

DIARY OF HENRY SHELDON**1872**

January 1: Monday. Our father in Heaven permits us all (at home) to commence this new year with usual health and many of the mercies & comforts of this life & I would that I could say and hopes of the life to come. The day has been mild & pleasant, froze some & thawed more, no snow (i.e., Sleighing. All at home the forenoon Wife washing as usual, Emma doing the house work, Theodore, Arthur & James cutting stalks splitting wood, playing some &c &c. Father Aldous left today on a Peddling trip. Stores closed, clerks keeping new years day. Went out this afternoon to sell a book but did not, only 1 Subscriber for a Bible Dictionary. Visited at Sister Marias a while & home.

Note: Parentheses are in diary entry.

2: Wind north, cold cloudy & freezing. Was down Town P.M. but no particular news nor have I earned anything today. My expense account shows that we must curtail Somewhere or soon go to the Poor House. I can not expect God to feed us as he did the widow of Nain.

3: Strong wind veering to the South getting mild, expect snow or rain. Died last night Mrs. Geo Miller, she has been long failing & a great but patient hopeful sufferer. Died last night at McAllasters, she also long pining but I dont learn as she had any hope of Pardon in Heaven. Dora visiting at our house today. Gray in town. Cant see as I have done myself or anyone good today, hope my wrongs maybe forgiven me. Yesterday recd letter & remittance of rent of House in Vineland to Jan. 10.72 after paying taxes & other Expenses incurred.

Note: There is a blank after the beginning of the sentence, "Died last night (blank) at McAllasters.

4: The day mild wind SW thawing a little 2 in snow last night. Mrs. Millers remains consigned to the tomb today. Wife gone this Evening Train to J.R. Mills at Rensselaer Falls, have done nothing worth mentioning today.

Note: Henry's wife, Martha Aldous Sheldon, was the sister of Jane Aldous Mills, wife of John R. Mills.

5: A mild day just balancing between thawing & freezing. Wife returned this PM, found her sister Jane very poorly and sufferer. Have pd VanBuren \$50. on my land today but had to borrow \$20. of it, money is very tight & commands readily 12 to 15 pct. I have kept house today & shelled corn.

6: About 1 in more snow last night, weather growing colder all day Wind N.N.E. Theo hauling & Cutting stalks going to mill & choring generally, Arthur & James splitting slabs, sleding skating &c &c, Emma doing house work & playing with Arthur Cushman. Mother Baking pies

&c for Sunday, had a Brahma rooster for supper. I shelled corn forenoon & attended Covenant Meeting P.M., 4 Brethren & about 18 Sisters present, had a good refreshing season, the Lord was present, the Spirit filled our hearts and in our destitution we were encouraged to look up in hope, resolved to meet or unite with our Presbyterian & Methodist friends in the observance of the week of Prayer, 2 evenings at each house. Expect to be without preaching tomorrow.

7: A very cold day. Went to ch & S. School. No preaching. Dea. Jno Leavitt read a sermon.

8: A cold day. Did not go out till PM & then only to P.O. & home. Fish the millionaire great rail Road & Money King Shot yesterday & killed by a Licentious Villain like himself.

9: Weather Milder Wind West. Went to the Village & to the Young Mens Ch. Ass. Noon prayer meeting. It is the week of Prayer, 2 eve. At the Methodist, 2 at Bapt, 2 at Pres houses, do not feel able to go but my spirit & prayers are with them for the Blessing of God on all means for the Spread of his truth & the Salvation of men. Sold 2 Books today to Honeycomb & 2 to Gleason & 1 Sub for Bible Dictionary. All well. Julia writes another Boy at Levi's.

Note: Levi Aldous was a brother of Henry Sheldon's wife.

10: A Mild day, no Sleighing. Attended prayer meeting at noon, the Union prayer Meeting to be held in the Bapt. House this & tomorrow evenings.

11: Thawing. Have been to Stipes Mill pd \$9. towards some fence boards in a Bible & Pocket Bible Dictionary. Went to Fullers Farmers Dods & home on bare ground or rather gravel rocks & mud. Sent cash to pay for Examina for Weller.

12: Colder froze up again, hard west wind all night & today. Attended noon Prayer meeting & Bapt Soc Meeting P.M. Theodore worked in Depot today. Stokes Shot Fish in N.Y. last Saturday, both Scoundrels.

13: Wind North again but not very cold. Done chores, went to mill &c forenoon, PM went to ch Meeting but found none, tried to sell a Book but did not succeed. Attended the last Meeting this evening of the week of prayer. Was a good spirit Manifest & Much hope expressed that God's blessing would visit this people.

14: A cold but pleasant day, no wind. Bro. Hatch preached for us A.M. after SS the 3 S Schools met in Pres. House for a Union S School prayer & conference meeting, a good time, all are encouraged that God will come and bless Souls.

15: Have done nothing today, has been one of my blue days & I am loosing courage. Theodore & Arthur have not done as I requested them to do & a dart strikes through my heart for God sees them in their disobedience & has no promise for them.

16: A cold day, no snow yet. Choring about house forenoon, PM ch & Soc meeting, heard partial report from Trustees have all debts paid to 15th Jan. 72 & about \$300.00 on hand.

17: Clear pleasant & cold. Picked over my Corn this forenoon to scare the Mice out of it. Went to Prayer Meeting.

18: Weather mild, no snow till afternoon fell 1 or 2 in. Chored about & got Poneys corks sharpened very slippery. Heard a Woman Shot a Man in Streetcar in Utica & killed another Man sitting next to him. Wife & Emma At Bapt. Sociable at W.H. Wallings tonight.

19: Mild thawing a little, comd snowing damp about 4 oclock PM. Hope to get some Sleighing. Mr. Brown drew Father some hay today. I went to J.A. Leavitts this PM in Buggy, could not sell him a Book. Misses Mandy & Liby Walling visiting at our house this PM. Father Aldous ret'd tonight, Zerviah A came here.

Note: Zerviah A is Zerviah Poole Aldous, widow of Henry Gibbs Aldous, a brother of Henry Sheldon's wife. Henry Gibbs Aldous died in South Carolina while serving in the Civil War.

20: Mild & thawing till near night about 4 in snow. Chored forenoon, PM went to C Browns, sold him a Life of Christ \$4.00. Emma went with her SS class to Mrs. Ells their Teachers & had a good time generally.

21: A Mild Comfortable day. No preaching, Bro A.J. Holbrook read a sermon of Spurgeons excellent S School noon prayer meeting eve Zerviah up.

22: Cold & strong Swest wind all last night & today cleared all forenoon. PM went to L.J. Hailes sold him 2 Books to pay in wood. Wife washing as usual, children at School. Mrs. Talcot Cushman apparently failing fast.

23: Cold & strong wind last night & today. Have nothing doing.

24: A cold day. Went to Drakes Bonds &c, sold nothing, went to Prayer Meeting tonight.

(no date): Thursday. Cold & squally. Self & wife went to Grays this PM. The Scotch held a Burns Festival tonight.

(no date): Friday. Cold pleasant morning. Went PM to J Dods. Man poisoned at Herman drinking beer.

(no date): Saturday. Mild a little snow. Theodore working in Depot. Shelling corn, going to mill AM, PM visited with our new pastor & rode with him to Morrises & G Haywoods. Have no particular news.

(no date): Sunday. Pleasant & comfortable. A full house to hear Bro Putnam our new to be pastor in the spring. Good Sermon Sunday S concert PM & Treas report Class cont boxes opened \$21 raised. Took a collection in SS for our Missionary () Miss Burke.

29: A very cold windy day. Only went to P.O. & back. Sent a \$42 Dft to Geo Whipple Int money on Vineland place.

30: Cold & cloudy. To much for me to endure outdoors. An Oyster Supper tonight at F.M. Holbrooks, Baptist Soc.

31: Cold still. The ch meeting yesterday a fair number present committee increased and continued to consult & advise about repairing or selling the Parsonage. The profits of the Oyster Supper last night to raise funds to buy S.S. Library was a success, the nett profits were . Bro. Putnam went home this morning expecting to be with us after 1st Apl.

Note: The amount of the "nett profits" from the Oyster Supper was left blank.

February 1: Day cold but not stormy, sleighing thin. I have amounted to nothing today, had a notice of *Roughing it* put in the Times. Mrs. Talcot Cushman died this evening, has been failing for several months, leaves her husband sick & 2 small children, she had been a Catholic but I think her hope in Christ.

Note: *Roughing It* was a book written by Mark Twain and published in 1872.

2: A mild pleasant day sun out all day so if the sine is true we shall a long cold winter yet. Cattle low, Hay high 20 to 25 dollars pr Ton. Went up to Grays this PM, Chancy Cordelia Nancy & Julia here this PM & Evening, glad of a visit from them.

3: Mild & pleasant AM Snow & cold PM. Mrs. Talcot Cushman funeral at 2 PM Covenant Me but few present.

4: Cold, good sleighing, more snow. Sermon read by Bro Holbrook, Spurgeons. They report S School made from their Supper to raise funds to buy SS Library \$55.50.

5: Pleasant & Mild. Went PM to Edgar Drakes to see cow, did not buy.

6: Snowing till 3 PM a plenty now. Went to Wm Ells, sold them a Bible \$5.00.

7: This AM very cold or feels so. Choreing, Kipp hauling slabs.

