

DIARY OF HENRY SHELDON**1865**

January 1: The year 1864 with all its realities have become a record of the past. The New Year Commenced Sunday a Snug cold pleasant day. Sermon Suitable for the occasion in the A.M. by our Pastor Rev. J.W. Daniels to a full house of attentive hearers, the sacrament of the lords Supper attended to in the afternoon & a Lecture & Prayer meeting in the evening full of interest. F.M. Holbrook after his back slidden course for Many years in which God has admonished him of his duty by severe family afflictions arose & said he had known his duty and hereafter Ment to put on Christ and by his grace walk in him. My family thanks to God are all well. We live up Near the Depot in a good new comfortable house purchased last May for \$1025.00. Charles has closed his 3 years duties as Soldier in the Service of his Country and is Now at home in Decatur Michigan with his family. George is on his 2nd year in the 13 N.Y. Cavalry is now at Fairfax Va. Calista Morris has 3 children lives on the Rock Island Road towards Richville. Pa lives in the village. Rodney Conant has retd on furlough.

2: Monday Morning commences with a Snow storm & weather growing Mild.

3: Day cold. Rented rooms over Store to Wm Aldous for \$65 pr year, rented West Store & Cellar under it for \$100.00. Mr. Daniels went to Canton today. Sent \$45.70 to Seeley & Brown to pay them up. No particular War News just Now.

4: Day pleasant but cold, many teams in Town hauling wood at 3 to 4 dollars cord.

5: Wind South but a stinging cold Morning growing Mild all day. Recd a letter from son Charles, all well at Decatur, Mother Johnson at Otsego now Mr. Fenton inaugurated Governor of this State and Seymours (may his name be blotted from the records of our State as a Traitor to his Country has gone to the shades of infamy. Church Meeting today 8 Brethren present looked over our Financial affairs & appointed Committees to bring up all arrears, adjourned for 2 wks hope to get free from all debts and ready to move forward.

Note: The ink in the word Seymours has been smeared. There is no closing parenthesis.

6: A quite warm pleasant & rainy day thawing fast. Fair trade today, wrote to son Charles today. Sarah Warner died yesterday, she has been deranged for the last 20 years and been a constant Care and anxiety to her Mother, it is doubtless a blessing to all that she has been taken away.

7: Wind went into the North last night and a strong cold piercing breeze from the North all day Making it the most tedious day we have had. Nobody been out so we have had a dull day. Attended Sarah Warners funeral in the forenoon. The Relatives of Levi Crawford have news by an exchanged Prisoner that Levi was not killed but is now alive and a prisoner in the rebels hands in S. Carolina at Florence.

8: Sunday a Cold Winter day but a Full house all day and interesting, the afternoon Sermon was Preached on the occasion of the Death of Bro. Jas (Morse) who died in the army from sickness.

14: The expedition against Fort Fisher having Failed, Butler has been relieved of his command of the army of the James. The Nation mourns his removal but the Traitors North & South have a jubilee over it but Butler will be enough for them. The Country needs his Services. The past week has been one continued time of snow cold Storm & drifts, not much doing in consequence.

18: Another week is past.