

The front free endpaper has been inscribed:

*Baron P. Stow  
Allensville  
Ind*

*Stowtown  
Switzerland Co  
Cotton township  
Indiana*

At a later date Baron added along the left margin:

*And Centersquare  
Switzerland  
County  
Ind*

And in very small script at the page bottom is:  
*Belongs to Mr. S.  
& company*

**Wednesday, Jan'y 1, 1862.**

*This morning we landed at Cincinnati at one o'clock and had a verry pleasant time. Some of the passengers danced until twelve o'clock. We then got our breakfast and went up to the Henry House to board and come back and sold the hogs. This evening we went down to Uncle Wm. and stayed a while and then went back to the Henry House.*

**Thursday, Jan'y 2, 1862.**

*This morning we got our breakfast and went down to Uncle's and then Theodore and I took a walk around the city and went over to Covington at the roling mill which was in full blast and back to the Prioress and pushed out from the city at twelve o'clock and landed at Loglick at 6½ p.m. and went at Mr. Adkinson's to stay.*

**Friday, January 3, 1862.**

*We staid at Mr. A's last night and this morning John came down after us and [we] got home at twelve o'clock. Jim took a load of hay to Loglick and brought home a load of corn this afternoon. I went to School. It rained all the afternoon and snowed and hailed all at the same time and is verry disagreeable.*

**Saturday, January 4, 1862.**

*I was sick all day with the headache and felt dul and stupid. Father went to Jacksonville and Allensville to day. Jim and John was pressing hay at Wm. Mounts this forenoon but this afternoon Jim hauled a load of hay to Loglick !! and John was grinding corn and choreing around. It snowed most all day and is verry cold.*

**Sunday, January 5, 1862.**

*I staid at home and was reading as the weather was verry disagreeable and cold and snowing. Father was writing letters. Jim went to Miss Miller's as usual. And John stayed at home all day. Mrs. Coy and Eb got back from Centersquare.*

**Monday, January 6, 1862.**

*I went to School to day. And had a verry large attendance as the number was about twenty or twentyfive Scholars. The day in the forenoon was cold and calm. This afternoon it snowed all the time. Jim and John pressed hay. Father went to Jacksonville and Centersquare.*

**Tuesday, January 7, 1862.**

*I went to School as usual to day. There were a verry good School. Father and John and Jim hauled wood and chored around. The day was verry pleasant and some cold.*

*We have not received our mail to day and therefore I have no news of much importance.*

**Wednesday, Jan'y 8, 1862.**

*I went to School as usual to day. Father & John & Jim hauled wood this forenoon.*

*This afternoon John and Jim pressed hay. And Father was choreing around. This afternoon it rained steady and verry hard.*

*No important news to day. We have a party here to night.*

**Thursday, Jan'y 9, 1862.**

*I went to School. It rained most all night last and is verry muddy and stormy. Father was bolting out hoops to day and choreing. Jim and John pressed hay, and choreing.*

*We received our mail and the news of a battle in Missouri - or a skirmish, rather - and got whiped.*

**Friday, January 10, 1862.**

*I went to School as usual to day. Father went to Jacksonville this morning. This afternoon Father was choreing around. Mr. Washer was working at the harness. Jim and John was pressing hay. It rained this forenoon. This afternoon it cleared off and turned cold.*

**Saturday, Jan'y 11, 1862.**

*I was cutting wood and choreing around. Father was quite unwell. Mr. Martin was cut wood and sawing. John & Jim pressed hay and was chorieng around.*

**Sunday, January 26, 1862.**

*I staid at home this morning as the rest of the folks went. This afternoon I took a little ride on horse back but I found it very rough and muddy riding, but very pleasant over head as the sun shone very nice as in spring, to hear the birds sing for the first time for three months.*

**Monday, January 27, 1862.**

*I went to School to day as I usually do. This morning early it snowed for a while. At noon it turned warm and muddy also!*

*Jim and John pressed hay to day. Frank Manser commenced work to day. Martin was cutting stovewood. Viola and Jim went to Mr. Bliss's to a supprise party.*

**Tuesday, January 28, 1862.**

*I went to School to day again as usual. Thare were not so many scholars as usual on the account of the measels being in the School.*

*Father went to Jacksonville and got the mail, but no news, only letters from the souldiers that was in the battle at Somerset. It is very rainy and the mud is in proportion to it.*

**Wednesday, Jan'y 29, 1862.**

*I went over to Mr. Bradford's this morning and went from thare to School with Thomas B &c &c &c. It rained until about 10 o'clock, and it turned to snow, and [snowed] the rest of the time until it was 4 inches deep. Eb got the mail but thare were no news of importance. Father was choreing around.*

**Thursday, Jan'y 30, 1862.**

*I went to School as usual to day. Father and Jim and Martin and John was cutting stovewood, as they are going to make a business of it. It snowed most all day and is of course very muddy. We received no mail to day and tharefore no news.*

**Friday, January 31, 1862.**

*I went to School as usual and as the snow was melting very fast the scholars would make the snowballs fly pretty fast as the snow was going off. Father and Jim and John was cutting stovewood. Viola had the headache most all day and made the schollars dance ...ber.*

**Saturday, Feb'y 1, 1862.**

*I went to Allensville after the mail but as the mail didnt come and we didnt received any. Father went to Vevay and returned. John and Jim and Mr. Martin was cutting stovewood. No important news.*

**Sunday, February 2, 1862.**

*I staid at home most all day excepting going over to Uncle's a while. Father and Mother went over to Mr. Melick's as four of the children has the measels. Viola staid at home and was writing and reading. A very pleasant day over head to day but miserable below.*

**Monday, February 3, 1862.**

*I went to School to day as usual. As there was 26 scholars had a tolable full School. Father and John and Martin and Jim was choreing around and pressing hay. The day has been toltiably cool but still thawing and muddy. Also we received our mail, but no important news.*

**Tuesday, February 4, 1862.**

*I went to School to day. And as Viola felt pretty cross we had to walk the chalk line to day and then get a [word, possibly "thrashing," crossed out] Father and all hands was cutting stove wood and hauling wood. We received no news nor mail to day as it was very muddy.*

**Wednesday, Feb'y 5, 1862.**

*I went to School to day as Viola was in a better humor. So we got along fine with our studies as we had some speaking this afternoon.*

*Father went to Centersquare after the grist and went to Jacksonville and got the mail. Received a letter from Ed M- as he is [in] poor health he speaks of coming down. A very pleasant day overhead but still muddy.*

**Thursday, Feb'y 6, 1862.**

*I went to School to day. Viola was in a bad humor most all day but I watched her as she did me no harm. Father and the boys (John & Jim & Martin) was cutting stovewood and sawing. It froze some last night but thawed out and was very muddy. No news to day as we have no mail.*

**Friday, February 7, 1862.**

*I went to School. Viola was in a first rate humor as she made some rules that it would not pay very well to break them. Father and the boys was cutting and sawing stovewood. We received our mail but no important news.*

**Saturday, Feb'y 8, 1862.**

*Father and Mother & Viola & myself went to Enterprise to Mr. Malin's as his sons (Joe & John) had come. Had a pleasant time. The boys was cutting and sawing stovewood. Eb got the mail. [There] was one paper, no news of any account. Very muddy this afternoon and cold.*

**Sunday, February 9, 1862.**

*I staid at home and put my time in at reading and writing. As Viola had company to day we did not go any place to day. Father did stay at home. Jim went to Miller's as usual.*

**Monday, February 10, 1862.**

*I went to School as usual as it is the last of the term. The scholars pitch into there studys about right and as Viola is in a good humor. John and Jim hauled hay to Loglick. Father and Mother went over to Grand Father's to day. And very cold and snowing.*

**Tuesday, February 11, 1862.**

*I went to School. It was snowing all day and very muddy .... John and Jim was hauling*

firewood all day and Alva was chopping wood. Father was working around at a few chores.

We received no peticular news to day.

**Friday, February 28, 1862.**

I was very sick all day to day with the measels and felt pretty slim as they would not make their appearance so I had to keep in the house all day. Father was choreing. The boys was working in the woods. The day was very pleasant and the sun shone bright.

**Saturday, March 1, 1862.**

I laid on my bed all [day] very sick with the measels as they came out, and [I] am a pretty looking fellow. Father went to Centersquare. John and Jim went to Vevay with two loads of hay and brought back some horse feed. Very cold all day.

**Sunday, March 2, 1862.**

I sit up most all day and feel considerably better. The day was very rany and icy so that the trees looks like one mass cake of ice. Jim went a wooing as usual for Sunday. No company here to day and am very lonesom.

