

The Diary of Ruth Freeman
(Ruth Oviatt)
for the year of 1862
Richfield, Ohio

January 1, 1862 Wednesday

Milton gave me a nice broach for a New Year's gift. In the afternoon attended the funeral of John Thompson. Mr. Lyon preached from Job 19th chapter 21st verse. Received a letter from Brother Joseph Freeman.

January 2, 1862 Thursday

Cooked dinner for work folks. Tried out my lard and worked over butter. Have not been as patient today towards the children as I ought to have been.

January 3, 1862 Friday

Tried out lard and done my ironing. In the evening Mary and Celia and Mr Ezra Damon; Celia's intended were here. Had a pleasant visit. Like Mr. Damon's appearance much.

January 4, 1862 Saturday

Tried out lard and churned. Mrs Elizabeth Petil was here and took some sewing home to do for me. It is half past ten o'clock and Milton sits nodding in his chair. Does not seem inclined to go to bed.

January 5, 1862 Sunday

Attended church today. Had a very interesting Bible class. Lesson, the parable of the sower. Heard Mr. Whitcomb preach from Matthew 5:8. Can it be that one so unworthy as I am can ever see God? Wrote a letter to brother Joseph, sister Hattie.

January 6, 1862 Monday

Mr. Marvin Oviatt and Mrs. Ewing called here. Boiled up the hogs heads and sauce and cleaned part of my carpet. Commenced writing a letter to brother Charles.

January 7, 1862 Tuesday

Arose early in the morning. Finished cleaning my carpet and stewed two kettles of sauce. Fried some cakes and wafers. Retired at ten o'clock.

January 8, 1862 Wednesday

Hired Mary to do my washing. Worked over butter and cleaned two dresses. In the evening, prepared and chopped sausage meat. Retired at eleven o'clock.

January 9, 1862 Thursday

Done up my work. Cut out and commenced making Emma a hood. Took care of lard and finished making sausages in the evening. Sold 34 pounds butter to Mr. Wood at 12.5 cents per pound.

January 10, 1862 Friday

Arose at six. Got breakfast and done up the morning work. Cleaned up the sausage choppers. Tried out lard. Baked pies. Mr. and Mrs. Alger visited us. Enjoyed their visit much. Received a letter from Sister Hattie.

January 11, 1862 Saturday

Packed some mince meat. Baked bread. Done my ironing and churned and c. and c. Mr. Richards called here. Talked about the declaration society. Thought they would not amount to much.

January 12, 1862 Sunday

Arose at 15 minutes past six. Done my work and wrote a letter to brother Charles. In the afternoon attended Church. Elder Lyon preached from Luke 23rd, 34th. Heard today that brother John was very sick with measles in Kentucky. Wrote a letter to him and one to Sarah.

January 13, 1862 Monday

Done my washing. Mopped my floor and carpet. Stewed applesauce and got supper for work folks. Was very tired. Retired at ten.

January 14, 1862 Tuesday

Arose at six. Cut sausage meat. Tried out the last of my lard. Was rejoiced to see the last of it in the kettle. Mary and Celia were here. I finished Emma's hood. Retired at nine.

January 15, 1862 Wednesday

Arose at half past five. Done up my morning work. Worked over butter and done my ironing. Mended three dresses and a skirt for Emma. Retired 15 minutes before eleven.

January 16, 1862 Thursday

Arose 20 minutes before six. Done my morning work. Sewed on my dress. Mr. Edgerton and Longfellow called here. Mary and Celia spent the day with me. In the evening I went up to fathers to prayer meeting.

January 17, 1862 Friday

Arose 30 minutes past six. Mary came up here and spent the day sewing on her dress. Baked bread and sewed on my dress. In the evening called at brother Whitcomb and Mrs. Marvin Oviatt. Received a letter from brother Joseph sisters Ellen and Hattie.

January 18, 1862 Saturday

Done my morning work. Mr. Watts called here. Stewed a kettle of applesauce. Baked five pies. Made sausages and mended three pairs of stockings.

January 19, 1862 Sunday

There was no preaching in our church today. Read five chapters in the Bible. Read a piece in The Examiner titled "Nearness to Jesus". I feel that I do not live as near to Him as I ought. Wrote a letter to Hattie.

January 20, 1862 Monday

Arose fifteen minutes before six. Done up my morning work. Pared and stewed a kettle of sauce. Mended Milton's coat and a dress for myself. Received a dear good letter from brother John who is sick at the hospital in Bardstown, Kentucky.

January 21, 1862 Tuesday

Arose at six. Done up my morning work. Cleaned my silk dress. Cut out Milton a pair of pants. Mended a dress for myself. Retired at ten.

January 22, 1862 Wednesday

Arose twenty minutes past five. Mary helped me do my washing this forenoon. Cooked dinner for work folks. Felt very tired. Retired fifteen minutes past nine.

January 23, 1862 Thursday

Arose fifteen minutes before six. Done up my morning work. Cleaned my carpet. Done a part of my ironing. Cooked dinner for the work folks. Prayer Meeting was here in the evening. Retired half past nine.

January 24, 1862 Friday

Arose at five in the morning. Done up my work. Pared apples. Baked bread and pies and fried a pan full of cakes. Made Hattie a night dress and mended a pair of socks. Retired fifteen minutes past nine.

January 25, 1862 Saturday

Arose ten minutes before six. Done up my work. Baked bread and also baked some mince pies to send to our poor soldier boys. Pared and stewed a kettle of sauce. Polished the communion dishes and finished my ironing. Was very tired.

January 26, 1862 Sunday

Attended church. Heard Mr. Culver who intends to go to Japan as a missionary. Mr. McConnell was here to tea. Wrote a letter to brothers Charlie and John. Retired at twelve.

January 27, 1862 Monday

Arose at six. Done up my work and baked a chicken for the soldiers. Worked over butter. In the afternoon carried a chicken, some sausages, dried corn, and four mince pies to send to the soldiers. Mr. Culver spent the evening and stayed all night.

January 28, 1862 Tuesday

Arose fifteen minutes past six. Done up my work. Baked a jell cake and some tarts. Sewed on my dress. Brother Culver stayed here today. Retired fifteen minutes past ten.

January 29, 1862 Wednesday

Arose at half past six. Done up my morning work. Mopped my floor and finished fixing my dress. Baked some pies. Received a letter from brother John. Retired half past nine.

January 30, 1862 Thursday

Arose at half past five. Done my washing. Cleaned my carpet. Started to attend the doration, but Philander Ellsworth who had a telegraph dispatch from brother John, who was at Lebanon very sick. Retired at nine.

January 31, 1862 Friday

Arose at half past four and got breakfast for Milton. He started at half past five for Lebanon, Kentucky. He to take care of my dear brother John. May God bless him and keep him from harm. Received letter from Hattie. Father spent the day with me. Retired at nine.

February 1, 1862 Saturday

Arose at seven. Done up my morning work. Churned and done my ironing. Pared a kettle of apple sauce and knit on Celas stockings. Retired at ten.

February 2, 1862 Sunday

Arose at six. Done up my work (with Marys help. She stayed all night with me.) Was no meeting at our church today. Wrote four letters. Felt very lonely and anxious to hear from brother. Retired half past ten.

February 3, 1862 Monday

Arose at six. Done up my morning work. Mary came up and helped me do my washing. Cleaned my carpet. Mended a pair of stockings. Spent the evening to fathers. Sister Caroline and her husband and Mr. Damon and Miss Randal were there. Retired fifteen minutes to eleven.

February 4, 1862 Tuesday

Arose fifteen minutes before six. Done up my morning work and fixed some window curtains and sewed on Hattie's hood. Received a letter from John. Is sick with Typhoid fever at Lebanon and lying on the floor. Oh how I wish I could see him and take care of him. May God bléss him. Retired 15 minutes before eleven.

February 5, 1862 Wednesday

Arose fifteen minutes past six. Done up my work and went up to fathers to keep house for him while Darius went to Elyria to attend Celas wedding. Leonard Parker and his mother were here. Wrote a letter to sister Elizabeth. Retired at ten.

February 6, 1862 Thursday

Arose at half past six. Done up the work at fathers and came home twice and skimmed and strained the milk. Done my ironing. Father gave me a gold dollar and Hattie and Emma each a penny to keep to remember him by. Retired at eight.

February 7, 1862 Friday

Arose at six. Done the work to fathers and came home twice. Made a cover to my lounge. Received three letters. One from Milton, Charlie, and Hattie. Milton was in Louisville but was

going to Lebanon the next day. John was a little better. Cheering news. Retired 20 minutes to ten.

February 8, 1862 Saturday

Arose at six. Done up my morning work. Mopped. Fried a pan full of cakes. Got dinner for work folks. Baked two loaves of bread. Done some mending and helped Mr. Cross clean up grass seed. In the evening sifted 2 bushels grass seed and run one dozen candles. Retired ten minutes past ten.

February 9, 1862 Sunday

Arose at six. Done my morning work and not having any way to attend church to day thought I would write to absent "Loved Ones". Wrote to Hattie and Charlie and also to my dear Companion. Am so lonely since he went away. Retired ten minutes past ten.

February 10, 1862 Monday

Arose at six. Done up my work and washed. Cleaned my carpet and mopped. Mr. and Mrs. Petit called here. Bought some butter and lard. Want to hear from brother John very much. Retired at nine.

February 11, 1862 Tuesday

Arose fifteen minutes before six. Emma was quite sick all night. Had Dr. Johnson come in and cut her teeth through this morning. Churned and done some mending. Elder Lyon and Mr. Alger called here. Brought a letter from Milton. John is some better. Retired 15 minutes past ten.

February 12, 1862 Wednesday

Arose twenty five minutes past six. Done up my work and ironed. Emma is quite unwell this morning. Done some mending. Made one flannel shirt and a part of another. Wrote a letter to Hattie. Father came up here to see how we got along. Am very lonely. Retired at nine.

February 13, 1862 Thursday

Arose half past five. Emma was very restless last night. Does not seem to be much better today. Done some mending and nearly made Hattie a cape. Jane came and spent the afternoon. In the evening Mr. Aldrich called here to see if I had heard from brother. Retired at nine.

