

John H. Knapp
Menomonie, Wisconsin
1867 Diary

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Tuesday, January 1, 1867

Vallie, Effie, Willie, Johnny & I together with Henry Van Reeds family went out to Jno Van Reeds today to spend the New Years Day.

Wednesday, January 2

I left my family at Bro. John Van Reed & came in town in order to go to Philad. in the morning train

Thursday, January 3

Left Reading at 10:30 a.m. for Philad. Stopped at the Continental Hotel Philad. Visited the Masonic Lodge in the evening at Masonic Temple on Chestnut Street

Friday, January 4

Shopping around the city of Philadelphia visiting old acquaintances &c.

Saturday, January 5

Took the 3:30 P.M. train for Reading, arrived in Reading at 6:45

Sunday, January 6

Heard Rev. E.J. Richards preach in the forenoon. It was communion day & a pleasant Sabbath for us.

Monday, January 7

No entry

Tuesday, January 8

Effie & I rode into the city this forenoon and returned in the afternoon.

Wednesday, January 9

Vallie, Willie, Johnny & I went visiting this afternoon at Mrs. Mary Van Reeds. Weather mild & pleasant. Had sick headache all day.

Thursday, January 10

This afternoon we visited at Ms. Gilson's – spent a pleasant afternoon.

Friday, January 11

No entry

Saturday, January 12

I came into Reading this P.M. with Jno Van Reed.

Sunday, January 13

No Entry

Monday, January 14

Vallie, Johnny & I came in with Jno Van Reed to Reading this P.M. Effie and Willie remain in the country.

Tuesday, January 15

I went to Harrisburgh to attend or rather see the inauguration of Gen. Jno W. Geary as governor of PA. I was introduced to Simon Cameron who was this day elected Senator to Congress from Pennsylvania.

Wednesday, January 16

Came back as far as Robesonia last night and remained there until this morning when I came into Reading on the morning train on the Lebanon Valley RR.

Thursday, January 17

No entry

Friday, January 18

No entry

Saturday, January 19

Jno Van Reed brought Willie & Effie into Reading.

Sunday, January 20

Heavy storm of wind & snow this evening. We heard today of the death of Mr. Ferguson's younger child "Harry"

Monday, January 21

Attended the funeral of Harry Ferguson. The child was buried in the Chas. Evans Cemetery, Reading.

Tuesday, January 22

Vallie, the children & I went up to Robesonia in the evening train. Wrote to J.H. Douglas, F. A. McDonald, & J.F. Edwards

Wednesday, January 23

Wrote to J.H.D. & to Misses. Tokner & Field, Boston.

Thursday, January 24

No entry

Friday, January 25

I took Ville, Effie, Willie and Mr. Ferguson sleigh riding to Womelsdorf & back. Drove Mr. Ferguson's team. We had a pleasant ride.

Saturday, January 26

I went to Reading in the morning train and came out again this evening.

Sunday, January 27

Spent the day quietly at Mr. Ferguson's at the Furnace in Robesonia

Monday, January 28

Mr. Ferguson and I left Robesonia at 8 o'clock for Washington. Remained in Harrisburgh several hours finally reaching Baltimore at 7 p.m. Put up at Baurwins' City Hotel.

Tuesday, January 29

We took a walk about Baltimore this morning. Then took cars at about 9 ¼ A.M. for Washington when we arrived 11 A.M. Put up at the Kirkwood House. Washington is noted for its poor hotels.

Wednesday, January 30

Went to Capitol. Both branches of Congress were in session – went to the Navy Yard &c &c.

Thursday, January 31

Visited the U.S. Observatory, Treasury buildings, Patent Office. &c &c. Called on Mr. Hatch.

Friday, February 1

Went to the Smithsonian Institution & at 11 ¼ A.M. left Washington for Philadelphia where we arrived at 5 ½ P.M. Put up at the Continental Hotel.

Saturday, February 2

Left Philad. at 3:30 P.M. for Robesonia where we arrived at about 7 P.M.

Sunday, February 3

No entry

Monday, February 4

No entry

Tuesday, February 5

No entry

Wednesday, February 6

Went into Reading & returned in the evening to Robesonia. Purchased a watch & chain &c for account of Capt. Wilson & have written him to remit the amt. of bill of same \$153.50

Thursday, February 7

No entry

Friday, February 8

No entry

Saturday, February 9

No entry

Sunday, February 10

No entry

Monday, February 11

We left Robesonia with our children for Reading. I sent Mr. Wilson watch & chain by express to Reads.

Tuesday, February 12

Wrote J.H.D & Mr. Stout. Also wrote to Mother. Also wrote to Capt. Buford in regard to freight.

Wednesday, February 13

I took cars for the oil regions (of Germany's? Co. PA) at 11 oclk A.M. via Harrisburgh, Sunbury & Williamsport. Left Harrisburgh on Northern Central RR. at 1:30 P.M. Arrived at Williamsport at 6:30 P.M. Put up at the Herdie House.

Thursday, February 14

Left Williamsport about 9:30 A.M. for Irvington on the P&E RR.train 145 time arriving at Irvington about 6 P.M. as there was no train for the oil regions over the Warren & Franklin RR. Stopped for the night at the S? House. Poor accommodations.

Friday, February 15

The Warren & F.R.R. being out of order to cars on the P&E RR this morning for "Corry." Waited at Corry 1 ¾ hour for train to go on the Oil Creek RR. Left Corry at 9:30 AM for Franklin via petroleum center Oil City &c. Arrived in Franklin 5 PM,

Saturday, February 16

Left Franklin at 10 AM for Elmira via Meadville, Corry & Delmar? on the A&GW RR. Left Meadville at 1:15 PM arriving at Elmira at 1oclk AM Sunday

Sunday, February 17

Attended 1st Pres. Church this forenoon & Trinity Church this evening. Rev. Wm. Clark preached an excellent sermon at the Pres. Church against lotteries. Went out to cousin Jesse Cooley this P.M.