**Monday, March 3, 1862.**

I was better all day than I have been for some time as they are going away very fast. I have been going around the house all day employing myself in read[ing] and writing in my journal as I could not previous to to day on the account of my eyes being so weak and myself so sick. It has been snowing all the afternoon but melted as fast as it fell. Mr. Montayne was here to day.

**Tuesday, March 4, 1862.**

I touched my foot to the ground the first time since last Thursday. I have had to stay in the house most all day and oh, so lonesom. I know I could not describe. Father and Mr. Melick and Uncle went to Enterprise to an Agriculture meeting. John and Jim was hauling wood. Alva was splitting rails. No mail nor news.

**Wednesday, March 5, 1862.**

I interested myself in reading and writing a letter to Viola. Wm. Melick went to Jacksonville and got the mail but no letters or news.

Father went to Enterprise to get the ... to the hay press mended. The boys was cutting wood and choreing. It snowed by spells all day. The wind blowed very cold and hard all day. Joe Melick moved in the house whare Wm. Mount lived to day.

**Thursday, March 6, 1862.**

I was choreing around for the first day since I have had the measels. Father went to Uncle Graham's as he is very sick. Jim went to Vevay in the spring wagon. John was cutting wood and choreing. It was a very pleasant day all day and very muddy.

**Friday, March 7, 1862.**

I went up to Joe's this morning and was choreing around the rest of the day. Father went to Vevay to day and got the mail but no important news. John and Jim hauled corn from J. M. Froman's. A very nice pleasant day overhead but very muddy underfoot.

**Saturday, March 8, 1862.**

I was choreing around and helped John grind corn this afternoon. This A.M. John and Jim finished hauling corn. Father was choreing and went to Froman's. A very pleasant day overhead but very muddy. No mail nor news to day. George Cole returned from Munfordsville as he has been sick.

**Sunday, March 9, 1862.**

This morning Father & Myself went to Bethel to church. Thare was a very good congection to day as the roads are most impassible [sic]. I came home and found Frank here and as he was very much disapointed he went back home this eavening.

Jim is gone as usual. This eavening it is very cloudy and looks like rain again.

**Monday, March 10, 1862.**

I was frameing some fenceing posts and done some chores. Father was triming some fruit trees and went to Allensville. Jim came home this morning sick and has not done anything. John was choreing around and was working in the barn. We did not receive our mail and did not rec-d any news.

**Tuesday, March 11, 1862.**

I was choreing around and worked in the garden. Father was choreing around and went to Jacksonville and got the mail, but no news in particular. John and Jim was triming trees. The day was pretty overhead and drying up the mud very fast.

**Wednesday, March 12, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville this morning and got the mail which consisted of one paper and two letters and received news that our gunboats had gained the victory, and in Arkansas a battle and losed 1,000 men after 3 days' hard fighting then run the bushwhackers.

A.M. Jim and Father & John was cutting and hauling sawlogs at Centersquare.

P.M. Jim commenced plowing & John hauled rails. Uncle Lyman was here.

**Thursday, March 13, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville and got the mail which contains the particulars of the evacuation of Manassas [and] newmerous other skirmishes. Father was choreing around. Jim was plowing. John was hauling rails. Lemuel brought Viola home this morning and left his carrage here and went home [on] horseback. The day was very cloudy but did not rain.

P.M. I wrote a letter to "Muggins."

**Monday, March 31, 1862.**

I was plaining some paling for a fence and done many other newmorous ones. [jobs, chores] Father was working in the garden. Jim hauled two loads of hay to Loglick. Father was working in the garden. Jim hauled two loads of hay to Loglick. The day was very pleasant and warm.

**Tuesday, April 1, 1862.**

This morning I helped move Mr. Converse. Jim hauled hay. Father was choreing. This afternoon I went to Enterprise. Jim hauled hay. Father was working in the garden. The day was very pleasant.

**Wednesday, April 2, 1862.**

This morning I was plowing and harrowing in my garden. Father went to Enterprise. Jim went to Vevay. This afternoon Jim and I hauled hay. Father was choreing. The day was very pleasant but was very windy. The roads was very bad but are geting better.

**Thursday, April 3, 1862.**

This morning Jim and I hauled hay to Loglick. Father was working in the shop. Mr. Converse was sorting potatos. This afternoon I went to Jacksonville. Father was working in the shop. James Lacey was married to Lizzie Miller by Rev. Robertson at 4 ½ P.M.

**Friday, April 4, 1862.**

I hauled two loads of hay. Jim Boyd hauled one load. The day was very warm and pleasant. This eavening it is very cloudy and signs of rain.

**Saturday, April 5, 1862.**

This morning I went to Enterprise and took the mules to the shop. Jim hauled a load of hay to Loglick. Father was choreing. P.M. I hauled a load of hay to Loglick with Jim. Father was working around. The day was very cool and windy.

**Sunday, April 6, 1862.**

I went to Mr. Cole's to see Josephus as he has the typhoid fever. He is very sick as he is delirious and very crazy. Father was also thare. The Sunday School was reorganized at 9 o'clock. The day was very warm and pleasant.

**Monday, April 7, 1862.**

Jim, B. & I was repressing hay. Father was grinding corn. Mr. Converse was working around at chores. It rained all day steady. Joseph Cole is no better to day.

**Tuesday, April 8, 1862.**

I went to Mr. Melick's after some hay hoops. Jim hauled some lumber to Jacksonville. Father was working in the shop. I killed a wild duck to day. This afternoon Father bought a pony for me, \$50.00. I was choreing. Mr. Converse was sawing stove wood.

**Wednesday, April 9, 1862.**

Jim & Mr. Converse & Myself was pressing hay and broke down and then I went to Enterprise. Father was choreing. It rained most all day and all night last night. The ground was all covered with water.

**Thursday, April 10, 1862.**

Jim Boyd and Mr. C. and Myself was pressing hay. Jim Lacey was here to day. Father was making a hay bed for Jim. The day was very pleasant and the water has drained off very much.

**Friday, April 11, 1862.**

Mr. Converse & Jim & Myself was pressing hay and choreing around. Father was making Jim a hay riging for hauling bales of hay on. This morning we received the news of the battle at Corinth on last Sunday. The victory is ours and 5,000 prisoners.

**Saturday, April 12, 1862.**

We finished pressing hay to day. Father and Jim hauled a load of lumber to Jacksonville. We received no important news. It rained most all day.

**Sunday, April 13, 1862.**

I went to see Josephus Cole this morning. He is geting a great deal better. Came home, found Mr. Bradford here and took dinner with us. This afternoon at 4 o'clock we all went to Sabbath School. Had a very good attendence, had singing and prayer to open with and then a Bible lesson and singing again and closed and returned home.

**Monday, April 14, 1862.**

Jim and I hauled two loads of hay to Loglick. Father was choreing. This afternoon he went over to Mr. Bliss's after Mother, as she and Grandmother went over this morning. Mr. Converse built fence. The day was very cloudy all day. This eavening some signs of rain.

**Tuesday, April 15, 1862.**

Jim [&] I ground corn and hauled lumber. Mr. Converse was working. Father went to Enterprise to an Agricultural meet. This eavening Uncle Lyman was here. The day was very cloudy.

**Wednesday, April 16, 1862.**

I was sick to day. Mr. Washer was working at the fence. Father was choreing. Jim hauled two loads of hay to Loglick. It rained this eavening.

**Thursday, April 17, 1862.**

Viola and Mandy and Myself to Vevay and drove my pony. It rained part of the time. Father went to Enterprise. Jim hauled two loads of hay.

**Friday, April 18, 1862.**

I was choreing. Lewis Stoops commenced work. Him and Jim hauled hay. It rained most all day steady and cleared off very cool. A.

Father went to Enterprise to day as Mr. Converse and Martin was digging at pond. Mr. Washer and A. was working at the fence. The day was very warm and pleasant. I painted the fence this afternoon.

**Thursday, May 8, 1862.**

I was painting the fence most all day. Mr. Washer and A. finished the fence. Father went to Enterprise. Lewis and John was working at Centersquare. The day was warm and pleasant.

**Friday, May 9, 1862.**

I took a load of potatoes to Rising Sun, had a very nice time as the roads was good and it was a pleasant day. Father went to Enterprise. Lewis and John Bradford and Mr. Converse commenced planting corn.

No particular news. Rec-d a letter from Mollie.

**Saturday, May 10, 1862.**

I helped the boys finish plant corn. Father and Mother went to Bennington to quarterly meeting. This evening I went to Jacksonville and got the mail but no important news.