February 14, 1862 Friday

Arose at six. Done up my work. Baked bread, pies and tarts. Finished Hattie's cape and hood. Received a letter from sister Sarah. Also one from Lura Partridge. Felt much disappointed at not receiving one from Milton. Retired 15 minutes past ten.

February 15, 1862 Saturday

Arose at six. Done up my work. Mopped my floor. Made myself an apron and done some mending. Father made me a present of four hundred dollars in notes. Beside the interest on them for which I feel truly thankful. Retired at ten.

February 16, 1862 Sunday

Arose fifteen minutes past six. Done up my morning work. Would consider it a great privilege if I could attend church today. Linas brought me a letter from Milton. Brother John is very low. Retired fifteen minutes before eleven.

February 17, 1862 Monday

Arose fifteen minutes past six. Done my washing. Mary stayed with me today. Was not very well. Went up to fathers. He is very feeble. Spits blood considerable. Am afraid he will not live long. Was very tired. Retired fifteen minutes past ten.

February 18, 1862 Tuesday

Arose at half past six. Done up my morning work and went over to Hinckley to Mr. Watts. Had a pleasant visit. Stopped at the office when returning home. Got a letter from Milton. Brother John was not so well. Was afraid he would never recover. Charlie is also sick at the same place.

February 19, 1862 Wednesday

Arose at half past five. Finished writing a letter to Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Sampson called here. Mr. Sampson came to see and examine our horses leg which was badly hurt. Did not think the bone was fractured. Evening. Have just received the dispatch stating that brother John was dead. Died rejoicing in a Saviors love. Oh! God grant on strength to bear this great affliction.

February 20, 1862 Thursday

Arose at half past five. Could not sleep much last night. Kept thinking about my dear brother. Can it be that I shall never again behold his face or listen to his cheerful voice? Oh, may it be my happy lot to meet him in that blest land where parting shall be no more.

February 21, 1862 Friday

Arose at five. Slept but little last night. Sisters Sarah and Hattie came to house to attend the funeral. Oh what a sad meeting it was. Milton brought home the remains of our beloved brother. Came home sick himself. Dr. gave him some medicine.

February 22, 1862 Saturday

Arose at six. Slept but little. Milton rested well. Was the first nights rest he had had for three weeks. Dr. came this morning and left him more medicine. Attended the funeral of our beloved brother. Mr. Lyon preached from Philippians Chapter 21, verse 1. Can hardly realize that he is dead. It seems like a passing dream.

February 23, 1862 Sunday

Milton is not so well today. Has not sat up any. Dr. Johnson has been up twice. Says he has got Typhoid fever. Mrs. Lura Partridge, (Milton's niece) and her husband from Michigan came last evening and are here today. Mr. Partridge sat up with Milton. Took good care of him.

February 24, 1862 Monday

Milton is still growing weaker. Dr. says he must be kept quiet. Moved his bed into the parlor today where he will be more comfortable. Mr. Lyon called to see him. Oh, I pray God that his life may be spared and that he may speedily be restored to health. Dr. has been here twice.

February 25, 1862 Tuesday

Baby and I caught very severe colds last night. Milton does not feel as well this morning. Has a very severe pain in his head and ear. Mr. and Mrs Partridge started for Westfield this morning. Am very tired.

February 26, 1862 Wednesday

Arose early. Miltons head and ear is very painful. Have to keep it Joulriced. Mr. Whitcomb and Elder Lyon called to see him. He is not able to talk much today. Dr. thinks he is doing as well as could be expected however.

February 27, 1862 Thursday

Milton rested well last night. Mr. Hulburt took care of him. Dr. has been here and thinks Milton is better this morning. Have not felt very well today on account of my cold. My throat is very sore. Went up to fathers to get some oysters for Milton. Father is better. Am twenty five years old today.

February 28, 1862 Friday

Arose fifteen minutes before six. Mr. Aldrich and son watched with Milton. Dr. says he is no worse than he was yesterday. His head is better. I have not felt very well today. Dr. gave me some medicine.

March 1, 1862 Saturday

Arose at four. Mr. Hinman watched with Milton last night. He is much better today. Seems quite cheerful. Father Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Partridge came today. Done some baking and took care of Milton. Was very tired.

March 2, 1862 Sunday

Arose early. Milton rested well last night and is still better this morning. Seems more "like himself" than he has before, since his return from Lebanon. Dr. thinks if he is careful that he will be well in a few days.

March 3, 1862 Monday

Arose at six. Milton is not quite as well today. Father Freeman and Mr. and Mrs Partridge started for their homes this morning. Miss Sarah Parker came to work for me.

March 4, 1862 Tuesday

Arose at five. Do not feel very well. Did not have any watchers last night. Milton is feeling some better today. Darius has been here and says that father is worse. I feel very anxious to hear from brother Charlie. Milton left him sick at Lebanon.

March 5, 1862 Wednesday

Arose at six. Took care of Milton last night and consequently feel some what null today. Milton is better. Went to see father. He is not quite as well today. John Hadlock came this evening to work for Milton.

March 6, 1862 Thursday

Arose at five. Milton is much better. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder visited us. Had a good prayer meeting here in the evening. I thought much of my dear brother John and how often he had mingled his voice with ours in the prayer circle.

March 7, 1862 Friday

Arose at six. Did not rest very well last night. Went up to see father. He is very feeble. Am afraid he will not live long. Milton is not quite as well today. Has exerted his strength too much. Darius killed our horse today. The poor fellow has suffered much. Father gave me a horse.

March 8, 1862 Saturday

Arose late. Milton is better. Went up to see father this morning. He is not as well as he was yesterday. Sister Huldah and her husband were here to dinner. Had a very pleasant visit. Mary Alger called. Sisters Sarah and Hattie spent most of the day with me.

March 9, 1862 Sunday

Did not have the privilege of attending church today. Oh how I should enjoy it if I could attend every Sabbath and listen to the word of God. I feel to thank my Heavenly Father for His goodness to me in sparing my life thus long, and also that of my dear Companion.

March 10, 1862 Monday

Arose at six. Dr. came to see Milton. Said he was better but would not be able to do a days work in a month. Pared two kettles of apples for sauce and took care of Milton. Baby has not been very well today.

March 11, 1862 Tuesday

Arose half past six. Rested well last night. Milton is much better. Is able to sit up part of the time. Fried cakes and worked over butter. Father came up to see Milton. His health is improving.

March 12, 1862 Wednesday

Arose fifteen minutes past six. Milton is gaining strength very fast. Helped Sarah do the ironing and sewed on my dress. Went up to fathers. He is much better. Think he will soon be well if he is careful.

March 13, 1862 Thursday

Arose fifteen minutes past six. Did not rest very well last night. Baby was not very well. Milton walked to the barn this

morning. First time he has been out of the house since brothers funeral. Went up to fathers to prayer meeting. Father is not as well this evening.

March 14, 1862 Friday

Arose at six. Finished my black dress and sewed some on another one. Have not heard from brother Charles yet. Do not know where he is. Feel very anxious to hear from him. May God bless him and keep him from harm.

March 15, 1862 Saturday

Arose late this morning. Did not feel very well. Dr. came to see Milton today. Did not find him quite as well. Elder Lyon called in the evening. He is holding a protracted meeting in Medina.

March 16, 1862 Sunday

Was not my privilege to attend church today. Dr. came to see Milton and left him more medicine. Milton is better. Would like to know where my dear brother is and if he enjoys the love of Christ. Wrote a letter to him today.

March 17, 1862 Monday

Arose early. Helped Sarah do the washing. Went up to fathers. Milton stayed with him all day. Mrs. Petit came here after some sewing. Took home two dresses to make for Hattie and an apron for Emma. Felt tired and retired early.

March 18, 1862 Tuesday

Arose at six. Visited at Mr. Goodales today. Enjoyed myself well. Called on sisters Sarah and Hattie. Also on Mrs Carr. Bought Hattie and Emma some shoes. Made Hattie a pair of drawers. Do not feel very well this evening.

March 19, 1862 Wednesday

Arose at five. Got Miltons breakfast. Pared some apples for mince pies. Run one dozen candles. Assisted Sarah about the baking. Sarah Parker is a good girl to work. Could not ask for a better. Retired early.

March 20, 1862 Thursday

Arose fifteen minutes past six. Went up to fathers and done off four messes of sugar. Came home and partly made Hattie a pair of drawers. Milton is gaining strength very fast. Hope that he will soon be well.

March 21, 1862 Friday

Arose early. Went up to fathers and helped do off six messes of sugar. Worked very hard. Did not rest much during the night on account of Emma. She was quite sick. Had a high fever. Was some better this morning.

March 22, 1862 Saturday

Did not arise very early this morning. Was kept awake taking care of baby during the night. Think it is worms that make her sick. Done some washing and cleaned the carpet. Also baked bread and polished the communion dishes. Could not attend covenant meeting.

March 23, 1862 Sunday

Was our communion day. I did not attend. Stayed at home with the children. Today the sad news reached me that brother Charles was dead. A stranger brought the news and we could not believe it was so. Could not believe he had gone to his rest.

March 24, 1862 Monday

Arose early and went up to fathers to work making sugar. Worked very hard. In the afternoon Mr. E. Ellsworth brought a dispatch sent from Lebanon, Kentucky, stating that brother Charles was dead. Died March 14th with pneumonia fever. Oh! God help me to be resigned to thy will.

March 25, 1862 Tuesday

Arose early. Did not sleep very well last night. Thought much about my dear brother. Think it was so strange that we did not hear of his sickness. Our brother-in-law, Luther Parker, started for Kentucky this morning to try and get his body and bring it home.

March 26, 1862 Wednesday

Arose early. Went up to fathers and worked very hard all day making sugar. Could not keep my mind off from Charlie. It seems so hard to think that I shall never see him here again. But I trust he has gone home to live with his Savior. May it be my happy lot to meet him there.

March 27, 1862 Thursday

Arose early. Sisters Sarah and Hattie are staying with me. They are both dear good sisters and this world would indeed; seem sad and dreary; to one, if they should be taken away. May their lives be spared many years.

March 28, 1862 Friday

Milton is twenty seven years old today. Arose early. Went up to fathers and done off seven batches of sugar. Am getting tired of sugar making. Mr Lyon came to see us. He felt very bad when he heard of Charlie's death. He is a good and useful man; a true follower of our blessed Savior.

