

DIARY FOR JOHN HOLLY KNAPP II

1863

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Thursday, January 1, 1863

I arrived in Reads Landing about midnight last night having traveled from Fort Madison I'm here in the fort past two and a half days—spent the day pleasantly at Thomas Wilsons—Mr. & Mrs. Bullard Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Gibbs over there to dinner. The day is exceedingly mild & pleasant Ther 38° to 44°

Friday, January 2, 1863

Rained nearly all day & cleared off in the evening Thermometer at 9 A.M. above zero.

Saturday, January 3, 1863

Thomas Wilson & I started from Reads Landing about 9 AM in his light spring wagon & with his horses, for Menomonie. We crossed Lake Pepin on the ice which at the time is not very safe. Left N. Pepin & rode up to Lakeport & finally started for Dunnville at 10½ A.M. Arrived in D- at 3¼ P.M. Got dinner at Tainter House & drove up to Menomonie by 8 P.M.

Sunday, January 4, 1863

Heard Rev. P. Canfield preach a very good & appropriate sermon. Dined at Mr. French's.

Monday, January 5, 1863

Spent most of the day in looking around at our new house. The carpenters will be done with the carpenter work in about a week or ten days.

Tuesday January 6, 1863

Left Wilson & Tainter – Started to the woods to visit all the logging camps

Wednesday, January 7, 1863

Went over to Mud Creek with Mrs. Tainter. Ole drove the team. The ride was pretty cold one. Went up to Mr. French's to stay all night—

Thursday, January 8, 1863

To work about our new house. – Took the Furnace pipe down & gave it a thorough cleaning. Took tea with Rev. P Hanfield— Met Mr. & Mrs. Brunelle there.

Friday, January 9, 1863

Being about the House to day – Read letters from Vallie & from John Douglass Snow commenced falling pretty fast this evening & is very much needed.

Saturday, January 10, 1863

Wrote to Vallie John Douglass & Mr. Stout. Took tea at Mr. French's where I met several young ladies of intelligence & good appearance which indicates a good state of society in Menomonie.

Sunday, January 11, 1863

Attended church twice to day Rev P Canfield preached twice. The weather is mild & pleasant a little below the freezing point & very mild for this season of the year in so northern a climate as Menomonie is in.

Monday, January 12, 1863

Weather still pleasant. Went to hear Prof. Stearns lecture on psychology. Had a good hearty laugh at the amusing experiment.

Tuesday, January 13, 1863

Cold snowy & sleety day Wrote to Vallie Went to hear Prof Stearns lecture in the Company's Hall to night

Wednesday, January 14, 1863

Commenced cutting ice & filling our new ice house to day.

Thursday, January 15, 1863

Filling ice house. The weather has turned quite cold Ther 16° below zero early this morning.

Friday, January 16, 1863

Have been to work about ice house to day. Capt. Wilson & Lady & Mrs. Tainter went over to Vances to see Prof. Stearns. I went along. Mrs Tainter was mesmerized & did some curious things while in that state.

Saturday, January 17, 1863

The Indians that have been encamped in the woods a few miles from Menomonie came in town today & had a "begging dance"—we gave them some flour, pork, tobacco, powder shot, &C &C

Sunday, January 18, 1863

Heard Rev P Canfield preach in the forenoon & Rev E Thompson in the afternoon.

Monday, January 19, 1863

Completed the job of filling my ice house with good solid ice The cakes of ice are about 17 in thick & weigh 250 lbs each on the average Today has been very mild Snow melting & water running from the eaves of the buildings

Friday, January 23, 1863

Snowing today Ther 32°

Saturday, January 24, 1863

Mild day—cleared shavings & C out of our new house The carpenter completed the work today on the house & wood house. Took a sleigh ride with Capt Tainter & family over to our first fl(?) Capt & Mrs Wilson & Capt Tainter family & myself partook of a good dinner provided by Mrs. Lucas, Took tea at Mr. Brunells

Sunday, January 25, 1863

Heard Rev P Canfield preach a good sermon in the forenoon & deliver an excellent lecture to young men in the evening. Took dinner at Mr. Brunnelles

Monday, January 26, 1863

Completed what business of importance I had to do in Menomonie this forenoon & in the afternoon at 1½ oclck started homeward in our sleigh & with Mr Brunnelles team driver by his son Henry Mr J. F. Man, Henry Memcy(?) & George Winter Carpenters that have been building a dwelling for any family in Menomonie accompanied me

Tuesday, January 27, 1863

27th Staid “over night in Eau Claire. Had a clear cold day to day—sleighing good. Took dinner at Buf River & stopped for the night about ten miles north of Black River Falls having driven 50 miles to day.