**Sunday, May 11, 1862.**

This morning Lewis and I went to Bethel to Sunday School. The school was very large and quite interesting. Lewis went home from there and I come home and this afternoon I went to Sunday School at Greenwood. The day was very warm [and] pleasant.

**Monday, May 12, 1862.**

Sam Welch and I was working in my lot. Lewis was grinding corn. John and Mr. Converse and Father was working. The day was very warm indeed.

**Tuesday, May 13, 1862.**

Father was choreing around. Sam and I was working in my lot. John was plowing. Lewis and Converse was hauling manure. The news came that Norfolk was taken and the gunboat Merrimack blown up.

**Wednesday, May 14, 1862.**

Father and John went to Vevey. John took a load of hay down. Sam and I was cleaning up the door yard. Lewis and Mr. Converse was choreing around. The day was cool and pleasant as it rained last night and made every thing look thrifty.

**Thursday, May 15, 1862.**

I was painting the fence and choreing around. Father and Mr. Converse and Sam was working in the garden. Lewis was choreing. John hauled hay. The day was very warm and pleasant and no signs of rain.

**Friday, May 16, 1862.**

I took a load of potatoes to Rising Sun. Father was choreing. John and Lewis & Mr. C. was repairing fence this afternoon. John hauled hay. The day was very warm and unpleasant. I was very sick this evening.

**Saturday, May 17, 1862.**

This morning I felt much better such that I done a few chores. Sam was choreing. Father went to Enterprise. John hauled hay. Lewis and Merle repaired fence. P.M. Lewis and Father & I was repressing hay. John and Mr. C. went home. I took a little hunt after supper and killed a squirrel and sent it over to Mr. Bradford.

**Sunday, May 18, 1862.**

I went to Centersquare to Sabbath School and had quite an interesting School. This afternoon I went to Sunday School at old Greenwood and had a very full school, and interesting. The day was cool and pleasant all day.

**Monday, May 19, 1862.**

Lewis and I pressed hay. John hauled hay to Loglick. Father was choreing around and went to Enterprise. The day was warm and pleasant. I went to Jacksonville this evening.

**Tuesday, May 20, 1862.**

I was helping Mr. Converse [at] cleaning out the barn and done a few chores besides. Lewis and John ground corn. Father went to Centersquare. P.M. Father was settling up the hay account. It rained all day steady and made the grass and corn look nice and thrifty.

**Wednesday, May 21, 1862.**

I have [not] done anything but chores to day as I have a lame neck which hurts like fury. Father went to Enterprise. John and Lewis & Mr. Converse repaired fence. It rained some this morning and it got muddy. This afternoon we washed sheep.

**Thursday, May 22, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville after the mail but did not receive any mail or news. Father went to Enterprise and made a road scraper. Lewis plowed for hungarian grass. John hauled hay. The day was warm and pleasant.

**Friday, May 23, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville and got the mail. Come back and chored around. All hands and Father was working the roads. The day was very warm and pleasant. No particular news. We had the first mess of strawberry this evening.

**Saturday, May 24, 1862.**

I was choring around this morning. Lewis and John hauled stone and pressed [hay]. Mr. Converse was repairing fence. Father went to Vevey. This afternoon I plowed corn and hoed in the garden. John hauled the last load of hay. Lewis and Mr. Converse repaired fence. The day was very pleasant.

**Sunday, May 25, 1862.**

This morning Viola and I went to Centersquare to a baptis meeting at 11 o'clock, come home and this afternoon we all went [to] Sunday S. Had a large attendance and quite interesting.

**Thursday, June 12, 1862.**

I was choring around, picking cherrys, and hoeing in the garden. This evening I went to Enterprise and got the paper which consists of various news of how Gen Mitchell had a two days' fight and had whiped them out and gained a glorious victory. They moved the blacksmith shop to day.

**Friday, June 13, 1862.**

John and I hauled a load of corn apiece from Mr. Smith's. Come home and chored the rest of the day. It was extremely warm so that the (Ther) was up to 96 in the shade. I went up to Enterprise and got the mail besides taking a nice bath.

**Saturday, June 14, 1862.**

This morning I hauled a load of corn from Mr. Smith's and this afternoon I was painting Joe Melick's hay bed. The day was very hot and no air stirring at all scersely. Viola went to Enterprise and brought grandmother back. Received news of newmorous skirmishes of which our men was successful.

**Sunday, June 15, 1862.**

I staid at home this morning and read several storys in the Waverly magazine, "The Raccoon Hunt," "Love at First Sight." I ate my dinner and went to Jacksonville and from there to Sunday School which was quite large and interesting. Returned home and done some chores and read some more in the Waverly and went to bed.

**Monday, June 16, 1862.**

I plowed my corn and potatos most this morning and done a few chores. Rufus Welch came up about noon. Got our dinners and went to Enterprise and got the mail besides taking a very nice bath and came home. After supper we went to Mr. Cole's and played on the drums a while and came home and went to bed tired and sleepy.

**Tuesday, June 17, 1862.**

This morning I got up rather late and went out in the field and went to plowing and plowed all day hard. And this evening it commenced raining and is raining yet very hard. The ground is all covered with water so we can hardly get around. The day was very cool untill the rain.

**Wednesday, June 18, 1862.**

This morning I got up late and chored around untill noon. This afternoon I went to Enterprise and got the mail besides taking a good bath. No news of importance. It rained every few minutes all day. It is very muddy now and slipry.

**Thursday, June 19, 1862.**

I went to Centersquare with John & Mr. C. to plow corn. It rained most all day off and on. This morning I went to Jacksonville and got the mail but no important news. This evening

Uncle went to Enterprise and got the daily paper.

**Friday, June 20, 1862.**

This morning I was plowing sugar cane and done a few chores. This afternoon I plowed my corn and potatos and hoed in my garden and then went to Enterprise and got the mail but no particular news. The day was quite cool and pleasant as there is no sign of rain.

**Saturday, June 21, 1862.**

I was choreing and hoeing in my garden and after dinner I went in the field to help harvest some rye as it is the commencement of our harvest and it seems queer to handle the sheaves as it is some time since I have tried it. The day was warm and pleasant. No news in our daily.

**Sunday, June 22, 1862.**

This morning after I done my chores I fixed and went to Bethel to Church. Mr. Robertson preached a very good sermon and a large congregation. I returned, got my dinner and rested a while and went to Sunday School. The School was very large and journal, to day I concluded to do what I thought was best for me to do in future.

**Monday, June 23, 1862.**

I was helping harvest rye to [day] but as I had a severe pain in my side I did not do much. The day was warm and pleasant. We received no war news or any other kind. Some signs of rain.

**Tuesday, June 24, 1862.**

As my side was worse to day I did not work only half a day. It sprinkled some this morning but soon cleared off and became a pleasant day. No news of importance to day.

**Wednesday, June 25, 1862.**

They finished cuting rye at noon. I did a few chores. As my side was so bad I did not go to work. Father went to Enterprise and got the papers. No important news. The day was quite warm. Lem and Julia and Betty came out this evening.

**Thursday, June 26, 1862.**

This forenoon I chored around some as I canot work. Viola & Betty went up to see Mr. Godden and found him dead. He died last night after suffering the agony of death a great many years. Father went to Vevay. They returned home and this P.M. Mother & them went to the funeral. I went to Enterprise and got the papers. News that a small fight took place near Richmond and McClellan reinforcing.

**Friday, June 27, 1862.**

This morning I went to Jacksonville and got the mail and a letter from Sie. This afternoon I went to Enterprise as I cannot work any. I ride around for my helth. No news, only that Mc\_ is advancing on Richmond and expects to

**Thursday, July 17, 1862.**

A good day to haul in and we put our time in pretty well. But this afternoon it got cloudy again and we had another shower. It was extremely warm all day.

**Friday, July 18, 1862.**

I went to Enterprise this morning and got a mowing mashine knife. I came home and this afternoon I was raking hay. The day was very cool and pleasant. This evening it rained. No important news.

**Saturday, July 19, 1862.**

All hands at work. We hauled in hay this morning as it looked like [rain]. This afternoon it rained very hard and stoped. I went to Enterprise and got the mail &c &c. No important news.

**Sunday, July 20, 1862.**

I staid at home this morning and read some storys and lazed around the house half asleep untill Sunday School time come and I had to go. So we went and had a very good school and came home. The day [was] warm and pleasant.

**Monday, July 21, 1862.**

We finished one field and got a good start on an other. I raked and hauled in the barn all day and this evening I went to Enterprise. Viola went to Allensville and brought Mollie Lewis home with her. No important news.