March 29, 1862 Saturday

Arose fifteen minutes before six. Got breakfast and done up my morning work. Fried a pan full of cakes, churned and mopped my floor. Baby has been very worrisome. Luther returned with Charlie's remains today. He looks very natural.

March 30, 1862 Sunday

Did not rise very early this morning. Slept but little during the night. Today attended the funeral of my dear brother Charles. Mr. Whitcomb preached the sermon from Ecclesiastes 12th chapter and 7th verse. It does not seem possible that I shall never again see him this side of his heavenly home.

March 31, 1862 Monday

Arose 15 minutes before six. Done up my morning work (with sister Sarahs help). Worked over butter and went up to fathers and helped do off sugar. Fathers health is some better. Poor man. He deeply feels the loss of his sons. Says he would be glad to die and be with them.

April 1, 1862 Tuesday

Arose ten minutes before six. Sarah and I done a very large washing which tired me much. Received a letter from brother Joseph. He is First Lieutenant in the 2 Iowa Cavalry Company and is now stationed at Island No 10.

April 2, 1862 Wednesday

Arose 15 minutes before six. Pared some apples for sauce. Made six pies and five loaves of bread. Fried a pan full of cakes and cleaned my carpet and floor. Mrs. Dustin spent the evening and stayed all night. I was very tired.

April 3, 1862 Thursday

Arose at half past five. Got breakfast and went down to fathers and worked at the sugar all day. Dome off four messes of sugar and one mess of molasses. Sisters Sarah and Hattie kept house for me. Milton is getting better.

April 4, 1862 Friday

Arose at six. Did not rest very well last night. Went up to fathers and worked at the sugar in the forenoon. In the afternoon came home and helped divide Charlies things. "Poor boy"; how sadly we miss him. Received a letter from sister Ellen.

April 5, 1862 Saturday

Arose at six. Went up to fathers and done off a kettle of molasses. In the afternoon went to Wadsworth with Milton to visit brother Allen who has just returned from Louisville, Kentucky. He has been very sick with Pneumonia fever. Has not spoken a loud word for six weeks.

April 6, 1862 Sunday

Did not rest very well last night. Kept thinking about Allen. Am afraid he will never get well. He has suffered much and grown very poor in flesh, but not in spirit; seems to enjoy his mind well. May he ever have Jesus for his friend and comforter.

April 7, 1862 Monday

Arose at six. Stayed with sister Sarah Himuel last night. In the morning started for home. Stopped at Wadsworth and took dinner. Allen is very weak. Got home about 5 o'clock. Found

sister Hattie sick with measles. Mary Rockwell and Libby Hart spent the evening with us.

April 8, 1862 Tuesday

Arose twenty minutes past five. Did not sleep much during the night. Took care of sister Hattie. The measles have come out good and she is doing well. Moved her into the parlor this morning where she will be more comfortable. Darius and Jane and Mr. Tuttle were here to dinner.

April 9, 1862 Wednesday

Arose at half past five. Hattie is better this morning. Sister Sarah and I done a large washing. We were very tired. Baby was worrisome all day. Does not seem to feel very well.

April 10, 1862 Thursday

Arose 15 minutes before six. Have not felt very well today. Had the sick head ache. Mrs. E. Farnan called here to solicit aid for the soldiers. Gave her some sugar and dried apples. Mrs. Mary Shelding also called. Gave her some sugar. Wrote a letter to Allen.

April 11, 1862 Friday

Did not arise very early this morning. Was sick during the night and do not feel well today. Mended some dresses for Hattie and Emma and made some loops on my towels. Have thought much about my dear brothers and how sadly we miss them.

April 12, 1862 Saturday

Arose at six. Baked seven pies and fried a pan full of cakes. Mopped my floors. In the afternoon went down to the village. Called and paid Mrs. Carr for my bonnet. Also called on Mrs. Lyon and Rouse. Milton lost his best cow.

April 13, 1862 Sunday

Done up my work and went to church. Heard Mr. Whitcomb preach from Philippians and chapter and fifth verse. Excellent sermon. He spoke about Christians bearing one anothers burdens. Oh, I would that I was more like my blessed Savior. Kind and forgiving. Oh, make me humble.

April 14, 1862 Monday

Arose at five. Done up the morning work and helped sister Sarah do a large washing. We were both of us very tired. Sister Sarah is very kind to me. Do not know how I should get along if she were not here. May God bless her for all her kindness.

April 15, 1862 Tuesday

Hattie is four years old today. Arose at six. Do not feel very well this morning on account of working so hard yesterday. Went over to sister Huldah Parkers. Had a very pleasant visit. Felt very tired when I got home. Little Emma was quite sick all day.

April 16, 1862 Wednesday

Arose at six. Did not rest very well last night. Emma was quite sick. Had a high fever all night. Is better however this morning. Went up to fathers and got some flower roots. Made a flower bed and set them out and planted some seeds. Was very tired.

April 17, 1862 Thursday

Arose at six. Did not feel well this morning. Could not eat any breakfast. Have not sat up much today in consequence of doing such a hard days work yesterday. Was very foolish to work so. Sent down to the village and got a box of Ayers pills. Took five of them.

April 18, 1862 Friday

Arose at six. Do not feel very well this morning. Hattie and Emma are both sick. I think they are coming down with the measles. I expect to have them myself. David Alger called here to see if he could take them.

April 19, 1862 Saturday

Did not rest very well last night. Hattie and Emma are well broke out with measles. They are beginning to make their appearance on my face. Sister Hattie very kindly offered to take care of us. Truly, God has indeed blessed me with the very best of sisters for which I feel truly thankful.

April 20, 1862 Sunday

Do not feel able to sit up much. I have an idea that measles are not very good comforters. Milton and sister Hattie have gone to church. Oh how I should like to attend if I were able. May God make me humble and patient and may I ever be willing to take up my cross and follow him.

April 21, 1862 Monday

The measles have begun to come out on my face. I find myself feeling weak and languid. Hattie and Emma are getting along finely. Sister Sarah takes charge of my work. Dear good girl, what would I do without her.

April 22, 1862 Tuesday

I feel weak. The measles are not coming out good. Have not broke out any, only on my face. Yet Hattie and Emma are nearly well. My throat is quite sore and pains me considerable. Sisters are very kind.

April 23, 1862 Wednesday

Was very restless during the night. Am afraid I have taken a little cold. My throat is very sore and much swollen. Dr. came and gave me some medicine and burnt out my throat with caustic. He says I have got diphtheria. Am not able to sit up.

April 24, 1862 Thursday

Was very sick during the night. I took some physic, which with severe spells of vomiting reduced me quite low. Dr. came and left me more medicine and burnt out my throat again with caustic. Emma is two years old today.

April 25, 1862 Friday

Did not rest well. Had a sinking turn. Sent for Dr. Johnson; was not at home and engaged Dr. Swift. He came and gave me medicine which helped me much and I rested quietly during the remainder of the night. Mrs. Mary Shelding came this morning and stayed until after noon. She feels very lonely since her husband went into the army.

April 26, 1862 Saturday

Feel very weak and languid this morning. The measles are slowly going off and I find myself able to sit up a little. Anna Clark was taken with measles the same day that I was and was well enough to come and laugh at me today. I felt a little like replying. However I'd not wish to murmur or complain at the dispensations of a kind providence but strive to be thankful that it is as well with me as it is.

April 27, 1862 Sunday

Feel much stronger. Put on my clothes for the first time since I was taken sick. It is a beautiful Sabbath day and all nature seems singing praises to God. Would that I loved and praised Him more. Oh! Lord help me to live nearer to thee.

April 28, 1862 Monday

Did not rest very well last night. I am some better this morning and am slowly gaining strength. Think if I am careful about taking cold that I shall soon be well. Have great reasons to thank my Heavenly Father for his goodness and mercy unto me.

April 29, 1862 Tuesday

Am a little stronger today. Although I still feel very weak. Miss Ella Tuttle and Anna Clark visited us this afternoon. Hattie and Sarah are housecleaning today. I feel anxious to get my strength again. Knit on Hatties stocking.

April 30, 1862 Wednesday

Rested well last night and feel much stronger today. Assisted the girls some about the work and made a kettle of soap. Am afraid that I have done more than I ought.

May 1, 1862 Thursday

I am a little lame this morning in consequence of working too hard yesterday. Finished Hatties stocking and knit some on Miltons. I have great reasons to thank my Heavenly Father for sparing my life.

May 2, 1862 Friday

Today Owen Pixley, another of our Richfield soldiers was consigned to the silent tomb. This makes seven soldiers (all young

men) that went from this place and have died this year. Oh, how many homes are made desolate by this dreadful war.

May 3, 1862 Saturday

Am not very well this morning. I feel languid and weak. Am afraid that I have worked beyond my strength. Old Mr. Hadlock was here to dinner.

May 4, 1862 Sunday

It is a beautiful Sabbath morning and I should love so well to attend church and listen to the word of God. I do not feel well enough however and must content myself with staying at home. Read in my Bible and enjoyed a good season of prayer.

May 5, 1862 Monday

Arose early. Sister Sarah is not well. Hattie and I done quite a large washing. We were very tired when we finished. I am not very strong yet. Shall be very glad when I get able to do my work.

May 6, 1862 Tuesday

Arose at half past four. Milton and sisters Sarah and Hattie and myself went to Cleveland today. Done some trading, went to Mr. Ryderrs and engaged six pictures of our dear brothers (Charles and John) to be painted at ____ dollars apiece.

May 7, 1862 Wednesday

Do not feel very well this morning. We did not get home until very late last night and I felt much fatigued. Helped rinse up the clothes and do the house work. Think I have not accomplished very much today.

May 8, 1862 Thursday

Sister Caroline stayed with us last night. Went up to father and down to the Corners this forenoon. In afternoon helped sisters clean the pantry. Mrs. Chamberlain called here in the evening and I went up to fathers with her to prayer meeting. Had an excellent meeting.

May 9, 1862 Friday

Arose early. Milton and father went to Akron today. I baked a loaf of cake and made some cookies. Have not felt well since I had the measles. I partly made Hattie a skirt and also a cape. Am very tired.

