

**Catharine Stow's 1854 diary**, along with six others, was located in 2020, three years after Jim and Ellen Stepleton had initially donated the Stow Family papers (including a number of Stow diaries) to the Filson Historical Society.

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In January 1854, Catharine *Manser* Stow was 42 years old. Just a few weeks earlier, her eldest son Hiram (1835-1853) had died while at college, and Catharine is grieving. Her immediate family circle now consists of her husband Uzziel (usually called "Mr." in the diary), daughter Viola (age 12), and sons Loring (15) and Baron (6). Just across the road live her brother-in-law Shelomith Stow; Shelomith's wife Mary Ann *Quincy* Stow; Livia *Hayward* Stow, widowed mother of Uzziel and Shelomith; and Julia Stow, the orphaned daughter of Solomon Stow and Harriet Pratt Stow. Julia is 11 years old.

Catharine's own parents live near Allensville, and sometimes make an appearance in her diary. They are John Manser (1785-1863) and Judith *Hyde* Manser (1788-1871). Some of Catharine's siblings and many other relatives are also in the neighborhood. In the diary, "Father", "Grandfather," "Grandpa," or "Grandpaps" invariably refers to John Manser, since there is no elder Mr. Stow living. (Jonah Stow had died in 1840.) However, the term "Mother" can refer either to Livia Stow or Judith Manser. The attached transcription will identify within parentheses [ ] the intended mother. The term "Grandmother" seems to be reserved for Livia Stow.

In addition to these, a bewildering array of persons surface in Catharine's diary. Following the diary's transcription is a list of these individuals, and where possible they have been minimally identified.

Catharine and her family had arrived in Switzerland County c. 1820 when Catharine (1811-1899) was about 9 years old. Family history cannot precisely date when the Mansers departed New York state: it may have been as early as 1817 or as late as 1819. In any case, Catharine would have received little if any formal education after her family headed west. Her diary therefore reflects the level of literacy that she attained largely through her own, or her parents', efforts. It also reflects the influence of a frontier dialect.

Loring Stow also kept an 1854 diary, and Uzziel commenced one (it lapsed in March 1854). Therefore Catharine's account can be slightly amplified by these sources. It is evident from her diary that Catharine sometimes made several entries during the course of a day, sometimes at the end of the day only, but on other occasions made none at all, only to enter her recollections at a later time.

#### NOTE:

The following transcription contains punctuation not found in the original; some, but not all, of Catharine's spelling errors have been corrected; and a particular effort has been made to correct the spelling of the given names and surnames, as an aid in identifying the persons mentioned. The transcriber will have made errors as well. If precision is required, please consult the original.

... indicates a word, a portion of a word, or a name that could not be deciphered.

... .. signals two or more indecipherable words.



*Catharine Stow Journal of  
every day*

**Sunday, January 1st, 1854.**

I staid at home. U.H. went to Bethel to Church. Lovina, Viola, and Loring went to Bethel to Church. In the afternoon went to Jacksonville to take E. Stow down and for a sley ride. Lovina went home in a sley.

**Monday, 2d.**

Mr. and Mrs. Hastie came in a sley here. I commenced Viola's black dress. Grandmother [Stow] was here a little while, and Malvina Welch was in a short time. The boys went to Allensville to singing school at night. Moses Cole was here in the evening.

**Tuesday, 3d.**

Worked on Viola's dress. Mr. hauled some wood for the schoolhouse, at home the rest of the day. Viola staid at home Mon and Tuesday to work, Lovina came home this afternoon.

**Wednesday, January 4th, 1854.**

Mr. Stow went to the mill for lumber. Working on Viola's dress. Washing done to day, and scrubbing. Eleanor Bliss called in. Viola went to school to day.

**Thursday, 5th.**

Mrs. working on Viola's dress. Mr. is trimming apple trees. Miss is ironing, baking, and chopping sausage meat. Grandmother [Stow] and Mary Ann was over in the evening. All hands went [to] Temperance meeting.

**Friday, 6th.**

Mr. went to Enterprise half day. Mrs. finished Viola's black dress. Mary Ann brought my cloak home, and cut my black cape and [is] making it. Mr. and myself went to Mr. Phillips in the evening.

**Saturday, January 7th, 1854.**

Mr. went to Fairview to quar. meeting. I made pair of drawers for Loring and a waistcoat for myself. Mary Ann was here a making my dress. Mr. went to the Sons [of Temperance] in the evening. Loring staid all night with Howard.

**Sunday, 8th.**

Mr., myself, and Viola went to Fairview to Church. Br. Ruter preached to a very large congregation. We came back to Father's and took supper and then came home.

**Monday, 9th.**

Mr. went to Center Square, gone ½ day. Mrs. sewing various articles. Went to Mr. Washer's in the evening on a visit, had a pleasant time, got back by little before 12. Mr. Pate here on business today.

**Tuesday, January 10th, 1854.**

The appearance of a storm to day. Mr. was gone to the Warehouse to day. The children have all gone to school to day. We went to Mr. Hyde's on a visit this evening. Today Shipman hauled hay to the river. [The warehouse was near the mouth of Log Lick Creek and was used to store hay prior to river transport. I think -but am not sure- that it was jointly owned by several area farmers, including Uzziel Stow.]

**Wednesday, 11th.**

Raining to day. Mr. Smith was here seeing about gravestone [for Hiram Stow, who had died December 8]. Shipman hauled hay to day.

**Thursday, 12th.**

Still storming, part rain and part snow. Sewing to day. Mr. and Shipman is chopping wood. Mr. goes this afternoon to Miss Seymour's funeral. Rover lost his eye to day.

**Friday, January 13th, 1854.**

Still storming, a little snow. Mr. is cleaning grass seed to day. I am sewing again. Lovina is at various affairs. I received a letter from Olive. I went over to Shelomith's in the afternoon, paid Mary A. for her sewing \$3.00.

**Saturday, 14th.**

To day is my Birthday. Not anything in particular happened. It is a very pleasant day. The men folks are chopping and hauling wood. We went to Allensville to a temperance meeting. Lovina went home this after noon.

**Sunday, 15th.**

Mr. went to Fairview to Church. The [temperance] meeting is still going on. There have been some 40-50 who have joined. They're meeting again this evening. The rest of the family is going to the school house to hear Mr. Dolby.

**Monday, January 16th, 1854.**

Mr. Harris is buried today. Died with the typhoid fever. Rain all day today. I am sewing; Lovina is making her dress. The children have gone to school.

**Tuesday, 17th.**

It is quite dreary. The ground is covered with sleet. I am sewing. Mr. is in the barn to work. Lovina is getting dinner and making her dress. The children have gone to school.

**Wednesday, 18th.**

Mr. went to the mill, and over to Mr. Hyde's and was gone all day. I am sewing. Mr. Smith and Mr. Wood was here to day. All sleet yet. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips was here to night. The girls went over to Phillips.

**Thursday, January 19th, 1854.**

Mr. is home today, quite rainy today. Lovina is washing to day. I am sewing and doing various affairs. Mary Ann is here cutting Viola's cape. To night it rained very hard all night. Mr. Leeds from Green Castle was here tonight.

**Friday, 20th.**

Mrs. at home. Grandmother [Stow] was here this after noon and it is blowing and raining very hard. and hailing.

**Saturday, 21st.**

Mr. went over to Allensville to see about sending for an eastern teacher [from the Board of National Popular Education, based in Hartford, Conn.]. I am sewing. Lovina and Viola are about various affairs. To day it is very cold. The thermometer stands to 6.

**Sunday, January 22d, 1854.**

To day is very cold but pleasant. This morning the thermometer stands at 3. Lovina went home to day to stay a week. Mr. went to Green Grove to Church to hear Br. Sparks speak an encouraging word. The rest of us were looking at Hiram's things and thinking of the past. [It is possible that "Mr. Leeds of Green Castle," mentioned above, had brought to the Stows items belonging to Hiram, who had died at Indiana Asbury in Greencastle on December 8, 1853.]

**Monday, 23d.**

Still very cold but pleasant. The thermometer was 10 dg below zero. The children have went to school. Baron is with me. I am doing house work and sewing. Monday in the after noon I was quite unwell, and at night was sick with a bad cold.

**Tuesday, 24th.**

I am not able to hardly be about. In the evening was very sick, and all night. To day more moderate and pleasant. [referring to the weather] Mr. is at home.

**Wednesday, January 25th, 1854.**

To day I am about again, Martha is here to day, and Grandmother [Stow]. Today is quite warm. In the after noon commenced raining. Viola staid out of school to day to help about the work. Mr. is at home.

**Thursday, 26th.**

To day is quite warm and cloudy. Mr. Smith was here and got Hiram's daguerreotype. He is going to Cincinnati and have it taken out to put it in Hiram's tombstone.

**Friday, 27th.**

To day is pleasant but cold. I am making quite a display in the baking line, making pies and cakes. I am entirely alone. The men folks have gone to the river to deliver hay.

**Saturday, January 28th, 1854.**

Mr. is still at the river loading hay. I am not very well to day. Mr. Chamberlin and Mary F. and E. Stow came here to day from Madison.

To day has been a day of deep meditation with me on the goodness of God.

**Sunday, 29th.**

We went to Church to Bethel. In the afternoon we all went up to the schoolhouse to hear Mr. Dolby preach from transgression is the great sin [note: Catharine's handwriting is not clear here: my transcription is uncertain.]

Mr. Pate staid with us all night. I still feel that the Lord is precious to my soul.

**Monday, 30th.**

Mr. goes to the river again to day. I am not as well to day. Lovina is working to day. Mrs Wells is here to day. L. Stow and Mary F. and Chamberlin is here this afternoon.

**Tuesday, January 31st, 1854.**

Mr. is gone to the river again. I am some better. Mrs. Culp and her cousin were [here] a while in the after noon and got a pair of rabbits. To day I feel the Lord is still with me and willing to bind up a broken heart.

**Wednesday, February 1st.**

Mr. is still delivering hay. This evening there is a spelling school and I am left alone. My mind was occupied in running over Hiram's short life. His place amongst us is vacant.

**Thursday, 2d.**

This morning was warm and pleasant. This evening is blowing a perfect gale. Mr. finished loading one boat, came home and Mr. Blunk is with him.

**Friday, February 3d, 1854.**

Mr. goes to day to deliver hay to Mr. Pate. To day is another long day of meditation and grief. How can I ever get used to the vacancy in my family? But I must submit to the Lord's will.

**Saturday, 4th.**

Mr. finished loading another boat to day. Mr. Smith was here to day and brought Hiram's likenesses with him. I gave him 2 dollars. The price was 1.50. I gave him 50 towards the other one.