8: Weather fine. All well. Bot an old Cow of Drake. Norman Smith & Wife visiting here today. Recd tonight a letter from Alway informing me of the death of Epraim Botsford, he Died with the

Small Pox at Warrens in Decatur Sunday Morning leaving only 3 children of a family of 9 and mother may yet outlive them all. May God grant her Strength & grace for all her afflictions.

Note: "Ephraim Botsford" was printed in the margin next to the line starting with the word "Died." The first wife of Henry Sheldon was Betsey Botsford, who died February 13, 1850.

9: Weather fine, Sleighing good. Cow came today.

10: Weather fine. Otis Blandin took dinner with us today. Theodore off to play, some School children gone to J.L. Parkers on (I.)O. Fowlers place, picked up about house & Barn ready for More Snow.

11: A mild pleasant day. J.A. Leavitt read a sermon from Spurgeon, a fair attendance but Congregations small without a Pastor or Preaching. A good prayer & conference meeting in the evening.

12: Pleasant, warm & thawing all day. Went to Mill, fixed Stable curried cows, fed Hens &c &c. PM got saw dust for bedding cows & pony, had to rest 3 times to every basket full got from under the shop mending up & repairing about the premises about all I can do.

13: Mild snowing some. Town Election today, not much strife, the Republicans have it all their own way. Bapt society meeting this PM to talk about selling or repairing Parsonage. Concluded to try to sell & build on meeting house lot.

14: Cold & Snowing & blowing all day. Did not get out.

15: Very comfortable. Chored all forenoon, PM went up to see old Father Leavitt who is 87 years old & is having a poor spell & rather expects his end is near at hand but he has a hope as an anchor to his soul. Father A. returned today.

16: Mild but a little to cold to thaw snow about 1 foot.

17: A cold NE Wind severe. Mr. Newell hauled Straw from Burts Barn & Stalks from Mrs. Spencers from near Depot where I had them housed. Somebody has taken or stolen over a Ton of my Oats & Pea straw from Burts Barn. Have been cold & chilly all day with pain in breast & Stomach & lame all over. Have nothing new in town. Father Leavitt getting better.

18: A fine pleasant day. Mr. Thayer read one of Spurgeons Sermons, thin attendance but good Sermon.

David Crawford died suddenly at about Eleven oclock today Dropsey, has gone home after a long live of Christian warfare, seldom absent from his place in church tho for many years has

stood an excluded member for neglect of travail with the ch growing out of a difficulty with John Rhodes about a tub of Butter Rhodes denied having.

Note: The underlined words are underlined in the diary entry. In the margin, next to the sentence beginning with "David Crawford," is the word "Died." The following obituary is from the Gouverneur Herald:

d. Feb. 18, 1872, David Crawford, aged 78 years. Mr. Crawford was one of the oldest settlers in Gouverneur, having moved from Washington Co. about the year 1810. He was well known and much respected.

(19): Mild & pleasant. Am hard up again, pain in region of my heart so I can hardly get about & sick & nervous all over, dont know whether I am really worse or whether it is Rheumatism. Self & Wife rode down to Uncle D. Crawfords.

Note: The mother of Henry Sheldon's wife, Martha Aldous Sheldon, was Margaret Crawford Aldous. This entry is dated Monday, February 20, in the diary. Monday was February 19. The following entry was dated Tuesday, February 20, by Henry.

20: Still warm & pleasant thawing. Attended Mr. Crawfords funeral today. Sermon at the House by Rev. Mr. Hewit Methodist from Job 19:25, 26 & 27, verses good and encouraging to the afflicted Christian.

21: High Strong west wind a little rain hail & snow last night pleasant but cooler this morning.

22: Cold Strong West wind a little Snow. John & Lucia came up yesterday, Gray Dora & Julia here with them. Society Meeting this PM at which they voted to sell the Parsonage & build a house on the Meeting house lot at an additional cost of \$500.

23: Cold West Wind again today PM Snow. Mrs. H.K. Spencer & Mrs. Litchfield visited at our house this P.M. Went to mill for Bran, took Books & a Table & Stand of Spaulding to get my pay amtg to about \$43.11, a poor job for me.

24: A pleasant day & thawing fast.

25: Warm Wind & rain all slush & water. Sermon read by Dea Thayer, small S School & small number to prayer meeting. Am hard up.

26: Day very cold but pleasant. Recd a letter from Mr. Randall about renting my place at Vineland, wants it a year at \$12 pr month, wrote him can have it at \$15 or whatever Mr. Wilber & Kidder will say is right as rents are in Vineland. Downtown this PM, got 2 names to My Book.

27: Very cold this AM but pleasant. Anthony moved into his new Bank building yesterday, can now shave so people wont feel it.

28: Day pleasant but cold n wind. I am making no news, my work is like a womans housework each day repeating itself.

29: Still cold and pleasant. Nothing very new. A Glorious revival in the Bapt church in Vineland, sent \$34.20 to Amc Pub Co for Books.

March 1: The Spring month has reached us again a cold pleasant morn. A dull meeting at the Methodist house this evening the spirit manifestly not present in its convicting and converting power. The District School closes today, started to go to the examination but had the nose bleed & only got to Julias.

2: Quite Cold today. Our engaged Pastor came last night attended covenant meeting today a good time hope for the good of all present. Nose bled again last night & this morning, am going to taking Vinegar Bitters again tho I doubt its benefiting me much.

3: Cold & pleasant tho thawing a little at noon. Sermon by our engaged Pastor short & good subject our assended Lord S School & Communion, not out at evening meeting. Cold strong west wind.

4: Cold strong west wind with snow most all day. Have had to much pain & bad feeling in My Stomach to do anything today. Theodore wasted most of the day. Bradley here today, ordered some H.D.K.(f).s. Recd Bal. of money for stoves sold in Vineland \$3.68.

5: Colder mercury 29 degrees below at sunrise. Did not go out further than the Barn.

6: Milder only 12 degrees to 15 degrees below, to cold for me for anything but try to keep warm.

7: Still cold but Milder Middle of the day.

8: 14 degrees below zero but are to have a pleasant day. Corporation Meeting the 5 Temperance lost.

9: Not cold some stormy. Nothing new here.

10: Mild thawing. Spgns Sermon read by Holbrook SS col for Bapt ch in Chicago.

11: Mild & Snowing some this morning.

12: Cold. Nose bled all day slowly. Boys sawing wood.

13: Milder today Snow PM. Mrs. H.C. Leavitt & Dauter, Mrs. L.J. Haile Mrs. A Dods Mrs. E. Drake & Mrs. E. Smith at our house visiting this PM.

14: Cold & pleasant. Bot 800 (tons) more (cole). Went up as far as Robt Smiths selling books, sold only 2 Roughing it. Dea. Thayer at my house this forenoon to visit with myself. Miss Elizabeth Wait against whose moral character reports are in circulation, she says they are to true, is deeply penitent & will make any confession to the church desired by them and wishes their forgiveness and prayers sympathy and aid to reform & be delivered from the men Devils who have worked her ruin.

15: Very cold today, about 4 in Snow fell last night. Chas Aldous from Canton stayed with us last night.

16: Some snow and cold. Doing nothing.

17: Sunday, cold wind & a little snow. Attended ch & S.S. J.A. Leavitt read sermon, to lame sore & sick to get out to Prayer Meeting.

18: Cold Strong west wind pleasant some & some (Sually). School Com today. Recd Letter from Son George, has got badly hurt. Went up to C Conants PM, am sick. Recd letter from Rev. O. Wilbur Vineland about my house, also from Calista & one from Hubbard Bro.

Note: Last word of first sentence may have been intended to be "Squally".

19: Cold & Stormy, very hard nw wind. Not out.

20: Mercury 10 degrees below zero at 7am.

Note: The date 20 is slightly smeared. It is difficult to tell if the date was intended to be blotted out, or if there are two separate entries for March 20.

20: Still Cold & wind heavy. Cars blocked in with Snow, no train today. Am in the house coughing & wheezing all day, hard pain in my stomach & back of shoulders, stomach raw.

21: Still cold & considerable wind from the west. No train since Tuesday, 2 engines of the track near Evans Mills.

22: Pleasant but cold mercury 12 degrees above z 8A.M. Expect a train from Rome today the worst blew and storm south of us this winter some roads drifted bad.

23: Weather Cold & bad for Me. Theodore gone off on Cars so the wood pile mourns.

24: Milder thawing a little snow last night. Sermon read by Holbrook S School.

25: Pleasant & thawing fast in sun chilly. Went up through Swamp to Bacons & Barnums, sold 2 Books. Got home chilled through. Father A. returned this P.M.

26: Cold & some stormy. Went to Haywoods V Morris & Wm Smiths. Some pleasant PM.

27: Pleasant but cold. Went to Leaches sold 3 Bks to Prices got no stakes to Morrises & home.

Thurs: Our Pastor Came today. May the Lord abide with him & bless all his labors here.

Note: March 28 was Thursday.

28: Day pleasant till 5PM then a snow storm. In the Village in forenoon, PM took Mr. Mix & Wife up to Old Mr. Stoddards who is apparently drawing to his time of departure. My time has amounted to its usual sum nothing. The funeral of Miss Smiths foreman Painter was buried today the Masons desecrating the dead with their heathenish Mumeries.

29: Pleasant & thawing in the sun. Settled with Easton owed me a little. Mr. Hildreth had my Poney & Cutter to go visiting.

30: Thawing fast in the sun but a cold ne wind. Recd my one horse Plow today from Poughkeepsie & Sent the money to pay pr Mail \$4.30. Sent Draft for \$17. to Editors Examiner. Our Pastor is getting settled in his rooms at Mother Sheldons.

