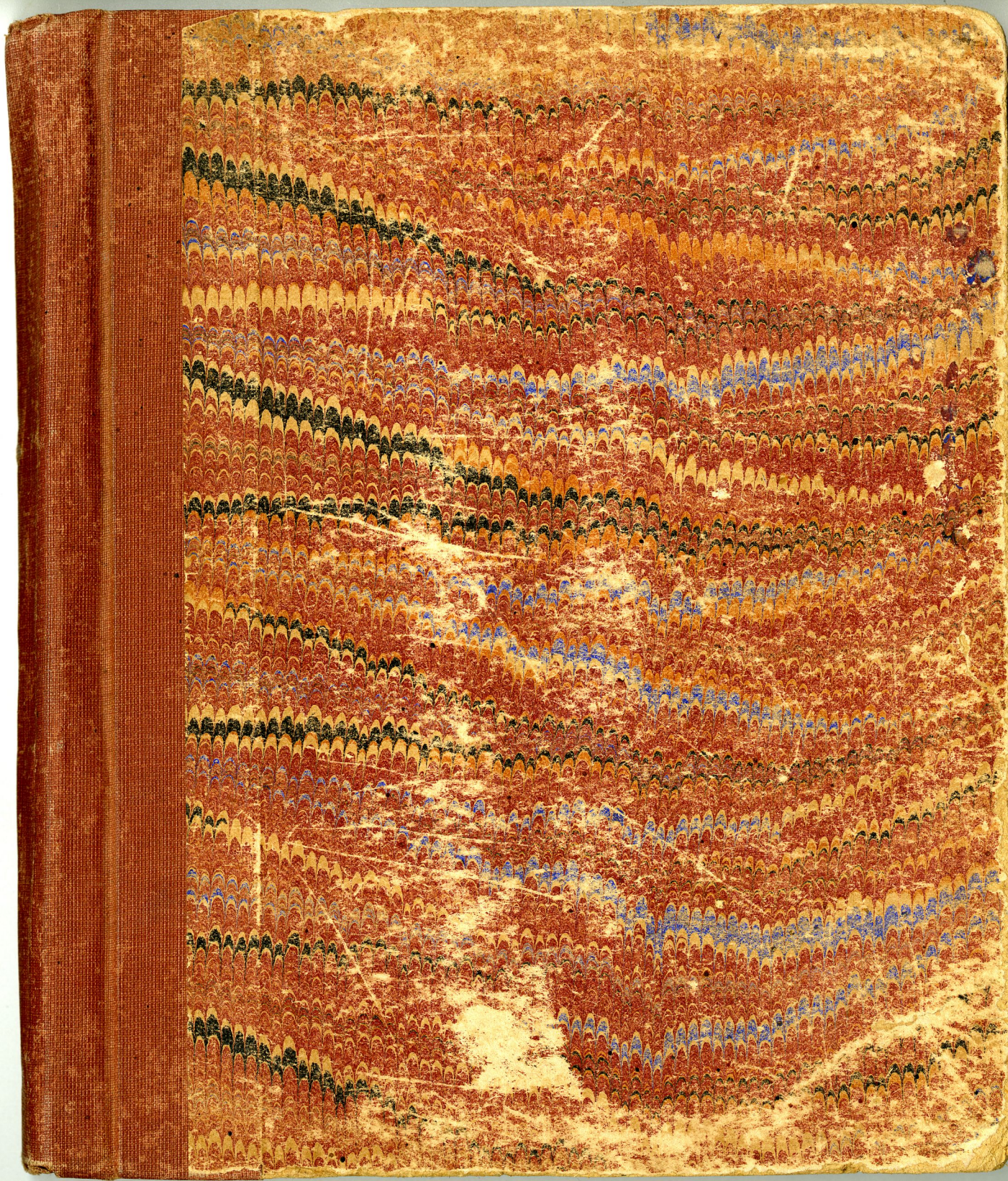






August 4/1891

A regular August day - hot in the sun and not very cool in the shade, - about 87° Wind S E and every indication of rain.

Sunday Aug. 2

Strong N E cool wind and heavy clouds all day with every appearance of rain. About 6 p.m. a little rain fell - enough to lay the dust - and then stopped much to the disgust of all.

Aug 3

Cloudy and but little sunshine. Harmer toward evening. Workmen began on Ambrose house.