**Tuesday, July 22, 1862.**

We all worked hard to day as it looked like rain (but it did not). But this evening broke the machine and Father went to Eprise and [bought] "Parson Brownlow's Book."

This evening it is very pleasant and cool. No news.

["Parson Brownlow's Book" was, most likely, *Sketches of the Rise, Progress, and Decline of Secession*, William G. Brownlow, 1862.]

**Wednesday, July 23, 1862.**

I was raking and loading hay as we have but few hands and I have to do my share. The day was quite warm but we did not mind that much. We did not get the paper this evening and no news.

**Thursday, July 24, 1862.**

All hands at work again as we want to finish the field this week and get done harvesting next week. We are geting along finely for what hands we have got. We received no mail nor news.

**Friday, July 25, 1862.**

We all worked hard to day as it looked like rain very much. This afternoon we hauled in nine loads of hay with one team. We did not have no mail to day nor news either. Lem and Julia came out to day, but went back this evening.

**Saturday, July 26, 1862.**

We all worked hard to day so as to finish the field. We finished a little after sun down. Viola and Mollie went to Enterprise and got the mail but no particular news.

**Sunday, July 27, 1862.**

This morning I got the mule geared up, ready for to take the girls to Centersquare to church when Mr. Thiebaud and Miss Ella Dufour came and we did not go, so I concluded to read "Parson's" book untill School time and went to school and had a good one too. Father went to Vevay to see Mr. Washer as he got badly hurt yesterday as a horse ran away.

**Monday, July 28, 1862.**

I was raking and hauling hay as we commenced another field and got along very well. Viola and Mollie went down to Florence to see the folks. The day was very warm and sultry and hay cured fast. No news of importance.

**Tuesday, July 29, 1862.**

This morning I raked up hay as it was too damp to haul in. It has been very warm. This afternoon I hauled hay. It fills the mow up pretty fast so that it is very unhandy unloading and moving it away. The day was very warm.

**Wednesday, July 30, 1862.**

I raked and hauled in hay all day and worked hard too as we was in a hurrah for fear of rain as it looked quite cloudy. This afternoon we had to put the hay on the floor as the mow was full. No news of importance.

**Thursday, July 31, 1862.**

I raked and hauled in hay all day as we think we will finish this week. Part of them was mowing the Orchard. The day was very warm. Aunt A. Dean and Mrs. Branham came out this eve from Florence.

**Friday, August 1, 1862.**

I hauled hay and raked all day as we will get done by supertime.

We got done at the appointed time. So now, we are done harvesting. Plenty of company to day. Very warm day. John Hall got back this evening.

**Saturday, August 2, 1862.**

John and Viola & Mollie & Ella Bliss & Myself all went a blackberrying. We had very good luck, came home and found Mr. Washer and Lorinda here. This afternoon we did nothing but read and sleep. The day was quite warm.

**Sunday, August 3, 1862.**

We all staid at home this morning as it looked very much like rain. It did not rain, but was very warm. This afternoon we all went to Sunday School. Our class was put with the female class and done well. Viola and I went to Allensville to meeting. Sid Pinker preached.

not come. I came home and went to Mr. Bliss's and got the girls and brought them home.

**Friday, August 22, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville and got the mail but no word from Father. The rest of the day I was helping about the house and chopping stove-wood. This afternoon C.A.T. came and took Ella home. No important news.

**Saturday, August 23, 1862.**

This morning I went to Enterprise and heard the news of Capt. Rous's company taken prisoners by the garrillies. This afternoon I was cutting stove-wood and choring around. No particular news only the report of the company being captured denied. [Captain Percy Rous led Company E, 50<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. This group included many Cotton Twp. men, including Si Thompson, George Cole, and Moses Cole.]

**Sunday, August 24, 1862.**

I went to Sunday School this morning. I hitched up the horses and took Viola to church at Centersquare. Mr. Riley preached. Anna Ogle joined [the] church. Ella Bliss and Lib Meflick came home with us to dinner. This afternoon I took the girls down to church again. Had a good sermon and came home.

**Monday, August 25, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville and got a letter from Father, for the first one. This afternoon I went to Enterprise but did not get any mail. The day was very warm and sultry as it was very dusty.

**Tuesday, August 26, 1862.**

I spent my Birth day driving around. I went to Vevay P.M. and got back at 8 o'clock. Is it possible journal that the day has rolled around at last that I am fifteen years old? O, it seems as a dream.

**Wednesday, August 27, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville but did not get any mail. Came home and Aunt Harriet and Oliver was here. They went home after dinner. I went to Enterprise and got the mail but no important news. Mr. Converse was resetting fence all day.

**Thursday, August 28, 1862.**

I was picking pears this morning and dug potatoes. Viola was caning up pears and tomatoes and was working at her quilt. Mrs. Bliss came over to day and staid all day. P.M. I was working at the pears. Mr. Converse was at work.

**Friday, August 29, 1862.**

I was picking the cornberries and helped Viola can the fruit. This afternoon I finished the cornberries and went to Enterprise and got the mail but no particular news. Mr. Converse was at work all day.

**Saturday, August 30, 1862.**

I was working around the barn, cleaning the yard up & choring. This afternoon I went to

Enterprise and helped Mr. Converse clean out the cistern. Viola went up to the school house to sweep this evening. Very warm and signs of rain.

**Sunday, August 31, 1862.**

We went to Sunday School this morning. Had a tolerable good attendance and good singing besides. Came home and this afternoon I took an evening walk as it was very warm to stay at home. Very much like rain this eve.

**Monday, September 1, 1862.**

This morning Viola & I went down to Vevay to get some things for the house and Viola's quilt. Got home at one o'clock and went to working at every thing [that] came handy. Mr. Converse was mowing hungarian.

**Tuesday, September 2, 1862.**

I was choreing around and helped Mr. C. haul in the hungarian grass and working at one thing and an other. George Bradford came over and staid all night with me. What a fine time we have talking over the good old times.

**Wednesday, Sept'r 3, 1862.**

This morning George went home and I took eight bushels of wheat to the mill and got the mail. Mr. Converse was at work as usual. No particular news.

**Thursday, Sept'r 4, 1862.**

I commenced the quilting frames this afternoon. Mary Gates came over this evening to stay with us. Had a very good time. Mr. Converse was cutting up corn. No particular news.

**Friday, September 5, 1862.**

This morning Mary went home after enjoying a great deal [of] pleasure. I finished the quilting frame this morning. This afternoon went to Enterprise. No news of importance. Mr. C. was at work.

**Saturday, Sept'r 6, 1862.**

This morning I went to Centersquare and got the grist and heard of the Garrillas coming over the river so I came home, got my gun and started for Vevay with about 30 others. Got there at 3 o'clock, found it to be a false report and went to the river and took a good swim and came home. Got home at 8 o'clock. Mr. C. did not work to day.

**Sunday, September 7, 1862.**

This morning we went to Sunday School and from there to Harmony to Church. Mink got hurt and I came home. This afternoon I went over to Mr. Bradford's and staid awhile. George came home with me to stay all night with me. Had another good old time.

**Monday, September 8, 1862.**

This afternoon [sic] I went to C-square & Jacksonville but got no letters. This afternoon I plowed some and went to Allensville to see them organize a Company. Mr. C. was at



but was around still. Rec-ed the mail but no news of importance.

**Sunday, September 28, 1862.**

This morning I went to Sunday School. I then went to Geo. Armstrong's child's funeral. There was a great number so that I could not get inside so came home. This afternoon I was so lonesome I took a ride to cheer me up.

**Monday, September 29, 1862.**

I was hauling logs for the sugar mill all day. This evening I went to Joe Melick's to an apple cutting. Had a very fine time as there was a few girls which was in fine spirits, especially one ...

**Tuesday, September 30, 1862.**

I was choreing at a little of every thing. Father was choreing around. I got the mail to day but no news of importance. The day was very warm.

**Wednesday, October 1, 1862.**

I was choring around and hauling some timber. Father was choreing around. Mr. Dodd was working on the kitchen chimney. Mr. Pearson was working on the kitchen. The day was very warm.

**Thursday, October 2, 1862.**

I went to Enterprise and got the papers but no particular news only a battle expected at Corinth. Father went to Centersquare. Mr. Dodd was working on the chimney.

**Friday, October 3, 1862.**

This morning I got up the team and went to R. Sun with Joseph Melick and got two loads of Brand [bran?]. After we got home we was invited to another apple cutting at Dan Melick's, there too as the place where some body got the smitten this eve.