31: Our Pastor Bro. Putnam arrived last week & Preached his 1st Sermon as Pastor today I Cor. Ch 7 v 31 For the fashion of this world &c. A Bad Stormy day, rain (sleet) & Snow (this or thin) house.

Note: There is a blank before the surname Putnam.

April 1: Strong West Wind with snow today Equal to a Jany Storm. Much Rheumatism. Old Mr. Stoddard died today, lived till the marching of life wore out, has lived here many years but I fear gone without a good hope.

2: Pleasant day Sleighing getting poor. Went to Mr. Stoddards Funeral this PM.

3: Pleasant all day thawing tho a cold NE wind. Sold 2 Books & floated about Town doing nothing. Attended prayer meeting, quite a good time and a good number out for us. Sold 10 Bush Potatoes 5.00 Extra. Recd letter from Julia today, well, am thankful for a good girl could she but be a good Christian.

4: Day pleasant & Snow going.

5: Still pleasant & thawing without rain. Recd Box from Julia with presents for the children.

6: Pleasant & Mild. Covenant Meeting this PM good the Lord was with us.

7: Day lousy & trying to rain but mild & thawing. Have had some nose bleed this AM and several times the past week but not bad, have been feeling worse the past few weeks than during the winter cold, catarrh, pains, rheumatism restless bad nights. Family well attended Church a good and appropriate discourse by our new Pastor Bro. Putnam, Joshua 2 ch 7 v, I think, be strong be courageous &c, showing what is necessary for a Christian & a church to succeed & prosper. May it do us all good & make us better. Did not attend the S School or communion, said to have a good sermon and a full house in the evening.

8: Day very pleasant & mild. Went down in the morning to answer a dun from VanDuzee, found them indebted to Me for \$3.13. Went to see Mr. Litchfield with whom I have an unsettled account, he is to Credit me for Moulding sand used from my lot since Oct 1869 which should bring him some in my debt. Dun Cow twins today, fear I may loose my cow.

9: A few warm pleasant April Showers this AM, showery all about but little here. Snow gone except in drifts. Cow alive, 1 live & 1 dead calf. Skined the dead to show Theodore how. PM attended sale of slips in Bapt House, rent slow low & hard, our Brethren must be more earnest & liberal or we must go down. God will not prosper us in our covetousness. Lord Come to our rescue, help & Save us for thy names Sake. Father Aldous gone to Ogdensburgh today. Henry Rogers lost a little Daughter today, had many distressing fits but God has taken her from any more of earths suffering & sin and she is now with her Dear Saviour forever blessed while friends mourn & place their dust in the tomb, the pure & ever happy soul is with Jesus. How much pain suffering & sin many of us would have escaped had we in childhood repined for Heaven but Dear Saviour May all these light afflictions work out for us a far better more exceeding & eternal weight of Glory.

10: Cold & Windy & Some rain with sprinkles of Snow. Recd letter from Mrs. Klock. Settled Board bill with Father Aldous & he goes to Jas Aldous to Board, thinks we charge him to high \$3.50 for Week reckoning just by the meal he eats here, tho we give him a room by himself, wife taking Care of it does his washing & little mending, Stall for horse, loft for hay, storage for grain & traps in the barn & shed for Waggon & Sleigh all of which he counts as nothing but includes in his Board. Henry Rogers child's funeral today. I stayed at home, Mother & Emma went.

11: Cold & froze hard thawed PM. No good Sap weather yet. The Bapt Soc people have a Sugar & Ice Cream festival this PM & Eve. to raise fund to add books to our S.S. Library. Have felt bad today taken some cold being in My barn so much taking care my Sick Cow. Mrs. P. Hor gave me 1st Vol of the Comprehensive Commentary Bapt Edition token of remembrance as from her Uncle Peter as we all call him. (Bro. Hor deceased.

Note: Peter Horr died at age 82, on December 24, 1871. His wife was Matilda Graves Horr, who died at age 87, on March 12, 1887. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery.

12: A Cold lousy day, some rain from the west after 4PM. Bapt. Sugar party went of last Eve., have not heard results. Saw about head stones for Timothy & Marian. Bot 1st Maple Sugar today & Martha gave the children a Sugar off & Wax this Evening. It is useless to repeat my pains & akes.

13: Day pleasant but cold. Chored about AM, PM Went to ch Meeting. Elizabeth Waid Suspended from the ch for immoral & lincensious Conduct & a Committee of 3 Mrs. Hor Mrs Neary & Sheldon appointed to visit her.

14: Cool some Stormy Snow & rain. Sermon in Ezra not despise the day of small things, good and appropriate. Avails of Sugar party about 22.00. Voted in S School to take contribution money on hand to date for Library.

15: Cold. Theodore working today, shall have to keep him from school to do my work & help live. I amount to Just Nothing as I can see. I am hard up with Rheumatism or neuralgia. Sell a few potatoes occasionally.

16: Day cold Snowing wind for several days. () Wife 48. years old today.

Note: Underlined sentence of above entry is as found in diary entry.

17: Day pleasant but cold. Down to Julias & the Village, up to Volneys & Grays P.M., day has amounted to nothing to me. Wrote Pardon Gifford about my house in Vineland.

18: Has been a comfortable day to be out and yesterday & today good sap days. Went to See Amy Smith, is & has been quite sick, has the Jaundice Very bad, hardly supposed she will recover, the Lord is her stay & support. PM Went to V Morrisises & with G.H. Haywoods folks. Had a Sugar of in the bush, delivered Volney a Mark Twain Roughing it \$4. Old Mrs. Kingsbury formerly of this Town and Member of the Bapt. Church died at Richville last Evening, funeral tomorrow. Ground drying on top but frost not out of the ground. No rain of amt this Spring.

19: Day pleasant. Went up to Stipes Mill & got some sugar at C Conants to eat, pd Wm VanBuren \$100. on land.

20: Pleasant & Comfortable. Working about. Children went up to Mr. Wings & Theodore worked in Depot PM. I attended Farmers Club.

21: Very warm dry & pleasant. Attended Church, S School & lecture Evening Text Pure & undefiled religion &c.

22: Rain hail & wind last night, cold & heavy wind this AM. Theodore at Depot to work today. Mercury 75 degrees yesterday, today same time 30 degrees. Bro. Putnam starts for college this am.

23: Cold Snow about 2 in deep last night, rain this AM Snow gone. Went to Kitts bot 4 Bush Spring Rye 10/-. Theo hauling Manure from Jason Smith.

(no date): Wednesday. Pleasant & warmer. Theo hauling manure to lot. I working about best I can.

25: Warmer & pleasant. Went to Morris got Peas & Haywoods got stakes. Plowed some in garden. 1st I have tried My little Plow Works to a charm. Wife cleaning house. Nose bleed again yesterday.

26: Cold & pleasant. Worked what I could PM Went to Mr. Thos Richardsons, sold a Twain to Thos Miller and got his Subn to the Agriculturist. Strong cold wind. Bot this evening 60 lb Maple Sugar to send to Mrs. Neff and Aldous at Passaic.

27: Cold n wind, pleasant no rain. Pd Mr. Harmon for Sugar & sent it pr ex to Passaic. Sent for Agriculturist for self & Thos Miller. Mr. J.D. Newell plowing for Me today. Theodore hauling Manure. Sowed some New Onion Seed today.

28: Pleasant wind Moderate & cold from N.W. All at church but Wife is at home with a lame hand or finger Caused by a Sliver. Preaching by who Mr. Putnam Sent here to supply us today. Think him a smart promising young Man.

Note: Blank follows the phrase, "Preaching by".

29: Pleasant. Mr. Newell Plowing Draying & Sowing Rye Oats & Peas. Theo hauling Manure. Let Mr. Kipp have 26½ Bush Potatoes Making 36 Bushels in all, also K & Morris 4 B on a/c.

30: Pleasant but cool. Went to Natl Dam & hired Gilbert Lashbrooks for 1 Mo at \$15. to begin 1st May. Came & Comd work at noon 1st May.

May 1: Work about garden & barn forenoon. PM Went up to lot, Theo & Gilbert Graying & fixing fence.

2: Mr. Mayhews team & boy worked ½ hours, Horse sick & a little rain & went home. Theo Gilbert & Self up to lot. Rep road fence & Draying.

(no date): Friday. Man up to lot Draying in grain. Theo gone to Watertown to look for work.

(no date): Saturday. Rain all last night Cold Snow hail & rain, to rainy to work till noon. Gilbert work in Barn & Cutting Early Rose Potatoes to Plant. PM G furrowing & manuring for Potatoes. Theo returned today no success. I attended Covenant Meeting. Pastor Putnam absent, at College, quite a good no Sisters out but few Brethren rather refreshing season. Mrs. Stephen M. Thayer related her chr exp & offered herself to the ch, was recd for Baptism. Mrs. Fisher Came from Vineland yesterday. Dea Wright & Miss Annett do today. Horace Greely Nominated for President by the disaffected Republicans at Cincinnati.

Note: The portion of sentence, "quite a good no Sisters," is as appears in diary entry.

5: A Cold day a good fire comfortable. Preaching by a Mr. sent by Bro. Putnam a mild Man, am not quite as well as usual today.

Note: No surname for the preacher in diary entry.

6: Day cold but pleasant. Planting Early Rose potatoes up to the lot. Theo in Depot this PM. Father Aldous gone to the Burgh today.