Wednesday, January 28, 1863

We arose early and drove to Black River Falls to breakfast. We stopped at Howdly and fared very well We drove to Sparta 28 miles further by 4½ P.M. & put up at the Warner House Mr Ely proprietor—loaded our team with freight—we had at the R. R. depot so that the team may start back tomorrow

Thursday, January 29, 1863

Mr Ely—the host—forgot to awaken us in time for the 3.18 A.M. Exp. train on the Milwaukee & La Cross R.R. consequently much to our disappointment we are compelled to remain in Sparta 24 hours

Friday, January 30, 1863

Left Sparta at 3.18 A.M. took breakfast at Minnesota junction & changed cars there for Chicago via Northwestern R.R. Arrived in Chicago at 6 P.M. Put up at the Adams House Went out for the evening to hear John B Gough lecture on Oratory & Eloquence Left Chicago at 11 P.M.

Saturday, January 31, 1863

Arrived in Burlington at 9.45 A.M. Took coach immediately for Fort Madison when we arrived at 2½ P.M. I found my family all well thanks to the Great Preserver of our lives the giver of every good & perfect gift

Sunday, February 1, 1863

Went to hear Rev C. P. Taylor preach

Friday, February 6, 1863

Busy getting my a/c's for past year settled up

Saturday, February 7, 1863

The unwelcome intelligence of the death of Charlie Gibbs reaches us.

Wednesday, February 11, 1863

Attended the funeral of Charlie E. Gibbs from Methodist church at 11 o'clock A.M. There was a large number of persons assembled & the services were solemn and impressive. Commenced moving just after dark

Thursday, February 12, 1863

Weather mild & snow about 7 in deep that fell last night I took Vallie Effie & Willie & Wm. A. Gibbs out to Jona's for a sleigh ride the sleighing was quite good

Friday, February 13, 1863

Went sleigh riding this afternoon but weather so mild that the snow is leaving rapidly went to Masonic Lodge in the evening

Saturday, February 14, 1863

We had a very heavy thundershower last night and to day the water is running in torrents down the streets so ends the sleighing

Monday, February 16, 1863

Had an interesting meeting of the board of directors of the BK here.

Tuesday, February 17, 1863

Paid Aetna Ins. Co. 13.50 rec'd statement of lumber yard in Dubuque & Bal sheet for 7 months

Wednesday, February 18, 1863

Paid Jonas I. Knapp on a/c \$12000 By K. S. & Co CK on State BK

Friday, February 20, 1863

Attended union meeting this evening.

Sunday, February 22, 1863

About 2½ A.M. T. L. Lawrence's Distillery burned down & Loss to Mr L probably \$12,000 to 15,000 The Ft M – Sunday school association was organized to day

Monday, February 23, 1863

Went to Bank Directors meeting at 11 A.M. They have agreed to meet on Mondays & Thursdays at 11 A.M. for (?) days & to transact any of the business of the bank.

Wednesday, February 25, 1863

Weather mild – Ice still remains on the river though very much broken Rec'd letter from Will Adams.

Saturday, February 28, 1863

The loyal men of Ft Madison met at the Court House this evening to discuss the vital question pertaining to the welfare of our imperilled country. 40\$ was collected for the Soldiers Aid fund.

Sunday, March 1, 1863

Rev. C. P. Taylor preached a very good sermon on the war.

Monday, March 2, 1863

It snowed rained sun shone & we had all kinds of weather in a few hours to day

Tuesday, March 3, 1863

The Ferry Niota Belle commenced running to day Turned cold again at 5 P.M.

Friday, March 6, 1863

Mr. Thomas B. Wilson & Pete Eliza Wilson Jane Wilson & Wilson Holler came this morning They left Menomonie and Reads Ldg. over a week ago except Jane W who is going to school at Monticello

Monday, March 9, 1863

Thomas Wilson arrived this evening having come via Mt. Pleasant

Wednesday, March 11, 1863

Our friends who are visiting us & Vallie Mother & I went over to Almeda's to dinner

Monday, March 16, 1863

Settled with I W Giles to day Remainder due him is \$137.45 This afternoon took Thomas Wilson out to Jona's The day has been exceedingly fine & mild

Thursday, March 19, 1863

Very rainy & disagreeable weather tonight a terrific thunder storm set in

Friday, March 20, 1863

Thos B Wilson Geo Douglass Geo P Eaton W. A. Thurston Geo Hammer(?) and I went to Casto(?) Island this afternoon duck hunting We had a long row & there was but one duck killed by the whole party that I killed myself.

Sunday, March 22, 1863

Heard Rev C. P. Taylor preach this forenoon & in the evening Tho s Wilson Vallie & I went to hear Rev G. J. Johnson at Baptist Church.