**Sunday, 5th.**

We all went to Church to Center Square to a protracted meeting. Rev. Sparks preached from Revelations, 20th ch, 11-12 ver. He preached with unction from on high. He had a large congregation. At night, several went forward to be prayed for.

**Monday, February 6th, 1854.**

5 have joined the Church to day. Mr. has gone to the river again to see about the hay business. I am still very unwell with my head. It is a very pleasant day and not very cold. We have company this after noon from Madison and Jacksonville. In the evening we all sang a great many spiritual hymns.

**Tuesday, 7th.**

Loring has gone to Mr. Hastie's to day. Mr. has gone to Church to the protracted meeting. The

Madison folks have gone home to day. Raining this after noon. Mr. and Francis Manser went to Church this evening. The work of the Lord seems to be reviving in this part of His vineyard.

**Wednesday, 8th.**

Raining this morning. Mr. has gone to Church to day. Loring and Viola have gone to school. Mr. went to Church again this evening.

**Thursday, February 9th, 1854.**

Mr. and myself and Mother Stow went to Church, and had a very interesting sermon preached from 2 Timothy 2 ch and 2 verse by Rev. Sparks. We had Baptisms. It was the closing of the protracted meeting. There has been 15 joined the Church.

**Friday, 10th.**

Mr. was at various affairs and trimming trees. Baron is sick with the tooth ache and his face is swollen very bad. Today is very pleasant. Lovina is baking and I am sewing. I stept over a few moments to see Mrs. Phillips' sick child. Loring and Viola are at school to day.

**Saturday, 11th.**

Mr. is at home this fore noon and in the after noon he went on business to see Mr. Downey. In the evening to hear a temperance speech by Rev. Sparks. Rev. Bailey is here this after noon and staid with us all night. He was quite unwell with a sore throat.

**Sunday, February 12th, 1854.**

Appearance of rain. Today is warm and windy. To day Mr. and Loring went to Bethel and heard Brother Bailey preach from Luke 10 ch 42 verse. I remained at home, reading for edification. Mr. went to Center Square for the funeral of Mrs. Henry's child which died on Thursday morning last. In the after noon Mr. Gary preached at the school house.

**Monday, 13th.**

Lovina came home to day. Today is raining most all day. I went to Mr. Phillips. In the evening they were all over here, Mr. and Mrs. Gates also. Mr. Stow is at home to day and sold another lot of hay to Mr. Blunk. Mr. Aldrich commenced working here again to day. He is painting. Viola did not go to school to day.

**Tuesday, 14th.**

Last night it thundered and lightned very hard. To day is raining again. Mr. A. is painting. Loring, Francis, and Viola are here today. Mr. went to Allensville to day and to Mr. Hyde's to see about a girl [a prospective hired girl]. I am knitting to day.

**Wednesday, February 15th, 1854.**

It is pleasant to day. Mr. and Aldrich is getting out timber for a stable and shed. I am fixing Mr.'s old overcoat. Mr. Shipman went this after noon to haul wood for Mrs. Welch.

**Thursday, 16th.**

Mr. has gone to Vevay to day to pay his taxes. Mr. Aldrich and Shipman are getting out timber. I am sewing as usual. Loring and Francis went to Green Grove to a temperance lecture.

**Friday, 17th.**

Mr. was getting out timber for his stable and shed. I went to Enterprise to day to Harriet Seymour's and at Lyman's tonight.

**Saturday, February 18th, 1854.**

Mr. went to the river to deliver hay to Mr. Hyde. I was not very well to day. It is very pleasant to day.

**Sunday, 19th.**

To day Mr. and the rest of the family went to Green Grove to Church. I staid at home and read. We have a protracted meeting going on now at present. Viola joined the Church to day and Mary Wells also.

**Monday, 20th.**

Mr. went to the river delivering hay to Hyde. The meeting is still protracted. They are still gathering in the lambs of the flock. To night the young folks go to Church. Brother Bailey is here to get a horse to ride up to Church.

**Tuesday, February 21st, 1854.**

Mr. is at home to day. It is raining to day. The meeting is still continued. Roads very bad and nights very dark.

**Wednesday, 22d.**

Mr. S. and Aldrich and Shipman went to the river to day. Lovina is washing and Mother Stow is here cutting carpet rags. I am sewing.

**Thursday, 23d.**

I got Peet [Pete] to ride. Brother Bailey was here to day and Mr. S. and his two men are preparing and hauling their timber to day. Viola, Lovina, and Frank have gone to Church to day. The protracted meeting closes to day. There have been 15 joined the Church. Mr. and Mrs. Gates is here this evening.

**Friday, February 24th, 1854.**

Mr. S. and his men are getting their timber hauled while it is frozen weather. Mr. S. went to Platt's to get the carriage fixed this afternoon. ~~Loring has gone to Vevay to day.~~ Warm and pleasant to day.

**Saturday, 25th.**

Mr. S. went to the river with a load of hay. Shipman went home to get wood. Mrs. Welch is here to day. Mr. and Miss Hastie is here also. The girls are fixing for Sunday, quite pleasant. Loring has gone to Vevay to day. Sold 2 rabbits to Mr. Shaw to day 50 ...

**Sunday, 26th.**

Mr. S. has gone to Bethel to meeting. Brother Sparks preaches there. Lovina went to Allensville to hear Brother Bailey. It is raining to day.

**Monday, February 27th, 1854.**

Mr. S. and Shipman is pressing hay, part of the day, and at night we all went over to Allensville to a Temperance Exhibition and there saw the tippler exhibited down to the grave.

**Tuesday, 28th.**

Mr. S. has gone to the Rising Sun. I just finished a pair of pants for Mr. Stow of fine cloth. The young folks goes to Allensville to night to a temperance show. ["Rising Sun" is a river town in Ohio County, Indiana. For some reason, Catharine always affixes a "the" to this town's name.]

**Wednesday, March 1st.**

Mr. went to Enterprise to see about a counterfeit 5 d he had got. I was over to Mr. Phillips on a visit.

**Thursday, March 2d, 1854.**

Mr. is at home trimming apple trees. I went over to see Mother Stow - she was quite unwell. Mr. Bonham went to Mr. Montayne's to marry Mr. Phillips and Angeline Montayne. Showery day, rained and blowd very hard that night.

**Friday, 3d.**

Very pleasant and sunny day. Mr. S. at home, had quite a rat hunt, killed 12 or 14 old and young rats. Shipman went to the river with a load of hay, broke down one wagon wheel. Two travelers staid all night. They were selling pine trees.

**Saturday, 4th.**

Mr. S. is putting up potatoes in barrels to take to Louisville. Lovina went home to day. Sold to the pine tree sellers 2 pair of rabbits. 1.00.

**Sunday, March 5th, 1854.**

Very pleasant to day. Mr. went to Green Grove to Church. Lovina and Isabelle Cooper came here this evening. Isabelle is going to stay till her school begins.

**Monday, 6th.**

Mr. is at home today. Mrs. Pavy was here to day. It has the appearance of rain. Mother Stow, myself and Baron are talking of going to Marble Hill tomorrow and Mr. S. is going to Louisville.

**Tuesday, 7th.**

Very rainy to day. Our prospect very slim for Marble Hill. Mr. S. has gone to the river to start for Louisville and we give it up. Mr. comes back to stay all night, rains all night.

**Wednesday, March 8th, 1854.**

Mr. starts for Louisville this after noon. Mr. Phillips' child is very sick. We were almost fearful of smallpox. They sent for a Dr. He pronounced it Foul Stomach. Child very sick. I staid with it till one o'clock at night. It was better.

**Thursday, 9th.**

Still raining. I pieced a comfort and put it on the frames and quilted this evening on it: Lovina, Isabelle, Viola, and myself. Still raining very hard. Lovina went to wash for Mary Ann to day.

**Friday, 10th.**

Still raining. To day is the last day of school. Viola and Baron went there this after noon. We got our quilt off and made it. Rained till 9 at night and cleared off.

**Saturday, March 11th, 1854.**

Very pleasant to day. Lovina goes home to day.

**Sunday, 12th.**

Very pleasant. Mr. S. has not got back from Louisville yet. The young folk have all gone to Allensville to Church. I am at home as usual, reading. Loring went home with his Grandpa.

**Monday, 13th.**

Very pleasant. Mr. Aldrich came to work to day, and Shipman too. I am making a pair of pants for Loring. Mother Stow is here cutting carpet rags.

**Tuesday, March 14th, 1854.**

Mr. is not back from Louisville. Mother Stow and myself went over to Mr. Bliss's, had a very pleasant visit with Grandmother Ruter and Abigail Melick. Very pleasant to day.

**Wednesday, 15th.**

I went over to Father's today, found all well, the meeting still going on at Allensville. Several have joined the Church. Mr. got home from Louisville 10 at night in the rain. It rained and hailed about as hard as we generally have it in this country.

**Thursday, 16th.**

Mr. went to the river to deliver hay to Mr. Blunk. Loring went to get some canaries, birds that his father bought at Louisville. He undertook to bring them out the night before and his horse ran with him and [the birds] got out of the cage. Found them.

**Friday, March 17th, 1854.**

In the morning. Mr. is at the river again delivering hay. Finishes to night. Mother [Stow] is here working at her rugs. I am sewing as usual.

**Saturday, 18th.**

Mr. is at home to day. He is not very well to day. I finished Loring's pants to day and hemmed two kerchiefs. Very pleasant to day.

**Sunday, 19th.**

Mr. and myself went to Center Square to hear a Universalist funeral. Sermon preached was the text in 2 Samuel 14 ch and 14 v, for we must needs die. This was a very large congregation [led] by the Rev. B. F. Foster.

**Monday, March 20th, 1854.**

We went to Allensville, Jacksonville, Center Square, and from there home. Mr. Culp came here to day to get Isabelle to go to work for him. But we decided in her not going. So you see we feel we have a great cloud off our minds. Olive Hyde came here.

**Tuesday, 21st.**

Rainy to day. We went to Aurora, came back as far as Mr. Lodings [sp?], staid all night. Loring has been helping Howard plow yesterday and to day.

**Wednesday, 22d.**

Mr. came home this after noon. Olive Hyde left this afternoon. Loring is helping Howard plow to day. Mr. is setting out apple trees this evening.

**Thursday, March 23d, 1854.**

Mr. went to Ce. Square to set out apple trees and Mother S. and myself went to Mr. Abbott's and helped.

Harriet Kingsley quilt.

Henry Phillips died this evening.

**Friday, 24th.**

Mr. went to Vevay to get some apple trees and shorts for the horses, and heard that Mr. Shaw was worse.

**Saturday, 25th.**

Mr. and myself went to Mt. Sterling to qt meeting, then went to Mr. Shaw's and staid all night. Brother Ruter preached.