May 10, 1862 Saturday

Arose early. Made eight pies and worked over a mess of butter. Father, sister Sarah, and myself went up to the burying ground. Bargained with Mr. Marble of Bedford for a monument to put at brother Charles and Johns grave.

May 11, 1862 Sunday

Attended church today. Heard Mr. Whitcomb preach from the text, Prepare to meet thy God. It was a powerful sermon and oh,

that it might be the means in the hands of God of bringing some poor sinner to repentance.

May 12, 1862 Monday

Do not feel very strong this morning. Milton helped us about the washing. Think he is very kind. Sister Sarah's shoulders and arms are so lame that she is not able to do much. Her liver is affected. Hope she will not be sick.

May 13, 1862 Tuesday

Arose 25 minutes before six. Got breakfast and helped do up the work. In the afternoon went down to Elder Lyons visiting. Mrs. Lyons mother and Mrs. Whitcomb were there. I enjoyed my visit much. Sister Hattie took care of the children and done the work for me.

May 14, 1862 Wednesday

Did not arise very early this morning. Have not felt well today and consequently have done but little. I do not gain strength very fast. Feel that I ought to be, and hope I am, thankful, that my life has been spared.

May 15, 1862 Thursday

Arose twenty minutes past five. Feel weak and languid. I am afraid that I have worked harder than I ought, but I find it a difficult task to keep still, when there is so much to be done. Elder Lyon called here. Dr. Johnson came and left me some medicine.

May 16, 1862 Friday

I have not felt very well today. Dr. gave me some medicine and I am in hopes that I shall soon be better. Helped sister Hattie mend the carpet. Mrs. Aldrich called here in the afternoon.

May 17, 1862 Saturday

Arose at five. I have felt much better today. Baked seven pies, five loaves of bread and fried a pan full of cakes. Also polished the communion dishes and done some mending. I am very tired this evening.

May 18, 1862 Sunday

Arose early. Commenced writing a letter to Mrs. Partridge. Brother Allen Freeman and his wife and children are here and I cannot attend church today. May I feel the love of God shed abroad in my heart.

May 19, 1862 Monday

Washing day has again returned and I find plenty to do. Assisted about the washing, took care of the butter and c. I do not feel very strong yet and sometimes feel a little discouraged because I do not gain strength faster.

May 20, 1862 Tuesday

Do not feel very much in a working mood this morning. I done more than I ought yesterday. Sister Hattie is very kind to me. I could not get along with my work without her. May God bless her for all her kindness.

May 21, 1862 Wednesday

Sister Sarah's health is very poor. She is going to Hudson tomorrow to stay a few days with sister Caroline. Have thought much about my dear departed brothers. Oh! may it be my happy lot to meet them in their Heavenly home.

May 22, 1862 Thursday

Arose early. Worked over butter and baked eight pies. In the afternoon went with father, brother Allen, and his wife and Sister Jane into the woods to dig roots. In the evening attended prayer meeting at brother Whitcombs. Excellent meeting.

May 23, 1862 Friday

Arose early. Assisted in preparing breakfast. Done some ironing. Got dinner and supper and c and c. Sister Jane spent the afternoon with us. I have eleven in the family now and find that I have plenty to do.

May 24, 1862 Saturday

This morning finds me as well as usual and enjoying the comforts and blessings of life for which I desire to thank my Heavenly Father. Have been very busy today. Took care of the butter and baked five loaves of bread beside doing other house work.

May 25, 1862 Sunday

Arose early. Attended church at the east Centre this forenoon. In the afternoon attended our church. Mr. Whitcomb preached from Matthew 19th chapter, 17th and 18th verses. Excellent sermon. In the evening attended prayer meeting. Did not bear my cross and came home feeling condemned. Lord help me to be more faithful.

May 26, 1862 Monday

Do not feel very well this morning. The care of such a large family is too much for me. Am not able to wash today. Milton took away our back kitchen today and is preparing to build a new one. Am anxious to see it finished for we need it much.

May 27, 1862 Tuesday

Milton has gone to take brother Allen and his family home. Have baked six loaves of bread. Cleaned out the parlor and bedroom and c and c. Miss Libby Taylor came to work for me. Gave some potatoes and soap to a poor beggar woman.

May 28, 1862 Wednesday

Helped Milton fix the strawberry beds. Assisted in doing a very large washing. Mr Payne left a clothes ringer for us to use. I like it very much. Think it is a great help. Am very tired.

May 29, 1862 Thursday

Went over to Hudson to visit sister Caroline. Came home in the evening. Was disappointed at not getting home in time to attend prayer meeting.

May 30, 1862 Friday

In the forenoon baked eight pies and fried a pan full of cakes. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell from Wisconsin came here. They were old acquaintances of father and mothers. I remember visiting at their house with mother when I was very young.

May 31, 1862 Saturday

Commenced house cleaning again today, (which has been so long delayed on account of sickness). Cleaned the front chamber. In the evening attended Professor Carr's lecture on singing. He is a beautiful singer and understands music well.

June 1, 1862 Sunday

Arose early. Attended church all day. Heard Elder Lyon in the forenoon and Mr. Whitcomb in the afternoon. After service went in company with Elder Lyon and Whitcomb up to Brecksville. Elder Lyon preached. In the evening attend union prayer meeting at the Methodist Church.

June 2, 1862 Monday

Assisted in doing a large washing and baked six loaves of bread. In the evening went down to the village. Done some shopping and visited sister Lyon. She is an excellent woman, a humble Christian.

June 3, 1862 Tuesday

Worked over butter and took care of the churning. Cleaned the cellar and sewed some on my dress. I feel to thank my Heavenly Father for his goodness and mercy. His long suffering and tender compassion toward me. May I ever praise him for his goodness.

June 4, 1862 Wednesday

Worked over two messes of butter. Baked six pies, and sewed on my dress. Went up to fathers. He is as well as usual. Talks much about the boys and says he anxious to go and see them.

June 5, 1862 Thursday

Arose early. Rinsed up the clothes. Washed some wool and cleaned the parlor. Professor Carr was here in the forenoon. In the evening attended prayer meeting at Elder Lyons. I enjoyed the meeting very much.

June 6, 1862 Friday

Put down the carpet in the parlor and assisted in doing a large ironing. Prepared four window curtains. Anna Clark spent the afternoon with us. I was very tired when night came and retired early.

June 7, 1862 Saturday

Arose early. Cleaned the hall. Baked six loaves of bread and a cake, beside doing other house work. Fixed my hoop skirt and mended a pair of pants for Milton.

June 8, 1862 Sunday

Am glad that it is again sweet Sabbath day and pray that I may improve it in a right and acceptable manner. Heard Mr. Owen preach in the forenoon and Mr. Whitcomb twice in the afternoon. Once at the Rice school house in Brecksville where he organized a Sabbath school. I was chosen teacher over a fine class of little girls.

June 9, 1862 Monday

Took care of a large churning of butter and helped do a very large washing. Also baked five pies and mended a pair of pants for Milton. Mrs. Heart and her daughter Libby were here. Libby is going to attend the Association with us. Mr and Mrs. Whitcomb will also accompany us.

June 10, 1862 Tuesday

Arose at five. Went to Strongsville to attend our yearly association. Heard Elder Lyon preach in the forenoon. Letters from the different churches were read in the afternoon. In the evening listened to an excellent sermon delivered by Rev. S. W. Adarris, D.D. I enjoyed the meeting much.

June 11, 1862 Wednesday

Attended prayer conference meeting in the morning. At eleven o'clock, Elder Webster of Painsville preached. In the afternoon elder Leonard of Elyria delivered an able and practical address. His subject being the religious training of young children. I hope it may prove one of profit to use and that my children may early seek the Savior.

June 12, 1862 Thursday

Do not feel very well today. My throat and eyes are quite sore. One eye is so badly swollen that I can hardly open it at all. Think I must have caught sore eyes of Elder Hubbard.

June 13, 1862 Friday

My eyes are much better today. Have been using some of fathers eye water. Baked six pies and seven loves of bread. Also took care of a large churning of butter.

June 14, 1862 Saturday

My throat is quite sore and troubles me much about swallowing. Baked a loaf of cake and worked over a large batch of butter. Done some mending and fixed two sun bonnets and c and c.

June 15, 1862 Sunday

My throat is still very sore and shall have to give up attending church today. I pray that I may enjoy the presence of my Savior at home. Went up to Brecksville to attend Sabbath school. Have a pleasant class and pray that I may do them good.

June 16, 1862 Monday

I took more cold yesterday and my throat is worse today. It pains me much. Am taking some of Dr. Swifts medicine but cannot see as it does any good. Assisted some about the housework and made three wiping towels.

June 17, 1862 Tuesday

My throat is better. Helped do a large washing. Elder Falhurst of Columbia came here. He will stay over night. He is a good man and was a great friend of brother John's. Harrison and Laura Close will also stay with us. Am very tired.

June 18, 1862 Wednesday

Have not felt very well today. Have thought much about my dear departed brothers and I almost long to meet them in their Heavenly home. Baked seven pies and worked over a large churning of butter.

June 19, 1862 Thursday

My throat is still sore although much better than it has been. Done housework most all day. Baked four loaves of bread. Assisted about the ironing and in the evening attended the "Old Folks" concert. Was much pleased in looking at the different styles of dress.

June 20, 1862 Friday

Do not feel very ambitious today. Helped do up the work and picked three quarts of gooseberries. Sewed on my dress. Prayer meeting was here this evening. I enjoyed it very much. Received a letter from sister Sarah Himmel.

June 21, 1862 Saturday

Worked over butter and baked a loaf of cake. Mopped the floor. Finished my dress. Brother Allen came this afternoon. He has not yet recovered his voice. I am afraid he will not be able to speak aloud for a long time.

June 22, 1862 Sunday

God has kindly spared my life during the week that has passed and permitted me to behold the dawning of another Sabbath day. May I improve it in His fear. Heard Mr. Whitcomb preach and attended Sabbath school. Had two new scholars, making seven in all.

June 23, 1862 Monday

Took care of a large churning of butter and helped do the washing. Mopped the floor and cut two balls of carpet rags. It is a rainy day. Milton returned this evening from Wadsworth bringing brother Allen with him.