Monday, March 23, 1863

Thos B Wilson Wife & son Pete & Miss Eliza T. Wilson who have been visiting us for some time past started for home to day. Reads Ldg on the steamer Hawkeye State at 12½ P.M. just after a hurried dinner.

Tuesday, March 24, 1863
Union Meeting to night.

Thursday, March 26, 1863
Our steamboat the Chippewa Falls that has been pressed into the government service passed down to day in company with two others. As she did not land I must start to St. Louis in the morning to get some person to take charge of her We had a fine Union Meeting at Court House this evening.

Friday, March 27, 1863
Left home this morning at 3½A.M. for St. Louis via cars to Keokuk & at 7 A.M. then took stmr. Die Vernon.

Saturday, March 28, 1863
Arrived in St. Louis at 6 A.M. Found our steamer "Chippewa Falls" at the Levee I immediately set about ascertaining why I should get to command her. Lewis Fulton arrived and I made arrangements for him to take command.

Sunday, March 29, 1863
Went to hear Dr. Elliot preach in the forenoon and Dr. Anderson in the evening.

Monday, March 30, 1863
Went to see Gen. S. R. Curtis(?) on some business & met Genl F. Herron There at Maj Gen Carter Headquarters Gen Herron promised to change bro Will Adams from field duty to some detached service

Tuesday, March 31, 1863
Got on a boat released from government service to day about 11 oclk Paid off the crew that came down on her & hired a new crew. Bought several tons freight – paid off boat – bills, repairs, &C & ordered her started out for Reads Landing at 4½ P.M. I left on stmr. Die Vernon at 4 P.M.

Wednesday, April 1, 1863
The "Die Vernon" ran on the shore & hard aground at Hamburgh & was 7 hours in getting off.

Thursday, April 2, 1863
When I awoke this morning we were laying at the wharf in Keokuk Took the cars for home at 7.45 Arrived at home 9.30 found all well Commenced getting freight ready for the "Chippewa Falls" & expect her along to night

Friday, April 3, 1863
Falls arrived about 1½ A.M. shipped what molasses we had purchased here during winter. The boat left at 9½A.M. for Reads Landing

Wednesday April 8, 1863

Ordered of Bernard Hilling Co Sash weights for my dwelling in Menomonie to be cast in 2 weeks about 800 lbs. @ 4½ cents per lb.

Thursday, April 9, 1863

Left Ft Madison 9½ A.M. for N York Took passage on the stmr Northern for Burlington. Arrived there at 1½ P.M. Left Burlington about 7 P.M. by R Road for Chicago.

Friday, April 10, 1863

Arrived in Chicago about 7 A.M. & immediately went on board the Pittsburgh Ft. W & C cars for Pittsburgh.

Saturday, April 11, 1863

Arrived in Pittsburgh 5 A.M. Left at 6 A.M. Took dinner at Altoona & arrived in Philadelphia 1045 P.M. Put up at the Continental Hotel.

Sunday April 12, 1863

Went to First Pres Church in the forenoon at 10½ o'clock & heard a very good sermon by Rev Albert Bamer from text Acts 26 ch 26 , 27, 28, & 29 verses.

Monday, April 13, 1863

Took the 6 o'clock A.M. train via ? ? & arrived in N.Y. about 10½ A. M. Put up at the Metropolitan. In the afternoon commenced looking at some things that were ? for by ?

Tuesday, April 14, 1863

Commenced examining the market for goods & C & purchasing

Wednesday, April 15, 1863

Bought some Bills Got my new 75\$ gun made by John Mullin no. 11 St. which gun I ordered made by him about a month ago.

Saturday, April 18, 1863

Have been busy all the week buying goods of various kinds & finding where I can get them to best advantage I have purchased Fish Groceries Leather, Drugs, & M Belting, Hardware, ? saws, tins, stock 7C

Sunday, April 19, 1863

Went to Grace Church in the forenoon & though the singing was very fine the preaching was poor In the evening went to the Central Pres Church in Broonee Street.

Saturday, April 25, 1863

Another week has rolled around & I have been busy as a bee buying goods & C The close of the week finds me very tired & very desirous of getting through here & being homeward bound once more.

Sunday, April 26, 1863

This forenoon went to hear LS(?) Morgan preach in the Episcopal church corner of Houston St & Broadway. After church went over to Brooklyn in company with Mr Bertolet & took dinner with Mr Edw. Lyner(?)

Monday, April 27, 1863

Hard at work buying goods all day - Bought notions of A Miller Co.

Tuesday, April 28, 1863

Bought dry goods to day of Claflin Mellen & Co.