Aug 4

nd Sun about 86° and very dry

Aug. 5

rd Took evidence in case of Bill vs Harmer et al. at Chancery
rd Sun. 88°

Aug. 6
Hot and dry. ^{up} Therm. 90° in shade

Aug. 7
^{up} Therm. 95° in my east window
at 1 p.m. and the sky like beaten
brass

Aug. 8
^{up} Therm. about as yesterday with
less breeze and very uncomfortable.
Sold my horse Tom for \$125. Good
By Tom

Sunday Aug. 9
A very hot day and high winds
from South. ^{up} Therm 97. About 6 p.m. a
heavy cloud came up and promised
rain but split in two and went
north & south of us. Did not go to
church

Aug. 10
Another hot day but a little cooler
than yesterday. ^{up} Therm. 90. at 2 p.m.
Again about 5 p.m. we were threatened
with rain. A great black ball of a cloud came
up with much thunder but no rain

Aug. 11
A hot morning with signs of rain.
About noon a heavy cloud from the
N.W. overspread us with heavy thunder.
It was supposed for a while that like
so many "signs" of late it was a false
alarm. About 12.30 the clouds unloosed
themselves and the rain poured
down in torrents for 15 minutes and
a lighter rain fell subsequently. The
ground has not had such a wetting
for months. Considerable wind
followed.

Aug. 12
Rained heavy but dried before
night. There was

Aug. 13
Went to Homer ^{up} Fair at 8½ &
returned at 2 p.m.

Aug. 14
Rained a little in the night
enough to keep the soil.

Aug 15
Received a letter towards
morning. Grass after being
burned up has now begun
to start a little. Temp 95°

Sunday Aug 16
Received letter last night and
water stands in puddles.

Aug 17
Temp 90°
Warm and muggy.
at noon

Aug 18
Received a letter last night
Temp about 90°

Aug 19
Received again last night
Grass growing to the green
Harmon

Aug 20
A little more rain last night
Temp 86°. Heard of Col. ^{up} Hank-
ham's death.

Aug 21
Cooler to day and very agree-
able. Temp about 88°. Rained
last night a little. Roads good
Corn growing.

Aug 22
Attended Col. ^{up} Hankham's funeral
at Harmer, burial by H. ^{up} V. A. Hear cool
dear of wonderful beauty.

Sunday Aug 23
Cloudy and cool enough to make
an overcoat comfortable.

Aug 24
Cloudy and cool with a
little rain most of the

Aug 25
Clear and cool - delightful. Last
day of fair. Old settlers day.

Aug 26
Harmer with clouds and appearance
of rain. Temp 88°. Roads very dusty.

Aug 27

Rained a little last night, enough
to lay dust nicely. Cooler. Temp 74°

Aug 28

Almost cool enough for a frost last night,
and overcasts in demand this a.m.
A clear beautiful day.

Aug 29

Another beautiful clear day.

Sunday Aug 30

A beautiful clear day. Did not go to
church. In the evening drove
over to see Bro. Parm.

Aug. 31

Went to Springfield to day to
attend sick of Busby vs. Boutley
in H. S. Court.

- Sep. 1

Commenced trial before
Allen Judge, and heard
all evidence

Sept. 2

Argued the case and spoke
2 hours.

Sept. 3

Returned home and found
that a fine rain fell yesterday

Sept. 4

A fine cool day and very
enjoyable.

Sept. 5

Same weather

Sunday Sept 6

A very enjoyable day

Sept. 7

Warmer

Sept 8

Attended Farmers jubilee
at the Fair Ground

Sept. 9

Busy preparing brief on
Busby case.

Sep. 10

Very busy. Weather warmer

Sep. 11

Finished work on brief
and put it in the hands
of type writer.

Sep. 12

Warmer and appearance
of rain. A little dark about
dark with dark clouds encov-
ered hope for rain but it was
all gone before 9 p.m. and only
a few dots in the dust

Sunday Sep. 13

Very dusty and warm

Sep. 14

A little cooler and clear.
Sent Sunday papers to Spring-
field

Sep. 15

Strong appearance of rain in

the morning but all cleared
away before night. Temp 81°

Sep. 16

Warmer and very dusty with
no signs of rain. Temp 90°

Sep. 17

Went to Bloomington to Confer-
ence. Warmer and above 90°

Sep. 18

Returned home. Dreadfully
hot and still above 90°

Sep. 19

Warmer - Dust inches
thick in the road.