**Saturday, October 4, 1862.**

Father and I hauled up some timber and done several chores. This afternoon I went to Enterprise and got the mail but no important news. The day was very cool all day.

**Sunday, October 5, 1862.**

This morning I went to Sunday School. The School was quite interesting to day as there was a good many there. The day was very pleasant and cool and the wind was still.

**Monday, October 6, 1862.**

I went to Vevay to get my photograph taken but as he was not prepared I did not get it. Joe Melick was working at the shed and helping Mr. Dodd. No particular news.

**Tuesday, October 7, 1862.**

This morning I went to Rising Sun and got a load of brand and shorts. Got back in good season. No particular news to day. No signs of rain.

**Wednesday, October 8, 1862.**

This morning while eating breakfast Sie Thompson came to see us as he has been gone

almost a year. Looks well and harty. We was cutting timber for the shed. No news of particular importance.

**Thursday, October 9, 1862.**

I was hauling some timber for boards for the shed all day. Father & Converse was cleaning out the well as the water is very low. Sie went down to see Ella H. No news.

**Friday, October 10, 1862.**

I was hauling more timber again. Father & Joe & Converse was cutting timber for boards. Sie was looking around as he feels pretty well after he has got back. No particular news, only sharp skirmishing.

**Saturday, October 11, 1862.**

Father went to Vevay to day after the mill but did not get it. Sie went to Mr. Shull's. I went to the drill at Enterprise. It was very cold. Got the paper but no particulars.

**Sunday, October 12, 1862.**

I went to Sunday School and came home and got Mink and went down to Centersquare to Church. Mr. Lewis preached. Heard the sermon through and came home. Got my dinner and took Mink and had a little pleasure ride.

**Monday, October 13, 1862.**

This morning Viola and Aunt & Myself went to Rising Sun to get some particular things. Got back at 7 o'clock. Father & the hands raised the shed to day. No news at all only we whiped them out in Ky.

**Tuesday, October 14, 1862.**

I staid at home this morning and helped them about the shed. This afternoon we all went to the election - a great deal of excitement. No particular news. This evening we all went to a social party at Joe Melick. Had an extra pleasant time as there was some girls of corse.

**Wednesday, October 15, 1862.**

I took Sie down to Vevay on his way back to the army. He left in fine spirits. I got back at dark. Directly after some twenty came out from Florence on horse back. Poor excuses.

**Thursday, October 16, 1862.**

Father went to Vevay. I was choreing around, and went to Enterprise and got the mail but no particular news. Father got home at dark. But no news.

**Friday, October 17, 1862.**

I went to Mr. Jager's and got the mill and went to Vevay. Got home at 8 o'clock. Father & Jim Lacey was working on the shed. The day was warm untill sunset, then cool.

**Saturday, October 18, 1862.**

I was choring around. Jim and Dan M. worked till noon, then had to drill. I went to Enterprise, got the papers. See that the rebels had destroyed 800 waggons so that our troops would not get them.

**Friday, November 7, 1862.**

I was choreing around, helping about the molasas. Father was boiling down molasas. We have heard no news to day as we are destitute of a paper – that is, a daily. The day was warm and pleasant.

**Saturday, Novem'r 8, 1862.**

I went to Enterprise and Allensville, but did get no mail nor news. Father was still making molasas. Nothing has took [place] to day of any account.

**Sunday, November 9, 1862.**

This morning I went down to Mr. Jager's and staid all day. Had a very pleasant time. Took a walk down to the grave yard and around on the hill. As they wanted me to stay the evening I thought I would do so.

**Monday, November 10, 1862.**

I staid all night at Mr. Jager's and this A.M. I went down to town and then home. Got home at noon, having a pleasant trip all around. This P.M. I went to work grinding cane. The day was very pleasant.

**Tuesday, November 11, 1862.**

I was choreing around and feeding the "Old Sugar Mill" &c &c. I also took a little ride to Jacksonville this evening. And choreing around doing newmerous things and reading the "Waverly Magazine" and news papers. The day was very cool but pleasant.

**Wednesday, Novem'r 12, 1862.**

I was helping Father make molasas. This evening I went to Centersquare to the Singing School. I was there introduced to Miss Anna Ogle. Had a very pleasant time as I had saw her before but had had no introduction before untill this evening but had waited over a year for it to transact and the time has now come. See Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1861.

**Thursday, Novem'r 13, 1862.**

I went to Centersquare this morning and got a load of barrels and come home. This afternoon I was helping Father about the molases and choreing as usual. The day was very pleasant.

**Friday, Novem'r 14, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville and got the mail and was working around helping make molasas &c &cc. O that it was finished. What a hum bug it is and can be no freedom what ever. The day was very pleasant.

**Saturday, Novem'r 15, 1862.**

Dan and Myself went to Centersquare to get a load of corn but as it rained so we came back. I was reading stories and news papers and lazing around. Viola & Frank came. Every thing seems to liven up. O what is ...er [nearer or newer] than an affectionate sister.

**Sunday, November 16, 1862.**

This morning I took Mink and went to church as the "choir" sang which was delightful. We had a good sermon but nothing would head

the singing in my estimation. Came home and found Ed Manser here on his return home from war. "War, War" nothing but war.

**Monday, November 17, 1862.**

This afternoon Frank went home. (Nothing occurred A.M.) It commenced raining this evening very hard and is now quite muddy and slipery. It seemes so refreshing to have a good rain again.

**Tuesday, November 18, 1862.**

It still keeps on raining yet as though it would never stop. Every thing seems to be over flowed. I have not been doing any thing of importance to day except reading some, and very little of that. Frank came back this evening again as he could do nothing at home.

**Wednesday, Novem'r 19, 1862.**

And still it rains & rains & rains and no prospect of its ever ceasing. O that it would quit. The Singing (School) I do not know any thing about. It is too muddy to go and I hate to be cheated out of a sing on the account of rain.

**Thursday, Novem'r 20, 1862.**

I was helping about the molasas as usual again to day. It has stoped raining and has cleared off nice but is till muddy. We have had no late papers for some time and are almost destitute of news entirely.

**Friday, November 21, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville and Centersquare (more so the latter) to get the mail and find out about the Singing School. I understood it was this evening. I came home and went back to Singing School. I had a most delightful time as I have got acquainted with quite an interesting young lady which takes my fancy much, Miss Anna Ogle.

**Saturday, Novem'r 22, 1862.**

I went to Jacksonville again as usual and going I met Miss Anna coming from church. She looked as the very sample of innocense. Oh how pure that heart is. What is there in this world that can be compared to it? Nothing, no not anything.

**Sunday, November 23, 1862.**

This morning I got up rather late but went to Church at 11 o'clock. The choir was called on to sing and of course I had to take my seat by the side of Miss Anna during services to sing with her. Oh how interesting her conversation is, how lovely every word is spoken, and so gentle. It really charms me. Oh how I appreciate it to be in her company.

**Monday, November 24, 1862.**

This morning I packed up my books and started for School once more. It seams as natular as ever. Lizzie Godden has taken the school for three months. There was 20 Schoolars to day. I commenced my studies with the determination of learning and I will

and by that time it was dark so I now go to bed to finish my day's work.

**Tuesday, December 9, 1862.**

The thrashers did not come as expected so I had to go after them again. I got home at ten o'clock and then went to School for the rest of the day. The thrashers came this evening after dark. The day has been cool but pleasant all day.

**Wednesday, Decem'r 10, 1862.**

All hands were thrashing but did not get done. I also had to stay from School and help. This evening I went down to Singing School. O I had a grand time. I took my usual seat in the alto class as it comes natural to do that. At recess we had all the fun imaginable, cutting up, laughing, and talking. It almost sets me on tip toes to think what a good time.

**Thursday, Decem'r 11, 1862.**

We finished thrashing at 10 o'clock A.M. and all the hands went home. There was 216 bushels of wheat. I was choreing around the rest of the day and fixing up the stable for Mink and choreing. There is no news to be heard of.

**Friday, December 12, 1862.**

This morning I went out to Mr. Pickett's to see about dressing some deer skins and came back by Jacksonville and Centersquare. This afternoon I went up to School. There was a good many scholars to day as the day was warm and pleasant.

**Saturday, Decem'r 13, 1862.**

I staid at home and helped press hay all day. It rained very hard this afternoon but it is clearing off. Mr. Steele and his boy has killed three more deer to day which makes six that he has killed. He feels in fine spirits.