7: A very warm pleasant day. Still planting potatoes. Theo in Depot. Mr. Parmeters Wifes Mother dead so he has to be out.

8: An unusual warm day. All hands planting potatoes. Theo at work in Depot.

9: Warm and an extra hard wind. Could not work up to my lot this PM for the clouds of sand blowing about. Planted potatoes AM, Hauled Manure & Cut potatoes &c PM Mr. Newell Rolled grain today. The Wind has brot a few sprinkles 1 flash of lightning and gone & the new moon has come through the clouds.

10: Finished Planting Early Rose potatoes, have planted about 1¼ acres. Got some little Locust Trees to set out. Theodore playing this afternoon. Quite a Cool North Wind.

11: Almost a rain this morning but cleared up hot before noon. Very warm & dry strong SW Wind. Manuring & plowing bal of Garden trimming & setting currant & gooseberrys. Theodore doing nothing again today. Church Meeting this PM, went down. No meeting, spent the afternoon to purpose only to see & be seen. Rain towards evening & in the night but not heavy only lightning.

12: Cold again today & wind north. Sermon from Bro. Lane Pastor at Malone, good sound & deep as well spring of life to the soul. An Excellent Sermon this Evening direct to the church as Sinners Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock, a luke warm church the worse kind of sinners. Lord help us to awake & get out of such a condition.

13: Worked up to lot sawing fence Posts & setting out locusts trees for a grove. Comfortably warm & pleasant wind North PM Making line fence between me & Leafy Crawford down near lot. Theo refused to help me work instead of helping do the night chores because set man to. The whole class of Party Politicians are taken aback by the nomination of Horace Greely by the disaffected republicans at a Convention at Cincinnati. He is a poor stick, not fit to manage a (Fouresite) Association much more these U. States, but God reigns & rules so he will make good come out of evil even and cause the wrath of Man to praise him.

14: A rather warm and sultry day. Self Man & Theodore finished line fence between Mr. & Mrs. Crawford. Theodore Played this afternoon, self & man fixed gate way & picked up about the fence down river lot, shelled what seed corn was not Stolen & planted a few rose Sweet Corn in Garden, the 1st Corn I have planted this year.

15: Warm. Furrowed for corn & worked generally.

16: Planted 1 acre Corn up to lot, manured in hill with Hen Compost. Cold NE Wind. Wife gone to Rensselaer falls to see Jane.

17: Rather cool but pleasant, no rain. Boys finished planting Corn forenoon. PM Theodore played. We worked in garden. Mother returned from Janes, found her bad off, doubtful if she gets better. Delivered Merritt a Roughing it for advertising. The political World is alive now to see who will be the candidates for President, Greely has the nomination of the disaffected republicans and the Copperheads or Democrats are fighting about going Greely or to have a candidate of their own. Grant ought to be our next president. Religiously the world is awake to the Contest of life and every ism is rampant but God is at the helm and knows them that are his & will keep them. Wrote Mr. Randall he could have my place in Vineland 1 year at \$160 pr year.

18: Day pleasant & warm. All hands up to lot the forenoon. Planted 25 rows Potatoes, 20 Rods long. Have planted 1¼ acres Early Rose Potatoes ½ acre Garnet chillys ¼ do Peach. This PM Theo Working at Depot & Self & Man about the garden. I was sick all last night but have Worked hard all day today in my way. Hard frost for several nights till last night.

19: Rain last night and all day today occasionally quite hard, the first real good gentle hard warm refreshing rain this spring. All harts flow out with gratitude to God. Sermon Morning & Evening by Bro. (Camel) from Hamilton exchgd with Bro. Putnam all good and destined to be a preacher of Mark & Power.

20: Drilled in Yellow & Sweet Corn up to lot nearly an acre for feed. Theodore about house & Village doing but little. Am usually well tho hard work even to try to do a little light work.

21: Sowed New Oats 1 qt & a little Ry Hauled rails &c. Very warm growing Time.

22: Pleasant warm after frost gone. Went up to John Leavitts & dug up some Elm & Maple Trees & Set out up to Lot. Mrs. Gillespie died today.

23: Has Rained pleasantly most all night and all day today giving us a good wetting down. Man Sawed Wood, Theo played all day. I have done a variety of work. Sold a Dr. Kings Medical (work) 540, arranged for tablets for Timo. & Marian to be ().

Note: 540 possibly is a monetary value of \$5.40.

24: A warm day. Fixed rail fence up to lot forenoon, Self & Man garden &c PM.

25: Cold again, big west wind & pleasant. All hands in yard & garden to work Except Theo & Arthur & James at play. Planted Beets Carrots & Cucumbers, replenished larder about \$10. hard as times are.

26: Day pleasant & cold. Sermon by Bro. From Hamilton.

Note: Blank appears after the word "Bro".

27: Rainy. Man Sawing Wood.

28: Rain last night & today. Attended Mrs. Amy Smith's funeral in the forenoon & PM Self & Wife went up to Chancys. AM Bapt Free Mission Soc. Meet today in NY Annual gathering.

29: Cold & Rainy. Fixed fence up to Lot & made 3 lengths board fence. PM went up to Haywoods after Stakes.

30: Pleasant. Self Man & Theo made line Board fence up to lot, hauled posts & boards.

31: Rain last night & this morning & cleared up. Making board fence up to lot & bushing potatoes just coming up. Hired Mans time expired today noon, am to pay him \$15 pr month but shant keep him any long, to slow to profit. Recd letter & Money \$8.00 from Julia to pay for Maple Sugar Sent Maggy the 29th.

June 1: Day pleasant. Self & Theodore making garden some forenoon & play P.M. Covenant Meeting appointed delegates to association.

2: Pleasant coolish. Sermon by our pastor Bro. Putnam excellent Col. of \$28.16 for Domestic Mission must raise \$6 more our portion.

3: Day cool & pleasant, have just had several frosts but not killing ones. Planted s corn Beans Turnips & replanted Melons. Am just used up again, can do nothing & feel bad.

4: Rain today cool. Piled & picked up wood slept & rested some distress & pain in my stomach again, suppose raw & cankered. Zerviah came here last night, went home today. The Baptist Anaversaries (Missionary) were held in N.Y. last week report a good time & Steps taken to unite FM Soc with Miss Union as that had under the providence of God come on to the grounds of the Free Missionists & the main dividing element having been removed from the Nation Slavery. God is moving the world towards himself. Japan is coming. Bro N. Brown will return with Goble to aid in translating the bible.

Note: Missionary is in parentheses in diary entry.

5: Day pleasant after a long hard rain the heaviest fall of rain this season. Working at Wood & PM re-drilling in corn. My Ground very wet. The Republican National Convention Meet today at Philadelphia to renominate Grant for President and it does not seem but what the people will elect him despite the disaffected republican Politicians. The Copperheads Kuklux & Democrats & free love Womans Mrs. Woodhull.

6: Day pleasant & very warm. Theodore played about Depot most all day. I went to the Village the morning then self & Theo up to lot seeding & fencing 1½ hours. PM I went to mill for Lumber & up to G.H. Haywoods to sell him a Bible but he wants a cheaper one.

7: Rain today & hot rain last night.

8: Day rainy, much rain has fallen steady rain all last night. Theo Emma & Anna went to Lucias yesterday, the girls stayed. Church Meeting this PM Discharged Com. to visit Sister Elizabeth Waid for non attendance to duty, appointed another of 3 Sisters to visit her, heard read letter to association (accepted it. Sold my calf last night Jas Sparks took him.

Note: Parenthesis as in diary.

9: Sermon by Bro. Putnam. Excellent goodness of God a call to praise Him. Col. for Bal. for Domestic Mission and \$20. odd for Miss. Union. The St. Law. Assn Meet at Massena Wed. this week, dont feel able to go.

14: Have not been able to keep up to time. Has rained every day this week till today Friday S we have done but little only see weeds grow. Cultivated Corn and potatoes & Theo has hoed between Showers. Theodore Went to Lucias Wednesday after Emma to come home & go on the PM Train with Mr. Calkins to Pierpont Manor. I recd a letter from Bro. Russell of Vineland to sell for all he could get over \$2000, has cost me several more but I just loose it.

15: Hoed corn & potatoes forenoon up to Lot. Hoed in garden & chored PM. Pleasant but cold NW Wind, expect a frost tonight.

16: Pleasant. Rev. G.A. Ames came last night from Belville Jeff Co to preach for us today, also a Rev. Mr. Hawley as he called himself from Vt came here and sponged his living over the Sabbath tho traveling on a private agency or Secular & personal. Mr. Ames 2 Sermons were both excellent and gave the people a joy on their way, he returned on Monday.

17: Very Warm. Theodore at work on the road today. I am about not doing much. Mrs. Martin Sheldon & Daughter came here today, stay all night & Mr. Sheldon came on evening train stay with us.

(no date): Tuesday. Hot and pleasant. Theo on the road to work. We all hands went up to Grays and back at night.

(no date): Wednesday. Very hot today but cool nights. All hands down to Marias & home at night. Theo working in Depot.

20: Day hot & dry threaten rain yesterday but none came. Martin Sheldons wife & Daughter left for home today AM train via Watertown & Carthage. Have hoed potatoes in garden this forenoon. Theo played except 20 minits work Draging for Turnips.

21: Extremely hot Mercury up to 92 degrees at noon N side in shade. Self & Boys hoeing potatoes up to lot.

