ever did such a thing. Freddie Greene is 1 yr old today. Lizzie and Rich took dinner with us today.

Monday, December 4, 1876

Snowy and cold.

Spent the afternoon in the house putting things in order and ripping Maggie's new dress which is too short and must be lengthened. Mary + Lizzie were both over today sewing on some dresses for Freddy, they and Ma have four aprons for him. After dinner went up to Connolley's + got some yarn which I took to Uncle Jimmie for mittens for a little carne boy and then went to see Mrs. Martin for Mother Ricker and visit to Mrs. Greene's, then to Mrs. Tewksbury's where I saw her + Aunt Jennie. Lastly to Fannie Kerr's to get her to make a dress for Mother Ricker and then home.

Tuesday, December 5, 1876

Quite cold but clear.

We were all invited over home to tea this evening together with Mr. + Mrs. Peebles, Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury, Uncle Dew + Aunt Jennie, Dr. Hempstead and Mrs. Hamilton, she was the only one who failed to get there.

I had Mrs. McFarland come and stay with the baby and so I had no trouble with him.

We all had a very pleasant time.

Wednesday, December 6, 1876

Bright but rather cold.

While I was dressing the baby this morning Jennie Tewksbury came in to tell me that her mother wanted us to come up and dine with them. Ma was here and said she would take the two older children home with her and I would take the baby of course. Mace and Lizzie were here also this morning. About noon Jimmie and Uncle Drew came up so we all went together to Mrs. T's.

John, Sallie + Mattie Peebles, Joe + Ella Murray + their children and ourselves were the guests.

On our way home in the evening we stopped a few minutes in to see Grandma.

Thursday, December 7, 1876

Cold, cloudy and dark.

Have been at home all day. Aunt Jennie and Mrs. Tewksbury were here late in the afternoon. They expect to go away tonight if the boat came in time so she came to say goodbye.

After tea Jimmie went up to see them and I should have gone with them but did not feel at all well so I stayed at home. Aunt Mary Sam was here this afternoon.

Friday, December 8, 1876

A bright, cold morning with a good deal of wind which grew worse all day and when night came there was quite a violent storm with some snow.

Uncle Drew called this morning and when he had gone I got myself + the children ready and we all but the baby went to the boat to see them off. While there, Lizzie + Rich came down very expectantly to us on their way to Cin. Ma brought her work over in the afternoon and sat a while. She is embroidering a seal brown cashmere dress for Freddie.

Saturday, December 9, 1876

Bitter cold today, the thermometer went lower that it has at any time this winter. I was at home all day and sewed what time I could get between other work. Finished fixing over Willie's navy blue silt skirt and did several other odd jobs that had to be done.

Sunday, December 10, 1876

Very cold and windy.

Jimmie + the two children went to S. S. and he went twice to church but I did not go out at all. I have a very bad cold which almost makes me sick.

Had letters today from Maggie Mason and Mother Ricker. She also wrote to Maggie and Grandpa to Willie. Willie rec'd a cop of the St. Louis slobe (sp) Democratic which he appreciated highly. Uncle Reuben was here today. He goes back to the Soldiers' Home at Dayton tomorrow.

Monday, December 11, 1876

Bitterly cold.

Jimmie went to the train this morning to see Uncle Reuben off for the Soldiers' Home at Dayton. He has been here on leave of absence for about a month past.

Lizzie and Rich came on the evening train from Cin. A good many Portsmouth people came among them Uncle Enos + Sam and others of the Bonanza's crew as the boat is ice bound at Cin.

Tuesday, December 12, 1876

Weather moderating a very little. We are having a great deal of cold weather this winter. I can't recall anything in particular that I did today. The days are very much alike.

Wednesday, December 13, 1876

Weather not very cold.

I have been busy all day but it would be hard to tell what I have done besides write to Ma Ricker. I went out this afternoon to do a little shopping and while out stopped to see Julia Pursell Ruple and Maggie Mason's mother.

Saw Maggie + Mary Peebles in the street but not to speak to them. I am almost sick with cold feel miserably.