Monday, February 18

Remained in Elmira today and called upon some of my old friends & friends of our family. Cousin Levi J Cooley left Elmira for his new home on Chesapeake Bay. Near Easton on the Eastern shore of Maryland.

Tuesday, February 19

I left Elmira at 6:22 AM for Blossburgh by R. Road. Arrived in Blossburgh 11 ¼ AM. I find Blossburgh very much changed since my last visit here 22 years ago & an entire change since I lived here 32 years ago.

Wednesday, February 20

Left Blossburgh 7 AM for Reading PA via Corning, Elmira, Williamsport, & Harrisburgh. Left Elmira at 5:30 PM & arrived in Reading at 5:30 AM Thursday.

Thursday, February 21

Received nine letters today – I answered and wrote five. Hired a man with horse & sleigh to take me out to Jno Van Reed's where our family was visiting. Family them all well.

Friday, February 22

No Entry

Saturday, February 23

Came into Reading with Jno Van Reed. Rec'd a telegram from Capt Wilson to meet him & Hon. J.G. Thorp at Albany, N.Y. on 24th inst. Went out to Jno Van Reeds again in the evening.

Sunday, February 24

I came into Reading with Bro. J. Van Reed. Willie came in with us & he returned with his uncle Jno to the country. I went to church & then at 11:15 PM left for Albany via New York City. Took berth in sleeping car.

Monday, February 25

Arrived in New York at 5 oclk AM. Left there at 8 AM and arrived in Albany at 1:30 PM via H.R. R.R. Met Capt. Wilson & J.G.Thorp at Delaware House. After transacting the business with them for which I met them here they left for Madison WI at 6 PM.

Tuesday, February 26

I went up to Troy this forenoon & examined the stores of Fuller Warren & Co. and the celebrated PP Stewart store. I met Mr. Stewart there & an odd man he is. I returned to Albany and dined with Hon. E. Cornell

Wednesday, February 27

Left Albany for NY this morning about 7 AM. Arrived in N. York 12:30 PM. Put up at Metropolitan Hotel

Thursday, February 28

In New York

Friday, March 1

Left N. York in 4 PM train for Philad.- arrived in Philadelphia about 8 PM. Put up at the Continental Hotel.

Saturday, March 2

Bought some hardware this AM of Twitt & Co. and a small bill of notions of S.R. Tuggart?. Left for Reading at 3:30 PM. Found Vallie at Bro. Henry Van Reeds.

Sunday, March 3

Went to hear Mr. Richards preach in the Pres. Church this forenoon and the Rev. Wm. Freer this evening in the Baptist Church.

Monday, March 4

Vallie & I took the 11:25 A.M. train for N.Y. via Allentown, PA arrived in N. York about 5:00 PM Put up at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Tuesday, March 5

In New York

Wednesday, March 6

Called on Drs. Richard & Douglas to have Vallie's throat doctored.

Friday, March 8

Rainy – Vallie could not go out about the city any I have been buying goods.

Saturday, March 9

No entry

Sunday, March 10

Rainy

Monday, March 11

Vallie and I took a ride up to Central park and around through the park. The day has been bright & pleasant & this is only the 2nd bright or sunlight day there has been in this month.

Tuesday, March 12

Raining again. Vallie sat for his photograph lg. size to day at Gurney's 707 Broadway

Wednesday, March 13

Vallie went up to Oxford Orange County

Thursday, March 14

Bought dry goods for our firm of Knapp Stout & Co to day

Friday, March 15

Brought drugs & medicines this PM - of McKesson & Robbins I left N.Y. for Oxford at 4 PM. Found mother & Vallie & all our friends well. Took tea at Wm. Hunters.

Saturday, March 16

We all went over to cousin Madison Seely's & took Junior there. We had a pleasant visit. Snowed rapidly all the afternoon.

Sunday, March 17

Snowing all day. We remained indoors at Uncle Nick Seely's

Monday, March 18

Today went to Chester & visited at Hudson Board I called on my Aunt Lockwood there also.

Tuesday, March 19

Mother, Vallie and I left Oxford for N.Y. in the 7:45 AM train. I saw Mother & Vallie off on the 12 PM train of the Central N.J.R.R. for Reading while I commenced buying goods again in N.Y.

Wednesday, March 20

Have not been well to day though I have been kept busy buying goods.

Thursday, March 21

No entry

Friday, March 22

No entry

Saturday, March 23

No entry

Sunday, March 24

I went over to Brooklyn this forenoon with Wm. Peter Knakoff? to hear Rev. Henry Ward Beecher preach in the Plymouth Church. The congregation was large – over 3000 & the sermon was excellent.

Monday, March 25

No entry

Tuesday, March 26

No entry

Wednesday, March 27

No entry

Thursday, March 28

No entry

Friday, March 29

No entry

Saturday, March 30

I have been hard at work buying goods &c for firms of K.S. & Co. and T.B.W. & Co. & am not through yet so have determined to go to Reading, PA & see my wife & children & return here on Monday. Left N.Y. 12 PM on Central RR of N. Jersey - arrived in Reading at 6:05 PM - family all well

Sunday, March 31

Went to the Baptist Church this AM & heard a good sermon from Rev. Freer. In the evening Vallie and I went to the Lutheran Ch. & heard a very strong appeal in behalf of the Christians in Crete & other Eastern Christians who are now oppressed by the Turks.

Mondya, April 1

Wrote to Mother, to J.H. Douglass, T.B.W & K.S & Co. & mailed bills. Cash balance 60\$. Gave Vallie ck. for 75\$.

Tuesday, April 2

Left Reading in the 11:20 AM train for N.York via Allentown. Arrived in N.Y. about 4:30 PM. Bought bill of wall & window paper & then went to Schenak R. & Garbur H. & Black but found these places of business closed.