**Sunday, March 26th, 1854.**

Mr. Shaw was no better. Went to Church and heard an elegant sermon from Luke 29 ch 46-47 v by Br. Ruter. We came right home.

**Monday, 27th.**

Mr. and myself went to the Rising Sun. I went to get a tooth plugged. Made a visit to Mr. Weiss.

**Tuesday, 28th.**

Mr. is rolling logs to day. Mr. and Mrs. Dolby, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Beauford, Mrs. Buttles, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Gary, Mrs. Stow, Mother S, Mr. Bonham were here this after noon. A pleasant time we had of it you may depend.

**Wednesday, March 29th, 1854.**

Mr. is home choring to day. It is cloudy to day, snowing a little. I went over to Mother Stow's. Mrs. Buttles, Mrs. Aldrich, and Mrs. Phillips were all assembled. Raining this afternoon, and through the night.

**Thursday, 30th.**

I was at home sewing.

Cloudy and cold, snow on the ground this morning.

Mr. and the boys were putting up potatoes.

**Friday, 31st.**

Raining to day. Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Buttles, and Mother Stow were here this afternoon. Mr. and the boys are putting up potatoes again.

**Saturday, April 1st, 1854.**

We went to Barkworks to view a road. Cloudy and cold to day.

Isabelle goes home to day.

**Sunday, 2d.**

Mr. got home this morning.

Mrs. Smith is buried to day.

**Monday, 3d.**

Mr. went to election to Enterprise to day. I went to Mary Ann's to day a visiting.

Loring has gone to Madison to day. Newton Kirkpatrick commenced working here to day.

Mr. Shipman is here.

**Tuesday, April 4th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home and we have company to day. Mrs. Kingsley, Mrs. Buttles, Mrs. Phillips, Miss I. Phillips, Mother Stow, Mary Ann, Mary Wells and Mr. Kingsley and Mr. Bliss. It was very pleasant to day and they all enjoyed themselves very much.

Mr. Smith put up Hiram's tombstone.

**Wednesday, 5th.**

Mr. went to Vevay with Harriet Seymour and in the evening Mr. and myself went home with her, staid all night. Went to the store, got a black lawn dress and a calico dress, 8 yds. of linen nankeen, neck ribbon, 120 cents worth of buttons.

**Thursday, 6th.**

Mr. and myself came home this morning. Father and Mother and Mrs. at Melick's. Mr. and Mrs. Slawson and their three children were here to day. Mrs. Kingsley; Harriet F; mother of Mary Ann S, called in the afternoon. Mr. went over to the mill.

**Friday, April 7th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. Francis is plowing the onion patch. Lovina is ironing. I am sewing. Very warm and pleasant to day.

**Saturday, 8th.**

Mr. is gone to Quercus Grove to help view a new road in that regions of country. Francis Man[ser] had a slight runaway scrape with Pete and Nance.

**Sunday, 9th.**

Mr. staid at home to see to our fires, the wind was blowing such a gale. The rest of us went to Bethel to Church and heard Br. Bailey speak quite an interesting discourse. In the afternoon it rained and the wind blew very hard.

**Monday, April 10th, 1854.**

I am cutting out a dress for myself and for Viola. Lovina is making a bedtick. Mr. is about home, I believe. Raining to day. Viola finished her calico dress to day.

**Tuesday, 11th.**

Mr. is at home. I am making my dress. Malvina and Mary is here this afternoon. We are all expecting Loring to day; he landed at Mr. Hastie's this evening.

**Wednesday, 12th.**

Mr. is at home. Loring has got home from Madison this forenoon, had a pleasant visit. Brought me a book, price 35; one pocket book, 60 ct; Viola one book, 35; Baron, a book, 25. All fine presents.

**Thursday, April 13th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. Harriet and Betsey is here to day. Lovina is washing. I finished my dress to day. Mr. Curtis, the temperance lecturer, is here to day and lectured to night at the school house. Mr. Hastie was here this evening. I finish my gingham dress to day.

**Friday, 14th.**

Mr. has gone to the wagon shop to Jacksonville. Raining all day. Mr. Curtis leaves this evening to lecture at Green Grove. I am making Viola's gingham dress to day.

**Saturday, 15th.**

Mr. is home. Mr. Blunk is here, making a settlement. Raining, is very windy and cold. I am sewing Viola's dress. Lovina went home this after noon, was to be back to morrow.

**Sunday, April 16th, 1854.**

Mr. went to the schoolhouse to hear Br. Bonham deliver a Sunday School address, but did not have any. Raining and snowing all day. I staid at home and read. Lovina came home in the evening.

**Monday, 17th.**

Mr. was at home. Mr. Clark sent his son for money, six hundred dollars was the amount. Snowing all day. I am sewing on Viola's dress and mending various articles. Lovina is sewing [and] paring apples for apple butter. Loring is helping.

**Tuesday, 18th.**

Mr. is hauling saw logs. I am making apple butter, made 12 gallons. Pleasant to day. I finished Viola's dress to day.

**Wednesday, April 19th, 1854.**

Mr. is hauling alone to day. I am making my calico dress. Mother Stow starts for Marble Hill to day. Martha Dunning is here to day and brought me 11 pair of sok.

**Thursday, 20th.**

Mr. and Shipman went to Plum Crick to work on the road. I am sewing. Mrs. Phillips is here this afternoon. Lovina went home today. We had 2 Shanghai chickens come out to day. [This is the breed that later was called "Cochin." They first arrived in the U.S. ca. 1845.]

**Friday, 21st.**

Mr. is at home today. Mr. Hyde paid Mr. Stow to day the money for hay. I am sewing. Martha Pavy came to work for us to day. Very pleasant and warm to day.

**Saturday, April 22d, 1854.**

Mr. went to Mr. Platt's and came back by the mill and got some corn meal. I have been scrubbing and cleaning to day with the girls,

and painting the clothes horse. Loring is painting Mandy's bed room and the eave trough.

**Sunday, 23d.**

Mr. and the children went to Sunday school. Mr. and myself and Mrs. Phillips went to Bethel to Church and heard Mr. Boyd preach and lead class. Had a very profitable meeting.

**Monday, 24th.**

Mr. went to Jacksonville to see McCulloch. I commenced papering the bed room and finished it.

**Tuesday, April 25th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. I am papering the dining room to day. Mandy moved here to day. Mr. Aldrich is painting the dining room to day.

**Wednesday, 26th.**

Mr. starts for Cincinnati this morning. Loring, Viola, and Manda goes to the Rising Sun with Mr. Stow. I was cleaning the room and whitewashing. Was sick at night. Some frost to night.

**Thursday, 27th.**

I finished papering the room to day, and cut and fitted my carpet. Very cold and rainy to day.

**Friday, April 28th, 1854.**

Manda. I made and put down my carpet to day, getting almost through fixing [it]. Some frost last night, Very cold to day.

**Saturday, 29th.**

Loring goes to the Rising Sun to meet his Father and fetch out the furniture. Got home in the evening. Cloudy and cold, snowing in the fore noon, very cold in the evening.

**Sunday, 30th.**

Mr. and myself and Mila Phillips went to Allensville to Church and heard Brother Bonham preach his farewell sermon. A very pleasant day but cool.

**Monday, May 1st, 1854.**

Mr. and Baron went to the Rising Sun and got his grasses [or groceries, perhaps] that he brought from Cincinnati. I was fixing up the house. Lucinda Wells was here. Very pleasant day.

**Tuesday, 2d.**

Mr. is at home, tearing down their old shed to day. I am sewing part of the day, the girls sewing and ironing most of the time. Loring went to the smith's to get some work done for a grind stone.

**Wednesday, 3d.**

Mr. is at home. I finished my calico dress. Loring is plowing. Francis is harrowing. Newton is digging a drain. Mr. Aldrich is fixing the school house windows, putting in glass. James Shipman is at home on special business. Very pleasant to day.



**Thursday, May 4th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. Mr. Bailey came here last night and staid untill this evening and left for Green Grove. I have been cutting a pair of pants for Mr. Stow. Viola and Julia have gone to the school house to help clean and scrub. Ready for school. To day is very pleasant.

**Friday, 5th.**

Mr. and Baron have gone to Mr. Hastie's. Mrs. Isaac Phillips is here this after noon. I am making Mr. pants. Very pleasant to day. Mr. went this evening to Allensville to get a girl if he could find one.

**Saturday, 6th.**

Martha [Pavy] went home this evening. Mr. went this morning to Allensville and round by Jacksonville home. Had encouragement for a girl. I finished Mr.'s pants to day. Mr. Bailey came here to day to get a horse to go to find his [horse]. Came back and staid all night. Mr. Shuff died this morning, is to be buried to morrow at one.

**Sunday, May 7th, 1854.**

Mr. and the children went to Sabbath school this morning, and in the after noon Mr. and myself and Mrs. Phillips went to the funeral of Mr. Shuff and heard the Rev. Sparks preach from Hosea 12 ch 9 vr. A very interesting sermon to a large congregation. A very pleasant day. Mr. Curtis staid all night.

**Monday, 8th.**

Mr. went this afternoon and got Margaret Heath. Mr. Curtis left this afternoon. I was very unwell last night and to day. Very pleasant today. Mrs. Phillips was here this evening awhile.

**Tuesday, 9th.**

Mr. is at home planting potatoes and sweet corn and washing the sheep. Margaret and Viola are washing. Rained a little while this forenoon. Newton and Loring is helping Mr. Francis [went] home last night to help Gustus plant corn. Pleasant this afternoon.

**Wednesday, May 10th, 1854.**

I have been mending the soffee [sofa] to day. Mr. is at home this forenoon, killing rats, and it's raining all the forenoon. Mr. is emptying the sugar out of the hogshead into barrels. Mr. went to see Mr. Sedam about a cow, came home, and went to see Mr. Austin's cows, came home with[out] any. We had a candy pulling at night for the children.

**Thursday, 11th.**

Mr. went to Vevay and Mr. Shaw's. The men are tearing down the old stable. Loring went to Mr. Hastie's for a load of corn and took them some potatoes. I am sewing. Viola was sick this morning, is well this afternoon. I have a bad cold, am almost sick. Very pleasant.

**Friday, 12th.**

Mr. is at home to day. Frank and Newton are working for Mr. Gary this afternoon. Mr. Gary is shearing the sheep. I am very unwell with a cold. Very pleasant growing weather.

**Saturday, May 13th, 1854.**

Mr. has a raising of his stable and shed to day. We had 15 menfolks here to dinner. Father and Mother came here to day. Mrs. Phillips came and helped about our dinner to day. I was not well on account of my cold. We had a very pleasant time and pleasant weather.