22: Hot again. Hoeing forenoon PM play.

23: Pleasantly warm. Bro. Merrill a Student preached for us today, good for a young man. Suppose Bro. Putnam was married Thursday & is now in the Honey Moon of life.

24: Comfortable & cloudy with a few sprinkles of rain. A Circus Exhibit today with its attendant train of evil just outside of our fence. Boys having a holloday. I am working Garden. Emma not returned yet from Peerpont Manor at Mr. Calkins.

25: A very comfortable day. We attacked the weeds and thistles in our potatoes again today & are gaining the Victory but it is like the Battles of the Wilderness. Theodore gone to Watertown tonight on frt. train to look for a situation.

26: Hot & Sunny. Self Theo & James Hoeing potatoes Hoed 12 rows 20 R long. Recd a letter from Bro. Russell in Vineland, No Sale of My place there tho have offered it 6 to 700 dollars below Cost – Money is Scarce all over the Country & real estate much depressed.

27: A Hot dry day. Hoeing potatoes.

28: Still hot & dry. Self & Boys Hoeing in Garden. 1st Ripe Straw Berries yesterday ½ my patch winter killed. Theodores Birthday is 18 years old. Bro. Miller Agt Amc & f B. Soc here.

29: Hot Mercury 92 degrees. All wed carrots forenoon & Boys PM finished. I went to Covenant Meeting but it is not till next Sat. PM.

30: Day warm or hot & pleasant. Sermon AM by Mr. Johnson from Madrid here for help for building Madrid Meeting House, raised I believe about \$75. wants \$100 of us.

July 1: Day clear & hot. Killing weeds in Garden. Theodore cultivating Corn.

2: A very fine shower this morning. Emma & Mrs. Calkins came this AM Train. Is also My Birthday having completed my 58th Year it has been as usual a year of Gods goodness & Mercy which I have so abundantly shared tho I have endured a large amt of pain some anxiety taken Considerable Medicine to little or no profit I bless god & hope to begin with new resolve hopes & expectations.

3: A little rain today to lay the dust for the 4th when they expect a crowd here to celebrate the day. Work in garden.

4: Day opens pleasant cloudy & comfortable. They had a variety of performances here today all appropriate for the day & occasion.

5: Pleasant and hot but have hoed in my garden with the boys when I could get them at it. Our Pastor returned with his Wife Tuesday evening so having graduated & married him a wife we expect him here after this trusting it will be for much good to the church and Many Sinners ready to perish who through his preaching of the word will believe & be saved.

6: A Mild day & pleasant. Self Jas & Arthur Hoed Corn planted 1 Row Potatoes up to lot fixd bars. PM Covenant Meeting boys got in wood & played. Theodore worked in Depot.

7: Pleasant. Theo Cultivating up to lot forenoon. P.M. play garden & weeds my lot.

(no date): Tuesday, hot. Boys hoeing & Theo Cultivating up to lot corn, self in Vilage & Garden.

(no date): Wednesday. Warm partly appearance of rain forenoon a small shower at noon. Self & little Boys in Garden. Theodore Went to Waldoes today to learn to telegraph boards & home & gets nothing.

11: Day pleasant & hot. Self & 2 little Boys Hoeing Sowed Corn plenty weeds & Thistles. P.M. Minister came to install Mr. Putnam as Pastor of this church. Rev. Lewis of Madison Univ, Lane of Malone, Bascom of Potsdam, Barnes of Ogdensburg & of Massena. Services in the evening excellent & to a full house.

Note: There is a blank prior to "of Massena" in diary entry.

(no date): Friday. Hot & pleasant till afternoon then towards night a fine shower, got some wet coming down from the lot, had been hoeing Corn.

13: Cooler and pleasant. Finished hoeing Corn up to the lot. Church Meeting this PM. The com reported of Liby Wades Case & it was put over till next Covenant Meeting so few present.

14: Cool & pleasant. Sermon by our pastor Bro. Putnam. I did not Stay to S Sch.

15: Very hot & getting dry. Self & little boys worked in garden the forenoon Mercury rose to 95 degrees. Theodore wrote to Julia & ma sent \$5.00 for Julia to get her a dress & bring home with her. I forgot to say the Democrats had in their Convention at Baltimore adopted Greely & their Cincinnati platform as their Campaign president & platform said to be only a step from the sublime to the ridiculous & in Greely the to extremes in Politics have met but it is quite evident the Copperheads expect to control Greely & carry out as far as possible their old secession Slavery policies who lives to see Greely elected will see.

16: Still hot 90 degrees. Garden Killing weeds. Sent \$10. to Lawrence for Dictionary. Hot & dry, a shower in sight East of us.

(no date): Wednesday. Still hot & dry. No great changes with us.

(no date): Thursday. No rain everything very dry.

19: To poorly to work, went up beyond Chanceys to sell a bible. Man gone. Hot & dry.

(no date): Saturday. No rain weather warm but cooler. Miss Nichols had Horse & Buggy to go to Richville. Sick enough to not work, got another Bottle Vinegar Bitters, want it to make me feel better.

21: Cloudy & cool & a little rain. Sermon by our pastor Mr. Putnam good. Evening Meeting changed to 7 oclock & no preaching for the present.

22: A smart little Shower last night wet the surface some. Looked for someone to cradle my Rye. Mr. Shaw will help tomorrow & Mr. Hildreth agrees to come but cant depend. Day cool & comfortable.

23: Cool & some cloudy threatening rain. Looking up Cradles & getting ready. Mr. Shaw commenced at noon & broke his cradle. Hildreth disappointed Me. Mr. Bush cutting My Peas. Self & Boys Killing tops of Thistles the test of the Country if nothing else would make a man Sick of this Country they would & make him hate himself for Staying here. Recd a Card from Flora Clark & Mr. Shaver evidence they are married. Theodore Cultivating My Potatoes this

evening to kill thistles & Stir the ground is drier very deep. Shall have no potatoes unless rain Soon or of Much Size. Annual church meeting this afternoon. F.M. Holbrook re-elected & Wm Ells new elected Trustees. Hamlin gone out. Trustees no report so adjourned for 2 weeks to hear their report & for business.

Note: The word "ground" in above entry may have been intended to be "ground."

24: Day pleasant. Mr. Shaw Cradled Rye. Mr. Bush finished cutting Peas.

25: Rain last night. Frenchman Binding P.M.

25: Friday. Mr. Bush Binding some. A smart rain PM.

Note: Friday was July 26.

27: Plowed cut thistles Mr. Bush & Boys, I am sick.

28: To sick to go to ch. At home all day. Hot some sprinkles of rain. Sick & lame & inc pain all over outside & in, dont know why.

29: Lousy forenoon hardest rain this season P.M. Not about much.

30: Pleasant. Set out grain & turned peas today & visited Aunt Clarissa Smith sick and does not expect to get up but anticipates her home in heaven. Talcott Cushman also near his end consumption.

31: Getting in peas & some rye. I am not feeling well enough to do anything. Wrote Lawrence Sent Cash \$10. for Dictionary.

August 1: Cool & pleasant. Boys getting in Rye. They went to Depot a little expecting Julia. Old Mr. Glasford died yesterday. Old Mrs. Wait is quite sick & failing.

2: Lousy & showery quite a rain early this AM. Went up to Barnums after Mrs. Barnum for her Mother Mrs. Waid who is no better, tired me all out.

3: Pleasant & Cool. Grant at Watertown yesterday. Am down again with Diarreeh returned, to much for me yesterday to ride 16 miles.

4: Pleasant. Julia arrived from Pasaic last night on 10 oclock train, has been gone about 16 months from home. Old Mrs. Waid died this AM near 8 oclock, her spirit passed away in peace to her Saviour & her eternal home, aged about 75 years. Did not attend ch today, kept quiet as possible.

Note: Mrs. Waid was Martha Austin Waid, wife of Josiah Waid and daughter of Isaac Austin, one of the original settlers in Gouverneur.

5: Cool & pleasant. Mrs. Waids funeral at 2 P.M.

6: Pleasant & not doing nothing. Am trying to get over a Diarreeah. Talcot Cushman died last night Consumption has constantly failed since the death of his wife in Jany last, is to buried today with heathen Masonic mummery. Attend Bapt Soc. Meeting this P.M. No business dun, no report from Trustees, adjourned 2 weeks.

7: Day pleasant & hot. Funeral of Talcot Cushman a mason & their heathenish seremonies performed over him. Grant at Ogdensburgh today.

8: Mr. Tuck came here this morning sick. Mrs. Tuck came on 10 oclock train from Watertown. Liby Waid Sick & very nervous & Hysterica. Weather hot & dry mercury 90 degrees & over.

9: Still hot & dry. Julia & Emma went to John Mills at Canton falls today visiting. Mrs. Klock & her sister Mrs. Putnam came on Northern 5 oclock train & leave tomorrow Morning for home. Pd me for Marions head Stone¹⁵ & lettering the monument \$6.00.

Note: The number 15 is written above the word "Stone" and the \$6.00 is written above the word "monument."

10: Ladies Sewing Circle met here last Evening & decided to loan their funds on hand near \$400. to help pay for New Parsonage.

10: Hot forenoon Rain P.M. cooling off some.

11: Pleasant & hot PM Cool. Sermon by Pastor, no Preaching at Meth. or Pres. Houses. Elizabeth Waid sick no better.

12: Hot & pleasant. Went to S Horas & L Blandins for Apple tree Man. Recd rent of Randall \$21.00. Mr. Tuck getting better.