June 24, 1862 Tuesday

Do not feel very ambitious today. Worked too hard yesterday. Baked seven pies and six loaves of bread. Was very tired when I finished baking. Mr. Dun called here to see if I would have some teeth extracted.

Arose early. Baked three pies and six loaves of bread. Took care of a large churning of butter. Done some ironing and picked some cherries and stewed them for sauce. Mr. Brooks is here to work on our house.

July 6, 1862 Sunday

Arose at half past four. Read and enjoyed a season of prayer before the rest of the family arose. Heard Mr. Whitcomb preach in the afternoon. Attended Sabbath School at Brecksville. Had a large class.

July 7, 1862 Monday

Arose twenty minutes before four. Worked over butter and helped do the washing. Also picked some cherries and stewed for sauce. Sisters have gone to singing school this evening.

July 8, 1862 Tuesday

Cleaned the pantry and canned some cherries. Done housework most of the day. Received brothers portraits this evening. They all look very natural with the exception of one of Johns which is not very good. Think we shall take that back.

July 9, 1862 Wednesday

Arose early. Took care of the butter and baked six loaves of bread and seven pies. Also picked and canned two quarts of gooseberries. Was very tired.

July 10, 1862 Thursday

Worked over butter and picked some cherries. Canned two quarts and pickled three gallons. Mrs. Alger and her daughter Mary and Sophia Ingham were here. I worked very hard all day.

July 11, 1862 Friday

Baked five loaves of bread. Partly made Hattie a night dress, and picked and canned some cherries. Mr. Brooks and Milton have commenced putting up our building today.

July 12, 1862 Saturday

Arose early. Baked a loaf of cake and done some mending. Also made Emma a sock. Cleaned the communion dishes and picked some cherries. In the afternoon attended our covenant meeting. Enjoyed it much. There was twenty members present.

July 13, 1862 Sunday

Arose twenty minutes before six. Read a portion of scripture and had a season of prayer. Attended church all day. Took Emma with me. It was our communion day and a goodly number were present. Attended Sabbath School.

July 14, 1862 Monday

Am not well today. Therefore, I have not accomplished much. Worked a mess of butter and sewed on Hattie's dress.

July 15, 1862 Tuesday

June 25, 1862 Wednesday

Worked over butter and assisted in doing the housework. Went up to fathers and made two kettles of soap. Mrs. Carr called here. Picked nearly three quarts of strawberries in our garden. They were very large and nice.

June 26, 1862 Thursday

Arose very early and started for Cleveland in company with Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb, sister Sarah and Milton. Had a pleasant time. Went to Mr. Dolph's, the artists room's, to see brothers portraits. They look very natural.

June 27, 1862 Friday

Have not felt well today. I got very tired yesterday walking on the streets of Cleveland. Picked eight quarts of strawberries and made preserves of them.

June 28, 1862 Saturday

Baked three pies. Chrystalized some grass. Mopped the floor and done other house work all day.

June 29, 1862 Sunday

It has rained nearly all day and I was obliged to stay at home. Would that I were more earnest and zealous in the cause of my Master. Lord help me to be more faithful.

June 30, 1862 Monday

Worked over butter and helped do the washing. Also, baked six loaves of bread and picked over eight quarts of cherries and put them drying. Was very tired. Milton carried Allen home today.

July 1, 1862 Tuesday

Arose early. Picked some cherries and baked five pies. Worked over butter. Sewed on my carpet. Mr. Brooks is at work for us putting up our kitchen. Elder Lyon and Whitcomb came and got some cherries.

July 2, 1862 Wednesday

In the forenoon finished fixing the carpet and put it down. Got the dinner and arranged the cupboard. Ezra Damon and his wife were here to supper. Sister Caroline came from Hudson today.

July 3, 1862 Thursday

Arose early. Done up the morning work and helped do the ironing. Baked five pies. David Alger called here. Sister Sarah Himmel and her husband came to spend the fourth with us.

July 4, 1862 Friday

Baked a loaf of cake and a pan full of cookies. It was very warm today and we concluded to stay at home. Sister Sarah and her husband stayed with us. David Alger and Betsey Scoby spent the evening here.

July 5, 1862 Saturday

Arose early. Assisted the girls about doing the washing and baked a loaf of cake. Picked some cherries and c. Libby Heart is here visiting and will stay with us tonight. Am very tired.

July 16, 1862 Wednesday

Picked three quarts of raspberries and canned four quarts of cherries. Took care of a churning of butter and baked five pies. Shall be very glad when my kitchen is finished.

July 17, 1862 Thursday

Arose 10 minutes before five. Worked over a churning of butter. Canned two quarts of raspberries and baked a pan full of cookies. Also baked seven loaves of bread besides doing other house work.

July 18, 1862 Friday

Sister Hattie and I done a large ironing. Was very tired when I finished it. Sisters, Hattie and Sarah are taking painting lessons of Mrs. Whitcomb and getting along finely.

July 19, 1862 Saturday

Baked five pies. Done some ironing. Canned one quart of raspberries. Cleaned the carpet. Finished Hatties dress and done some mending. Have worked very hard during the past week.

July 20, 1862 Sunday

It rained nearly all the forenoon, so we could not attend church. In the afternoon heard Mr. Whitcomb preach from Genesis 1st chapter and third verse. Attended Sabbath school and had a full class.

July 21, 1862 Monday

Arose early. Took care of a churning of butter and helped do a large washing. Picked 7 quarts of cherries and put them drying. Mrs. Wilshire was here to supper. Mr. Lyon called and got some cherries.

July 22, 1862 Tuesday

Worked over the butter. Picked eight quarts of cherries and made preserves of them. Went up to fathers in the evening. Have thought much today about our dear departed brothers and almost long to be with them in their heavenly home.

July 23, 1862 Wednesday

Worked picking cherries in the forenoon. In the afternoon baked seven pies and went up to fathers to visit with Mr. Whitcomb and his wife. In the evening I carried them home and called on Mrs. Lyon.

July 24, 1862 Thursday

Picked some raspberries. Arranged the parlor and mended two dresses for Emma. In the afternoon went over to Hinckley to visit Mrs. Damon. She was not at home and we spent the afternoon at Leonard Parkers. Enjoyed myself well.

July 25, 1862 Friday

Took care of a churning of butter. Baked a pan of cookies and a loaf of cake and six loaves of bread. Finished Hatties dress and done some mending. Mr. Brooks and Sheppard put up the eave troughs on our house.

July 26, 1862 Saturday

Worked over a churning of butter. Picked some raspberries and assisted about the housework in the forenoon. In the afternoon done some mending and gathered moss for ornamental work.

July 27, 1862 Sunday

Heard Mr. Lyon preach in the forenoon. In the afternoon attended the funeral of Mr. Willis Welton. He died very suddenly with Cholera Mr. Haytch preached the sermon from Revelations 14th chapter and 13th verse. Attended Sabbath School.

July 28, 1862 Monday

Helped do the washing and mended a pair of pants, dress and sock. The funeral of Mr. Hulburds hired man was held today. He committed suicide by first taking strickening and then cutting his throat. He lived several hours and said his reason for so doing was on account of ill health.

July 29, 1862 Tuesday

Helped do the ironing. Scalded my pickles and mended my silk dress. Also wrote four days diary. Milton has gone to attend a patriotic meeting at Liberty hall this evening. Am very tired.

July 30, 1862 Wednesday

Took care of a churning of butter. Picked some currants and baked six pies. In the afternoon attended the Soldiers Aid Society at Liberty hall. Took tea at Elder Lyons. Mrs. McCannel and Shelding spent the evening here.

July 31, 1862 Thursday

Baked six loaves of bread and a loaf of cake. Mr. Watts and his wife were here to dinner. Mrs Brooks and her sister were here to tea. Old Mrs Parker and Miss A. Searles were also here. In the evening attended prayer meeting at fathers. Enjoyed it much.

August 1, 1862 Friday

Picked some currants and put them drying. Partly made Emma a pair of drawers and done some mending. I wanted very much to attend the patriotic meeting at the hall but could not on account of the children.

August 2, 1862 Saturday

Picked currants and put them drying this forenoon also mended a pair of pants and shirt for Milton and finished Emmas drawers. Went up to fathers and begged some old sheets to make bandages for the soldiers.

August 3, 1862 Sunday

Did not attend church this forenoon. In the afternoon heard Mr. Whitcomb preach an excellent sermon. After preaching went to Brecksville to attend Sabbath School. Had a large class. Would that I might do them good.

August 4, 1862 Monday

Took care of a large churning of butter and assisted the girls in doing the washing. Cleaned the carpet and floors and got tea for work folks. Was very tired. Baked three pies.

August 5, 1862 Tuesday

Worked over the butter and prepared the sauce for pies. Mr. Dun was here to dinner. After dinner he cleaned my teeth and filled two of them. Picked some currants.

August 6, 1862 Wednesday

Arose early. Worked over the butter. Baked five pies and five loaves of bread beside doing other house work. Sisters have been gone all day. Are finishing their paintings.

August 7, 1862 Thursday

Baked a pan full of cookies and partly made the skirt to my crepe marette dress. Our weekly prayer meeting was held here this evening. We had a good meeting and I enjoyed it much.

August 8, 1862 Friday

Sisters Sarah and Hattie went to Westfield today. Done some mending. Took care of a churning of butter and nailed some of the lath on our new rooms. Milton is not well this week. Has worked too hard.

August 9, 1862 Saturday

Brother Allen stayed with us last night. His health is much better than it was. I baked three pies, worked over the butter and attended women's meeting this afternoon. Sisters returned this evening. I feel very tired this evening.

August 10, 1862 Sunday

Am not well today. Milton is also sick and not able to attend church. I feel that I am sinful weak and ering. Prone to wander from the God whom I desire to love. Oh! I would that I were more like my blessed Lord and Master.

August 11, 1862 Monday

Am still feeling quite unwell. Although I feel better than I did yesterday. Baked three pies and made two and one half gallons of wine. George Meed came to work for us today and is expecting to board with us and go to school next term.

August 12, 1862 Tuesday

Arose early. Helped sisters do the washing and mopped the floors and c and c. Mrs. Teachout called here to see George. Mrs. Mary Shelding also called here. I am very tired tonight.