Wednesday, April 3

Bought clothing for T.B.W. & Co. at W.C. Browning & Co. Shirts &c at Durning & Co. Found boots & shoes for both K.S & Co. at R.W. & Co.

Thursday, April 4

Bought bill at W.J. Penke & Co. for T.B.W. & Co. & of hats &c at Steward Ricketts & Co. & paid & collected several bills – Had the point of the uvula in my throat cut off by Dr. Douglas in Clinton Place as it has been troubling me for some time.

Friday, April 5

Purchased stationary for K.S. & Co. T.B.W & Co. of Mr. D. Appleton & Co.

Saturday, April 6

Paid my bill of books at D. Appleton & Co. Bought suit for Willie. Went up to see Dr. Richard & Douglas about my sore throat. It is getting red. Left New York at 12 noon for Reading via Allentown Line. Arrived in Reading at 6:05 PM.

Sunday, April 7

Went to Pres. Church in the forenoon & to the Lutheran Ch. in the evening where we heard a good sermon by Rev. Fry.

Monday, April 8

Getting ready to start west.

Tuesday, April 9

Left Reading for the west with my family in the 10:40 AM train on the Lebanon Valley RR. Mother joined us at Womelsdorf. Arrived at Altoona at 7:25 PM where stopped for the night.

Wednesday, April 10

We left Altoona at 7:45 AM arrived in Pittsburgh at 1:30 PM & left on P.& Ft.W. R.R. at 2 PM & arrived in Wooster, Ohio about 9 o'clock PM where we stopped to visit Mr. G.B. Smith's family.

Thursday, April 11

Spent the day in Wooster.

Friday, April 12

I left Wooster for Chicago at 9:25 AM. Mother, Vallie, Effie, Willie & Johnny will remain in Wooster until Monday to visit with Mr. Smith's family and will then join me in Chicago.

Saturday, April 13

As the train was detained I did not arrive in Chicago until 12:30 AM last night. Put up at Sherman House. Purchased bill of stoves, mattresses, iron, Queensware &c to' day. Very tired by the time night came.

Sunday, April 14

Went to church this forenoon & heard Rev. Hatfield preach in the Methodist Church. His discourse was upon the death of Abraham Lincoln

Monday, April 15

Busy buying goods of various kinds for K.S. & Co. Rained to' day & I worked hard. Bought 140 M shingles for E.A. Gibbs at his request. Heard the Mendelsohn Quintette Club concert this evng. Miss. Adelaide Phillips sang & Miss Cornilla Urso played on the violin. My family arrived about 11 PM

Tuesday, April 16

This morning we left Chicago at 8:20 for Ft. M. Arrived in Burlington about 7 ½ PM. Went on board stmr. Keithsburgh & arrived in Ft. M during the night.

Wednesday, April 17

This morning finds us in Ft. M. among friends & with pleasant weather. I am quite unwell having taken a bad cold & wanting rest.

Thursday, April 18

I took some medicine last night & have been feeling badly during the forenoon.

Friday, April 19

Loaned William 150\$ on 4 mo. note. Had a pleasant family visit at John Douglas, Wm., Deborah & Mary & Jonas & his wife & Carrie their daughter. Our family with mother & Almeda were all there.

Saturday, April 20

Day fine. Sent draft received from Baldwin & Dodge for lot sold in Council Bluffs. Amt. \$472.60 & U.S. -7-30-1000\$ bond to cash Corn Exch. BK. for cr. of my account.

Sunday, April 21

No entry

Monday, April 22

No entry

Tuesday, April 23

No entry

Wednesday, April 24

I sent \$2000 via in U.S. -7-30-bonds of my own to 3rd Nat.BK, Chicago for credit of account K.S. & Co.

Thursday, April 25

Left Ft. Madison at 4 PM on stmr. Davenport taking with me Vallie, Effie, Willie & Johnny. I shipped 50 Bbls. pork for K.S. & Co.

Friday, April 26
No entry

Saturday, April 27
No entry

Sunday, April 28
About midnight we arrived in Reads Ldg. Dark & rainy. Put up at the Ballard House.

Monday, April 29
We remained in Reads Ldg. to day & made a visit with T.B. Wilson's family.

Tuesday, April 30
We left Reads about 7 ½ AM on the Johnny Schumaker, the same boat we went out the Chippewa on last fall. We arrived at Dunnville about 1 oclck & in Menomonie 5 oclck P.M. & found our house & everything safe & about as we left it last fall.

Wednesday, May 1 - Friday, May 10
No entry

Saturday, May 11
Today weather mild & pleasant. Took Vallie, Johnny, & Mr. Cook out riding.

Sunday, May 12
Cold & rainy. The spring is very backward.

Monday, May 13
Cold rain this forenoon & half the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 14
Rainy day – white frost this morning & rain half of the day at least.

Wednesday, May 15
Rained this forenoon.

Thursday, May 16
Mr. Thorp, Graham & Ingraham? came over yesterday from Eau Claire & to day spent the forenoon showing Mr. G. around our mills &C. Some hail & rain to day. This P.M. pleasant

Friday, May 17
No entry

Saturday, May 18

Went out with Fowler county surveyor to _? the north & south line dividing sec. 27, T28 R13

Sunday, May 19

Cold & rainy. On account of the weather Vallie did not go to school & I walked over to the school house & took her class.

Monday, May 20

I went out with the county surveyor G.M. Fowler to finish the survey he commenced on Saturday. Rained all the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 21

Cold, windy & cloudy. Meeting of the F.& A.M. this evening.

Wednesday, May 22

Busy in the office until 10 AM. Took Vallie riding. We went up to see the logs- the river is full for 5 miles. Weather cold – overcoat is necessary. Johnny fell down the stairs over the railing & on to the hall floor below – a distance of 15-18 feet. We picked him up insensible and feared he was killed. We carried him in the open air & put some cold water on his face & he revived. - Thank the Lord no bones are broken and no serious injuries so far as we can discover.