**Sunday, 14th.**

Me and the children have gone to the Sabbath School. I am at home and reading. I am better of my cold. Manda came back last night. We had quite a rain last night. Pleasant to day. Loring, Amanda and Viola went to Green Grove to church.

**Monday, 15th.**

Mr. went this morning to Mr. Austin's and bought 2 cows and a bull, and drove them home, then went to Moses Cole's house raising. The girls is washing. I am making Viola a silk dress. Very pleasant to day. The menfolks have all gone to the raising.

**Tuesday, May 16th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home pulling up stumps. Mr. Aldrich and Loring is working on the stable and shed. Margaret is making pies. I am sewing. Viola has gone to Enterprise to visit among her cousins. Very windy today, the appearance of rain. Thundering and lightning very hard this evening.

**Wednesday, 17th.**

Mr. is getting some timber for an eave trough. Rained last night very hard, very windy to day. I am sewing as usual.

**Thursday, 18th.**

~~Mr. is at home and found the McCreary doe and the fawns to day. Mrs. Phillips and myself went to Mrs. I. Phillips. Had a good visit. Rained hard while there. Mr. Stow came for us. Very pleasant this afternoon but very windy today.~~

**Friday, May 19th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. I am sewing. Mrs. Phillips and myself went to I. Phillips on a visit. Rained very hard while there. Cleared off while there. Mr. Stow found the fawns to day. The McCreary doe had them.

**Saturday, 20th.**

Mr. went to McNutt's to day. Loring went to the Rising Sun to get the book cupboard. I finished Viola's silk dress to day. Francis went home this afternoon to take his cows home. Very pleasant weather.

**Sunday, 21st.**

Mr. and the children went to Sabbath School this morning. Came back & we all went to the

Dedication Meeting to Salem and heard the Rev. Gilmore preach from St. John 18 c 38 v: Pilate saith unto him what is Truth.

**Monday, May 22d, 1854.**

Mr. and Baron went to Jacksonville. I am going to make my lawn dress. Mr. Aldrich and Loring are working on the shed. Mr. is burning stumps this afternoon.

**Tuesday, 23d.**

Mr. is at home. Mr. Pate was here to day and settled with Mr. Stow about the hay. Mr. bought a sheep of Mr. Pate, gave 3.00 dollars for it. I am sewing. Margaret and Viola are washing. Mandy is making Hageman's coat. Cool and pleasant.

**Wednesday, 24th.**

Mr. is at home this forenoon. In the afternoon went to hunt a sheep. I finished my black lawn dress. The girls is ironing. We had a very hard rain this afternoon.

**Thursday, May 25th, 1854.**

Mr. is working on the road with the boys. I am sewing on various things. Amanda is washing. Viola and Margaret is making pies. Mr. Aldrich and Loring are working on the shed.

**Friday, 26th.**

Mr. and Manda and myself went to Jacksonville to Mr. Gordon's on a visit, had a very pleasant time. The eclipse came on that day. It was very warm all day. We made several calls. I got Viola a bonnet [at McCulloch's. Loring cut his knee with the hatchet to day.

**Saturday, 27th.**

Mr. and Baron went to Mr. Platt's and to the mill. I trimmed Viola's bonnet and made Baron a hat. Mary Ann made Amanda a cap and brought it over, staid till after supper. Mr. went to the Division to night.

**Sunday, May 28th, 1854.**

Several showers to day. Mr. and the children went to Sabbath School this morning. In the afternoon Mr. and myself & Amanda, Viola, and Baron went to Fairview to Church and heard Br. Sparks preach from Hos in the 6 ch 3 v to a large congregation and after the sermon went to the water where there were 4 immersed, 6 poured.

**Monday, 29th.**

Mr. is at home today. I am fixing the beds, having the beds filled, and sweeping and dusting and sewing. Very warm to day. We had a very hard shower this after noon. Mr. and Shipman went over to the mill with a 4 horse team; gray was one of the number.

**Tuesday, 30th.**

Rained very hard last night, heavy with thunder and lightning. Raining to day. The girls are washing. The appearance of plenty of water.

**Wednesday, May 31st, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. I am unwell to day with my breast; it is very lame and sore. Very pleasant to day.

**Thursday, June 1st.**

Mr. is at home. I am sewing, making some shirts for Mr. Stow. The girls is ironing. Loring killed 2 chickens and we had chicking fixings for supper. Mrs. Phillips was here awhile after supper. Very pleasant to day.

**Friday, 2d.**

Mr. and myself and Baron went to Grandpaps. Harriet Seymour and Malvina and Oliver was there. We had a sociable time. Very pleasant to day. Came back by Mr. Platt's and we got a corn plough.

**Saturday, June 3d, 1854.**

Mr. went to Enterprise to an Agricultural meeting, staid till 5 o'clock. 9 men came home with him to supper. Mr. Walker came this after noon also. Mr. and Mr. Walker went to the Sons of Temperance in the evening.

**Sunday, 4th.**

Mr. and Walker and the children went to the Sabbath School. Mr. went to Allensville to hear Brother Sparks preach ... Loring and Newton went to the Singing School. Mrs. McCulloch, Sophia, and Amanda came here to day.

**Monday, 5th.**

Paid Margaret Heath 5.00 to day for 4 weeks. Mr. is ploughing with the Sub and Davie. [Davie may either be a horse, or a boy leading a horse.] Loring goes home with Margaret Heath and gets Margaret Shaffer. I went over to Mrs. Phillips this afternoon. The 2 Mrs. Gates and Miss Moore were there. We had two little turkeys hatch out to day. Margaret Shaffer is here.

**Tuesday, June 6th, 1854.**

Mr. went this afternoon to Center Square to get some logs ready for the mill, for boards. The girls is washing to day. I am reading most of the time to day. My breast is still lame.

**Wednesday, 7th.**

Mr. is at home. I am some better to day. The girls is ironing this forenoon, baking this afternoon. We had a shower last night. Julia, Mary Ann, was here this afternoon and we have caught some young birds. We do not know what to call them. There is four of them.

**Thursday, 8th.**

Mr. is at home I believe. Mrs. Phillips is here this forenoon. It was cold for her child without fire in the room. I am working a pair of pants for Viola. The girls is hemming towels.

**Friday June 9th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. James is working on the road. I am sewing and reading. Mrs. Phillips is here this afternoon to see Mr. Aldrich about painting her house and to get her papers. We

went to the barn to see their alterations. I went to the graveyard with her and then came home.

**Saturday, 10th.**

Mr. is at home. I am better of my lame breast. I am sewing and reading. The girls are cleaning for Sabbath. Newton is working on the road. James has gone to [the] mill for Shelomith. Loring went to Allensville last evening for the mail.

**Sunday, 11th.**

Mr. went with the children to Sabbath School to day. Came back, went to Bethel to day to see about making up money enough to get a horse for Br. Sparks. Quite showery to day. Caught both of the old birds to day, put them in the cage with the young ones.

**Monday, June 12th, 1854.**

Mr. went to Jacksonville to work on his rakes. I cut out two pair of pants, one for Loring and one for Baron. The girls are washing. Loring went to Platt's to get the plough sharpened. We had a heavy rain with hail.

**Tuesday, 13th.**

Mr. went to Jacksonville again. Mr. Washer was here this morning and Rove[r] made a great fuss and finally bit him before we could make him behave. I am sewing on Baron's pants. Raining today. Viola went to Enterprise. Got her a pair of new shoes, price 1.25.

**Wednesday, 14th.**

Mr. went to Mr. Adkins' to raise the barn higher. Loring [and] Shipman went also. I finished Baron's pants, commenced Loring's. Made a shirt for Baron. The girls are ironing today. Very warm and pleasant. I got some more Shanghai eggs to day.

**Thursday, June 15th, 1854.**

Mr. went to Jacksonville to day to help about his rakes. Warm and pleasant. I finished Loring's pants to day. Margaret washed the window curtains and we put them [up] the same day. We have raspberries plenty.

**Friday, 16th.**

Mr. is at home this forenoon and hoeing in the garden, and in the potato patch. I am making Baron's sack coat.

**Saturday, 17th.**

Mr. went to Enterprise to an Agricultural meeting. Came home and went to Bethel in the afternoon to quarterly meeting. Rained very hard nearly all day. I finished Baron's coat to day. I am very unwell with my breast. We had some company from the meeting to stay with us to night.

**Sunday, June 18th, 1854.**

Mr. went to Sabbath School. Came back, went to Bethel with a carriage load. I staid at home. Mr. and Mrs. Myers were here from church. Amanda came home this morning to go to

church. Rained a little. Very warm and sultry. Hived a swarm of bees.

**Monday, 19th.**

Mr. went to Vevay to day with Shelomith and brought home a patent churn. To day I am reading and sewing. Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Phillips is here this afternoon.

**Tuesday, 20th.**

Mr. is gone to Center Square to get some logs for lumber, gone half day. Amanda went to McCulloch's to help make a carpet and to put it down. I am not doing much of any thing. I am not sick but I am far from well.

**Wednesday, June 21st, 1854.**

Mr. went to the Locust pasture in the forenoon and in the afternoon. He was cutting brush. Rained in the afternoon very hard. Mr. Bonham was married to day to Miss Olmstead and left immediately for Elizabethtown. The girls are ironing to day. I am very much afflicted with my breast.

**Thursday, 22d.**

Mr. has gone to Vevay to day to see about a mowing machine again. I feel very much discouraged about my breast, it gets no better, but still getting worse. But I thought I would go to Mr. Wells's. Loring, Baron, and myself went. I feel no better. Heard from Angeline and Olive, all well.

**Friday, 23d.**

Mr. is at home trying his mowing machine. Betsey and Mary Manser is here to day. I feel some better to day. Miss Mary Campbell was married yesterday to Mr. Morris. Very warm and pleasant to day. Baron was sick this afternoon by swinging.

**Saturday, June 24th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. Mr. Smith, his daughter, and nephew were here to day. His nephew is a victim of the Consumption. My throat and breast is some better. I cut and made Loring a pair of pants to day, cut out Baron a pair. Pleasant to day.

**Sunday, 25th.**

Mr. went to Sabbath school, came home, hived two swarms of bees. Loring went to Allensville to church. Br. Mason preached. I feel some better to day. Loring went to Green Grove to church. Viola and Margaret went to the school house to hear Br. Dolby preach.

**Monday, 26th.**

Mr. is at home today making bee hives. Hived one swarm of bees. Amanda came home to day. Margaret started for home. I paid 3.75 to her. She was going to stay home a week and Margaret Heath was to come, but could not, so Margaret came back.

**Tuesday, June 27th, 1854.**

Very clear and warm. The boys are plowing and hoeing the corn. Mr. has gone to Vevay to day to take his machine back and get another.