13: A little rain this morning. Going to make fence.

14: Hot Rain & Shine. Half sick do nothing.

15: Rain last night hot this AM cloudy & showery. Emma & Julia returned from Janes this A.M.

16: Stormy a little. Mrs. Holbrooks Picnic in Parkers Woods. Grant Club Meeting tonight.

17: Cooler. Doing Nothing. Miss Walling had Pony. Mother Sheldon quite sick.

18: Hot & pleasant. Nothing new.

19: Pleasant & hot. Mother washing. Killing weeds & Sowing Turnips & mowing Rye up to lot. Miss Walling got back today with pony this A.M. Nothing new.

20: Very Warm & dry. Have nothing very new to report. A Greely Meeting here did not attend, there is much sickness. Emily Hunt not expected to live, has been a long time sick & a great & patient sufferer.

21: Still hot a little rain tonight. Emily Hunt died at 2 oclock this afternoon. Mr. Tuck & Wife still at our house, dont think he is getting better.

22: John A. Dix nominated by the Republicans yesterday for Governor of the State, if elected a strong man hard to be beat. Recd letter from son Chas, all well but Alway. Attended Emily Hunts Funeral this PM. John Gilroy up. A little rain.

23: A little cooler today but pleasant. Bapt. & Presb.s held a Picnic in Mr. Dodds woods today, said had a good time. I dont mend up much. Liby Wait said to be crazy & they are preparing to take her to some asylum.

24: Pleasant but doing nothing. Jacobs had Pony to go to Richville. Liby Waid still crazy.

25: Day hot & cloudy. Sermon by our pastor, SS & Prayer M.

26: Hot & pleasant, a little rain last night. Recd letter from Rev. Wilbur, Vineland. Stayed about house to miserable to work. District School Comd today 26th. Emma Arthur & James go Mr. Dike Princl.

Note: Princl is probably the abbreviation for Principal.

27: Some cloudy & cooler. Mr. & Mrs. Tuck have boarded with us nearly 3 weeks. Emma & Laura Baker visiting here today. No particular news. Went to Mr. Hills & to Wm G. Smiths, sold a Bible Dictionary to Hill. Bless & praise God for continued mercies.

28: Cool & pleasant. About just as usual, sold a Bible if it suits to Mr. Hill \$5.00. Called on Father & Mother Leavitt both relicts of former days and both just on the verge of the other world anxiously waiting the call to come home – May I be as ready.

29: Weather cool. Doing as usual nothing.

30: A hard rain last night. Mr. Newell Plowing for me today, I am fusing about.

31: Cold cloudy & misty rain most all night. Sold an Animal Book to Mr. Tuck yesterday \$5. Mr. & Mrs. Tuck left for Watertown this PM on their way to Somerset Mills Maine. Mr. Newell plowed for me today finishing up. Covenant Meeting this P.M. only a few present. Mr. & Mrs. Jennings recd to the ch. by letter from Utica. Mrs. Putnam wife of our Pastor recd on experience for Baptism & Membership to the church.

September 1: Cool. Sermon by our Pastor Putnam, Isaih, The Harvest is Past, the Summer Ended &c. Sunday School address to the children by the Superintendent Holbrook, Communion PM Monthly Missionary Concert at 7 evening. Talked of the death of Rev. Dr. Waid Missionary.

2: Day Cool. A caravan of Animals & Men called Van Amburgs exhibited here today, said to be a fine collection of animals. I lost my melons and Father Aldous his Pocket Book & about \$17. in Cash.

3: A little frost last night got my corn cut up today except my Sowed. Recd 4 Family Physicians recd from Publishers in Indianapolis, In, also 5 life of Christ from Holland Pubr at Springfield Mass for Lewis Herbertson who has been getting subscriptions.

4: Pleasant & Cold, some frost last night. Went today Self & Wife to John Gilroys.

5: Milder today, no frost. Had our visit and home this P.M. found come a letter from Mrs. Tuck & 1 from Bro. Wilbur has sent me 2 Crates Grapes to sell.

6: It has been a very warm pleasant day. Recd last night 2 Crates Grapes from Rev. O. Wilbur of Vineland. Sold 8 Boxes 4/- ea, pd Pastor Putnam on Salary \$5 in Doct Books.

7: A very hot day 94 degrees at 2 PM north side house in shade. Ch Meeting 4 Present Prayer & home.

8: Hot hotter. Sermon PM & ev by Rev. Mr. Barnes of Ogdensburgh, splendid. May they be good seed on good ground.

9: Still hot, a little rain last night but have not had the ground thoroughly wet down in a year.

10: Quite warm. Am sick but have been cutting Corn in garden pulling Beans & Teaming to fair grounds for Baptist folks at the B Soc have agreed to run the Dining hall during the fair. Have felt about sick today. Heard Congressman Wheeler make a political Speech in the park Nearly 3 hours long, a thorough review of Grant Greely Democrat Liberal Republican self stiled and republican party &c &c.

11: Warm cloudy first day of Gouv'r fair. Settled up for Grapes Sold for Elder Wilbur, sent PO Money Order, have been sick enough to lay abed all day but have been tugging about.

12: 2nd day of fair a hot windy dusty day Spoiling the fair & many Ladies Dresses.

13: Rain last night fair & pleasant, a good day for the fair & generally considered a success so far as people present Shows, Horse Racing & swindling establishments. Speech or address by Willard the great farming editor of the Tribune &c, did not hear it. The fair & Dining hall cost me \$13.00. The Bap Soc. Provided dinners during the fair. Have a bad cold, not out much.

Note: There is a blank before the surname Willard in above entry. Possibly X.A. Willard.

14: The fair over, rain again last night. My nose commenced bleeding at 5 PM last night & bled till 5 this morning but not as much as sometimes before felt bad hoped my vinegar bitters had cured it as I had most entirely escaped for a year past but looking at myself & the past cant see as I have made any improvement in my health.

15: Day pleasant but I am so unwell that I have not been to church today. Elizabeth Waid grows still more crazy so they confine her in a small room poor girl her disease is hereditary and doubtful if she ever recovers.

(no date): Washing day cold nights & hot sun days. Sick but went up to Robt Willsons & got 6 Bushels winter Rye to sow. Afternoon straitened up & hauled in some of My Corn the Wind had blown down. Mr. Hildreth & Theodore helping me. Theodore left Mr. Waldos Telegraph office at noon today having gotten sick of spending so much time where so little is done & chance to practice.

17: Cold night again & hot day. Have got my crops in good shape for rain which we need. Have had no frost to damage anything yet this season. Julia Anna & Vin Corbin here this PM & ev, had nose bleed again 2 hours tonight slow. Sister & Daughter Julias & Theodore went to Rodney Conants today, left my Julia & have just returned in the rain ½ past 8 PM. We learn that Alex Dodds Eldest Daughter is married today all news to me.

18: Cleared up & hot sun today. Mr. Mayhew Sowed 3 Acres rye for me this forenoon. Theodore dragging all day. I have been husking corn today. Pd Willson for 6 Bushels Rye got Monday \$6.00. Sister Julia & Dora gone to Lucias today. It is raining this evening. Amelia Barnum better & Elizabeth Wade quite rational this evening, would she could remain so.

19: Cold night some rain. Theodore went to Lucias after Julia & Betsey Conant. I spent the day husking Corn.

20: A cold cloudy fall day rain yesterday and last night. Went up to Chancys with Betsey. Went up to Corbins with Julia, came back & took dinner at Bro. Grays & home at 2 PM. Theodore worked in Depot today.

21: Our 1st frost of any account last night but that even doing little or no damage. Theodore Draging in Rye up to lot & Spread & hauled 4 loads manure. Mr. Newell Sowed My Grass & Clover seed, have seeded 3 acres. I have husked Corn & dried Stalks. The Boys at play as Mr. Wings Boys came to help them all day. Recd \$8. today of Mr. Hill for Books. Elizabeth Waid more quiet for 2 or 3 days past. May God spare her from any more crazy spells and give her back her reason at least the little she had naturally. No particular excitement in the religious world. The people troubling themselves far more than necessary or honorable about the elections this fall U.S. Grant & Horace Greely the opposing Candidates for President.

22: Day pleasant tho a slight shower in the morning. Sermon by Mr. Putnam rev. 22 1 River proceeding from the throne. Sunday School & in Eve. Sermon Prodigal Son.

23: Rain a little last night but very warm today & pleasant. Theo worked in Depot today forenoon. Julia went to C. Conants today & back tonight. I husking the forenoon & Theo & Self hauling Sowed Corn from the lot this P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Waldo here this evening. Looks like rain again tonight.

24: Day pleasant. Husking Corn as I can do but little it takes long to do a small job. Theo hauling Corn & Pumkins. Wife Julia & Betsey Conant went to Marias & Hariets visiting and the girls to Mrs. Hills to Tea.

25: Pleasant but cloudy (i.e., no rain) yet a strong west wind which usually blows up rain, well the rain has come a hard strong wind with rain abundant. Arthur recd today through A.J. Holbrook \$5. for finding a pocket book belonging to a traveling agent of Messrs Simpson & Babcock of No 1 Liberty St. Boston which was returned to them with contents.

Note: Parentheses as in diary.

26: Cool & pleasant this morning. Julia Started on morning train for Passaic.

27: High wind all day PM hard rain. Theodore getting in Rye &c, I am husking.