Thursday May 23

Johnny much better to day. He sleeps half the time & complains of his neck hurting him.

Friday, May 24

To day we ploughed ground for potatoes. Weather pleasant but showery. Johnny is getting better.

Saturday, May 25

Johnny seems quite smart to day though weak. Spring is back ward. The oak buds are just putting forth in our yard. The leaves on the Tamarack $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. long. Mountain ash leaves $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch long. Wild plums preparing to bloom.

Sunday, May 26

Pleasant day. Attended church morning & evening.

Monday, May 27

Busy in the office this A.M. writing business letters &c. Weather mild. John planted main crop of potatoes. Early Goodrich & Dykeman for family use.

Tuesday, May 28

Cold rain all day

Wednesday, May 29
Fair & warm

Thursday, May 30
No entry

Friday, May 31
No entry

Saturday, June 1
Rained all day very hard & steadily & half the night last night. Gave orders to Mr. Davids, salesman of Bliss Whiting Peace? & McKenna for some clothing to be sent by Am. Ex. Co.

Sunday, June 2
Showery in the afternoon

Monday, June 3
Warm & fair. Strawberry & Huckleberry plants (wild) in bloom in our yard. Left out 50 agriculturist & 50 Russett prolific strawberry plants. First mosquitoes of the season appeared to bite in their usual voracious style to day.

Tuesday, June 4
Commenced work towards building our chimney at 9 A.M. to day. Warm & fair. Mr. Harris worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day.

Wednesday, June 5
Very warm day – no work done on chimney &c to day.

Thursday, June 6
To day Chris Conrad commenced laying up chimney in our house. Warm & fair. Mr. Harris worked.

Friday, June 7
Mr. Harris worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day at tearing out planting or cutting away timber to give place for building the chimney. Chris Conrad about to day. Weather very warm.

Saturday, June 8
Weather still very warm. Conrad worked on the chimney to day – assisted by Mr. Sprengling. Attended ordering dry goods, hardware, drugs, stoves &c from Chicago.

Sunday, June 9
Superintended the Sabbath School for the first time.

Monday, June 10

Chris Conrad worked on the chimney assisted by Geo. Sprengling. Mr. Edwards was here about 4 hours.

Tuesday, June 11

Conrad & Sprengling worked on chimney to day. Clark worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day.

Wednesday, June 12

S.N Adams was here & we gave him a draft on Mr. Stout DuBuxen? for \$5400 sixty days for 2000 bushels wheat @ 70 per bush bought of him at Durand. Conrad & Sprengling worked on the chimney.

Thursday, June 13

Mr. Edwards & Mr. Harris came over this afternoon & worked on the chimney or rather in cutting holes in the roof for the chimney &c. Conrad & Sprengling also worked. Very heavy thunderstorms this evening.

Friday, June 14

Very heavy thunderstorms all night. Mr. Harris worked to day. Mr. Edwards here most of the afternoon. Conrad worked at mortar making & repair of walls about cellar windows. Attended a reception at Capt. Wilson's in the evening. Given an account of his son Mark who recently married.

Saturday, June 15

Mr. Harris worked this forenoon. Chris Conrad worked on chimney. Mr. Edwards was here $\frac{2}{3}$ of the afternoon. Day pleasant.

Sunday, June 16

Pleasant morning for Sunday sermon about 100 people present. Heavy rain tonight with thunder & lightning.

Monday, June 17

Chris Conrad finished the chimney brick work to day. Mr. Harris worked $\frac{1}{4}$ day this P.M. Rained the A.M.

Tuesday, June 18

Chris Conrad worked to day at my house & Mr. Harris $\frac{1}{2}$ day this A.M.

Wednesday, June 19

Conrad worked to day & old man Sprengling worked cleaning out cellar & about the stable all day. Rained some to day. Wrote to Mr. Stout.

Thursday, June 20

Heavy rain all night. Chris Conrad worked for me to day.

Friday, June 21

Weather warm & mosquitoes are worse than they have been any time during past 4 years. Chris worked to day.

Saturday, June 22

Chris Conrad worked for me to day. Weather warm.

Sunday, June 23

Superintended S. School to day. Rev. Ames preached. During divine services we had a very heavy rain. In the afternoon the lightning struck two pine trees 150 yds from our house & tore one all to pieces.

Monday, June 24

Rained last night again.

Tuesday, June 25

Laid off a road up the hill near our house on what is called the Hudson Road. The present road is steep & passes 30 rods away from the school house. The one we have laid off will be easy in grade within six rods of the school house.

Wednesday, June 26

No entry

Thursday, June 27

No entry

Friday, June 28

Miller worked at papering our bed room. Weather warm.

Saturday, June 29

Miller worked at papering the children's room. Rev. J.C. Sherman called on us this P.M. This has been a busy week & one of hard work at many things. This has been the warmest day so far this season.

Sunday, June 30

Superintended the Sabbath School this A.M. Rev. J.C. Sherman preached both morning & evening. Thunderstorms this evening.

Monday, July 1

T. McHogan & one man to help him (Maloney) came from Eau Claire to work at kalsomining our walls. We moved part of our lawn – that part comprising the flower garden.

Tuesday, July 2

Fair & rain alternately. A very heavy thunder storm lasting 2 or 3 hours came up this A.M. Clear & pleasant in the afternoon. McHogan finished kalsomining the parlor. Mud the ceilings of the library, dining room & lower hall 198 yds. Pd. him \$29.50

Wednesday, July 3

Heavy rain again part of the day to day. Mr. Anderman did a little painting for us this evening. Took Vallie out for a short ride this A.M. I am very tired to night. Every day I find so much to do that I am tired by the time it is 7 o'clock P.M.