Wednesday, April 29, 1863

Completed the buying of merchandise for K S & Co & T. B. W. & Co & made sundry purchases for self & family & left New York at 7 PM for home via Allentown route

Thursday, April 30, 1863

Arrived at Altoona for breakfast – Pittsburgh at noon Crestline at 8.30 P.M.

Friday, May 1, 1863

Arrived in Chicago between 8 & 9 oclck A.M & left immediately on the C.B. & L. R.R. & arrived in Burlington about 7 oclck P.M. and took steamer Jennie Whipple & arrived in Ft Madison about 11 oclck P.M. making about 52 hours from New York to Fort Madison.

Saturday, May 2, 1863

Glad to be at home with my family & find them all well. The weather is very mild & fine The first roses are all in full bloom & every thing much more forward in the way of vegetation than in N York

Sunday, May 3, 1863

Vallie & went to Baptist Church taking Willie with us We went to went to Bible meeting at the Pre. Church at 3 P.M.

Monday, May 4, 1863

Getting ready to start to Menomonie.

Thursday, May 7, 1863

The “Hawk-Eye State” came along about 3 P.M. I took passage on her for Reads Landing I take along a carpenter to work for one Henry Mancy I am to pay him 1.75 per day & he is to board himself. He takes his family with him.

Friday, May 8, 1863

On board the Hawk Eye we have very unfavorable news from our army on the Rappahannock The news is that Hooker is retreating with his army & it makes me sick to hear it – when I had counted on a great victory for the Union Army & our Country.

Saturday, May 9, 1863

We arrived at & left Dubuque before daylight consequently I did not have an opportunity of seeing Mr. Stout.

Sunday, May 10, 1863

Arrived at Reads Landing 7 A.M. Went to church in Wabashaw with Mr. Wilson & heard a sermon in the Congregational Church by Rev Woodruff

Monday, May 11, 1863

Left Reads Landing for Dunnville on the little stmr John R(?) at 7¼ A.M.

Tuesday May 12, 1863

Commenced cleaning out the shavings & rubbish from our house in Menomonie.

Wednesday, May 13, 1863

Henry Muncy commenced work at 1.75 per day- John Kerr commenced work cleaning up around my house.

Thursday, May 14, 1863

Mr. Carpenter commenced work at fence making around my house. Joseph Benson with 2 yoke of oxen commenced at noon hauling manure on garden lot.

Friday, May 15, 1863

Carpenter worked ½ day. Jno Kerr ¾ day Henry Muncy whole day Rock a carpenter commenced work this morning & made a day. Joe(?) Benson & team made about ¾ of a day

Saturday, May 16, 1863

Carpenter worked ½ day
Benson & 2 yoke(?) Cattle a day
Jno Kerr 1 day
James Collins 1 day
Rock 1 day
Henry Muncy 1 day

Sunday, May 17, 1863

Heard two sermons by Rev. Philo Canfield.

Monday, May 18, 1863

Benson and team of 5 yoke(?) cattle worked at ploughing garden Man & bay horse team 2 today
Carpenter 1 day
Jno Kerr 1 day
Finnegan(?) 1 day
James Collins 1 day
Joe Kerr 1 day

Rock 1 day
Henry Muncy 1 day

Tuesday, May 19, 1863

Henry M(?) 1 day
Benson & two yoke cattle harrowed garden all day
Jno Kerr worked 1 day
Finnegan worked 1 day
Carpenter worked 1 day
Rock worked 1 day
J(?) Collins worked 1 day
Jake Miller worked 1 day painting
Chris Lohrman worked 1 day
Chris Conrad 1 day

Wednesday, May 20, 1863

Henry Muncy worked 1 day
Rocked worked 1 day
Jno Kerr worked 1 day
Finnegan worked 1 day
Carpenter worked 1 day
(J) Collins worked 1 day
Jake Miller worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day
Chris Lohrman worked $\frac{1}{4}$ day
Chris Conrad worked $\frac{1}{4}$ day
Horse team worked 1 day

Thursday, May 21, 1863

Rock worked 1 day
Jno Kerr worked 1 day
Finnegan worked 1 day
Carpenter worked 1 day
Collins worked 1 day
Jake Miller $\frac{1}{2}$ day
Chris Lohrman $\frac{3}{4}$ day
Horse team 1 day
Dan ? $\frac{3}{4}$ day

Friday, May 22, 1863

Working about our new house
Rock worked 1 day
James Collins 1 day
Jno Kerr 1 day
Mike Finnegan 1 day
Dan 1 day
Carpenter 1 day