Sunday Sep. 20

Still warmer. Fields parched
and roads dusty

Sep. 21

Warmer with a few hazy
clouds, but all cleared away
before 9 p.m.

Sept. 22.

Still hot and dusty. Therm 90°
at noon - wind N.E.

Sept 23

Dust everywhere and so hot.
Therm 94° all day and at dark 85°

Sept 24

About as yesterday - hot and dusty.
Therm 94°. A few clouds appeared about
sun-down, but soon passed off.

Sept 25

Therm 94° and three clouds all day.
Much suffering among stock and

Sept. 26

people.
Therm 94° - mostly - dusty. The
far rain seemed cooler weather.

Sunday Sept. 27

Therm. same - windy & dusty

Sept 28

Therm above 90 - signs of rain
and a little rain in p.m. &
evening

Sept. 29

Therm. fell about 40° last night
and the dust being somewhat
less it is quite comfortable.
Cloudy all day but no rain
though it has rained
a few miles away in
every direction.

Sept. 30

Therm. fell very agree-
able to-day. This has been
the hottest September ever
known. A little rain on
the 2d and that is all
Oct. 1

Therm 85° and as dusty
as ever.

Oct. 2

Therm 90°

Oct 3

A little cooler 85° in mid day. Cloudy
this morning and looked like rain.

Sunday Oct. 4

A fine rain last night and a radical change in temperature. To day the thermometer stands at about 45° and we have a breathing spell. The dust is no more and a heavier coat and drawers are wanted.

Oct 5

A heavy frost almost a freeze this morning. Cloudy.

Oct 6

Cool and fair with few clouds. Wheat a change from last week.

Oct 7

Cool and cloudy with appearance of rain. Went to Stearns town and St. Joe.

Oct 8

Cloudy and looks like rain. A little fell after dark.

Oct. 9

A beautiful fair day. Took dinner with ^{Mr} Frank Jagers in company with Capt. Joe Ingersoll & wife & Bro. Parson & wife. 20 years today since the big freeze.

Oct. 10

Another beautiful day, fair cool & pleasant.

Sunday Oct. 11

A continuation of the fine weather.

Oct. 12

The weather still continues very fine and enjoyable.

Oct. 13

Weather most beautiful and enjoyable. It is 38 years today that we were married.

Oct 14

A slight rain last night and decidedly cooler to day.

Oct. 15

Cool enough for an over coat
this morning and cloudy

Oct. 16

Cool this a.m. & heavy frost the
first to improve vines. Put up
our base burner. A day of rare
beauty.

Oct. 17

Raining this a.m. and came
near defeating our anticipated
ride to Prof. Tickers farm at Ft. J.
He went however and had a
most beautiful ride. Rained
only enough to lay the dust.

Sunday Oct 18

Cooler, somewhat cloudy but
a delightful day

Oct 19

Took evidence most of the day
in Clawson case at Rays office
Champaign

Oct. 20

Continued taking evidence
in the p.m. Cool, fair and
clearing.

Oct. 21

Took evidence all a.m. &
1/2 p.m. Cool

Oct 22

Warmer and beautiful

Oct. 23

Becoming dusty and
warmer

Oct 24

Warm enough to dispense
with over coat

Sunday Oct 25

A glorious October day
with the woods all aglow
with beauty. A visit from
Bro. Noe.

Oct 26

Another warm beautiful day

Oct. 27

Towards night yesterday wind shifted from south to north and became quite cold and we had a frost this morning. Leaves falling fast. A beautiful day

Oct. 28

Another beautiful day but with a high wind the dust flew in great clouds.

Oct 29

Warmer and very dusty

Oct 30

Same as yesterday

Oct. 31

This day marks the warmest, driest & dustiest October I ever saw

Sunday Nov 1

Cooler to day and a strong north wind

Nov. 2

The coldest morning of the autumn. Ice was frozen over the creek where the water was still.

Nov. 3

A little warmer with a few clouds, but all cleared up before noon p.m.

Nov 4

Cooler this a.m.

Nov. 5

A bright beautiful day

Nov. 6

A breezy day with clouds

Nov. 7

Signs of rain all day with southerly winds.

Sunday Nov 8

It began raining last eve shortly after dark and rained enough to make it muddy

Nov. 9

Rained nearly all night
and heavily all day. The need
of which I have never seen
to be greater

Nov. 10

The drouth is well broken &
creek somewhat filled up.
Great rejoicing everywhere.
Rained a little today.