Thursday, July 4

I worked hard to day with Mr. Edwards trying to fix our bath room pipes which leak now. We did not succeed an accident occurred in town to day where one Rob Phillips lost his right fore arm by the premature discharge of a cannon.

Friday, July 5

Mr. Miller worked at papering the library assisted by H. C. Ladd $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. Strawberries are plentiful. Mr. Edwards and I worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day this P.M. at the bathroom.

Saturday, July 6

Jake Miller & H.C. Ladd hung paper for us to day.

Sunday, July 7

Attended Sabbath school & church as usual. Day fine and rather cool.

Monday, July 8

Busy working at home most of the day. Miller & Ladd finished papering in another room & whitening the ceilings in the upper hall & put on some paper in the dining room.

Tuesday, July 9

Miller & Ladd worked at papering to day.

Wednesday, July 10

Miller & Ladd worked to day. Harris worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day fitting bath room wood work &c &c.

Thursday, July 11

Miller & Ladd worked to day. Vallie, Johnny & I rode down to Downsville and met Henry & mother. We all arrived at home about 5 P.M. The children and all of us are very glad that Grandma & Henry have returned home.

Friday, July 12

Miller worked to day & finished papering the hall below & varnished the furniture in the library.

Saturday, July 13

Miller worked to day at varnishing. I wrote several letters this forenoon & about 11 oclck Henry & I went up the mill creek pond in my little boat in hopes of catching some trout. The mosquitoes were very bad & we caught very few fish.

Sunday, July 14

Superintended S. School & went to church in A.M. Mr. Ruoker? set forth the advantages of the bible & the society – for its diffusion among the mass of the people.

Monday, July 15

No entry

Tuesday, July 16

No entry

Wednesday, July 17

No entry

Thursday, July 18

No entry

Friday, July 19

Miller commenced papering on the 2nd story hall to day. Ladd commenced work painting fence - painted about 4 panels to day. Weather warm & dry.

Saturday, July 20

Warm day. Miller & Ladd both worked for me. Raspberries & Huckleberries came in to sell in large quantities. Huckleberries at 8c & Raspberries at 20 cts per qt.

Sunday, July 21

No entry

Monday, July 22

Miller worked at papering in hall. Ladd worked half a day painting fence. Very warm – 87 all day in the shade.

Tuesday, July 23

Shower to day. Miller finished papering the attic hall about noon cloudy & sultry.

Wednesday, July 24

Miller worked to day.

Thursday, July 25

Weather warm. Miller worked to day. He finished papering front bed room.

Friday, July 26

Miller worked on upper porch & at making a drawing table for the children & in the afternoon gave Effie & Minnie lesson. Day warm & sultry.

Saturday, July 27

Warm to day. Miller worked on upper porch this A.M. & gave the children drawing lessons this P.M. About 8 PM the wind shifted to N.W. & the air became quite cool.

Sunday, July 28

Cold to day. Ther. 74. Superintended the S. School & went to church in the forenoon.

Monday, July 29

Capt. Frank Hatch, Mark Wilson, Henry & I went out to shoot wild duck. We found but very few. Miller worked to day.

Tuesday, July 30

Fine day. Took a stroll up about the river bottom a mile & a half. The woods are full of Raspberries, Blueberries &c. Rcvd. a letter from John Douglas giving us the unwelcome intelligence that Bro. Jonas' barn shed & wagon house had burned down on 22nd July.

Wednesday, July 31

Miller worked this P.M. making sundry articles & also gave Effie her music lesson & the second drawing lesson to all the children.

Thursday, August 1

Miller worked half a day.

Friday, August 2

Miller worked to day painting fence.

Saturday, August 3

Miller worked to day painting fence.

Sunday, August 4

I superintended the Sabbath school in the forenoon & went to church in the evening.

Monday, August 5

Miller worked to day. Weather very warm to day.

Tuesday, August 6

Miller worked to day sketching. Our children had vacation granted for 3 weeks. Very warm weather. Ther. 90.

Wednesday, August 7

Miller worked to day. Hot weather – Ther. 94 to 96. Night air also warm.

Thursday, August 8

Miller worked at sketching this day & the few days past have been the hot days of this year thus far. Ther. varying from 88 to 92 in the middle of the day & about 72 in the evening.

Friday, August 9

Very cool to day. Ther. 62 in the morning. Recd. four loads Timothy hay to day from K.S. & Co. Miller was sick & did not come to day. Henry & I went to the Moore farm I shot 8 prairie chickens on my return.

Saturday, August 10

Cool this morning. Ther. 62. at noon Ther. 80 at evening Ther. 62. Miller worked to day. Recd. 4 loads hay to day.

Sunday, August 11

No entry

Monday, August 12

No entry

Tuesday, August 13

No entry

Wednesday, August 14

Capt. Frank Hatch, Mark W., Howard Edwards & I went over to Elk Lake duck shooting. We worked hard & got 25 ducks & came home about 10 ocl P.M.

Thursday, August 15

No entry

Friday, August 16

Sent 3500\$ U.S. 7 3/10 to 3rd Natl. BK Chicago for exchange to 5-20's Which I have ordered. Returned to Vallie. Went to Downsville & met Dr. Rinehart & Johnny Lyman. We arrived in Menomonie at 1 P.M. Very hot & sultry.

Saturday, August 17

Miller worked for me all of this week except this afternoon. Vallie was sick today & at 11 ocl P.M. we had a young son Eddie ushered into this breathing world. Dr. Rinehart was our physician & Mrs. Cook nurse.

Sunday, August 18

Went to S. school & church as usual.

Monday, August 19

Wrote several business letters this A.M. & this P.M. Took Dr. Rinehart & the children or part of them out riding.

Tuesday, August 20

This is Willie's birth day & I pitched one tent in the yard for him & his little party of friends & they had a joyous time. About 6 ½ P.M. a very heavy rain came up lasting an hour.