I have been reading all the forenoon. I feel better than I have for several days. The girls are baking to day, the boys are plowing and hoeing the corn. Very hot to day. The thermometer stood at 90. I went to Mary Ann's.

**Wednesday, 28th.**

Mr. to Platt's with plow this forenoon, in the afternoon to see Hammond about cradling his wheat. I made Baron a pair of pants, the girls is ironing. Rained very hard this afternoon. Looking for a lady from Cincinnati here, does not come.

**Thursday, 29th.**

Mr. goes to the Locust patch to cut brush to day. Mary Ann, Baron, Miss Beauford went to Miss Dunning's to day, had a pleasant visit. Griffith Harrison was here and staid all night. Very pleasant to day. The thermometer ranges from 88 to 90.

**Friday, June 30th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. Loring went to Mr. Tinker's to get the rakes. I am sewing all day faithfully.

**Saturday, July 1st.**

Mr. is at home. I am sewing, the girls are baking, cleaning, and doing various kinds of work. Father and Mother came here to day, staid the afternoon. Loring went to the Rising Sun to day and got him a double barrel gun and Viola a cape and 2.00 of money.

**Sunday, 2d.**

Mr. went to the Sabbath School with the children. Margaret went home to day, back to night. Marcus and Lucinda was here to day. We all went to the Graveyard. Very warm to day.

**Monday, July 3d, 1854.**

Mr. is at home working at the wheat, had 2 hands come on to work with harvest and turned them off. Margaret Shaffer has worked 4 weeks. To day I have paid her for 3 weeks. Margaret Heath commenced work to day through harvest. The girls are washing today. Mary Seymour came by today.

**Tuesday, 4th.**

Mr. is at home, commenced his haying. Amanda went to Mr. Montayne's to day. I am sewing; the girls is taking up the carpet in the boys' chamber. I am mending the dining [room] carpet. The girls is putting down the boys' carpet. Mary Seymour is going to ride the pony home to night.

**Wednesday, 5th.**

Mr. is trying his mowing machine. A gentleman is here trying to sell patent beehives. The patent maker is here also. The girls is putting down the dining room carpet. Very hard rain this afternoon.

**Thursday, July 6th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home fixing his mowing machine. The girls are picking wool this afternoon. Mrs.

Brookins and Laura were here to day. I am sewing. Viola got kicked by Pete this afternoon. Mr. Aldrich came here to work to day. Very warm to day. Some appearance of rain.

**Friday, 7th.**

Mr. went last night to Allensville, to day at home. Grandfather was here yesterday and Viola went home with him. The girls went to Allensville to the store. I gave Margaret Heath \$1.25. She got a pair of shoes. They got home late in the evening. The girls washed one bunch of woolen yarn to day.

**Saturday, 8th.**

Mr. is at home, the boys have been plowing the corn yesterday and to day. The girls are baking and scrubbing. I finished Viola's calico dress to day. Warm and showery to day.

**Sunday, July 9th, 1854.**

Mr. went to Sabbath School. Viola came home this morning to go to Sabbath S. Loring and Baron went also. In the afternoon went to Church to the school house.

**Monday, 10th.**

Mr. is at his hay; the girls is washing. Amanda got back this morning. I am sewing. Went over this morning to Mrs. Phillips.

**Tuesday, 11th.**

Mr. is in his hay; the girls is ironing. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughter from Cincinnati was here this afternoon; we had a very pleasant time indeed. Staid all night, left next morning for Quercus Grove. Left their daughter here until the evening.

**Wednesday, July 12th, 1854.**

Mr. is at his hay. No more hands than usual. Mr. Montayne was here this morning. I am sewing. The girls have a picnic this afternoon. They take tea in the grove. The 2 Margarets are baking. Very pleasant and cool to day.

**Thursday, 13th.**

Mr. is cutting his hay with his machine. I went to Mr. Gary's this afternoon. Commenced a shirt for Newton Kirkpatrick. Amanda is making pants for Mr. McCulloch's boys. Amanda made Mr. a vest. I paid her 50 cts.

**Friday, 14th.**

Mr. is haying. Mrs. Shuff came here to day. I had a good visit. Mary Ann and Mrs. Phillips were here. Very pleasant and good haying now. I am sewing and Amanda is making pants.

**Saturday, July 15th, 1854.**

Mr. is mowing, winding up for the week, got the hay all in that was down. I mended 3 pair of shoes to day. The girls is getting blackberries and making pies and cakes to day. Amanda finished her pants.

**Sunday, 16th.**

Mr. and the children went to Sunday School. Came home and Newton got the carriage and

the girls went to Bethel to hear Br. Sparks preach. Amanda went to Jackson's, Montayne's.

**Monday, 17th.**

Very warm to day. The thermometer raised to 96 in the shade. Mr. has been reaping some grass seed this forenoon. The girls are washing to day. Viola and myself dressed some chickens and got dinner. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Stevens are here and ... in the afternoon. After supper the girls went for berries.

**Tuesday, July 18th, 1854.**

Mr. has no more help. I am sewing; Amanda is sewing; the girls are ironing and baking to day. Continues warm as ever. One more hand. Getting along very well with the harvesting. Mrs. Quincy, Mary Ann, and Julia are here this afternoon.

**Wednesday, 19th.**

Mr. gets along bravely with his work force. I am sewing; the girls are at various fixings. They go a berrying again this afternoon. Mr. went to the Know Nothings this evening and got a pack of letters.

**Thursday, 20th.**

Mr. is mowing, all hands are hard at the hay. I am making Baron a pair of pants; the girls are dressing chickens for dinner. Just received a letter from Grandmother [Stow]. Eddie Manser came here this evening.

**Friday, July 21st, 1854.**

Amanda and myself finished Newton's shirt. Mr. is at his hay to day. Eddie went to Mr. Hastie's to get his carpet sack. The girls went a berrying. I have cut Loring a pair of pants, and Amanda and myself are making them, Nankeen linen. Very warm. The thermometer stood at 96. Newton Seymour is here this evening.

**Saturday, 22d.**

Mr. is cutting hay this morning. The two Hasties came this morning to help in the hay. Last night it thundered and lightened. Had the appearance of rain, but rained but little here.

**Sunday, 23d.**

Mr. went to School with the children. Came home and read part the time. I read near all day, and Amanda also. The girls went home. Came home in the evening. I went to the grave yard in the evening.

**Monday, July 24th, 1854.**

Mr. is mowing, all hands in the hay business, hauled 15 loads in to day. I read near all day. The girls went back berrying after supper and got 6 quarts.

**Tuesday, 25th.**

Mr. has got several hands to day but we had a very hard shower with heavy thunder, so the hands could not do much. The girls are washing. Amanda and myself helped all the

forenoon. We had a veal killed this morning. Loring was very sick all the afternoon.

**Wednesday, 26th.**

Mr. is getting on with his haying very well; the girls is ironing and baking pies of berries. I am making Viola's sack. Loring is much better. Mrs. Quincy and Isabelle Kirkpatrick

**Thursday, July 27th, 1854.**

Mr. is most through with his hay. Loring is so he goes out choring. Matt came up with a bale this morning. I am sewing. The girls are making cakes. Father and Mother and Harriet was here to day. Very pleasant to day.

**Friday, 28th.**

Mr. is still at his hay. Margaret and Viola went after berries. Martha Dunning is here to day and Mrs. Stevens came here this afternoon, had very pleasant visit. I gave Martha some wool to take home with her.

**Saturday, 29th.**

Mr. is winding up in the haying to day. Margaret Shaffer goes home to day. Paid her 6.25 for 5 weeks. Settled the above in full. Manda goes to Montayne's to day, from there to Jacksonville tomorrow. Margaret Heath works on.

**Sunday, July 30th, 1854.**

Mr. and the children went to Sabbath School. Bailey gave a Sunday School address. I staid home and read. Shelomith and Mary Ann came over in the afternoon and staid to supper. We had some green corn for supper. Very warm today, The thermometer to ... in the shade.

**Monday, 31st.**

Mr. is going to gather his grass seed to day. We sent our wool to the machine by Shelomith. Mr. Wm. Shaw came here to day on a visit, well and healthy. The men folks finished threshing and cleaning their grass seed to day. Amanda came home and Miss Hageman with her.

**Tuesday, August 1st.**

Mr. and Howard starts to day for Horace Stow's, takes \$100 d with him, and ... shirts and ... 2 pair of sox. I gave Howard a pair of sox and Horace also. Amanda, Liza Hageman, and Viola went to Enterprise. Viola got a black dress and shoes. I gave Margaret Heath 1.65 to get a dress of Amanda. Weather very windy and cool.

**Wednesday, August 2d, 1854.**

Mr. Shaw goes to Mr. McNutt's to day, is going to return the last of this week. I am making Loring a shirt. Eddie came here this morning; the boys have gone a hunting. Heard from Angeline, Inda had her arm broken. The boys got some squirrels. The girls are ironing. Lizzy went home this morning. Quite warm to day.

**Thursday, 3d.**

I am making Viola's dress. Amanda finished Loring's shirt to day. The boys are hunting again, got a lot of birds. The girls are baking to day. The thermometer stands at 90. Quite windy today.

**Friday, 4th.**

We are all well and the boys have gone to work to day, have sown the turnip seed and are pulling the onions. Amanda is washing to day and making her an apron. I am finishing Viola's dress. Mr. Shaw came back this evening.

**Saturday, August 5th, 1854.**

Loring and Mr. Shaw went to New Hope to Church to day. Mary Ann and Julia was here to day. I am not very well with my throat. Mr. Bonham came back last evening. The boys finished pulling the onions and put them in the house and then pulled the sets.

**Sunday, 6th.**

Loring and Mr. Shaw, Amanda and Viola went this morning to New Hope to Church. Baron and Julia went to Sabbath School. Eddie went to Enterprise. Margaret went home. Newton and Frank went to New Hope. I staid alone at home. Br. Sparks preached the dedication sermon.

**Monday, 7th.**

The boys are gathering onion sets. Loring went to the funeral of Mr. ... There were a great many people there. He was buried by the order of the Sons and the Freemasons. Br. Sparks preached. Margaret went home to night. I paid her 3.35, the full amount due to her. Amanda went to Mrs. Phillips to day a visiting.

**Tuesday, August 8th, 1854.**

I am helping about the house work. Viola and Amanda is ironing this forenoon. Adriel Kingsley and family came from Aurora to Center Square to day with their babe ... to bury it in Jacksonville tomorrow. We have sent word around to the neighbors. The boys are grubbing and setting fires in the fallow ground.