Henry Muncy 1 day
Horse team $\frac{3}{4}$ day

Saturday, May 23, 1863

Henry Muncy 1 day
Theo Rock 1 day
S. T. Carpenter 1 day
James Collins 1 day
Jno Kerr 1 day
Mike Finnegan 1 day
Dan ? 1 day
Chris Conrad $\frac{1}{2}$ day
Chris Lohrman $\frac{3}{4}$ day
Jake Miller $\frac{1}{2}$ day

Sunday, May 24, 1863

Heard Rev Reynolds Methodist preach funeral service of Bidwell Redley who was killed in the recent battle of Fredricksburgh

Monday, May 25, 1863

I was very sick last night with cholera to day could hardly move being so much reduced in strength Collins Kerr Finnegan Rock Miller Muncy & Carpenter each made a days Joe Keener(?) with ox team made $\frac{3}{4}$, commenced putting in a few garden seeds

Tuesday, May 26, 1863

Weak to day but able to get about Carpenter, Collins, Kerr, Finnegan Dan Ivory(?) Rock and Muncy worked to day.

Wednesday, May 27, 1863

Collins, Kerr, Finnegan, Dan Ivory(?), Rock, Carpenter, & Muncy worked a day Horse team hauled 1 load sc(?) Chris Conrad & Chris Lohrman about $\frac{1}{2}$ day each

Thursday, May 28, 1863

Collins 1 day
Jno Kerr 1 day
T Rock 1 day
? Carpenter 1 day
Finnegan $\frac{1}{2}$
Team 2 loads posts(?)
2 Furniture
Collins finished planting most of the garden seeds to day I put the filter(?) in the cistern

Friday, May 29, 1863

I left Menomonie 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ A.M. in Hack for Durand. Mrs. French & child & Mrs. Shorcy(?) & child in charge arrived at Durrand 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M. left there on the "Monitor" at 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M. Arrived at Reads about 5 oclk P.M. Rumor says Vicksburgh is taken – Hope it is so.

Saturday, May 30, 1863

Left Reads Landing at 9 A.M. on the Key City – One boat laid 5 hours at Winona.

Sunday, May 31, 1863

This morning early arrived at Prairie du Chien. Mrs. Shorcy & child left the boat here to take the Rail Road cars About 4 P.M. arrived in Dubuque.

Monday, June 1, 1863

Left Dubuque by I.L.L. C. R.R. 7 A.M. – Took dinner at Amboy– Changed cars at Mendola Landing in Burlington 7.20 P.M. Got on board the Jennie Whipple at 9 ½ P.M. & arrived in Ft. Madison about 2 A.M. Tuesday

Tuesday, June 2, 1863

Glad to find my family all well Vallie thinks we cannot get ready to start for Menomonie in less than two weeks

Friday, June 5, 1863

We visited at Mr. Jacob Albrights this evening in company with Dr. & Mrs. Rinehart Dr. & Mrs. Walker & C & C.

Saturday, June 6, 1863

Jonas & Mary & Vallie & I with Willie & Effie went over to Williams to day & had a pleasant visit.

Monday, June 8, 1863

Packing our things & getting ready to move to Menomonie.

Saturday, June 13, 1863

Vallie & I have been very busy all this past week packing & getting ready to start to our new home in Wisconsin

Sunday, June 14, 1863

We went to Baptist Church this A.M.

Thursday, June 18, 1863

The Steamer Perubina was expected up this morning & we had all our furniture & household goods draged(?) down to the river

Friday, June 19, 1863

The Perubina came along about 12½ PM just as we had dinner. We took passage and shipped our goods 2 horses & 1 cow – one buggy our dog grouse(?) & C & C Our family consisting of Vallie & Effie Willie myself with our servant girl Margaret & Ida Colburn & our man Milton Mason

Saturday, June 20, 1863

Cool weather this afternoon our cow jumped over board & swam to the Iowa shore. The boat landed & got her on board again. Willie is quite sick with fever.

Sunday, June 21, 1863

Willie is much better to day thanks to our kind Heavenly Father who takes care of us We arrived at Dubuque about 11 oclck The boat stopped only a short time – Weather so cold that fires(?) & over(?) coat are very desirable & comfortable

Monday, June 22, 1863

The river is so low that frequently we rub the bar & run aground for a short time

Tuesday, June 23, 1863

We arrived in Reads Landing about 9½ A.M. Stopped at Mr. Thomas Wilson's house. Found Eliza Wilson there. Mrs. Wilson has a young son born 30th inst.

Wednesday, June 24, 1863

Remained at Reads Landing today.

Thursday, June 25, 1863

We left Reads for Menomonie on the little steamer Monitor to go as far as Durrand – The Chippewa is extremely low so that even the Monitor does not come all the way out - We came from Durand to Dunnville in a carriage & arrived there about 4 P.M.