Wednesday, August 21

Heavy fog this morning & warm day after fog went off. 84 to 86 in the shade. I had a very severe nervous headache most of this day. Miller worked at varnishing dining room &c

Thursday, August 22

No entry

Friday, August 23

No entry

Saturday, August 24

Miller gave Effie a music lesson. I took Dr. Rinehart, Johnny Lyman, Effie, & Willie out to Gilbert Creek about 5 miles from her for a ride to see the country, catch some trout &c. I caught 19 trout in about two hours.

Sunday, August 25

No entry

Monday, August 26

No entry

Tuesday, August 27

No entry

Wednesday, August 28

No entry

Thursday, August 29

Took Dr. Rinehart & Johnny Lyman to Durand to meet boat. They have started home to Ft. M. Willie went to Durand with me – left home about 7 A.M. returned about 7 P.M.

Friday, August 30

This morning the frost is on the ground – the first frost this fall & it was sufficient to kill the corn vines &c.

Saturday, August 31

No entry

Sunday, September 1

Superintended the S. School. Went to church morning & evening. Rev. E.R. Beecher preached for the Bible cause this A.M. Rev. Wm. Haw preached his farewell sermon this evening.

Monday, September 2

Annual meeting of the Dunn Co. Bible Soc'y. held at K.S. & Co. office 10 A.M. Offices elected for business year – WM. Wilson, Pres., A.J. Brunell, V. Pres., A.J. Messinger Secy, J.H. Knapp, Secy. Committee- B.B. Downs, H. Boock, M. Halfhide

Tuesday, September 3

Mr Stout & his sons Lance & Frank left for home this morning. I was very busy to day. This evening went to Masonic Lodge.

Wednesday, September 4

No entry

Thursday, September 5

Settled with Rev. E.R. Beecher agt. American Bible Socy. Paid him bal. due on sale of books & collections \$217.69. In the afternoon Henry & I went up to the head of the mill pond where I shot and brought to bag 10 ducks, 1 _? & 2 plovers. We gathered also a few plums.

Friday, September 6

Took Vallie out riding this A.M. Wrote several letters & attended to various affairs at home.

Saturday, September 7

Miller gave Effie music & drawing lessons this P.M. Marked Henry's clothes & have all his things now ready for him to start down the river on Monday to go to school at Denmark, Iowa. Heavy hail storm about 10 P.M. Hail fell 1 ½ in diameter

Sunday, September 8

No church this A.M. Rev. Ames preached this evening.

Monday, September 9

Henry left home to go to Denmark, Iowa to school at the academy there. Weather cool.

Tuesday, September 10

Sent the goods mem. to John H. Douglass to day. Rode out into the Norwegian settlement this afternoon. I shot 6 goose John two. I killed two flying and one shot with a single barrel.

Wednesday, September 11

At the office & store during the forenoon. Took Vallie, Mother, Mrs. Cook & Effie & Johnny out riding this P.M. and afternoon went over to the farm & shot 4 grouse which makes 30 at least that I have killed this season.

Thursday, September 12

I went out this P.M. to look for Woodcock in Gilbert Creek bottom. Did not find any but bagged 1 ruffed grouse, 1 pigeon & a mink.

Friday, September 13

No entry

Saturday, September 14

Took the children out riding beyond the home farm to gather hazelnuts. Weather cool.

Sunday, September 15

Weather very cool this morning so that I wore my fall overcoat & thick clothes to Sabbath school. About noon weather became very warm & linen clothes would not have been at all uncomfortable.

Monday, September 16

Took cribs to J. F. Edwards shop for repairs paid him one 7-30 bond for \$500 due Aug. 15, 1868 & one 18.25 coupon attached - also cash BK notes 50\$. He is just getting the south Door & Blind _? Pd Wm. McKahan for Masonic Lodge 40\$ & that with 10\$ previously paid in a loan to the Lodge.

Tuesday, September 17

Today we had a heavy rain which was very much needed. Wrote J.H.D. & sent circular of price current of Iron. Vallie is still quite sick with an inflamed breast.

Wednesday, September 18

This is Vallie's birth day & finds all well at home except her - she being down sick with inflammation of the breast.

Thursday, September 19

Very heavy rain last night & to day.

Friday, September 20

Weather again pleasant. I was up all night last night waiting on Vallie she is better to day. The inflamed breast having broken we may now look for her rapid improvement.

Saturday, September 21

Took the new Sabbath School Library over to the school house this morning. Wrote to J.H.D.

Sunday, September 22

Attended church & Sabbath School as usual.

Monday, September 23

No entry

Tuesday, September 24

Mr. Wilson started to Chicago to aid J.H. Douglas in buying goods. I went out this afternoon to Mr. Brunell's farm & Elk Creek on Dunnville road & shot 12 Grouse 4 pigeons & 3 quails.

Wednesday, September 25

No entry

Thursday, September 26

Took Vallie Effie & Johnny to Downsville for a ride. In the afternoon I went out shooting with Evans. We found but little game I shot 1 pheasant & a duck.

Friday, September 27

This morning went with Evans out into the Massy settlement & we shot 13 grouse. Started home with my family after dinner & on the way I killed 3 more chickens making 12 for me to day. Very warm this P.M.

Saturday, September 28

At the store & office most of the day. Warm to day. Thermometer 80 above zero.

Sunday, September 29

Went to S. School & church this forenoon- weather fine. Cool this evening.

Monday, September 30

Frost last night the second frost of this fall that has done any damage to vegetation.

Tuesday, October 1

No entry

Wednesday, October 2

Mr. Edwards had the chimney top commenced to day. Took Vallie mother & Johnny riding this forenoon. Drove Flora this eve'g to _?

Thursday, October 3

No entry

Friday, October 4

J.F. Edwards & son & I went over to Elk Lake to day duck hunting. Took my boat on a wagon, tent &c & camped out on the south side of the Lake shore. Rained in the afternoon so that we hunted but little.