**Sunday, December 14, 1862.**

I took Mink this morning and went to Centersquare but found out there was no church to day. So I came home again and staid all day and all night for the first Sunday for some time, but I was writing and reading some in the Waverly Magazine and thinking over the future.

**Monday, December 15, 1862.**

I went to School to day but it rained all day long very hard. The Schollars was very noisy all day so I could hardly study at all. Frank did not go home to day but staid and pressed hay like a good fellow and is here this evening.

**Tuesday, December 16, 1862.**

I staid home and was shooting hogs as Father and Mr. Melick killed their hogs. I made but two of them squeal out of nine and had pretty good luck generly speaking. Mr. Steele killed another deer to day. It had been wounded before so that it was not of any account at all. Frank went home this morning as it stoped ra

**Wednesday, Decem'r 17, 1862.**

This morning I went to School again but there was no order scarcely at all so that the Schollars could study. It was intolerable cold to day and it snowed. Father went to Vevay this morning with Mr. Melick with some of the hogs. I went to Singing School to night. I had a very pleasant time as I generly do when I go.

**Thursday, Decem'r 18, 1862.**

I went to School to day. Every thing seems dull as it is so much different from Singing School. O I long to see the day as much a head the Singing School. It has been pretty cold to day again but did not storm.

No news scarcely at all as we do not get any papers.

**Friday, December 19, 1862.**

I went to School again as usual to day and had tolerable good lessons as far as I know. Frank came out again to night and also brought an invatation for me to Ella Dufour's wedding. I was happy to receive it of coarse but know not whither I can go or not. I will, if I can.

**Saturday, Decem'r 20, 1862.**

I staid at home this morning working around and Father wast fixing the lumber shed. This afternoon I went to Jacksonville and Centersquare and Enterprise. I got no mail of importance and no news.

**Sunday, December 21, 1862.**

This morning I went to Centersquare to Church. Wm. Stone preached and [the] choir also sang. This afternoon I went to Jacksonville to Church. The choir sang thare too. Oh I almost can hear that gentle voice singing now in my ear. O how charming. Pen and ink cannot express it. I staid at the night meeting at Centersquare and that makes three sermons I have heard to day.

**Monday, December 22, 1862**

This morning I started out on track of a girl as Laurie is going to leave this morning. I went down to Mr. Beal's, found a [girl] but [she] could not come presently. So I come home and as I was on my way I met Miss Annie & had a good long chat and Oh journal never again can I see a more rosier cheek, a more influenchal eye, and a purer heart than that of hers.

**Tuesday, December 23, 1862.**

This morning I went down to Jacksonville and I saw Miss Annie again and she gave me an invatation to a party at Mr. Abbott's Friday eve. I of corse accepted it. I went on and got the mail and also engaged a girl, Mrs. Miller, another widow. Got home at noon, went to School.

**Wednesday, Decem'r 24, 1862.**

I went to School to day and brought my books home to night as I am not going any more this week. There is a wedding to come off to morrow at Vevay. The day is very warm and

## Memoranda

### Lines for an Album

*"When asked in an album to write  
I feel much inclined to refuse,  
For what can I strive to indite  
That may a young lady amuse?"*

*Not love – I couldn't write that-  
Not romance – my fancy is tame,  
And compliments sound rather flat.  
So allow [me] to write merely my name"*

*Baron Stow*

[Then follow some pages titled **Cash Account**, with one page dedicated for each month. Here Baron recorded his expenses and receipts. These pages will not be transcribed here, as they're too typographically complex. Next, the fixed endpaper has been inscribed:

*Baron Stow*

*Stowtown*

*Switzerland Co*

*Cotton township*

*Indiana*

Lastly, there is a pocket appended to the diary's back cover. Within the pocket is a newsprint clipping measuring about 50 x 55 mm. On one side a portion of the "Waverly Magazine" masthead can be seen. On the other side is this poem, as printed by the magazine:

### **The Maid of My Heart**

I met her in the bloom of youth,  
This maiden pure and fair;  
Upon her brow the seal of truth  
Is stamped in beauty there.

Her eyes, they shine so sparkling bright,  
With love they've pierced my heart;  
Her smiles, so heavenly is their light,  
Emotions soft impart.

And on her sweet angelic face  
Contentment can be seen;  
Affection fond then I can trace  
Throughout her gentle mien.

Sweet maid, possessed of traits divine,  
My lot will happy be  
If thou wouldst let me call thee mine,  
And live for love and thee.

- M. Howard

Names appearing in Baron Stow's 1862 diary

Names are ordered alphabetically and presented as written in the diary. For example, if the name appears as "Aunt Dean" in the diary, it is so listed here, under the "A"s. Similarly, "Mrs. Phillips" will be found among the "M"s, not the "P"s. The only instance in which a strict alphabetical order is not observed is where all "Mr."s have been grouped together, followed by all "Mr. and Mrs." entries, which are in turn followed by all the "Mrs."s.

Towns mentioned are all in Switzerland County unless otherwise indicated.

If a person could not be identified with reasonable certainty, no information is provided.

**A.**

Alexander Washer (1824-1898), the eldest son of Solomon and Lorinda Washer, neighbors of the Stows.

**A...Leap** (Feb 25)

Alva Leap...although on first meeting Baron thought that "Alfred, then "Alvy," was his Christian name. See "Alva" below.

**Alva**

Alva Leap (abt. 1844-aft. 1920) was an illiterate farm laborer, born in (West) Virginia. On August 15, 1862 he married Polly Shadday in Switzerland County, and in 1870 the U.S. census registered the young family's presence near Bennington. In later decades they lived in Kentucky, and finally in West Virginia.

**Anna**

Anna Ogle (1847-1945). See "Anna Ogle" below.

**Anna Ogle**

Anna Ogle (1847-1945) was a daughter of Achilles Ogle (1809-1890) and Charlotte *Bakes* Ogle (1812-1886). Mr. Ogle farmed in Jefferson Twp. near Jacksonville. In 1868 Anna married Capt. James Kirkpatrick, a farmer and veteran of some major Civil War battles. Anna was known for her musical abilities and talent at poetry. It may be noted that her first child was named "Kate Stow" Kirkpatrick.

**Annie**

Anna Ogle (1847-1945). See "Anna Ogle" above.

**Aunt**

(Sep 15)  
Cannot be determined.

**Aunt**

(Oct 13)  
Mary Ann *Quincy* Stow (1821-1893), wife of Shelomith Stow.

**Aunt A. Dean**

Baron's aunt Abigail *Stow* Dean (1816-1880), sister of Uzziel, Shelomith, Solomon, Hiram, and Horace Stow. Her husband was Argus Dean (1810-1890), orchardist at Marble Hill, Jefferson County, Indiana.

**Aunt Dean**

Baron's aunt Abigail *Stow* Dean (1816-1880), sister of Uzziel, Shelomith, Solomon, Hiram, and Horace Stow. Her husband was Argus Dean (1810-1890), orchardist at Marble Hill, Jefferson County, Indiana.

**Aunt Harriet and Oliver**

Harriet *Manser* Seymour Malin (1815-1891) was Catharine *Manser* Stow's sister. After being widowed in 1852, Harriet had married Joseph Malin (1793-1877) in 1859. He was a merchant, and their home was in East Enterprise. In 1862, it is likely that the only other person residing with Harriet and Joseph is Harriet's youngest son Oliver Seymour (1850-1922).

**A. W.**

Alexander Washer (see below).

**A. Washer**

Alexander Washer (1825-1898) was the eldest son of Solomon and Lorinda Washer, neighbors of the Stows.

**B.**

Jim Boyd (see "Jim Boyd" below).

**Benj. Bledsoe**

Benjamin S. Bledsoe (1842-1865), brother of Lemuel Bledsoe and thus, brother-in-law of Julia *Stow* Bledsoe. Orphaned in 1857 at age 15, he moved to Florence, Indiana where his older brother Lemuel was a merchant

**Ed M**

Edward Manser (1840-1872). See "Ed Manser" below.

**Ed Manser**

Edward Manser (1840-1872) of Cincinnati was the son of William Manser (1808-1874), Catharine Stow's brother. Ed was a particular favorite of the entire Stow family. In January 1862 Ed was just beginning his Civil War service, starting with the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In August 1862 he raised a company for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry and became its captain. However by January 1863 he had transferred into the Navy, where he continued as an officer until poor health (tuberculosis) compelled his discharge in June 1864.

**Elizabeth Melick**

Elizabeth Melick (1841-1910), daughter of William Melick, Sr. (1800-1861) and Maria *Sedam* Melick (1801-1879), and sister of William "Bill" Melick, Jr. (1838-1906). She never married.