28: Pleasant & cool. Theodore finished dragging in & Mr. Ackerman Sowing rye & got bal my 1 acre corn hauled in but some wet. I have been diging Potatoes in My Garden. Nothing very new.

29: Day cool cloudy windy & some rain. Small attendance at church, did not stay to S School nor go down to Eve. Meeting. Some nose bleed.

30: Cloudy windy & looks rain. Recd letter from Julia got to N.Y. safe. Com. diging Potatoes up to the lot. Theodore alone at it, I am husking. John Gilroy up to Mill today.

October 1: A cold day trying to storm. Theodore dug 1 Row potatoes.

2: A cold windy day. Theo about Depot. I went afternoon to Conants & Fullers. No important news.

3: A cool day. Dig potatoes with coat & mittens, hardly worth digging.

4: Still trying to Dig potatoes a little milder AM Hor Wood came from Michigan Wednesday to Visit her Mother friends & home.

5: Day pleasant but threaten rain. Dug potatoes self & Boys the forenoon, PM boys picked them up & played. Self & Wife attended Covenant Meeting a cheering blessed Meeting the Lord with us. Mr. Dyke the principal of our District school related his Christian Experience with request for Baptisim & Union with the church.

Note: Spellings above are as found in diary entry.

6: A Delightful Mild pleasant day M 78 degrees. Sermon AM Baptisim in the ch at noon. Mrs. Putnam wife of our Pastor Mrs. Stephen B Thay Dea Thayers sons wife & Mr. Dike. Sunday school & then communion at interesting seasons Subject of Service The flood compared with the final judgment.

7: A very heavy West wind all night with sharp lightning & rain & rain all day today More falling I think than in any week before in 2 years. I husked Sowed Corn. Theo played.

8: Thick heavy clouds AM but the sun is coming through. Theo hauling sand to fill up under shed & about. Letter from Julia.

9: A mild pleasant day. Self Theodore & Hildreth have been digging potatoes, has taken us all day to dig Bushels.

10: Cold rainy all day. I husked corn, Theo played.

11: A cold cloudy day which spit snow a little. Self Theodor & LaMab dug potatoes all day & Hildreth helped this afternoon. Have worked & chilled myself just up am entirely used up tonight, must be more careful & work less if any at so hard work. Wife & Emma at Mrs. Waldos this Evening.

12: A cold cloudy day wind South & strong. Self Boys Hildreth & LaMab dug potatoes this forenoon, ch meeting afternoon only self Thay pastor and Mrs. E. Crawford. Cut my knee just below the pan with my knife trimming a little Locust is so lamy & painful I cant go dont know what to think of it. Afternoon Boys got in potatoes have about 95 Bushels Early Rose all dug, ought to have had 300. 1st hard frost last night.

- 13: Cold & rainy today. All to church but me, my knee better no pain.
- 14: Cold & rainy mixed with Snow. Am keeping still so my knee can get well.
- 15: Still cold & rainy with high wind. Theodore working in Depot.
- 16: Still cold & more rain high wind hard frost last night.
- 17: Cold Cleared up last night cold pleasant forenoon rain PM hard frost.
- 18: Warm & comfortable, clouds braking away. Went to Vilage forenoon recd a letter from Bro. Kidder. Went on Rock Island road as far & Duanes today, traded cows with Jams Sparks yesterday even swap. Theodore still in Depot. Freight house burned at Phila last night.
- 19: Wind colder & from the NW bringing rain about 9 oclock & a bad day. Exchanged cows with Sparks today.
- 20: Warmer & pleasant. Attended ch S School & Evening Meeting. Rev. Mr. Conklin Pres. preached Exchanged, raised bal. due from our S.S. to Miss Burkes.
- 21: Warm & pleasant. Self & Boys Diging Potatoes slow work.
- 22: Still warm pleasant kind of Indian Summer. Recd a letter from Bro. P.R. Russell Vineland about my place there & prospects of Selling, sees but little chance for sale property declining, shall lease \$5.00 at least on the place. Hope if pleasant to get my Potatoes dug tomorrow. I say little & do less in the Political secular or religious world, am almost a blank. Mother Blandin with us tonight on her way home to Mansville to O.H. Blandins her son.
- 23: Cool rain all last night, cool & wet today. I am picking up about & shelling corn to grind. Mrs. Hor & Ann visited here this afternoon. Attended Prayer meeting a good number present & the Lord with us causing our hearts to burn in us.
- 24: Pleasant but cold north wind all day. Theo & myself finished digging our Potatoes today, have a very light crop, only about 145 Bushels on nearly 1½ acres ground. Kinds raised Early Rose Garnet chillys & Jersey Peach Blows.
- 25: Mild thick cloudy threatened rain but did not. Theodore Comd Diging Beets but played most of his time away at Depot.
- 26: Rained hard all last night & most of today, rain from the NE & Cold. Have done little.

27: Still rainy & cold wind NE all day. A good congregation for the day. Sermon (Let us lay aside every weight &c (Hebrews). No S School, Spent the hour in a prayer meeting. So rainy did not go out in the Evening.

Note: Parentheses as in diary.

28: Cleared up last night & froze but still a cold North wind. Theodore drew some dirt to fill in our Depot road and Dug Beets & Carrots ground soaked, am trying to make up my mind whether it is best to go to Vineland to try & sell my place there knowing I ought to sell & pay my debts as far as possible.

29: A cold n wind but pleasant. Settled with Litchfield. Self, Theodore digging Beets have got in 34 Bushels.

30: Milder & pleasant. Still digging Beets finished up tonight had about 50 Bushels. Am thinking hard of going to Vineland after Election the 5th, must give Grant a Vote for President & Greely a ticket up Salt River.

31: A chilly damp day. Sick all over all day, have done nothing. Theodore spent most of the day at Depot nothing. Have had a cold rainy month. Much talk in the religious world the Catholics about like the Political Democrats No head & Priests getting married the greatest sign of reform. In the political issues of the U States Grant is the Republican nominee for re-election, Greely the Candidate of Disaffected Republicans and taken up by the Democrats in hopes through him to get into power again. May God deliver us from so great a calamity. The Election takes place the 5th November.

November 1: Cold & rainy trying to get ready for Winter.

2: Digging carrots Turnips & other matters. An Excellent covenant meeting this P.M. encouraging signs of a spiritual refreshing. Some interest apparent in N. Gouverneur, our Pastor Bro. Putnam goes there Thursday Evening.

3: Cold chilly north wind. A Good sermon efficacy of Prayer. S School Concert excellent tho lack for time. After S Schol Concert communion. No Meeting this Evening oweing to the chandear's falling breaking lamps & setting cushions & pews on fire under it but was soon extinguished.

4: Rain last night clouds broke away & we have had a very mild pleasant day all day tho the ground is cold & very wet. Theodore & I have dug & got in 24 bushels carrots – There is a general disease among Horses throught the entire country especially in cities & large towns, a sort of influenza prostrating all horse business. Wife washed as usual. Emma Arthur & James at School. Politicians are all on a nervous fever. Tomorrow is Presidential election & in some

states state election. Grant for re-election Republican & Horace Greely the candidate of everything else.

5th: Election Grant. Greely quiet but telling. Day pleasant good time for the aged and infirm to vote once more for President.

Note: Diary entry has "Election Grant," in print style of writing, with large, deliberate letters, different from the rest of the entry which is in Henry's usual cursive style of writing.

6: Lousy rain threatened all day, had but little. Got in Turnips Stalks & done other picking up.

7: Cool cloudy & some signs of Rain cold. Wind SW. Theodore going to Watertown today, home tomorrow. I went to Chanceys & to Hailes Boroug, sold a Roughing it, home at night. Wife at Drakes.

8: Rain last night none today. Choreing forenoon. Afternoon Went to Mr. Dykes & Miss Mertons School. Evening to Prayer meeting at Pastors Study.

9: Day pleasant & comfortable. Boys all but Theo picking up for winter & Snow of which we have had none yet. I went to ch meeting P.M. to few out.

10: Meeting & S School had to take Bro. Browns Class.

11: Trying to build a temporary Wagon Shed. Wife washing. Horse disease extending.

12: Rain all day. The Congregational quarterly conference met, met in our meeting house this PM & tomorrow forenoon so rainy but few present tho an interesting time.

13: Boston on fire & badly burned last Sunday & Monday severest they ever had. Conference closed at noon. Pleasant & not cold all day froze last night. Theo working with Pony, I attended meeting in forenoon & tried to work on My Shed P.M. Recd a paper today from Geo. House saying Uncle Thos M. Sheldon Died at Kalamazoo, Michigan Oct. 25 aged 88 years & 1 month. No particulars the last of my Fathers Brothers. 1st Uncle Henry then Uncle James then our Dear Father then Uncle Asa & now Uncle Thomas leaving only Aunt Eliza & Lydia alive, thus generation after generation passes away. Our Winter holds off remarkably no snow but little freezing yet tho cold & very wet.

Note: There is in the diary a loose newspaper clipping which reads as follows:

Died.

SHELDON.- At Kalamazoo, Mich., Oct. 25, 1872, Thomas M. Sheldon, aged 88 years, and one month. (Note: end of clipping)

Thomas M. Sheldon was buried in Mountain Home Cemetery, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

14: Cool some rain. Fixing wagon shed. Old Mrs. Rogers died today, used to be a neighbor to my Fathers. James Department of the District School closed today 2 weeks vacation.

15: A little snow last night the first Snow this fall and today has been a squally snowy day bad as any winter day only not quite as cold as some.