Saturday, October 5

Cleared off in the night. Hunted till noon & left for home having had but little chance to get geese. We killed 12 ducks 6 snipe 1 bittern & one pheasant.

Sunday, October 6

Superintended the Sabbath school & went to church in the forenoon.

Monday, October 7

Went to West Eau Claire to day to assist in instituting R.A. Chapter. J.H. Edwards accompanied me in my carriage.

Tuesday, October 8

We remained in West Eau Claire to day.

Wednesday, October 9

Returned to Menomonie accompanied by Mister Edwards & McKahan

Thursday, October 10

No entry

Friday, October 11

No entry

Saturday, October 12

No entry

Sunday, October 13

No entry

Monday, October 14

Got ready for a duck hunt over to Chippewa about mouth Elk Creek.

Tuesday, October 15

Was disappointed about starting on a hunting & camping to day as our little Johnny was sick last night. Jose Brunette was married in the Methodist Church at 8 A.M. to Mr. Kauff? of Eau Claire. Weather fine.

Wednesday, October 16

Mr. Edwards & I left Menomonie about 11 A.M. to hunt duck & geese on the Chippewa River. We took my boat, tent &c & a boy to keep camp for us & drove to mouth of Elk Creek & arrived there at 3 P.M. Camped & went over to a goose pond due N. East. I killed 3 ducks. Rained heavily during the night.

Thursday, October 17

We went out to the goose pond before breakfast & I shot two geese & a snipe. Mr. Edwards shot a snipe. Went back to camp for breakfast near camp I shot 21 pheasants – after breakfast went out to the goose pond but I did not get anything but 1 snipe – moved camp in the afternoon down river 14 miles.

Friday, October 18

Had no success to day in hunting – moved camp to first bend on the Menomonie River about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile below Dunnville. Weather mild & very pleasant. gusts smoky?

Saturday, October 19

Did not find any game this forenoon – so concluded to break camp & go home which we did this afternoon. Weather very warm.

Sunday, October 20

Sunday school & church in the forenoon.

Monday, October 21

No entry

Tuesday, October 22

No entry

Wednesday, October 23

Capt. W. went to Dunnville to see the stmr. “Annie Gerdow“ then on to Rumsey’s Landing where I got on board the stmr. Chippewa & went to Eau Claire. Met Maj. Genl. G.K. Warren on board who is making a reconnaissance of the Chippewa River.

Thursday, October 24

Returned to Menomonie by stage. Arrived in Menomonie about 3 P.M.

Friday, October 25

Wrote Hon. J.G. Thorp, H.L. Stout, J.H. Douglas, E.A. Gibbs, &c &c

Saturday, October 26

Wrote C.H. Beckwith in regard to the shipment of hay & powder on 9th Aug.

Sunday, October 27

Superintended the Sunday school & heard Rev. Ames preach this forenoon. Weather very fine.

Monday, October 28

Vallie & I left Menomonie about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ oclk. A.M. in our buggy – When we arrived in Dunnville found that Pete Wilson had left $\frac{3}{4}$ hour before – Drove on to Waubeek where we got dinner & went on board the “Pete-Wilson” which was lying there. Left Waubeek at 1 P.M.

Tuesday, October 29

Left Reads Ldg. at 3 oclck P.M. on board stmr. Milwaukee. Cold stormy day. Slight tendency to snow.

Wednesday, October 30

On board "Milwaukee"

Thursday, October 31

Found ourselves being at the levee in DuBuque this morning went up to Mr. Stout's

Friday, November 1

Spent most of the day in DuBuque & left there at 4 P.M. Took cars on Ill. Cent. R.R. at 5 P.M.

Saturday, November 2

Arrived in Burlington about 9 A.M. Left there at 11 oclck. in carriage for Ft. Madison where we arrived at 2 ¼ P.M. & found our friends as well as usual.

Sunday, November 3

Went to Baptist Church & heard an excellent discourse by Dr. Patterson.

Monday, November 4

Visiting our friends in Ft. M.

Tuesday, November 5

No entry

Wednesday, November 6

Went out to Brother Jonas. Bought 2 yokes of large cattle of Capt. Davis for 190\$ per yoke.

Thursday, November 7

We left Ft. Madison at 9 A.M. arrived in Burlington at 1 P.M. Left Burlington on C.B. & Q R.R. at 7 P.M. & arrived at Mendota about 2:15 A.M. & had to lay over here 10 hours much to our disappointment .

Friday, November 8

Left Mendota about 1 P.M. & arrived in DuBuque 8 P.M. Staid at Mr. Stout's all night. Vallie left DuBuque for Reads Ldg. & home on steamer Key City about 12 noon & I remain here to take first train for Chicago. Met Eliza Wilson at Mr. Stouts who will proceed to Chicago with me.

Saturday, November 9

I took Vallie on board stmr. Key City at 8 oclk A.M. The boat did not start up river until noon. Fare to Reads Landing \$8.50. I remained in DuBuque as there is no evening train to Chicago. I have to remain until tomorrow evening.

Sunday, November 10

Went to Presbyterian Church this A.M. with Mrs. Huff. Heard an excellent sermon by Dr. S? pastor of the Presb. Ch. The singing by the choir was excellent. Eliza Wilson & I left D. for Chicago at 4 ½ P.M.

Monday, November 11

Arrived in Chicago at 3 A.M. We spent the day examining furniture, carpets, &c which Eliza came here to buy for her fathers house. In the evening we went to hear the Mendelsohn concerts

Tuesday, November 12

I bought mattresses & furniture &c &c for the Menomonie house. Mattresses of E.G. L. Fax? & Co. & furniture of Char. Tobey & Co.

Wednesday, November 13

Concluded purchases for the "Menomonie House" and did some shopping for myself & family – and started for home via Milwaukee at 4:30 P.M. Eliza remained in Chicago to complete her shopping.