**Ella** (Aug 13-16, 20-22)

Eleanor Dufour (1838-1900) was the youngest child of Jean David Dufour (1788-1845) and Eleanor J. *Taylor* Dufour (1807-1867). Loring Stow had been courting her at the time of his death in 1860, while her brother Frank was likewise seeing Viola Stow. In December 1862 Eleanor married Charles Alfred Thiebaud (1837-1873) of Vevay.

**Ella Bliss**

Eleanor Bliss (1834-1912) was the daughter of Thomas and Ann *Buttles* Bliss. In 1864 she would marry her neighbor, William Harvey Melick (1838-1906), son of William and Maria *Sedam* Melick. Both the Melicks and the Blisses farmed lands adjacent to the Stows.

**Ella D.**

Eleanor Dufour. See "Ella" above.

**Ella Dufour's**

See "Ella" above.

**Ella H.**

Cannot be identified.

**Father**

Baron's father, Uzziel Hayward Stow (1809-1890), a Cotton Twp. farmer.

**Frank**

Francis "Frank" Rudolph Dufour (1836-1907) was a son of Swiss immigrant Jean David Dufour (1788-1845) and Eleanor J. Taylor (1807-1867). He was the fiancé of Baron's sister, Viola Stow, and after October 30, 1862, her husband.

**Frank Manser**

Francis Manser (1839-1923) was Baron's first cousin, the son of Catharine Stow's younger brother, Lyman Manser (1813-1895) who farmed near Allensville.

**Fred Harris**

Fredrick Halsey Harris (1818-1896) was, in 1860, a farmer living within Posey Township near Quercus Grove. His real estate was then valued at \$8000 and his personal estate at \$7000. He was married to Lucretia Cunningham (1829-1865).

**Froman's**

Jonathan M. Froman (1815-1900) was a farmer and merchant residing in York Township. He served as postmaster for the Loglick region.

**George** (Aug 9)

George D. Lewis (abt. 1847- aft.1930), son of Joseph Lewis (1810-1866) of Elizabethtown, Ohio.

**George Armstrong**

George W. Armstrong (1827-1892) was a painter at East Enterprise; his wife was Ann Oaks (1840-1894).

**George Armstrong's child**

Walter L. Armstrong (3 December 1861 – 27 September 1862).

**George Bradford**

George A. Bradford (1847-1935) was the eldest child of Morris William Bradford (1824-1899) and Olive *Bliss* Bradford (1827-1878). The Bradfords lived in Cotton Twp. near the Melicks, Blisses, and Stows. George and Baron were schoolmates.

**John** (Jan 3-Mar 22; Aug 2)  
John Hall, a hired hand who worked for Uzziel Stow from December 18, 1861 – March 22, 1862; and from August 1 - 1862. [See “John Hall” below.]

**John** (May 6, and various dates through June 13)  
John Bradford (see below).

**John Bradford**

John Bradford (b. abt. 1835, Indiana) cannot be easily traced beyond an 1850 census record for Posey Township in Switzerland County, wherein he is listed as the 15-year-old son of farmer Jesse Bradford (1802-1870) and Harriet *Pocock* Bradford (1807-1855).

**John Hall**

John Hall was employed by Uzziel Stow as a farm hand from December 18, 1861 to March 22, 1862, and from August 1 – August 15. Two letters from John Hall to Baron Stow may be found in the Stow Family papers (The Filson Historical Society, Louisville, Ky.). They date from 1864, when Hall was serving with the 7<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. Military records establish that a John P. Hall had enlisted as a private into the 7<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Cavalry as a private on August 27, 1862. His company, Company B, was mustered out of Camp Ripley, Ripley, Ohio on October 31, 1862. Hall was discharged at Nashville on July 1, 1865.

Due in part to the ubiquity of his name, we have been unable to link this person to any other set of data (municipal, federal, military) or to any family. While the 1850 and 1860 censuses supply us with three John Halls then living in Switzerland County, none seem to match with this individual.

**Joseph Melick**

Joseph G. Melick (1832-1909), a son of William Melick (1800-1861) and Maria *Sedam* Melick (1801-1879). His wife was Abigail *Bliss* Melick (1831-1898); they farmed near East Enterprise.

**Josephus Cole**

Henry Josephus Cole (1843-1918) was the eldest son of Moses Cole (1824-1864) and Sarah Jane *Chrisman* Cole (1822-1903). In 1861, at age 18, he was left in charge of the Cole farm when his father went off to war.

**Julia**

Julia C. Stow (1843-1865) was the daughter of Solomon and Harriet *Pratt* Stow. Orphaned in 1851, she became the ward of Uzziel Stow, and spent the remainder of her childhood (when not away at school) residing with Shelomith and Mary Ann Stow. She and Viola Stow attended school together at the Elizabethtown (Ohio) Female Seminary from 1856 to 1859. In 1860 she married Florence merchant Lemuel Bledsoe.

Julia’s correspondence is an important component of the Stow Family papers at the Filson Historical Society in Louisville.

**Laurie**

Cannot be identified. I would think that if Baron was referring to Laura Coy (see “Mrs. Coy” below) he would use “Mrs. Coy” rather than the familiar “Laurie.”

**Lemuel**

Lemuel Bledsoe (1832-1906), husband of Baron’s cousin, Julia C. *Stow* Bledsoe (1843-1865). He was a merchant at Florence, Indiana.

**Lewis**

Lewis Stoops (see below).

**Lewis Stoops**

Lewis M. Stoops (1840-1910) appears in the 1860 census for York Township as the 19 year-old son of Baruch and Anna Stoops.

**Lib Melick**

Elizabeth Melick (1841-1910) was the youngest of William and Maria Melick’s nine children. Her father had died in December 1861.

**Lizzie Godden**

Mary Elizabeth Godden (b. abt 1831-1832, New Jersey) was a daughter of Robert Godden (1803-1862) and Maria *Conway* Godden. Among her siblings were Amzi Godden and Charles Godden, whose letters may be found in the Stow Family Archive (at the Filson Historical Society, Louisville). We have been unable to trace Lizzie after her enumeration in the 1860 census of Cotton Twp.

**Mr. Adkinson's**

Probably the household of Jefferson Township farmer John C. Atkinson (b. abt. 1819, Indiana) and his wife Elizabeth *McCormick* Atkinson (m. 1845). Their family is captured by the 1860 and 1870 censuses. Their children included Robert, David, and Clara.

Mr. Axwell

Cannot be identified.

**Mr. Ayers**

Horace M. Ayers (1815-1878), a farmer near Allensville... or perhaps his eldest son Romaine (1841-1864).

**Mr. Beal's**

The household of Lewis Beal (b. abt 1806, Maine), a farmer living near Jacksonville with two daughters, Eliza (age 19) and Sarah (age 16) in 1862.

**Mr. Bledsoe**

Lemuel Bledsoe (1832-1906), husband of Baron's cousin, Julia C. *Stow* Bledsoe (1843-1865). Lemuel was a merchant at Florence, Indiana.

**Mr. Bliss's**

The household of Thomas Bliss (1800-1877) and his wife Anna *Buttles* Bliss (1803-1978), near neighbors of Uzziel and Catharine *Stow*. Their daughter Eleanor (1834-1912), still living at home, was Viola *Stow's* close friend.

**Mr. Blunk**

David Harrison Blunk (1811-1902) lived in Craig Township and was an important hay dealer in Switzerland County at this time. Before the war, he would have been conveying hay to the lower Mississippi Valley; in 1862 he was likely supplying the U.S. Army. A U.S. Navy sternwheeler, the *D. H. Blunk*, was built under his name at Wheeling in 1863.

**Mr. Bradford**

Neighbor Morris William Bradford (1824-1899) who had married Olive *Bliss* Bradford (1827-1878). Their children included George, Omar, Thomas, and Annie, some of whom attended school with Baron. Morris Bradford farmed, but did not own land: most likely he farmed with his father-in-law Thomas Bliss. At some date before the 1870 census, the Bradfords moved to Minnesota.

Mr. C.

Mr. Converse (or Convers), See "Mr. Converse" below.

**Mr. Cole's** (Feb 18, Apr 6, Jun 16, Sep 19)

The home of Moses Cole, although he would have been absent. Present in the household would have been Mrs. Cole (Sarah Jane Crisman Cole) and approximately nine children aged 6-19.