Note: The word "first" is underlined in diary entry.

16: A cold sunny cloudy Squally Snowy day. Have only cut Stalks fed animals shelld corn. Bot Boots & Caps for Boys, Slips for self & wife. Expense of the day 300. 350. 1.80. 150. 100. 100. 45. 65 = 12.60.

Note: Decimal points are not in diary entry except in the 1.80 and total amount figures.

17: Uncle Tomy as he is called Goodrich was buried today. Mrs. Goodrich died several years ago. He was a shoemaker here as long ago as I can remember but his past life was such latter years that he had but few (if any) to mourn his death. Most horses here and all over the Country are ailing & some dyeing with a disease some like the regular horse distemper.

Note: Parentheses as in diary entry.

17: Stormy. Snow. Sun. Thaw. Freeze. Church S School Prayer meeting good.

18: Cold Snowy bad. Theodore hauling as Cartman. Horses are all sick.

19: Squally some more snow & freezing. Theo hauling or carting. Arthur & James Thrashing Peas fun for them. Commenced canvassing for Stanleys Expedition to find Livingston 3 subs this PM & sold 3 other Books, have spent but little time at it today.

20: Pleasant day thaws in sun. About Town at play. Hildreth & little Boys threshing Rye. Theodore hauling from Depot &c.

21: Cold Strong West Winter Wind.

22: Spent the day in the village. My time amts to little. Nancy Conant & Clarinda Sheldon visited here yesterday. Mr. Hildrith threshing rye for me today. Theodore Hauling goods. So many Sick Horses hard to get work done.

23: Cool Strong west Wind some snow but thawing. Went to Grays & Robt Smiths with Arthur & Jas. Theodore work in Depot. Mr. Hildrith thrashing. Have done just nothing good today.

24: Thawing quite fast pleasant sleighing yet. Mr. Fells house burned about 4 this AM, had just bot of VanDuzee so he lost what he had the policy not having been assigned to him. A childrens Sermon by our young Pastor Bro. Putnam Catch me the little Foxes Song of Solomon Sunday School lesson the had writing on the wall Prayer Meeting Evening some interest & Some Seeking to know the Lord.

Note: Above spelling as in diary entry.

25: Thawed fast all night & our 12 or 14 in Snow most gone so we have poor or no slipping. Theo about Depot Mr. H finished threshing my Rye. Have been choreing about got some lumber for Storm house to front door & Hemlock at Saw Mill for Shed roof. Theodore a part of the day at Depot play & work.

26: Froze last night pleasant forenoon PM Wind N East & a little snow. Finished fixing Wagon Shed. See about getting attachment against Parmenters goods at Depot for pay for Work done by Theodore for him in Depot. Theodore hauling Coal from Depot for myself & Easton, Mr. Hill building Storm House our front Door Covered up Grape Vines. Sent \$10. to W.J. Holland Mail PO order for Eddys Life Christ.

27: Pleasant forenoon freezing a little. Mr. Hill finished our Storm house today, it Cost \$10.70 & will keep out a great deal of cold this Winter. Theo hauled Coal for Easton this forenoon. Storm of Snow PM.

28: National Thanks Giving today Services Union at Bapt House Sermon by our pastor Bro. Putnam. Many thought it the best sermon we ever had. Text Give me thy hand well done. Day fine, house full. Theodore at work in Depot today.

29: A cool day spitting snow all day. Theodore in Depot today also tried to sell some Stanleys Books poor luck. Recd Books from W.J. Holland & Co.

30: A cool poor day for me and nothing doing. Learn that Horace Greely died last night at 6 oclock. His defeat in the Election was so overwhelming that it was more than he could endure and doubtless the death of his Wife just before the Election added to his immediate death. In old times it would be said for his connection with sin & wickedness in turning to the enemies of his country to secure his election to the Presidency so the people deserted him and he was never a Godly man but badly tintured with the freelove of today he has done many good things & some very wrong. I fell on the wheelbarrow this morning and lamed my Side badly so I am obliged to lay up.

December 1: Stormy some & thawing. All went to ch but me communion & at evening Missionary Concert.

2: Stormy snow rain & thaw. Theodore in Depot Saturday today & will be tomorrow. All well. The Boys Bought some cloth for overcoats Saturday Costing with Trimings \$11.62. Mrs. Hannum will make them.

3: Froze latter part of last night after thawing to destroy the sleighing. Tending to chores about house today. My side very lame. The children Emma Arthur & James Commenced School yesterday. Theodore at work in Depot today. Mrs. Allen Smith & Mrs. Edgar Drake visited here this P.M.

4: A mild day thawing no snow. About Town but keeping quiet on account of My lame breast & Side which I hurt bad by falling on my wheelbarrow. PM went up to Mr. Haywoods bot a 1 Horse Sleigh of Mr. Barrel \$12.

5: Day cold & unpleasant. About town quietly, considerable nose bleed today & last night.

6: Mild a little snow. Have done no good today. Mr. Hildreth threshed Peas 4 hours today. My side no better lame & painful, nose dripping.

7: Some snow last night cool night & this morning milder thaws a little in the sun. At home all forenoon lame side & nosebleed PM went to church Meeting talked about funds to carry out the Expenses of the year to 1st Apl. 73, shall be out of funds by 1st Jany. Mr. Hildreth worked 3½ hours threshing & cleaning peas. Arthur went up to Mr. Barrels for the sleigh & the poney quite ran away with him several times coming home scaring him badly but no damage to him. Mare hurt by running against a team. Theodore worked in Depot all the week.

8: Stormy Rain & thaw. All to church but me lame side from fall.

9: Froze last night colder & blustering today some snow. Went down town P.M.

10: Cold & a little More snow. Lame yet bad & considerable bleeding at my nose.

11: A very clear cold morning & all day Mercury at zero. Delivered some books (Stanleys.

Note: Parenthesis as in diary.

12: A clear cold day. Am awful hard up. Fixed Horse Blanket & done chores the forenoon. PM went to Mill & visited with Mrs. Day & Nichols at our house the cold used me up, could hardly breathe or stand it. Theodore working in Depot so far this week. Mrs. Robt Smiths Son finished drawing me 4¾ cords dry wood today at \$3.50 pr Cord. Read the account of Mr. Greeleys funeral the Nation paid its respects to his work & tho great his misguided ambition killed him.

13: Day to cold & unpleasant for me to be out.

(no date): Saturday. Pleasant & unpleasant with high West Wind. Cleaning up Rye with my little Boys AM snowy PM. Theodore in Depot all the week. Hildreth had Pony today Haul Wood forenoon visiting PM. Went to Town today pd Easton on Coal 10.44 & pd Dodge Ormistens Estate for B Robes 12.01.

15: Comfortable day for winter. Attended ch & S School most Pew renters consented to give them up at end of 3/4th the year & rent again not exactly honest tho all agree to it. Mrs. John Barkers funeral today at Richville.

16: Not a bad winter day. Have done nothing today side still lame & some nose Bleed. Had my Pig Killed today.

17: Cold west wind. About Town some & in the afternoon went to Volney Morrises. Wife Cut up & Salted Pig. Mailed \$1.1. to Hubbard Bros for 2 Bibles.

18: Not very cold, quite a mild snow storm.

19: Day cool & unpleasant about 8 inches Snowfel last night. Side lame can do nothing.

20: Quite a fall of damp snow last night, about 14 in fell so plenty Shoveling & scraping all about. How foolish for an invalid to live in so miserable cold climate as this.

21: Out a little but to cold for me. Went to mill & to town. Theodore works in Depot all this week. Jas & Arthur choreing. Took my subscription books to Wades Store, am going to stay there till I get better.

22: Very Cold below zero strong NW Wind. Went to church but ought to have stayed at home.

23: Some snow last night a cold hard west wind. I cant go out today nor hardly stay at home.

24: A very cold night, some say 26 to 40 degrees below zero ranges today 20 to 30 degrees below, to cold to be out & yet Christmas is at hand and something must be done. In the Bap S School Chr Trees loaded a pyramid by Teachers, various Exercises in Singing Declamation & rehearsal all went off satisfactorily to the actors & a crowded church & home at 10 evening.

25: Christmas. Mercury 31 degrees below zero at 8 AM, rose during the day to about 10 degrees below. Theodore Made Christmas Presents to Ma Emma Arthur & Jas & got a dollar cash himself. I am clear down in the Mouth used up and am ashamed to say quite discouraged for I ought to be boyant with a good Hope under any circumstances for God is good & remembers those that are his.

26: Still cold, snowed some today. Strong N Wind. Mercury 12 to 18 degrees below zero. I have not been only to my Barn today and that to much for me. Chas Aldous came here from Canton today.

Note: Charles Aldous was the youngest sibling of Martha Aldous Sheldon, wife of Henry Sheldon.

(no date): Clear & Cold Wind NW 5 to 10 degrees below zero.

28: Weather far below zero. Nose bleed most of the day today so I have not been out. Nothing very new in this place. Times hard, money scarce, produce low, so people say, but these all have to be met as they come.

29: Cold & pleasant 6 to (20) degrees below zero. Attended ch & S School but not evening Meeting a retrospective Sermon on the year past, What I have Written I have Written the text.

30: From zero to 4 degrees below, pleasant. Went down town today & up to G Haywoods. Minnie Jones came here today.

31: Pretty Cold. Self & Wife went up to Grays today. Thus ends the year 1872. What has the World done who can tell but the records at the last great day.