**Wednesday, 9th.**

Our folks went to the funeral to Jacksonville to day. Harriet Dyer is to be buried in Jacksonville also. Very warm and dusty. No appearance of rain. Mrs. Henry Phillips went to the funeral with the girls.

**Thursday, 10th.**

I am baking cakes and pies to day. Amanda went to Mrs. Shuff's to day. Mr. A. Kingsley and family came here this afternoon. Mrs. Kingsley had her babe's likeness with her. Amanda came home in the evening.

**Friday, August 11th, 1854.**

Loring went to day to Mr. Hastie's with Mr. Kingsley. They were going to take a boat to go

home. Viola and Julia went also. Loisa Chambers came here to day, talks of coming here to work again.

**Saturday, 12th.**

Mr. Stow does not come back yet. We look for him [to be] home to night. Father and Mother and Mary Seymour came here to day. Thundering and has the appearance of a heavy shower but all pushed off.

**Sunday, 13th.**

Mr. came home this morning from Horace's, arrived at Mr. Hastie's late last night. Had a pleasant visit. The children went to Sabbath School, got their new Sabbath School books. Came home, went to Bethel to Church. Br. Sparks preached. Very warm.

**Monday, August 14th, 1854.**

Mr. started out on the farm to see how things looked. I am not very well this morning but am about. Amanda is helping about the work.

**Tuesday, 15th.**

Mr. is at home. Loring starts for Marble Hill to day to get Grandmother [Stow]. I am baking bread, cakes, and pies. Amanda and Viola are washing this after noon and put out a large washing. All very tired to night. No signs of rain. Cool and pleasant.

**Wednesday, 16th.**

Mr. goes to Vevay to meet Loring and his mother [Livia Stow]. I am making shirts for Mr. Stow. Mr. Stow and his mother and Loring came home half past 9 this evening. I was up when they came. Mother Stow staid all night.

**Thursday, August 17th, 1854.**

Mr. and Loring went to Stearn's mill to get some corn ground for the horses. Caroline, Mary Ann came over this morning awhile. I went over there in the after noon.

**Friday, 18th.**

Mr. went to Barkworks to a Know Nothing meeting. I expect Viola went as far as her Aunt Lucinda's. Got [back] by dark. Amanda and myself were baking cakes. Very warm and dry.

**Saturday, 19th.**

Mr. went to the Rising Sun to day. Amanda and myself were baking cakes and pies and scouring and scrubbing all in the forenoon, in the afternoon baked bread and company in the afternoon, Caroline Protsman and Mary Ann & Mother Stow. Julia [and] the girls took a ride in the evening.

**Sunday, August 20th, 1854.**

Mr. and the children went to Sunday School this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Ullery [sp?] and Mr. and Mrs. Rister [sp?] and family came here to day. Harriet Seymour and family also. Viola went to Bethel to class.

**Monday, 21st.**

Mr. is at home choring, went to the Know Nothings in the evening. Amanda and Viola

are washing. I got dinner and in the afternoon I went to Mrs. Phillips till supper. Came home, washed the dishes and Viola went a riding with Caroline Protsman. Very warm and dry.

**Tuesday, 22d.**

Mr. is at home. Mr. A. Cole is here making harness. I have caught a very bad cold in my head and am quite unwell. Mr. went this evening to see Mr. Adkins about a hay press. Loring went to Center Square to the temperance meeting by Mr. Edwards from Cincinnati.

**Wednesday, August 23d, 1854.**

Mr. went to Vevay to see about his wheat. I was very sick last night with a bad cold and still unwell to day. Amanda was sick last night, she is some better to day. Loring went for Margaret Heath, did not get her. Mother Stow was here to day. George Hageman was here to make us a visit to day.

**Thursday, 24th.**

Mr. S. went to see about getting a girl. I was very sick last night by taking medicine. Amanda is very sick also. Mother [Stow] is over here helping Viola. She has to be our main cook now, we have no girl. Caroline and Mary Ann came over this after noon.

**Friday, 25th.**

Amanda went to Mr. Montayne's this evening. Mr. went to Mr. Bliss's to get Eleanor to come tomorrow to help us. I am better to day, and Amanda is some better too. Loring has gone for Lizza Chambers. She came and went away again to get her things. She said [she] is to be back again Sunday or Monday.

**Saturday, August 26th, 1854.**

Mr. to went Allensville in the afternoon. Eleanor Bliss came here to help us about the work, went home in the evening. I was some better to day so I set up most of the time. Rained a little in the morning. Mr. Edwards came home with Mr. Stow after the lecture in the evening, got home 11 that night.

**Sunday, 27th.**

Mr. Stow and Edwards, Viola, and Baron went to Bethel to hear Br. Bailey's farewell sermon. Came home, got dinner, went back to hear Mr. Edwards' temperance lecture. Showery all day. went from Bethel to Salem to lecture that night. Got home about 11. I am some better so I got dinner.

**Monday, 28th.**

Mr. went with Mr. Edwards to Enterprise to the trial of Montgomery. Took Edwards to Mt. Sterling. Gone all day, got back after dark. Loisa Chambers came here to day to work. She has one dollar a week. Still taking my medicine.

**Tuesday, August 29th, 1854.**

Mr. is plowing this forenoon, and in the evening went to Allensville, gone untill 10 be.

11 o'clock. I am making preserves of plums and grapes. My head is very painful to day; my throat is worse also. The girls are washing to day. Mrs. Washer got home yesterday from N.Y. Mr. at Jacobs'. Buried their child today, 4 weeks old.

**Wednesday, 30th.**

Mr. is sowing grass seed to day, the boys are harrowing and brushing. The girls are ironing and baking. My head continues very painful. If I am any better it is not perceivable.

**Thursday, 31st.**

Mr. is gone to Vevay today. I am no better. My head has been very painful to day. I could do nothing but tend to it. Moses Cole is here sowing grass seed. Mr. went to Mr. Hastie's. Did not get back till after dark.

**Friday, September 1st, 1854.**

Mr. is at home to day. I was very sick to day. I was well nigh crazy. Mother Stow was here with me most all day, and Mrs. Phillips was here until, Amanda sent for her. She had a babe, it lived but a short time.

**Saturday, 2d.**

Mr. went to Allensville and to the blacksmith. Back home. I was so bad with my head that they [sent] for the doctor. I had blisters put on my ankle and that relieved my head. Loring went for McCutcheon. He's coming to morrow. I did not rest any untill after 2 o'clock.

**Sunday, 3d.**

Mr. is at home all day. The children have gone to Sabbath School. I am better to day but far from well. Dr. McCutcheon came to day. ... from Green Castle also. My blisters done with.

**Monday, September 4th, 1854.**

Mr. was at home all day. I am still getting better but feel very weak. Mrs. Bliss, Miss Beauford, and Harriet Seymour, Mrs. Washer, Mary Ann, and Mother Stow were here to day. I was very tired. Rested but little till after eleven. Amanda is quite poorly.

**Tuesday, 5th.**

Mr. went to Platt's to see about hay press irons for Mr. Adkins. Loring went to Mr. Hastie's for a load of corn. I am still better by spells, then the pain will return.

**Wednesday, 6th.**

Mr. went to Allensville to get the doctor (for Amanda). She was worse to day. I was better to day but got very tired. Rested but little at night. Loring, Newton, and Frank went to a celebration out to Mr. David Store. Had a good celebration.

**Thursday, September 7th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. I am not so well today. Amanda is quite sick this forenoon. Harriet, Lyman, and William Manser came here this morning. Staid till after dinner, [then] went to Father's.

Mr. Wm. Shaw and sister came here, staid all night.

**Friday, 8th.**

Mr. is at home to day. Mr. Shaw went home this morning. Charles Hastie and Jane were here. Viola and Julia went to Center Square to Mr. Abbott's to get Miss Tatterson. She wanted to come up to see us. A peddler staid all night.

**Saturday, 9th.**

Mr. went to Vevay to get his wheat and see the Dr. Miss Tatterson was here to day, had a very pleasant visit. Amanda is getting well fast. Viola got a dress and 2 pair of hose, Liz one, the boys got 3 pair of pants.

**Sunday, September 10th, 1854.**

Quarterly meeting to day. Mr. went to Allensville to Church, took all that could go. Miss Tatterson went with them. 2 Mr. Shaws and wife came here to dinner, then went back to Sacramental Meeting. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Wiley came with Loring, went back to night meeting. Mr. Shaw staid here all night.

**Monday, 11th.**

Mr. & Loring and Mr. Shaw went to meeting again to day. I am getting so that I chore around considerable. The girls are washing, Amanda is quite smart. Mr. did not get back till 2 in the afternoon.

**Tuesday, 12th.**

Mr. went to examine the fair... Got back after dark. I am still taking medicine 6 times a day. My head is about well. I finished my curtains and put them up, and helped Amanda put hers up. Was very tired.

**Wednesday, September 13th, 1854.**

Mr. staid at home to day. I am reading. Father & Mother [were here to day. Viola is ironing. Julia & Frank Fisher is here. Frank Fisher is 11 years old to day. We let Father have some flour.

**Thursday, 14th.**

Mr. went to the fair and took the buck deer and the steer. The family all went but Baron and myself. They had some rain in Vevay to day but none here. Br. Bailey was here a short time. Mr. & Loring and Viola staid all night.

**Friday, 15th.**

Mr. S and Loring, Newton, and Francis came home to night. Mr. Wells and Lucinda staid here last night and Augustus Manser too. I bought a quilt, "The Water Lily," of Lucinda for 10 dollars.

**Saturday, September 16th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home today threshing some wheat. I am about as usual. Amanda went to Montayne's to day. Mr. went this evening to Mr. Aldrich's to set the corner stone. Pleasant and cool to day.

**Sunday, 17th.**

Mr. and the children went to Sabbath School this morning. I staid at home and read as

usual. Lizza went to David Lee's to day, and her sister was married yesterday to a Mr. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Branham came up to day.

**Monday, 18th.**

Mr. went to the Rising Sun today. Mr. Branham went away this morning, Jane staid. I do not feel so well this morning as common. Mr. got back this evening. Got a cheese and 6 tumblers.

**Tuesday, September 19th, 1854.**

Amanda and myself went to Shelomith's. Shelomith and Mary Ann and Jane Branham started for Marble Hill. Loring went to Vevay with them. Mr. went to Wm. Adkins with the hay press irons and round to the blacksmith. Amanda has a pair of pants to make for Bailey.

**Wednesday, 20th.**

Mr. is at home sowing wheat. I went to Mr. Gary's on the afternoon. Mrs. Gary has a fine daughter. Amanda is making Bailey's pants. Mrs. I. Phillips was here and I was gone. She and Amanda went to Grandmother's [Stow].