August 13, 1862 Wednesday

Washed five windows and baked four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. Also sewed on my dress. Sisters have gone to attend the Soldiers Aid Society this afternoon. Am sorry I could not attend.

August 14, 1862 Thursday

Churned and worked over the butter. Finished my dress skirt and worked on the waist. Emma is not well today and is quite worrisome. Attended prayer meeting this evening at Brother Brooks.

August 15, 1862 Friday

Helped do the ironing. Baked a loaf of cake and four pies. Went up to the burying ground. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Whitcomb visited me. Enjoyed myself well.

August 16, 1862 Saturday

Worked over the butter and helped do up the work. Spent most of the day in mending and repairing clothes. In the evening attended a patriotic meeting at the east centre. Mr. Slade and Robinson of Cleveland addressed the meeting.

August 17, 1862 Sunday

Enjoyed a good season of prayer in the morning. Read most of the forenoon as there was no preaching at our church. In the afternoon, heard Mr. Whitcomb preach from the text "they made light of it". Most an excellent sermon. Attended prayer meeting in the evening.

August 18, 1862 Monday

Assisted the girls in doing a large washing. Baked four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. I am very tired this evening. Wrote four days diary.

August 19, 1862 Tuesday

Baked a loaf of cake and a pan of cookies. Sewed on my dress. Mr. and Mrs. Goodel visited us. I enjoyed the visit very much. Have thought much today of our poor sick soldiers. Wish I could help take care of them.

August 20, 1862 Wednesday

Helped sisters do the ironing. Cooked dinner for work folks. In the afternoon sewed on my dress and went down to fathers. Darius and Jane came here in the evening.

August 21, 1862 Thursday

Picked some elderberries and baked eight pies. Stewed apple sauce. In the afternoon sewed some on my dress and varnished our buggy. In the evening walked down to the corners and back and attended prayer meeting at the Lyons.

August 22, 1862 Friday

Varnished part of the buggy over and baked four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. Have sewed very steady on my dress and succeeded in finishing it. I am very tired this evening.

August 23, 1862 Saturday

Arose early and started for Westfield. Went through Wadsworth and took brother Allen and his family with us. Got to Uncle St. Johns a little past five. Took tea with them. Stayed all night at Father Freemans.

August 24, 1862 Sunday

Attended church at Seville; the place where I was baptized and united with the people of God. Was baptized on New Years day 1854 by Elder Barrell. Heard Elder Whitney preach upon the subject of fidelity to God.

August 25, 1862 Monday

Had a good visit with Aunt Betsey this morning. Walked from Uncles up to Father Freemans. Went from there to sister Sarahs where I was taken sick. I suffered much pain and had a high fever. The Dr. thought I was going to have the Typhoid fever. Am not able to sit up.

August 26, 1862 Tuesday

Dr. Bigham came to see me this morning. I feel much better. Think the fever is broken up. Milton is going home today and as I am not able to sit up much, shall be obliged to stay. Aunt Betsey and Cousin Julie came to see me.

August 27, 1862 Wednesday

I am much better today and feel anxious to get home and see my little children. Mr. Haskins and his wife came to see me, also Uncle Fredrick Freeman visited me. Milton came back after me this evening.

August 28, 1862 Thursday

In the forenoon visited Mrs. Hawley at Westfield. Enjoyed my visit very much. In the afternoon went to father Freemans. Stayed there all night. Do not feel very well this evening.

August 29, 1862 Friday

I am feeling quite well this morning; and am very anxious to get home. Went this afternoon to Wadsworth on our way home. Brother Allen is very anxious to go into the army again. Got home this evening.

August 30, 1862 Saturday

Helped do up the morning work. Took care of a churning of butter. Baked seven pies and four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. Also picked some corn and put it drying and arranged my pantry. Wrote four days diary.

August 31, 1862 Sunday

Did not attend church this forenoon. In the afternoon, heard Mr. Whitcomb preach an excellent sermon. Oh that I might profit by it and be more useful and zealous in the cause of Christ.

September 1, 1862 Monday

Am alone with my work today. Sisters are both attending school and board near the academy. I feel very lonely without them. Boiled some corn and put it drying. Swept the chambers. Stewed sauce and c and c. George Meed is boarding with us.

September 2, 1862 Tuesday

Worked over butter. Helped do the washing and dried a mess of sweet corn. Sister Sarah came here this afternoon. Maria Poor commenced working for me today.

September 3, 1862 Wednesday

Baked seven pies in the morning. In the afternoon attended the Soldiers Aid Society. Called on Mrs. Lyon. Went up to fathers and visited a short time with Mrs. Randall of Columbus. Attended the Literary Society in the evening.

September 4, 1862 Thursday

Baked a loaf of cake, four loaves of bread and two tins of biscuits. Helped do the ironing and varnished my lounge and what-not picture frames and c. Went up to fathers to prayer meeting. Enjoyed the meeting much.

September 5, 1862 Friday

Done some ironing. Fixed Georges shirt and sewed some on my dress. Mrs. Marvin Oviatt called to see me.

September 6, 1862 Saturday

Done up the morning work. Canned some plums, worked over butter. Polished the communion dishes and c. Attended covenant meeting in the afternoon. Called on Mrs. Lyon.

September 7, 1862 Sunday

Am not able to attend church today, I am sorry that I cannot as it is our communion day and I do not like to be absent. I feel myself to be an unworthy child of God. Oh! that I were more like my blessed Lord and Master.

September 8, 1862 Monday

I have felt much better today. Cleaned my parlor and bedroom; washed and ironed my black dress. Canned three quarts of plums. Also made two grass bonnets. Feel somewhat tired this evening.

September 9, 1862 Tuesday

Arose at half past two and started for Cleveland to do some shopping. Purchased some books for my Sabbath School class and some prints, pillows, chairs and c and c. Got home between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening. Was very tired.

September 10, 1862 Wednesday

Baked six pies and a loaf of cake. Canned two quarts of peaches. Churned and took care of the butter and done other house work. Have thought much about my dear brothers today. Oh how sad and lonely I feel with out them. Lord help me to be more resigned to thy will.

September 11, 1862 Thursday

Worked over the butter. Fixed my what-not and arranged the parlor. Milton went to Akron today to carry a load of Soldiers. Brother Brooks started fro camp today. May God protect him. Prayer meeting was here this evening. 17 persons were present. We had a good meeting which I hope may do good to those present who are out of the ark of safety.

September 12, 1862 Friday

David and Sybil Alger and sisters Sarah and Hattie stayed with us last night. Mixed the paint and painted the closet and the shelves of the pantry. Baked four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. Sisters are here this evening.

September 13, 1862 Saturday

Arose very early and started for Bedford to see brothers monument. Was highly pleased with it. Father and Sisters Sarah and Hattie went with us. Stopped to Mrs. Comstocks and got some peaches.

September 14, 1862 Sunday

Attended church in the afternoon. Heard Mr. Whitcomb preach an excellent sermon from the text "Our Father who art in Heaven". What a blessed thought it is to think that when we have done with the cares of this life we have a home in heaven and our Heavenly Father careth for us.

September 15, 1862 Monday

Helped do the washing and painted the pantry. Milton carried some of the soldiers to Akron today. Our band boys from the 2nd Ohio cavalry came home today. Went up to Mrs. Comstocks and got some peaches.

September 16, 1862 Tuesday

Canned two cans of peaches and went down to Aunt Mary Oviatt's sale. Bought a setter and some other things. Mr. and Mrs. Haskins and two of their daughters came here this evening.

September 17, 1862 Wednesday

Arose early. Mr. and Mrs. Haskins and two of their daughters stayed with us last night. Baked five pies and four loaves of bread. Canned six cans of peaches. In the evening sisters Sarah and Hattie, Mary Rockwell, and Betsey Scobie and Edward Pool came here.

September 18, 1862 Thursday

Arose at half past two and started for Cleveland to attend the state fair. I felt well paid for my journey. We also went up to

the camp ground to see the soldiers. Two regiments were camped there; the 107th and 124th.

September 19, 1862 Friday

Felt somewhat lame and tired this morning from the effect of my tramp yesterday. Pickled some pears and made some marmalade. Also worked over a mess of butter. Sisters Sarah and Hattie came here today.

September 20, 1862 Saturday

Baked three loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. Also seven pies and two loaves of cake. Pickled some more pears and painted some grass and c. Sisters Sarah and Hattie were here today. Also Mary Rockwell. Enjoyed their society very much.

September 21, 1862 Sunday

Did not feel very well this morning. In the after attended church. Heard Elder Lyon preach his farewell sermon. Feel sorry to have him leave. He has preached here five years. Baptized both of my brothers. Attended Sabbath School.

September 22, 1862 Monday

Took care of the butter and done house work all day. Assisted some about the washing. Mr. Haskins and his wife and two daughters stayed all night. Sister Hattie also stayed with us.

September 23, 1862 Tuesday

Cleaned the carpet and cut up half a bushel of tomatoes for pickles beside doing other house work. I am very tired this evening and have got the tooth ache to "comfort me".

September 24, 1862 Wednesday

Baked four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. Also baked three loaves of cake and six pies and a quantity of tarts. Stewed a kettle full of pears and arranged the pantry. Am very tired. Worked over a mess of butter.

September 25, 1862 Thursday

Mr. Marble stayed here last night. Baked four pies. Swept out the parlor and bedrooms and arranged the room. Done some mending. Mr. Marble and another gentleman from Bedford will stay with us again tonight.

September 26, 1862 Friday

Arose early. Prepared breakfast and dressed the children ready to attend the fair. We took the first premium on strawberries. The largest one measured 5 1/4 inches. After the fair went up to fathers and visited with sister Huldah.

September 27, 1862 Saturday

I feel pretty much tired out this morning. Have had to work very hard during the past week. This morning I took care of a churning of butter and commenced painting. Finished the kitchen. Also fixed my tomato pickles.

September 28, 1862 Sunday

There was no meeting at our church this forenoon. In the afternoon heard Mr. Whitcomb preach an excellent sermon. After services attended Sabbath School in Brecksville. Had a large class which seemed much interested.

September 29, 1862 Monday

Prepared two breakfasts this morning. Maria Poor went way this morning and Charlotte Shelding came to work for me. Baked seven pies and took care of some pickles. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon took tea with us and stayed part of the evening.