Thursday, November 14

Arrived at La Crosse at 8:30 A.M. Left there at 9 A.M. on stmr. Phil Sheridan for Winona. Arrived in Winona at 12 ¾ P.M. Looked at sleighs made by Wood & Grant. They ask 350\$ for an open 3 seat sleigh & 250\$ for a top cutter with hole & shafts.

Friday, November 15

No boat came up last evening so had to remain in Winona until about 9 A.M. when I got on board the Addie Johnston to go to Reads Ldg. Arrived in Reads Ldg. 6 ½ P.M.

Saturday, November 16

Left Reads on the Monitor at 8 ¼ A.M. Arrived in Durand 12 ½ oclk noon & took the Company Hack to Waubeek where I got dinner. After dinner Billy Wilson took me to Menomonie.

Sunday, November 17

Went to Sabbath school & church in the forenoon. 109 in Sabbath school to day - weather very fine.

Monday, November 18

Weather still very fine. Have been busy all day at the store & office.

Tuesday, November 19

Busy writing in the office. Warm pleasant weather. Ther. 40 at 8 oclck P.M.

Wednesday, November 20

Fine lovely fall weather. Wrote letters this forenoon. Took Vallie & mother out riding this P.M.

Thursday, November 21

No entry

Friday, November 22

No entry

Saturday, November 23

No entry

Sunday, November 24

Cloudy & cool to day.

Monday, November 25

Weather pleasant. Spent the forenoon in the office writing.

Tuesday, November 26

Went out in the woods between Gilbert & Wilson creeks hunting deer. Did not see any shot one pheasant and a large grey squirrel. Weather clear & pleasant. Hard frost last night.

Wednesday, November 27

No entry

Thursday, November 28

Snow fell to the depth of one inch & weather growing colder. This is Thanksgiving day. Rev. Ames preached in K.S. & Co.'s Hall. In the evening the children's Sabbath school festival was held in the same place. \$60 net was realized for the S. school.

Friday, November 29

This morning is the first cold morning of this fall. Ther. at zero at 7 oclck. A.M. I went out in the woods for about 3 hours hunting - I did not see any game.

Saturday, November 30

This morning Ther. 20 below zero & was quite cold until noon. Moderated in the afternoon. The ice on the pond is 2 inches thick& skating pretty good.

Sunday, December 1

Weather moderate to day. Ther. 28. Went to Sabbath school & then to the Methodist Quarterly meeting. Rev. Cobbin preached.

Monday, December 2

No entry

Tuesday, December 3

No entry

Wednesday, December 4

No entry

Thursday, December 5

Sent the teams over for _? to sew for Vallie & then drove it to Dunnville & got a box of furniture for ourselves which I bought in Chicago. Ther. at zero this morning. Effie was taken sick this evening with scarlet fever.

Friday, December 6

Watching with Effie. She has very high fever. Pulse 132 & skin broken out with scarlet rash. Sent for Dr. Lampell who administered the following medicines 20 drops Belladonna, 20 drops Aconite & 4 oz water – a teaspoonful every 2 hours – also _? Ammonia zij & viii gr aqua _?

Dose teaspoonful every hour – we apply mustard to her neck- then afterwards cloth wet with vinegar & gargle with _? Potasine zij water _?

Saturday, December 7

No entry

Sunday, December 8

The fever still continues. Johnny has also taken the scarlet fever though apparently it is very light with hives. I remain close at home watching & caring for Effie.

Monday, December 9

At home taking care of dear Effie. Her skin is scarlet & throat very sore. I did not go away from the house to day.

Tuesday, December 10

Still at home taking care of the sick – Johnny is seemingly pretty well & plays about as usual – Effie seems somewhat better. I take entire care of Effie during the night & give her medicine every hour. A little snow fell to day.

Wednesday, December 11

No entry

Thursday, December 12

No entry

Friday, December 13

No entry

Saturday, December 14

I have remained at home nearly all the time this week taking care of Effie. She is better to day but her throat is still considerably ulcerated. She is taking tonics & gargles often with benefit.

Sunday, December 15

I went to church this forenoon. Rev. D. Golden preached from the text John, 5 Chap 4 verse. Effie is better & slept well last night.

Monday, December 16

This morning rain fell for a short time & froze as fast as it fell. There is not snow enough yet for sleighing.

Tuesday, December 17

No entry

Wednesday, December 18

No entry

Thursday, December 19

No entry

Friday, December 20

I have been trying to get the Menomonie House put in running order. Effie is still in bed & requires constant care. To day her neck is very sore – weather mild & clear. Ther. 14 at 7 A.M.

Saturday, December 21

No entry

Sunday, December 22

Discharged my duties as superintendent of Sunday school as much as I could & remained to hear Rev. Ames preach a poor sermon. Very stormy. Mr. Cook started for Lake City.

Monday, December 23

Very clear beautiful bracing weather.

Tuesday, December 24

No entry

Wednesday, December 25

No entry

Thursday, December 26

No entry

Friday, December 27

No entry

Saturday, December 28

I remained at home nearly all day taking care of Effie. This is the eighth day we have been poulticing the gathering in her neck & it has not opened yet. Wrote some letters.

Sunday, December 29

Fine day, went to S.S. & church. Beautiful weather clear & cool.

Monday, December 30

Weather exceedingly fine. Ther. about zero. Barometer 30.50. I lanced the gathering on Effie's neck this morning & since that time she has rapidly improved.

Tuesday, December 31

Weather still fine, very busy. Effie is getting along nicely now. The old year is fast drawing to a close & brings many affections. Might not the days many of them been spent more profitably? Have I done all the good I might have done? Have I been thankful to God as I ought & manifested my gratitude to him? There are many other questions I may justly ponder well. The days & the years are all in Gods hands & to him I look for care & protection & guidance in the days to come even as those that have past.