**Thursday, 21st.**

Mr. is at home to day. Went to the Know Nothings at night. I was sewing and reading. Amanda finished Bailey's pants. Viola is spooling a piece of flannel. Liza is working. Commenced pressing hay to day.

**Friday, September 22d, 1854.**

Mr. is at home this forenoon but goes away this afternoon to Mr. Seymour's. I am working a piece of flannel, ... ells long. Amanda is washing. Liza is baking pies and ...

Viola is spooling.

**Saturday, 23d.**

Mr. went to Platt's with the carriage to get the tires set. I am finishing washing my piece. Amanda is ironing. Liza and Viola is baking cakes and pies. Loring went to Vevay to get some seed wheat and Shelomith & Mary Ann went to Mr. Dumont's and took dinner.

**Sunday, 24th.**

Mr. went to Bethel to Church with Amanda, Viola, and Bailey. Loring [was here] in the afternoon with Amanda and Viola. I staid at home as usual.

**Monday, September 25th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home to day. Loring went to Chittenden's to get some ... made. I am putting in my piece. Mother [Manser] and Olive came over in our carriage with Loring. Staid all night.

**Tuesday, 26th.**

Mr. went to Barkworks, gone all day. I got my piece to work. Olive and Mother [Manser] is here. Mr. Phillips and Mary is here this afternoon. Amanda commenced weaving to day.



**Wednesday, 27th.**

Mr. is roofing the school house with help. I went to Seymour's with Mother [Manser] and Olive with our carriage. Staid all night. Baron was with us.

**Thursday, September 28th, 1854.**

Mr. is working on the school house. I went to Mr. Wells's with Olive. Staid all night. All week their Oliver babe is getting better.

**Friday, 29th.**

Mr. finished the school house by 2 in the afternoon. I came home today with Harriet and Olive. Mrs. and Miss Culp and Abby Washer and Mary Ann and Mr. Bonham are here to supper. Shelomith went for the school teacher. She arrived here this evening.

**Saturday, 30th.**

Mr. went to the Rising Sun to day. Miss Fisk [the teacher] came over this morning to make it her home here. I was very busy all day arranging the rooms. She is to occupy one with Amanda. Went to Jacksonville.

**Sunday, October 1st, 1854.**

Mr. went to the Sabbath School with the children. The school miss was not well today. Lousy and rainy to day.

**Monday, 2d.**

Rained this morning a little. Mr. and Loring have gone to Madison in the carriage to the State Fair. Cloudy, and looks fair for rain. Miss Fisk commenced her school to day. Viola, Baron, and Julia went with her. Had 18 scholars today. Amanda got back this evening.

**Tuesday, 3d.**

I finish Mr. a shirt today. Rained this morning very hard. Mr. Phillips here to dinner today. Cleared and very pleasant this afternoon. Had 12 scholars.

**Wednesday, October 4th, 1854.**

I am helping wash, till 11. Then Harriet and Olive came and we all went to the Mr. Washer's. Mrs. Mallett came over. We had a very pleasant visit. Olive came home with me and staid all night. Mr. Winchester came in the evening. Cool and pleasant. ~~Had a slight frost.~~

**Thursday, 5th.**

I am at various affairs. Olive is washing; Amanda is sewing. Mr. Winchester went this morning to settle some business with some that were owing him. Very pleasant today. Had a slight frost last night.

**Friday, 6th.**

I am choring and sewing. Winchester and Olive are here yet. Winchester, Olive and myself went to the Graveyard this afternoon. Newton went to get a girl. Came back without one.

**Saturday, October 7th, 1854.**

Margaret Heath came to day. Loisa goes home to day. Winchester and Olive left here today,

went to Father's. Expect [to] go home Monday. Mr. Stow and Loring got back from Madison this evening.

**Sunday, 8th.**

Mr. went to Sabbath School with the children. Loring took the carriage and all the girls went to Bethel to Church. Very pleasant weather. I read all day. Grandma [Stow] came over and took dinner with us.

**Monday, 9th.**

Mr. was at home to day. I was choring all day. Loring hauled hay.

We are expecting Shelomith to night with Horace Stow. He came to the State Fair, [then] went to Marble Hill, was to come here on his return.

**Tuesday, October 10th, 1854.**

Mr. went to the election. Horace and his mother [Livia Hayward Stow] went to Aurora today. I was quilling and sewing. Margaret was washing. Mary Ann was here part of the day. We went to Mrs. Phillips in the afternoon.

**Wednesday, 11th.**

Mr. went to Adkinson's [hay] press raising. Mr. Hyde our cousin came here this morning from N.Y. I went with him to Mr. Wells's to see if he could get a school. Had some encouragement, came back in the evening.

**Thursday, 12th.**

Mr. and myself and Mr. Hyde went to Father's. Staid all night, came home next morning. Hyde came with us. Rained hard this afternoon and in the night. Loring went for Miss Fisk and Viola and Baron at school.

**Friday, October 13th, 1854.**

Mr. and myself came home from Father's. Horace and his mother got home this evening from Aurora. Mr. Mounts went and brought the children from school last night. Amanda came home this evening from Hageman's wedding and brought us all some cake.

**Saturday, 14th.**

Mr. is at home to day. I am helping about the work to day. The girls are baking cakes and pies. Miss Fisk is washing. Amanda is weaving. The weather is quite cool. The appearance of frost to night.

**Sunday, 15th.**

Mr. went to Sabbath School in the morning, in the afternoon to Church to Green Grove. I staid at home; Viola, Miss Fisk, and Horace Stow went.

**Monday, October 16th, 1854.**

Mr. went to Mr. Daily's this morning. Horace starts for home this morning. Margaret washed to day. I am doing the house work and quilling. Amanda is weaving. We sent by Shelomith to get some spelling books for the children. Loring commenced going to school to day.

**Tuesday, 17th.**

Mr. went to Mr. Washer's this morning, at home the rest of the day. I am fixing for mince pies, Margaret is helping. Mr. emptying and filling the leach. Quite a frost last night. Pleasant days and cool nights.

**Wednesday, 18th.**

Mr. went to Allensville this forenoon, got some papers. I am sewing, Margaret is ironing. We got 4 barrels of apples of Shelomith to day.

**Thursday, October 19th, 1854.**

Mr. went to the warehouse, gone all day. I was sewing. Went to Shelomith's in the evening with Miss Fisk. Had a very pleasant visit.

**Friday, 20th.**

Amanda got home this evening. I am sewing. Margaret is busy.

**Saturday, 21st.**

Mr. has gone to see about some hay hoops to Mr. Chittenden's. Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Olive Beauford and Eleanor Bliss and Miss Tatterson were here this day. I was very busy all day, scrubbing and various affairs.

**Sunday, October 22d, 1854.**

Mr. went to Sabbath School, and the children, came back. Loring, Viola, Miss Fisk, Amanda, Margaret, Mr. Hyde all went to Allensville to Church. Mr. and myself staid and read.

**Monday, 23d.**

Mr. was at home to day. I went to Enterprise to see Oliver Seymour. He is sick with the flux. My horse got away and left me. Mr. Stow came after me. Oliver was better this evening.

**Tuesday, 24th.**

Mr. was home all day, went in the evening to the blacksmith. I was doubling and twisting stockings yarn. Amanda is weaving. Amanda got her piece out this forenoon and went to Mr. Hageman's to sew.

**Wednesday, October 25th, 1854.**

(I made a mistake writing in this page instead of the Thursday.) Mr. is gone to Center Square for some potatoes from Hammond and some timber for hay hoops. I have been sweeping the front yard and the well yard. Margaret is washing for Mounts to day.

**Thursday, 26th.**

(Wednesday) Mr. went to Allensville to meet with the Stewards, gone all day, took dinner at Mr. Culp's. I was twisting yarn, sewing, and various other jobs. Mr. Hyde went to Vevay yesterday to get examined as a teacher of schools.

**Friday, 27th.**

Mr. is at home to day getting hay hoops. I finished Viola's lining sack. Margaret was making mince pies. I am making Loring a shirt. I went to the other house.

**Saturday, October 28th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. I am sewing. Miss Fisk, Viola, Julia, and Mary Manser are cleaning the

school house. Were all day at the job. Very pleasant to day.

**Sunday, 29th.**

Mr. went to Mr. Gary's to get the mule. Loring took the carriage and Granma [Stow], Mrs. Phillips, Miss Fisk and went to Center Square to Church.

**Monday, 30th.**

I am sewing and reading. Margaret is baking and churning.

**Tuesday, October 31st, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. John Welch came here this afternoon, commenced hay pressing. Got hurt by the sweep running over him. I am sewing to day on Loring's shirt. Margaret is washing.

**Wednesday, November 1st.**

Mr. is working on Gary's hay press this forenoon. I went to Center Square to Mrs. Sage's funeral. Heard Mr. Dolby preach from Psalms 17 ch, last verse. Br. Stevenson spoke a few words.

**Thursday, November 2d.**

Mr. went to the Rising Sun to day to get some shorts, and got Viola and myself a dress and a pair of shoes; Baron, cloth for coat and pants; Viola and Baron a book. I went to Father's to day and rode Pete.

**Friday, November 3d, 1854.**

Mr. is putting a new washer [?] on the hay press to day. I am sewing. Margaret is baking pies. We were paring apples to day. This evening Mr. Hyde came from his school to stay all night here. Amanda was here.

**Saturday, 4th.**

Mr. went to see John Atkinson this forenoon, digging potatoes with the boys this afternoon. I am doing up odd jobs. The girls is scrubbing and cleaning for Sabbath.

**Sunday, 5th.**

Mr. and his mother, Viola, Baron, and myself went to Bethel to Church. Heard Br. Sparks preach from 2 Corinth

Mr. and Miss Ransom came home with us.

**Monday, November 6th, 1854.**

Mr. went with Father to Vevay. I emptied 3 feather beds in[to] new ticks. Margaret got back 10.

**Tuesday, 7th.**

Mr. went to the warehouse, gone half day. Mary Ann and myself is working at the soap business, made 2 bottles to day.

**Wednesday, 8th.**

Mr. went to Vevay on the Atkinson business again. Mary Ann, Mrs. Phillips, and myself were making soap today. Loring staid at home to day because he had a boil on his nose which made him about sick.

**Thursday, November 9th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home to day pressing hay. I am making soap, finish to day. I am hulling corn besides. Loring is helping. He is better of his

cold. I am about sick this afternoon, working so hard this week.

**Friday, 10th.**

Mr. went to see if he could get a girl, did not get one. It is raining and drizzling all day. Mr. Mounts went to Vevay with a load of hay and got a barrel of flour.