September 30, 1862 Tuesday

Worked over butter and helped do a very large washing. Also baked four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits and got meals for work folks. Emma is quite unwell today.

October 1, 1862 Wednesday

Drafting has commenced in this county today. I feel somewhat tired and lame today in consequence of my doing so much yesterday. Cut out two pairs of drawers and three aprons for the children. Also put a new back into Miltons vest and fixed a dress for Hattie.

October 2, 1862 Thursday

Worked over butter and helped do a large ironing. Baked two loaves of cake and some raised biscuits. Also pared and stewed a kettle of sauce. I have quite a bad diarrhea today and feel quite unwell this evening. Milton has gone to prayer meeting.

October 3, 1862 Friday

Do not feel quite so well today. Worked over some butter and scalded some pickles. Milton went down to the doctors and got some medicine for me.

October 4, 1862 Saturday

I am feeling some better today. Took a dose of calomel last night which helped me. Baked five pies. Made Emma a skirt and done some mending. In the afternoon attended Covenant Meeting. Enjoyed the meeting much and felt my spiritual strength renewed.

October 5, 1862 Sunday

I have not been able to sit up part of the time today. Have not yet succeeded in checking my diarrhea. I pray that I may be perfectly resigned to the will of my Heavenly Father in sickness as well as in health.

October 6, 1862 Monday

I am much better this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell from Elyria stayed with us last night. I visited fathers with them today. Sister Caroline and Mrs. Gross were also there. Mrs. Gross will stay with me tonight.

October 7, 1862 Tuesday

My diarrhea is much worse today and I find myself growing weak very fast. Have sat up only part of the time today. Have no appetite and am afraid that I shall have a fit of sickness. May I be resigned to my Heavenly Fathers will.

October 8, 1862 Wednesday

Am still weaker this morning. The doctor says my liver is affected. Afternoon took some of Dr. Ayre's pills which I think will help me. I find it pretty hard to be obliged to keep still when there is so much to be done.

October 9, 1862 Thursday

I feel much better this morning and hope I shall soon be well again. Have been able to sew some today. Finished Hatties apron and partly made Emma a night dress.

October 10, 1862 Friday

Am better today, although I still feel quite weak from the effects of diarrhea. Milton worries considerable for fear I will go to work and get sick again. I find it hard to work to keep still when there is so much to be done.

October 11, 1862 Saturday

Baked two loaves of bread and also baked a loaf of cake. Baked seven pies beside doing other house work and some sewing. Was very tired when night came and a little fearful that I had worked too hard.

October 12, 1862 Sunday

Sarah stayed here last night. Did not attend church this forenoon. In the afternoon heard Mr. Whitcomb preach a very interesting discourse. After meeting attended Sabbath School at Brecksville. My class were all present.

October 13, 1862 Monday

Worked over butter and assisted Charlotte about the washing. Also gathered some moss. In the evening pared apples for drying. Was very tired.

October 14, 1862 Tuesday

Baked seven pies and two loaves of bread. Scalded over two crocks of pickles. Cleaned three dresses and pared some apples for drying. Mrs. Aldrich called here this afternoon.

October 15, 1862 Wednesday

Today attended the funeral of Mrs. George Dustin. She died leaving a companion and two little children to mourn her loss. In the evening Milton, Mary, Hattie and myself went over to Mr. Ezra Damon's visiting.

October 16, 1862 Thursday

Went over to Hinckley and visited with old Mrs. Parker and her daughter and sister Huldah and her daughter. Enjoyed the visit much. In the evening attended prayer meeting under the old

parental roof. Had an excellent meeting. I thought much about my dear brothers.

October 17, 1862 Friday

Swept, dusted and arranged the parlor. Baked four loaves of bread and two tins of biscuits. Also baked two loaves of cake. In the evening Milton and I visited at Mr. Whitcombs.

October 18, 1862 Saturday

Sisters Sarah and Hattie have both been here today. Father took dinner with us. Baked five pies, worked over butter and helped to make some hair flowers for my Sabbath school class.

October 19, 1862 Sunday

Studied my Bible lesson in the forenoon. In the afternoon heard Mr. Whitcomb preach his sermon. Was really a feast to my soul and I felt to thank my Heavenly Father for permitting me to hear it. Attended Sabbath School. My class were all present.

October 20, 1862 Monday

Had a large washing today. Charlotte and I both felt very tired when we had finished it. Pared some apples for sauce in the evening.

October 21, 1862 Tuesday

Arose early and assisted about the work. Finished painting the closet and the pantry shelves and one door. Also went up to fathers and assisted Jane as she were killing hogs today. Pared apples in the evening.

October 22, 1862 Wednesday

Baked ten pies, four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. Done housework nearly all day and feel quite tired this evening.

October 23, 1862 Thursday

Helped do up the morning work and assisted about the ironing. In the afternoon cleaned off the plaster in the pantry and finished painting it. Sister Sarah has left school. Came home sick. Dr. says that her liver is badly affected.

October 24, 1862 Friday

Sarah is worse today. Has not been able to set up any. We moved her into the parlor where she will be more comfortable. Done some mending and colored a dress black.

October 25, 1862 Saturday

Sister Sarah is still growing worse. Has not been able to keep any medicine or drink down since one o'clock today. Baked some cake and cookies and went down to the village. When I returned, found Sarah suffering much pain.

October 26, 1862 Sunday

With inexpressible anguish and sorrow, I stood beside the death bed of my dying sister. I little thought that death was so

near; little thought that she would so soon be called home to meet her precious Savior and Angel Mother and Brothers. Oh! Lord, help me to be resigned to thy will.

October 27, 1862 Monday

Sister Sarah breathed her last about six o'clock this morning. She was unconscious for 20 hours before her death. A happier person I never saw. She was very anxious that her Sabbath School class and school mates should come to Christ.

October 28, 1862 Tuesday

Today the form of my precious sister was consigned to the narrow tomb, whence, we are all fast hastening. Deeply, do we mourn her loss, yet we mourn not as those without hope. She has gone to dwell with her dear Savior and Angel Mother and Brothers.

October 29, 1862 Wednesday

Do not feel very well today. Assisted some about the washing and cleaning up the house. My mind almost constantly dwelling upon the words and smiles of my dying sister. Oh, it was indeed beautiful to witness such a scene.

October 30, 1862 Thursday

I have felt quite unwell today. Pressed my black dress. In the evening, attended prayer meeting at fathers. There was 33 persons present. Seven of them arose for prayers. Among the members, one of Sarah's Sabbath School scholars.

October 31, 1862 Friday

Am feeling some better today. Baked eight pies and four loaves of bread and two tins of biscuits. Mrs. Elizabeth Petit came in the morning and stayed all day. In the evening Eunice and Sybil Alger called here. Don't part way home with them.

November 1, 1862 Saturday

Done some mending in the forenoon. In the afternoon attended Covenant meeting. I enjoyed the meeting very much, although I felt sad when I beheld the vacant seat of my beloved sister.

November 2, 1862 Sunday

Heard Mr. Whitcomb preach from the text "What have I done". Truly, what have I, done to advance the cause of Christ. Oh. Lord help me to be more faithful. Closed our Sabbath School in Brecksville today. It seemed hard to part with my class.

November 3, 1862 Monday

Arose early and went over to Hinckley to visit our sister. Did not feel very well when I got there. Juliaette Watts starts for her home in Michigan next Wednesday. I feel quite unwell this evening. Celia and her husband were here.

November 4, 1862 Tuesday

Assisted some about the washing. Baked four pies and four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. I was very tired when night

came. The two Mr. Petits are here this week helping Milton husk his corn.

November 5, 1862 Wednesday

I am not feeling very well and have not been since the death of my precious sister. I sometimes think that we shall not be long separated. It is my desire and prayer that when death shall come I may be prepared to meet her in that better land.

November 6, 1862 Thursday

Done some sewing today. In the evening attended prayer meeting at Elder Lyons. Quite a goodly number were present. Four persons arose for prayer. I think the spirit of God is truly in our midst.

November 7, 1862 Friday

No entry.

November 8, 1862 Saturday

No entry.

November 9, 1862 Sunday

Read several chapters in the Bible. Heard Mr. Haytch preach from Isaiah 50th chapter and 10th verse. Have enjoyed the privileges of this day very much. I think my affections are less attached to the things of earth and placed more upon Heavenly and divine things. Have a greater desire to depart and be with Christ.

November 10, 1862 Monday

Arose 15 minutes past five. Prepared breakfast and assisted in doing up the work. Old Mrs. Parker came here this morning and will stay a few days with me. Sewed on my black dress. Am very anxious to finish it as I need it much.

November 11, 1862 Tuesday

Went over to Brother Blacks visiting. Father, Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Richards, Mr. Crawford and Milton were there. Made Hattie a pair of undersleeves and knit some.

November 12, 1862 Wednesday

Old Mrs. Parker is here visiting and I enjoy her society much. Baked six pies. In the afternoon attended examination at the academy. The scholars all wore crepe badges in memory of our beloved sister. The scholars presented Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb a beautiful Bible as a token of gratitude.

November 13, 1862 Thursday

Mrs. Parker went away today. I painted the closet, pantry and kitchen floors today. In the evening attended prayer meeting at brother Brooks. Enjoyed the presence of my Savior.

November 14, 1862 Friday

Cut and fitted Emma a dress. Painted some this forenoon. In the afternoon went up to fathers. Enjoyed the visit much. Nearly made the sleeves to my black merino dress.

November 15, 1862 Saturday

Finished making my black dress. Made a sheet and two towels. Also mended some aprons for the children. Milton and George have gone to Cleveland today. Mrs. Shelding brought me up a basket of grapes. David Alger called this evening.

November 16, 1862 Sunday

Do not feel very well today. There is no meeting in our church today and not feeling well I concluded to stay at home. Spent most of the day in reading. I realized that I am sinful and weak. Prone to wander from the God whom I desire to love. Dear Savior help me to live nearer to thee.

November 17, 1862 Monday

It is a dark rainy day and I feel somewhat sad and lonely. Sister Hattie and I have been busy all day dividing Sarahs thing. It was indeed a sad task. I can hardly realize that she has gone to her Heavenly home.