Thursday, December 14, 1876

Clear and very pleasant/

The home folks have been busy and did not come over until evening. Ma was getting Jennie's room ready thinking she would soon be here and Mary had promised to go out to Aunt Mary's to spend the day and she kept that promise. After tea they came over here and had just got settled for a little visit when John came to tell them that Jennie and Freddie had come. I did not get over to see them this evening. The cards are out for the marriage of Will S. Greene and Addie Dunlap next week.

Friday, December 15, 1876

Weather turned very cold again today making the 3rd Friday in succession that it has done so. Jennie and Ma were over this morning and left Freddy with us while they went out for a while. He played with the children or rather watched them and allowed them to amuse him nearly all the time his mother was gone.

Carleton is 6 months old today and his second tooth has just cut the gum.

Saturday, December 16, 1876

Cold and clear.

Jimmie was gone all day weighing ice at Mr. Davis' store on 2nd street. He came home long enough to eat his dinner. I have not yet begun to fix for Christmas, have been hoping all day to get through with some other things that were very necessary to be done but it seems as though the leisure will never come.

Sunday, December 17, 1876

Cold and rather cloudy.

I have a very severe cold and was not out of the house today except to go over home and after to keep Freddy while Jennie went to church. Maggie and Willie went with their father to Sabbath School. Miss Emma has given them each a verse to repeat at the S. S. celebration Christmas.

Monday, December 18, 1876

Jimmie ordered an early breakfast for this morning expecting to leave at 6 for the disulley (sp) to sigle (sp) ice for Mr. Calbert. When we awoke it was raining and I told Rosie not to get

breakfast early but Mr. G came unexpectedly and Jimmie had to go without breakfast for which I was very sorry.

Mrs. Draper was here after dinner to ask if Maggie could take the part of the Fairy Queen in the piece Santa Claus' House which is to be given at the S. S. celebration next Monday (Christmas night). She left a book for her and she began to learn it today. Maggie Peebles and Mattie Wood called today to see us.

I went to see Mrs. Jas Nichols this evening about Maggie's dress for the Fairy scene and she very kindly loaned me Katie's things.

Tuesday, December 19, 1876

Bitter cold and snowy.

Jimmie was away all day. Mary kept the baby for me in the forenoon and I went out to do some errands. Did a great deal of walking but very little buying. Went to see Maggie Peebles and ask them to come Thursday instead of tomorrow, hoping Jimmie would be home that day. In the afternoon Mary and Mattie Kendall were here a few minutes, Ma was here almost all the afternoon. She stayed with Willie and baby while Maggie + I went down to Mrs. Draper's for the rehearsal.

Will Greene and Addie Dunlap were married this evening at the 2nd Pres Church but I was not there to see them.

Wednesday, December 20, 1876

Cold and snowy.

Jimmie left early this morning and was gone all day as usual trying to get things ready for Maggie to wear Christmas.

In the afternoon Jennie + Freddie came over to stay until after tea and I had three callers besides. Mrs. Oscar Ruple (Julia Pursell) Dollie Pursell and Miss Emma Bell. In the evening I wrote my usual letter to the folks and then dressed a doll for Maggie. It was 11:30 PM when I was ready for bed.

Maggie + Willie got some mittens in the mail today from Hamilton Fe'e (?).

Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

Thursday, December 21, 1876

Moderating a little, the streets are snowy and slippery. We were hoping Jimmie would be at home today but about 10 o'clock he had to leave and soon after that Maggie Peebles and Mattie Wood came to spend the day and we had to dine without a gentleman. I kept the girls to tea and Jimmie was home by that time.

We spent a very pleasant day but was away and Mary Peebles could not come.

Friday, December 22, 1876

Rain falling and freezing all day made a glare of ice over everything, the first day of this kind we have had this winter. Jimmie left at 6 o'clock this morning for his place of business at the distillery scales.

We all ate breakfast together and I got an early start but do not see that I am much farther along with my work tonight. Bab Carl takes so much of my time that I do not accomplish much work. I altered Katie Nichols' white dress a little so that Maggie could wear it high necked + long sleeved. Was over home this morning and Ma was over here while I was gone.