**Saturday, 11th.**

Mr. is at home putting glass in the windows. The boys are picking apples. Mary Ann and Miss Woster the Mount Sterling teacher Margaret Heath went home to day. I gave her 5.00, 25 in full.

**Sunday, November 12th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home to day. Rainy all day. We all staid at home to day. Mr. Hyde came here to day. He staid to Father's last night. We had a little snow this after noon. Melted before it reached the ground. Miss Fisk is at the other house yet with Miss Woster. Staid all night.

**Monday, 13th.**

Mr. is at home. Very cold and freezing in the shade. Lovina Pavy came here this morning to work. I am sewing this afternoon. Mrs. Phillips is here to day.

**Tuesday, 14th.**

Mr. is at home. Loring and myself went to the Rising Sun to day to get our teeth fixed. Mary Ann went also. We went to Hathaway's and got various articles. Got back in the evening.

**Wednesday, November 15th, 1854.**

Mr. Phillips moved to day. Mr. went to the saw mill and came back by Allensville, got Lovina some things from the store. We are preparing for a wedding here to night. Lovina and James Sage. Eleanor Bliss, Miss Beauford & Charles Godden came to the wedding, but James did not come. The girls staid all night.

**Thursday, 16th.**

[Mr.] went to the warehouse in the morning. Mr. is at home. We are all expecting the wedding to go off this evening. Charley Godden, Miss Bliss, and Miss Beauford and all from the other house came in the evening to see the wedding go off. Sage did not come. We had the bride adorned and ate the wedding supper and all retired.

**Friday, 17th.**

Mr. is at home. Mr. Sage came and claimed his bride, took her away and married her this evening. Mrs. Gary and Mrs. Dean and Grand Mother [Stow], Mary Ann, were here this after noon. I was very tired.

**Saturday, November 18th, 1854.**

Mr. went to Mr. Sedam's for Charlotte Melick. I am doing house work to day. Brother Heath was here this evening. I went to the other house to see Abigail.

**Sunday, 19th.**

Mr. and Viola, Miss Fisk, Abigail, and Mother Stow went to Bethel to Church. Mr. Hyde and

Mr. Hunt came here to day. Loring, Mounts, his brother, Newton, Br. Heath went a horse back [riding].

**Monday, 20th.**

Mr. is at home. Loring went for Charlotte Melick. I made Loring a vest, cut out Newton a shirt. Shelomith took Abigail to Vevay to get on a boat.

**Tuesday, November 21st, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. Mother and Father [Manser] were here to day. Charlotte is washing. I am frying cakes, very busy all day. Began to rain after 3. Rained quite hard. Mr. Shaw staid here all night. Came to see about getting a school.

**Wednesday, 22d.**

Mr. was at home till 4, went to take Mattie Hyde over to Allensville. S. died to day. We do not know what killed her. Had a spelling school this evening. I am making Baron a sack coat. Charlotte is making Newton a shirt.

**Thursday, 23d.**

Mr. and myself went to Mr. Slawson's. Dark and cloudy today, look like clearing off. Charlotte is alone to day. Commenced raining just as we got to Mr. Slawson's. Mr. Stow and Mr. Slawson went to Bennington to protracted meeting. Rained very hard all the evening.

**Friday, November 24th, 1854.**

Raining all day. Mr. and Mrs. Welch and Aunt came over and had a visit with us. In the evening we went in Grandpa Slawson's room, had a visit with them. Still raining. Mr. Welch came over, staid till bed time.

**Saturday, 25th.**

Mr. and myself started for home. Got home to dinner. Snowed to a brisk rate all the time. In the afternoon I finished Baron's coat. All things safe at home. Mr. Bonham is very unwell. Some fears of a fever, took some medicine, some better.

**Sunday, 26th.**

Mr. is at home. All staid at home to day. I am reading all day. Cold and cloudy and freezing all day.

**Monday, November 27th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. I cut Baron a coat and pants to day, making his coat. Charlotte is sent for. Had some relative come from New Jersey. She consented to stay and wash before going home. I am left without a girl.

**Tuesday, 28th.**

Mr. is at home. I am doing the house work with Viola's help. I finished Baron's coat. Hammond is here pressing hay. Mount went to mill to Pepper's. Staid all night. We pared apples this morning. Loring and Newton went to the debate.

**Wednesday, 29th.**

Mr. is at home. I am making Baron's pants. Mr. has sold some hay to Mr. Houze. Got several

teams hauling it. Very cold. Finished Baron's pants.

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1854.**

Mr. is at home to day. Is Thanksgiving day. We had some chickings fixings and dough doings. I had a very hard day's work. Miss Fisk and Mary Ann went to Mr. Washer's in the afternoon. We had 7 men here to dinner. It is some hay haulers- Melick, Shipman

**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Mr. is at home. I am making Newton's shirt. It snowed last night. It is melting to day very fast. I am still doing the work with Viola's help. We have a great deal to do.

**Saturday, 2<sup>d</sup>.**

Mr. is at home. I had a very hard day's work to day. Had 3 dinners to get besides scrubbing the porch and kitchen. Mr. Hyde came here this evening.

**Sunday, December 3<sup>d</sup>, 1854.**

Mr. went to Bethel to Church. The rest of the folks staid at home. I read all day. Cold and cloudy, snowing a little.

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is at home. John went for Charlotte but missed her. She came after he had gone, they missed one another. Baron staid at home. Viola went to school to day. Mr. has cut out a pair of mittens, got his mother to make them. Mrs. Stevens brought a coat for Amanda to make.

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott were here this evening. Shelomith's folks were here this evening. Mr. Kingsley staid all night. Charlotte is washing to day.

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley and Mother Stow went to Mr. Bliss's. I was not very well, therefore I did not go.

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is at home. Amanda came home to day, went to making Dick's coat. I commenced Mr. Stow's pants to day that Abigail Dean gave him. It is very cold and pleasant. One year ago to day Mr. and myself started for Green Castle. Arrived at 9 o'clock to see Hiram.

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is at home. I am making Mr.'s pants. Charlotte is ironing. One year ago to day Hiram departed this life for a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. It is vividly before me as though it was but yesterday.

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1854.**

Mr. went this afternoon to Allensville and in evening to the Division. I am sewing on Mr.'s pants. Harriet Seymour is here too, & Mother Stow and Mary Ann came for awhile in the afternoon. Very pleasant to day.

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is at home to day. Cloudy and rainy, all staid at home but John, he went to Allensville. Miss Fisk went with Shelomith's folks to Church.

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is at home. I finished Mr. Stow's cloth pants. Charlotte came this morning and is washing. Very pleasant weather. Amanda finished Dick Stevens' coat.

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1854.**

Mr. is killing hogs. Viola staid [home] from school to help about the washing. I am making Viola a sack of delaine. She is cutting one of calico. Mr. is cutting up the hogs to salt. Amanda is making Loring a pair of pants.

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is salting down his pork and trying out the lard. I am making pies and bread. Charlotte is cleaning the pigs' feet. We got our lard strained, mince meat cooked and sauce fixed, and 6 gallons of apple butter made.

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is at home choring. I have been scrubbing. Abigail Melick and Mother Stow and Mary Ann, Mr. Melick and Mr. S... were all here to day on a visit. I finished Viola's sack.

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1854.**

Mr. is chopping sausage meat. It has the appearance of rain. I am sewing on various things. We finished hog cleaning, scrubbing the smoke house the last.

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is at home, building the flue to Amanda's room. Amanda and myself went to Wells's to see the newcomer. Viola went as far with us as the meeting house, and went to see Mrs. Dunning's babe. We had a very pleasant time.

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. went to the quarterly meeting to Fairview. Charlotte went to Mr. Myers to see her sister. Mr. Hyde came here yesterday and went home to day. I was reading all day. Amanda went to Montayne's, came home at eight.

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1854.**

Mr. went to the Rising Sun. Amanda and myself went to Enterprise on a visit. Cold and cloudy all day. Commenced snowing about 4. Had the appearance of a stormy night. We walked home. Mr. came in a short time. He got Viola a bedstead.

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr. is filling straw beds to day. The snow fell about 2 inches deep. Mr. went to Jacksonville to see McCulloch. Came home. Got hurt by a horse in the stable, not very bad though. I am making bread and cakes to day.



**Wednesday, 20th.**

Mr. went to Mr. Gary's to fix his hay press. Got his foot hurt. I am making mince pies, made 23. Went in the evening to Jacobs' with Amanda.

**Thursday, December 21st, 1854.**

Mr. is at home, crippled in both walkers, feels rather the worse for wear. I cut out a pair of pants for Mr. S. Amanda is making them. I am making Mr. a pair of drawers. Charlotte is washing. Miss Jacobs is here this after noon.

**Friday, 22d.**

Mr. has gone to York to see about viewing a road up near Patriot. I am sewing. Amanda is going to washing some. Charlotte is going to iron. Very pleasant to day. Mr. did not come home to night.

**Saturday, 23d.**

Mr. came home this evening. I am at various jobs. I was over to see Mother Stow a little while. Charlotte went home this afternoon. Miss Fisk went to Allensville to Church with Shelomith's folks.

**Sunday, December 24th, 1854.**

Mr. is at home. Viola and Loring went to Allensville to Church with Shelomith. I am at home as usual, not well, my breast is lame. I cannot read but little on account of my breast.

**Monday, 25th.**

Mr. went to Jacksonville to see Mr. McCulloch. Amanda and myself went to Mr. Bliss's. Had a very pleasant Christmas. Cloudy and rained coming home.

**Tuesday, 26th.**

Mr. went to Mr. Platt. Settled up his blacksmith bill and got his new wagon mended. Amanda was washing. I was sewing.

**Wednesday, December 27th, 1854.**

Mr. and Amanda and myself went to Mr. Hastie's, staid all night. Next day went to George Hastie's and William Hastie's. Miss Fisk staid to Mr. Gary's all night.

**Thursday, 28th.**

Mr. and all of us came home from Mr. Hastie's. Rained quite hard, but got back before dark. Miss Fisk staid to Mr. Gary's again tonight.

**Friday, 29th.**

Mr. is at home getting stove wood. I am baking bread to day. Amanda and myself went to see Mother Stow. Came back. Sophia and Elizabeth Jacobs came and staid the afternoon and evening.

**Saturday, December 30th, 1854.**

Mr. and Shelomith both killed their beefs. I made 18 mince pies. Mother Stow was over to day. Mrs. Brookins was here to dinner. Grandma Stow dined with us too and [it] did not appear to hurt her.

**Sunday, 31st.**

Mr., Viola, Loring, Amanda, Miss Fisk, and myself went to Bethel to the protracted

meeting. Heard Brother Sparks preach from 1 Timothy 1 ch 15 v to a large congregation. Very pleasant and warm to day, but very muddy.