Friday, June 26, 1863

Left Dunnville for Menomonie this morning about 8 A.M. On arriving at Menomonie we were made welcome at Capt Wilson's house Vallie and I went over in the afternoon to see our new house.

Saturday, June 27, 1863

Commenced work trying to get our new house ready to live in

Monday, June 29, 1863

Hard at work unpacking

Thursday, July 2, 1863

Took tea in our new house for the first time We shall make this our home now for some time perhaps: the Lord willing.

Friday, July 3, 1863

We have fairly commenced living in our new house We find much to do to put things to their places & arrange our house in a proper manner.

Sunday, July 19, 1863

Rev. Mr. Morgan Congregationalist preached twice to day. The first sermon was from the text "what must I do to be born again." I have a very painful hand to day from a bad boil on it.

Saturday, July 25, 1863

This afternoon Tainter & I went to Downsville. I took my gun & dog house along & in going & coming shot 6 prairie chickens & 1 plover having fired 9 shots. This is the first shooting I have done this summer.

Sunday, July 26, 1863

Vallie & I went to Sunday School & taught our classes as usual No preaching today Rained in the afternoon.

Monday, July 27, 1863

We had several showers to day which is very grateful since we have had dry weather so long.

Tuesday, July 28, 1863

Rainy day again Burnham Tainter & I rode out about 5 miles to look for raspberries found but few & got quite a soaking from the heavy rain

Wednesday, July 29, 1863

I went out hunting grouse this afternoon. I killed 9 but got only 7 also killed 2 young pigeons & 2 hawks.

Monday, August 3, 1863

The celebrated Black Swan Miss E. T. Gaunfield gave a concert in K. S. & Co. hall in Menomonie—Vallie and I attended.

Thursday, August 6, 1863

We completed a trade to day with Downs & Richards for ½ of the saw mill at Downsville – We paid \$14,000 ½ down ½ to be pd in 12 months.

Friday, August 17, 1863

To day I took Col Wood & Vance out on a hunt for grouse. Vance killed 22 I killed 20 Col Wood killed 1. We had a very warm day.

Saturday, August 8, 1863

Rev Mr Morgan came to Menomonie & stopped with us

Sunday, August 9, 1863

Rev Morgan preached twice & Rev J. O. Barrett preached this funeral sermon of Capt Mott in the Hall of the Company

Saturday, August 15, 1863

Very warm weather. Rev H Morgan & I went out to shoot some grouse Mr. Morgan did not take a gun I shot 14 chickens & got 12 of them.

Sunday, August 16, 1863

Rev. Morgan preached twice text in the forenoon John XIX 1st Let not your heart be troubled & C Text in the evening "Time shall be no longer"

Monday, August 17, 1863

Thos. Wilson Burnham Tainter & I went out to the hay meadows to shoot prairie chickens. I killed only 8 Burnham 5. Thor 4. We got to the meadows about 6 P.M. & concluded to stay there all in the camp with our men that were making hay

Tuesday, August 18, 1863

We came home about noon having had but little success shooting chickens. I killed seven this forenoon Capt Wilson's family & Thos Wilson's family & Mrs. Philips & Mrs. Ruth Miller took tea with us.

Tuesday, August 25, 1863

Vallie & I took a ride on the road to Capt Momez(?) this afternoon I took my gun along & killed 10 grouse.

Thursday, August 27, 1863

The Rev Wm Sturgeon came to see me in answer to my letter ?? & he is going to assist me in laying off the drive & walks in our yard & lot.

Friday, August 28, 1863

Mr. Sturgeon & I staked out the carriage way

Sunday, August 30, 1863

Rev. Wm Sturgeon preached this afternoon

Tuesday, September 1, 1863

Vallie & I went over to mud Creek to visit at Mr. Heller's Misses Eliza & Mary Wilson Misses Miller & Mrs. Messenger(?) also Burnham Tainter & Mart Wilson & Harvey Hiller went along. I took my gun & killed 9 grouse

Wednesday, September 2, 1863

Mr Sturgeon left for Wabasha having assisted me in laying out the drive & walks around our house

Saturday, September 5, 1863

Strapler(?) & 2 men came to day to ? & plaster our cistern at the stable – Vallie & I took a ride 4 miles into the country & bought a bushel of fine plums of Mrs. Eberman Paid her 1\$ for same

Sunday, September 6, 1863

Sunday school to day but no preaching

Monday, September 8, 1863

I bade "good bye" to my family this morning & started for New York to purchase winter stock of goods for our store here Went to Durand & got on board the "Monitor" I met Mr Thorp on board also bound for New York Took steamboat 11 P.M. at Reads Landing for LaX

Wednesday, September 9, 1863

To day about noon Mr Thorp & I arrived in La Crosse & took cars for Milwaukee We arrived in M about midnight & put up at the "Newhall House"

Thursday, September 10, 1863

To day I looked into the goods store & iron markets in Milwaukee & made some purchases

Friday, September 11, 1863

To day bought stoves &C in Milwaukee & left there in the afternoon for Chicago where I arrived about 6 oclk P.M.