November 18, 1862 Tuesday

Today finished dividing Sarahs things and also divided Charlie's. Sister Hattie went over to Celia Damons today. I feel very lonely without her. She is the only own sister I have left and cling very closely to her.

November 19, 1862 Wednesday

Done some papering today. Cleaned out the parlor and bedroom and arranged them. In the evening pared two pumpkins for pies and helped pare two bushels of apples for apple butter. Was very tired.

November 20, 1862 Thursday

Went up to fathers to make apple butter. Made eight gallons. Mended Charlie a pair of pants, Hattie a dress and sewed some on a dress for Emma. In the evening attended prayer meeting at Eaton Ellsworths. Old Mr. Hanclk was buried.

November 21, 1862 Friday

Done some painting. Baked four pies and four loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. Also worked over a batch of butter and c. Emma is just beginning to break out with the chicken pox.

November 22, 1862 Saturday

Emma was quite restless last night and is far from feeling well today. She has some fever and is very worrisome. Baked eight pies. Cleaned the pantry floor and oil cloths. Stitched the braid on to a skirt for Mary Shelding who spent the day with us.

November 23, 1862 Sunday

Emma is quite sick and I got very little rest last night. Emeline Hall was buried today. She died with Typhoid fever. Truly death is taking many away and it becomes us to be also ready.

November 24, 1862 Monday

Emma is better today. We moved into our new kitchen. Arranged the pantry and c and c. Went down to the corners. Done some trading and called at Mrs. Whitcomb and got sister Sarah painting.

November 25, 1862 Tuesday

Charlotte and I done a large washing. Cleaned the parlor and done housework all day. I am very tired this evening.

November 26, 1862 Wednesday

Arose early. Sybil Alger called here and is anxious to live with us this winter. Went over to Ezra Damons visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb and Mr. Poole were also there. I enjoyed the visit much.

November 27, 1862 Thursday

Hattie, Charlotte and myself cleaned the dining room and carpet today. One week from today sister Hattie starts for Hamilton to finish her education. I shall be so lonely without her.

November 28, 1862 Friday

Milton and Mr. Whitcomb went to Cleveland today. Mrs. Whitcomb is going to stay with me while he is gone. Made some curtains. Bought sister Hattie a set of furs and gave to her.

November 29, 1862 Saturday

Cleaned the pantry today and arranged it in order again. Went down to the corners in the evening. Done some shopping and called on Mrs. Whitcomb. Enjoyed the visit much.

November 30, 1862 Sunday

Went down to the centre to church today. Heard Mr. Haytch preach from Acts 20th chapter and 21st verse. I think I have instructed much today and I hope furthered on in divine life.

December 1, 1862 Monday

Baked a pan nearly full of tarts and seven pies. In the afternoon went down to the corners and helped clean the church. Did not get through until dark and was very tired when I reached home.

December 2, 1862 Tuesday

Baked four loaves of cake and four pies. Also baked three loaves of bread and four tins of biscuits. In the evening Elder Whitney and Mr. Edwards and Mr. Colburn came and stayed all night.

December 3, 1862 Wednesday

Brother Whitcomb was ordained today. In the forenoon he passed an examination before the council relating to his experience and c. In the afternoon Elder Adams of Cleveland addressed us after which came the ordination. Elder Gage of Cleveland addressed the church. His remarks were excellent and I hope will long be remembered by those that heard him.

December 4, 1862 Thursday

Arose very early and went with Milton to Cleveland. Sister Hattie went with us on her way to Hamilton, New York. I felt very sad when she bade me good bye, knowing that I should be so lonely without her. She gave me a nice skirt and Milton a photograph book.

December 5, 1862 Friday

Stayed at the city hotel in Cleveland last night. Done some shopping, among other things. Milton purchased me a nice carpet for the parlor and bedroom. Had a tedious ride home and was very tired.

December 6, 1862 Saturday

I feel somewhat tired today but do not know how to spend time to rest. Baked five pies and five loaves of bread and a tin of biscuits. Also done considerable mending and assisted Milton some about cutting up the beef.

December 7, 1862 Sunday

Have had the sick headache all day and was not able to attend church. Sister Hatties Sabbath School class chose me for their teacher and I pray that I may be the means in the hands of God of doing them good. Read in my Bible and enjoyed a good season of prayer.

December 8, 1862 Monday

Arose early and prepared breakfast. Put my mince meat boiling. Mended a pair of pants and went up to fathers in the afternoon to help about butchering. Did not get home until late in the evening and was very tired.

December 9, 1862 Tuesday

I caught cold yesterday and do not feel quite as well as usual. Assisted Charlotte about the washing. In the afternoon went down to Elder Whitcombs visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich, Darius and his wife and father were also there. Enjoyed the visit much.

December 10, 1862 Wednesday

I caught more cold yesterday and hardly feel able to sit up today. I am feeling nearly discouraged about my health and sometimes think I shall not be long separated from the "loved ones" who have gone before. It is my desire to be prepared to go at my Masters bidding.

December 11, 1862 Thursday

Am feeling some better today. I took a dose of Ayres Pills last night which I think has helped me. Prayer meeting was held here this evening. Quite a goodly number were present and enjoyed the meeting much. Tried out the lard.

December 12, 1862 Friday

Do not feel quite so well today. Ezra Damon and his wife were here and made us a good visit. In the evening cut up our sausage meat. Received a letter from sister Hattie.

December 13, 1862 Saturday

Baked six pies. Done some mending. Finished Hatties mittens. In the evening stuffed the sausages and c. and c. Am very lonely since sister Hattie went away. Charlotte went home this evening.

December 14, 1862 Sunday

It was my privilege to listen to an excellent sermon today delivered by Elder Whitcomb from the text "go forward". I feel to thank my Heavenly Father for the blessings and privileges that he has permitted me to enjoy this holy Sabbath day. Attended prayer meeting at Brother Whitcombs this evening. Enjoyed the meeting very much.

December 15, 1862 Monday

Finished taking care of our fresh meat today. Boiled up the sauce, heads and c and c. Worked very busily all day. In the evening wrote a letter to sister Hattie.

December 16, 1862 Tuesday

Charlotte and I done a large washing. Washed the bedroom carpet and done housework all day. I was very tired when night came.

December 17, 1862 Wednesday

Arose early. Sewed over the bedroom carpet and put it down. Nearly made Emma a hood. Baked a tin of biscuits and five loaves of bread. A stranger is staying here tonight.

December 18, 1862 Thursday

Finished Emmas hood. Mended two pair of pants and a coat for Milton. Have had the tooth ache for several days which is far from being a comfortable companion. Prayer meeting was held at Mr. Aldriches. Could not attend.

December 19, 1862 Friday

Do not feel very strong. My tooth has troubled me very much today. Am sorry that I have not got courage enough to have it drawn. Baked nine pies and mended two coats for Milton. Have felt quite down hearted today. Enjoyed a season of prayer.

December 20, 1862 Saturday

Have been mending and repairing old garments nearly all day. Have felt very sad today and my mind has been almost constantly dwelling on death and departed friends.

December 21, 1862 Sunday

Arose early and prepared breakfast. Got the children ready and went to church. Brother George Oviatt preached. I had a full class in Sabbath School. Would that they were all followers of the Lamb. Enjoyed reading the scriptures and prayer.

December 22, 1862 Monday

Cleaned the dining room carpet and painted in the bedroom. also nearly made Emma an apron. Am very tired this evening. Retired early.

December 23, 1862 Tuesday

Finished Emmas apron and assisted about the house work. In the afternoon went down to the corners with father. Called on Mrs. Whitcomb and Mrs. Lyon. Tried to buy a gold watch key for a Christmas present for Milton, but did not succeed.

December 24, 1862 Wednesday

Baked seven pies and two loaves of cake. Quilted the cuffs and collar to a street sack for Miss Finch. Also cut out the children's cloaks and partly made Hatties. Mary Rockwell spent the evening and stayed all night. Sister Sarah would have been 24 years old had she lived until today.

December 25, 1862 Thursday

Arose early. Have been highly favored in receiving presents this year. Sister Hattie presented me with an oil painting and nice needle book as Christmas gifts. She is a dear kind sister. Have sewed very steady on Emmas cloak today. Prayer meeting was held at fathers this evening. It rained so hard that I could not attend.

December 26, 1862 Friday

Baked two loaves of cake and five loaves of bread and two tins of biscuits. Also scalded my dried fruit and put it away and worked on Emma's cloak.

December 27, 1862 Saturday

Done some ironing. Mended George a pair of pants and finished Emmas cloak. In the afternoon attended covenant meeting. Had a good meeting. Luman Oviatt and his wife came to stay over the Sabbath with us.

December 28, 1862 Sunday

Done up my work and got myself and children ready for church. It was our communion today and Elder Whitcomb administered the sacraments for the first time. He preached an excellent sermon, as usual. Oh that the Lord would revive his work in our midst.

December 29, 1862 Monday

Cousin Horace Matteson stayed with us last night and went away this morning. Cousin Luman and wife also went. Not feeling very well today though I would go and visit father. Enjoyed the visit much. Sewed some on Hattie's cloak.

December 30, 1862 Tuesday

Arose early. Assisted about the house work and washing. Sewed on Hatties cloak. Have felt sad and lonely today and have anxiously looked for a letter from sister Hattie. Am thankful that God has spared her life and may she ever be a faithful earnest Christian.

December 31, 1862 Wednesday

Baked eight pies and a loaf of cake for sister Hattie. Received a letter from her this eve. She is feeling sad and lonely. I have today been taking a view of my life during the year and feel that I have great reasons to thank and praise my Heavenly Father for his goodness and mercy to me. Although He had seen fit to take from me two precious brothers and a darling sister during the year and consign them to the narrow tomb. Yet I hope and trust I have been able to kiss the "chastening rod" and say "thy will be done". It was a severe trial to part with them. Yet I praise God that I have the hope of soon meeting them again where there will be no more parting or sorrow. I feel that His loving kindness has been over me. That He has blessed me both temporally and spiritually. Has given me the comforts of life and a dear kind and loving companion for which I feel truly grateful. I regret that I have not been more faithful in the cause of my Blessed Savior. It is my earnest desire and prayer to God that I may hence forth lead a more devoted live. That I may be more earnest in striving to win souls to Christ.