Moses Cole (1824-1864) lived near to the Stows on a farm which, as reported in the 1860 census, was valued at \$12,000. He was a close friend of the family and had accompanied Loring *Stow* on a flatboat trip to New Orleans in 1860. In 1861 he helped form Company E of the 50<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer infantry and served as its sergeant until his medical discharge on July 29, 1864. He was then suffering from a severe rheumatic attack that ended his life just a few days after his return home. (More information may be found in the notes accompanying Moses Cole's Civil War letters in the *Stow* Family papers.)

Mr. Converse (or Converse)

The surname may be Convers: Baron uses both spellings; Viola *Stow* consistently used "Converse" in her diary. In any case, we have failed to identify this individual.

**Mr. Dodd**

John Milton Dodd (1811-1892) was a plasterer living near Jacksonville, according to the 1860 census.

**Mr. Dufour**

Francis "Frank" Rudolph Dufour (1836-1907) was a son of Swiss immigrant Jean David Dufour (1788-1845) and Eleanor J. Taylor (1807-1867). He was the fiancé of Baron's sister, Viola *Stow*, and after October 30, 1862, her husband.

**Mr. Fisher's**

Household of James R. Fisher (1818-1894) and Maria *Ayers* Fisher (1818-1898) near Allensville. The Fisher's daughter, Fanny, had attended Elizabethtown (Ohio) Female Seminary, as had Viola and Julia *Stow* and Mollie H. Lewis.



**Mr. Melick** (Dec 16, 17))

Either Joseph Melick, Daniel Melick, or William Melick, with the latter being the most likely as his land immediately adjoined Uzziel Stow's.

**Mr. Melick's** (Feb 2)

The household of Daniel Melick (1827-aft. 1880), a son of William Melick (1800-1861) and Maria *Sedam* Melick (1801-1879) of Cotton Township. His wife was Elizabeth *Myers* Melick (1829-1904). As best as can be determined, their children as of February 1862 were George (b. 1853); Charles (b. 1855); Hattie (b. 1856); Mary (b. 1859); and Loren (b. 1861). The 1860 census places them as immediate neighbors of Moses Cole, and close neighbors of William A. Mount – thus they lived near to the Stows.

**Mr. Melick's** (April 8)

Probably William ("Bill") Harvey Melick (1838-1906), Uzziel's immediate neighbor to the east.

**Mr. Montayne**

Zachariah Montayne (1787-1864) of Jefferson Twp. Widowed in 1850, by 1860 he was living with his son Benjamin's family near Jacksonville.

Mr. Morrison

Cannot be identified.

**Mr. Pane**

An Englishman and farm laborer, Edward W. Pane was enumerated in the 1860 census. Age 40, he was then residing in the household of Harvey Myers ("Myres") of Craig Township. A Mr. Benjamin Paine, age 60 and a "common laborer" lived at Jacksonville. These were the only adult males with such a surname in Switzerland County in 1860. Sheep-shearing tends to be a younger man's occupation as it requires some physical strength; this consideration may favor Edward Pane.

**Mr. Pearson**

Joseph Pearson (1824-1898) was married to Nancy Brookins of Cotton Township, and they had two children aged 17 and 9 in 1860. In the mid or late 1840s Pearson had taught at the Greenwood schoolhouse; in 1850 he was teaching at Aurora (Dearborn County, Indiana); in 1860 he was a Cotton Township carpenter, and in 1870 he was a physician in Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana.

**Mr. Pickett's**

There were at least five households headed by a Mr. Pickett in Cotton and Jefferson townships in 1860, so this particular Mr. Pickett cannot be identified with the information available.

**Mr. Riley**

Mr. Riley cannot be identified, although there's an indication that he was instrumental in founding the Bethel Methodist Church in York Township (see <http://ingenweb.org/inswitzer/churches/bethelMethodist.html>).

**Mr. Shull's**

There were at least four Shull households in Switzerland County at this time, representing two generations. Their heads were John, b. 1802; David, b. 1808; George, b. 1826; and Joseph, b. 1832. All were farmers.

**Mr. Smelley**

William F. Smelley (b. 1832, Illinois) married Ellen Protsman (1826-1864) on November 27, 1862. Widowed in 1864, he married Mary Brookins in 1866 and was farming in Cotton Township as of 1880. After that, the record becomes thin.

**Mr. Smith** (Apr 27)

From references to "Brother" or "Elder" Smith in the 1862 diary of Viola Stow, we can conclude that Mr. Smith was a Methodist minister assigned to some location in or near Switzerland County.

Mr. Smith's (Jun 13,14)

Cannot be identified.

**Mr. Smith (the elder)**

From references to "Brother" or "Elder" Smith in the 1862 diary of Viola Stow, we can conclude that Mr. Smith was a Methodist minister assigned to some location in or near Switzerland County.

Mr. Smithy

There does not appear too have been a "Smithy" family in Vevay or elsewhere in Switzerland County. Possibly Baron is using the name in jocular reference to a certain blacksmith.

**Mr. Steele**

David R. Steele (1815-1871), a Jefferson Twp. farmer. He had a son, also named David, who would have been about 15 in 1862.

**Sam**

Sam Welch (see below)

**Sam Welch**

Samuel Welch (1849-aft. 1900) can be found in Switzerland County census records for 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 and they supply almost the totality of available information, viz. he was born about 1849 in Indiana; his mother, Lucinda, was born in Pennsylvania; his siblings include Rufus, Juliet, and Malvina; he was a farm laborer; he was illiterate in 1880 but reported as literate in 1900. There is a marriage record for June 1894, wherein Samuel is seen to have married Lunetta *McCreary* Marsh of Switzerland County. From this document we learn that his father had been Walter Welch (1791-1852).

**Si**

Josiah C. Thompson (1841-1930) was variously called "Si," "Sie," and "Sigh" by the Stows. Si was a Switzerland County native, the son of William Levi Thompson and Sarah Jane *Cole* Thompson. Before the war, he had worked for Uzziel as a farm hand, but he had also taught school at a location close to Stowtown, perhaps at Jacksonville, Center Square, or Enterprise. He was teaching at the same time Viola Stow began her stint at the Greenwood schoolhouse in 1860.

In September 1861 Josiah C. Thompson enlisted into the 50th Indiana Volunteers, along with many other Cotton and Jefferson township residents. Starting as a corporal, he had achieved the rank of captain by the time of his discharge in September 1865. His wartime letters to the Stows may be found among the Stow Family papers (Filson Historical Society, Louisville).

During the war, and for several years after, Thompson referred to Stowtown as "home." Perhaps significantly, he does not mention any living relatives. (Data concerning his parents have not been located online; however they are named on Josiah's death certificate.)

**Sid Pinker**

Cannot be identified.

**Sie**

Josiah C. Thompson (1841-1930). See "Si" above.

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**Theodore**

Theodore Manser (1847-1876) was Baron's first cousin, and the youngest surviving son of Baron's uncle William Manser (1808-1874) and aunt Mary Elizabeth *Barrett* Manser (1815-1910). By spring 1865 (if not earlier) Theodore would be suffering severe bouts of illness and incapacity due to tuberculosis.

**Thomas B &c &c**

Thomas Bradford (1856- ) and possibly his siblings George (1847-1935) and Omar (1849-), sons of Morris William Bradford. (See "Mr. Bradford" above.)

**Uncle** (Mar 4, Jun 19)

Baron's Uncle Shelomith Stow (1819-1901).

**Uncle** (Oct 26)

Probably Rev. George Washington Winchester. See "Uncle and Aunt Winchester" below.

**Uncle and Aunt Winchester**

Rev. George Washington Winchester (1823-1893) and Olive *Manser* Winchester (1823-1901). Mr. Winchester was a Methodist circuit preacher. In 1862 the Winchester family was based either in Rush County, Indiana or in Ohio County, Indiana and included two daughters. Some Winchester correspondence is included in the Stow family papers (Filson Historical Society, Louisville).

**Uncle Graham's**

John Graham (1817-1867) was the second husband of Angeline *Manser* Slawson, on of Catharine Stow's sisters. Mr. Graham was a Pleasant Twp. farmer, wagon maker, and justice of the peace.

**Uncle Lyman**

Lyman Manser (1813-1895) was Catharine Stow's brother, and thus Baron's uncle. He farmed near Allensville, about 2 ½ miles distant from the Stows (or 3-4 miles by the roads then existing).

**Uncle Marcus's wife**

Ann Eliza *Wilcox* Wells (1837-1862) had married Cotton Twp. farmer Marcus Wells (1817-1864) in December 1860. Mr. Wells' first wife had been Baron's aunt, Lucinda *Manser* Wells. When Lucinda died in 1860, Marcus was left with seven children aged 6-22, and quickly re-married.