Saturday, December 23, 1876

Was very cold and icy, Jimmie was over the Scioto all day again and I was busy as could be. I am trying to get Maggie ready for the celebration and between times am doing a little for Christmas. Nothing for the bog folks as I have no money to spend and will confine my efforts to the children as very little goes a great way with them. Bart came tonight but I did not see him. After the children went to bed we popped corn and filled the little bags ready for Monday morning.

Paid Mrs. McConnell 2.15 for milk and began taking Mrs. Wright on 6th street.

Sunday, December 24, 1876

I was not out of the house today except to go over home a little while. Saw all the folks. They have no girls now and they stay right there and work all the time.

Monday, December 25, 1876

We arose at 4 o'clock this morning and fixed the tree and filled the children's stockings then went to bed again for a while but got up early as Uncle Jimmie was to take breakfast with us. He came and after breakfast the children got their first sight of the tree and were quite delighted. Maggie went to two rehearsals during the day and we all went to the celebration in the evening. Willie made his first speech in public being one of a class who each repeated a verse. He + Maggie both remembered their verses perfectly. Maggie did very well as the Fairy Queen also. The church was full but she was not the least bit frightened. We dined at Pa's today with all the home folks. I have been very busy all day but got through very satisfactory at last.

Tuesday, December 26, 1876

Cold and clear.

I was all the forenoon getting the house in order after our festivities. Ma, Mary and Lizzie were over a while and the Flo McConnell came and after that Pa was here so the morning slipped away instead of yesterday.

Wednesday, December 27, 1876

Cold and icy and windy.

Maggie had to be at the church to have a picture of Santa Claus House taken. Jimmie told her + Willie that far on the sled and then she + I stopped and they went up to Uncle Jimmie's. We spent the whole forenoon at the church and it was very cold there.

In the afternoon Maggie Peebles and Mattie Wood called to see me and Maggie told me that Maggie Mason has a son born last Thursday I think.

I wrote her as well Mother Ricker this evening.

Thursday, December 28, 1876

Cold and cloudy.

Busy about the house all the forenoon and after dinner Ma and I went out to do some errands and make a call at Mr. Peebles to see Mattie Wood. We went to Connolley's and I paid my bill there and bought some material for a cap for Maggie, went to Miss Newton's to get some stampering (sp) done, called at Mr. Peebles, stopped at Mrs. Trotter's and lastly to Grandma's.

Friday, December 29, 1876

Snow began to fall last evening and has continued increasingly today until there is a very heavy fall on the ground tonight. More than has been seen here in years I think. This has been the fifth Friday that a sudden + severe change had taken place in the weather.

I went over home this afternoon, made an excuse of an errand as I wanted to go anyway. I am making a lace cap for Maggie of cashmere lace and cardinal ribbon.

Her hat is too cold.

Saturday, December 30, 1876

More snow today but the weather is almost too cold for snow to fall. The sleighs have been going all day until late in the evening. Lizzie called to see me and asked if I wouldn't go and take a little ride but I could not go as it was juts supper time.

After doing my usual Saturday work I did a little needle work. This is Uncle Enos + Aunt Mary Ellen's 3rd Anniversary.

Sunday, December 31, 1876

Very cold and clear with several inches of snow on a level. I was not out at all today but Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School and he went to church twice.

Jennie and Bart are up at Mr. Greene's but expect to come down home tomorrow. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea and Macy took dinner with us. The close of this year finds us all well and happy for which we are truly thankful to God the Giver of all our blessings.

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Lord from E. F. W 20 ¼ lobs
Butter for E. F. W. 1.10 or @ 35 cts
Butter for E. F. W. ¼ lbs @ 38 cts
May 1st Lard 10 lbs 6 oz

June 2 Lard 12 lbs 12.1
Paid Ma for Lard \$ 5.85
Jan 31st 1877

A list written in the front of the book

Roses

No 1

No 2 La Marque

No 3 Clestine Foutze

No 4 Adrienne Christophil

No 5 Purple Brown

No 6 Pink Hermosa

No 7 Bougere

No 8 La Pactolo

No 9

No 10 Mad Damarson

No 11 Duchess de Brabant

No 12 Bou Citene

Geraniums

No 1 Coles Hill

No 2 Lady Mary Fox

No 3 Gentl Grant

No 4

No 5

No 6 Masin Christine