Saturday, September 12, 1863

Made purchases of Groceries coal oil &C &C in Chicago to day Heard Madam Anna Bishop sing this evening & was very much pleased. I heard her sing about 15 years ago in Boston

Sunday, September 13, 1863

Mr. Thorp & I went to Pres. Church this forenoon & this afternoon went to see Mr Little & family.

Monday, September 14, 1863

Mr Thorp & I left Chicago for New York via Mich South our(?) Lake Shore & N. Y. & ERR Arrived in Toledo for dinner & Cleveland in the evening Fare from Chicago to New York \$18.

Tuesday, September 15, 1863

I arrived in Buffalo early this morning & took cars on to E.R.R. for N. York & We arrived in New York about 8 P.M.

Wednesday, September 16, 1863

Commenced looking through the goods market ordered some saws &C &C Mr Thorp & I room together at the Metropolitan Hotel

Saturday, October 3, 1863

I worked hard for the past 18 days that I have been in N. Y. except Sun days of course & this evening after an unusually busy day I have completed the goods buying in N. York for this time & I left for the west homeward bound at 7 P.M. via Allentown Route

Sunday, October 4, 1863

Arrived in Reading about 12 oclck last night & stopped off the train to remain in Reading Sunday Henry Van Reed & family had gone to the country & after church was out I went to John Van Reeds & to see Jacob(?) Van Reed also

Monday, October 5, 1863

Staid all night at John Van Reeds & came into Reading this morning & took car at 11 A.M. for Harrisbourgh – Left Harrisbourgh at about 4 P.M. – arrived at Altoona for supper about 8 ½ P.M. & Pittsbourgh at midnight.

Tuesday, October 6, 1863

Arrived in Chicago this evening about 8 P.M.

Wednesday, October 7, 1863

I remained in Chicago today & made some purchases & left at 9 P.M. for Ft Madison by C. B. & R. R.R.

Thursday, October 8, 1863

Arrived in Burlington this forenoon about 10 oclck being two hours late Got on board a small steamboat about 1 oclck for Ft. M- & arrived in Ft Madison about 5 P.M.

Monday, October 12, 1863

Busily engaged getting ready to start for Menomonie – packing up &C

Thursday, October 15, 1863

Mother Henry & I left Ft M. on stmr Perubinaw this afternoon at 6 oclck The river is very low indeed.

Friday, October 16, 1863

Arrived in Rock Island 4 P.M. & left on cars for head of the rapids Port Byron about 6 P.M. Went on board the “Bill Henderson soon after arriving at Port Byron

Saturday, October 17, 1863

Left Port Byron on “Bill Henderson” at 9 A.M. Arrived in Dubuque about midnight

Sunday, October 18, 1863

This morning finds us in Dubuque. Wind blowing a gale very stormy Went to the Jalien(?) House as there was no up river boat in & afterwards went to Mr Stout’s About 9 oclck P.M. we went to the river to take the boat for Reads Ldg – We had to cross the Mississippi in a skiff

Monday, October 19, 1863

The War Eagle did not get off until 9 A.M. to day & we might have staid in Dubuque all night instead of endangering our lives in crossing the river after night in an open boat

Wednesday, October 21, 1863

We arrived at Reads Landing about 9 A.M. & in about an hour left on the "Monitor" up Chippewa – Took Hack at Durand at 6 P.M. & arrived in Dunnville to supper where also we staid all night.

Thursday, October 22, 1863

This day Mother Henry & I arrived home in Menomonie about 11 oclck A.M. We find all well. Vallie Effie & Willie glad to see us

Friday, October 23, 1863

Mother took cold on the way up & is down sick now

Sunday, October 25, 1863

Ice made ½ inch thick nearly all over Mill Pond

Thursday, October 29, 1863

Mother has been sick a week but is now better

Tuesday, November 10, 1863

Capt. Andrew Tainter & I started on a trip to the pinery logging camps from 50 to 60 miles above our mills We arrived at our prairie farm on Hay River about 38 miles north of Menomonie by the road before dark I shot some prairie hens on the way up-

Wednesday, November 11, 1863

This morning I went out into the field near the farm house & shot 4 prairie hens We started about nine oclck for the first logging camp on Vermillion River 18 miles N. E. of the farm - The road was very bad & it was all our ponies could do to draw our light wagon & load through before night

Thursday, November 12, 1863

Looked about the camp & in the woods to see how the men got along with the cutting & hauling in of pine saw logs—In the afternoon we drove up to Bracklins(?) Camp where we have a dam recently built on the south fork of Vermillion.

Friday, November 13, 1863

To day drove back 30 miles to ?? camp & left our horses there & walked 2 ½ miles to where Langley has a camp & is logging for us – came back to ? camp & drove down to Dick Burnet(?) Camp & thence to John Quarterer Camp where we stopped for the night.

Saturday, November 14, 1863

This morning Tainter Jno Quarterer & I walked 3 miles up to the Dam on Zuarterer Creek after we returned we went down Vermillion in a canoe until we came to a small saw mill recently nested near the mouth of he stream from there we walked to the ford on Menomonie There rode to Barkers Camp

Sunday, November 15, 1863

We staid at Barkers Camp all day There are here about ten log shanties & several Indian wigwams.

Monday, November 16, 1863

Tainter & I started for Rice Lake. We hired an Indian to carry a birch bark canoe from the Menomonie camp to the Lake 2 ½ miles When we got to the Lake we found it ?? & no game there as we had expected. We drove down to the upper pine creek below the ford & camped there.

Tuesday, November 17, 1863

We drove home today

Thursday, November 26, 1863

Thanksgiving day we had a good thanksgiving service from Rev Woodleigh -- First snow to whiten the ground fell to day.

Wednesday, December 9, 1863

Weather has been mild & rainy several days Thermometer 34° at 9 P.M. Sent Morgan Edwards a draft for 50\$ to pay his expenses to come to Menomonie & preach the gospel here.

Sunday, December 13, 1863

We all went to Sunday school – Rev Woodleigh preached in the forenoon

Tuesday, December 15, 1863

Ther. 10° above zero

Wednesday, December 16, 1863

Took Eliza Wilson out to skate on the mill pond The ice is 6 inches thick Wind cold from E. N. E. weather cloudy.

Thursday, December 17, 1863

Snow commenced falling last night & continued during the day to day with high wind from N. E. – The snow is 12 inches deep on the level.

Friday, December 18, 1863

Ther 4° above zero at 7 A.M. Capt. Wilson & I started for Eau Claire at 2 ½ P.M. to enter some land. Staid in West Eau Claire over night & found the accommodations very poor.

Saturday, December 19, 1863

We made the entries for about 760 acres pine land on Township 34, range 11. We started for home at 2 ½ P.M. & arrived at 7 ½ P.M. It is very cold.

Sunday, December 20, 1863

Milder today. Taught my class in Sabbath school. Rev. Woodleigh preached.

Friday, November 27 , 1863

This page belongs two leaves further back To day it snowed considerable say 1 ½ inches. Had deed to McConns & Catternole &C for Niota ferry & town property made out & forwarded.

Sunday, November 29, 1863

Thermometer 5° below zero being the coldest morning this fall. Rev. Mr. Woodleigh preached a very good sermon to day.

Tuesday, December 1, 1863

Fine weather prevails and quite mild Capt. Wilson started for La Crosse & Tainter started for a trip to the woods, to visit the logging camps.

Wednesday, December 2, 1863

To day is still milder than yesterday.

Friday, December 4, 1863

Our mild pleasant weather still continues

Saturday, December 5, 1863

Rec'd letter to day from John H. Douglass stating MClonis(?) had paid in \$1000 on purchase of the ferry &C.

Monday, December 21, 1863

Mild day Ther 24° Enos & I hauled water for filling our cistern. Willie went to school to day for the first time Mrs. Heller is teaching in the building formerly used for printing office near the bridge.

Thursday, December 24, 1863

Snow commenced falling again & fell to depth of 2 or 3 inches I went to prayer meeting in the evening

Friday, December 25, 1863

We had an invitation to spend Christmas at Capt Robinsons in Dunnville I took Vallie Mother Henry Effie & Willie down there in one sleigh. We had a pleasant ride & a good dinner Henry & Effie remained there & I must go for them to morrow Snowed again to day Ther 24°

Saturday, December 26, 1863

Snowed nearly all day went to a war meeting in the evening.

Sunday, December 27, 1863

Snowed some to day Went to Sabbath school & church

Monday, December 28, 1863

Drove to Dunnville to day to get Henry, Effie & Beckie Adams. I took Mr Philips down snow fell(?) fast all day & roads were unbroken & coming home was for me a very tedious time – the snow and cold wind in my face all the way

Wednesday, December 30, 1863

Snow is lying on the ground to depth of 18 inches

Thursday, December 31, 1863

Today it grew much colder

Friday, January 1, 1864

New Year morning 1864. Thermometer start at 4 ½ below zero.