Nov. 11

The leaves are well off the trees.
Last night the clouds cleared
away and we have a
beautiful day today.

Nov. 12

Pleasant day attended Col.
Beesley's reception

Nov. 13

A visit from Hannah Hunt
the oldest daughter of my old
friend Dr. A. Campbell

Nov. 14

Cloudy with signs of rain

Sunday Nov. 15

Rained most of the night
and was heavy. High
south wind

Nov. 16

Wind changed to N.W. last
night and rained
heavily. Some snow
fell this P.M.

Nov. 17

This morning it is cold - about
8° above zero, with a sprinkle
of snow. Thawed a little but a
cold air all day & cloudy

Nov. 18

About like yesterday with
more sunshine

Nov. 19

Fair and a beautiful
day. Skating good

Nov. 20

Warmer and genial in p.m.
and a fine misty rain in
p.m. enough to make roads
muddy.

Nov 21

More rain and roads heavy
Sunday Nov 22

Rained considerably last night
and this morning but we went
to church

Nov 23

Cloudy and warm all day
with wind S. but cooler towards
eve

Nov 24

Ground frozen hard this a.m.
Threw a little in the middle of
the day but froze before night.

Nov 25

Ground frozen and a slight
skin of ice on the creek. Cloudy - rain S.W.

Nov 26

This is Thanksgiving Day. Looked
a little like rain early but
was a fine clear day. Heard
Rev. Gates at the Pres. Ch

Nov. 27

Thinned most of the day
with wind changing to N.W.

Nov. 28

Turned cold last night
and froze the ground.
Became colder towards
night.

Sunday Nov. 29

Leav. at sunrise 8° above
zero. A beautiful clear day.
Roads very rough

Nov. 30

Cold and clear with
wind in the south.

Dec

Warmer with south wind and
cloudy towards night.

Dec 2

Warmer and cloudy - roads
muddy but frost not out of
the ground

Dec. 3

Rained considerably from
noon on and very muddy
wind at night.

Dec. 4

Cooler wind changed to S. W and
still high. Beautiful day.

Dec 5

Same as yesterday with appearance of rain

Sunday Dec 6

Rained considerably last night and
this a.m. Wind changed to NE &
then north.

Dec. 7

Ground frozen and cooler
with fair sky

Dec 8

Beautiful day

Dec. 9

Another fine day with drying
roads. South wind.

Dec. 10

A beautiful day and warm

Dec 11

Another warm spring like
day. Frost going out & muddy

Dec. 12

A day of rare beauty. This
my 61st birth day. An old man
with a young heart.

Sunday Dec 13

Pleasant to day

Dec. 14

Warm with appearance of rain

Dec 15

Rained a little last night

Dec 16

Pleasant - delightful

Dec 17

Same weather as yesterday

Dec 18

A drop of great beauty and
scarcely

Dec 19

Another fine day. Ground frozen
on the creek. Sunday Dec 20

A beautiful day. Road here has been
quite good again

Dec 21

Warmer and frost nearly
out of the surface of the ground.
Appearance of rain in the p.m. &
considerable rain fell between
6 & 10 p.m.

Dec 22

Roads heavy. Cloudy in the a.m. but
sun shown out p.m.

Dec 23

Rained a little last night. Wind
shifted to N.W. & cooler

Dec 24

Cloudy and fog with south wind
and signs of rain. Went to Peoria.

Dec 25

I spent this Xmas with Bro. For.
very pleasantly. Talked over
the city a good deal and saw
much improvement. Cooler at
night with N.W. wind. Cloudy
most of the day

Dec 26

Ground frozen and tem. down
to 20° above. Came home.

Cloudy Sunday Dec 27
Ground frozen. Went to the
funeral of Miss Lida Kerr. Very
pleasant

Dec 28

Wind has shifted to south
and very high. Ground thawed
some

Dec 29

Wind shifted to N.W. and
even cooler. Very much pleas-
ant.

Dec 30

Fair with fleecy clouds. Went to
Lidell with Bro. Sheldon & our wives.
Had a pleasant evening visit with our
Sister Olive & family. Went via Danville.
Dec. 31.

Cloudy with high south wind and
a little rain. At 12 M. witnessed the
marriage of our nephew Frank S.
Fisher to Lottie Cross. Retained home at
9 p.m. via Lincoln.

Friday Jan 1, 1892

Cloudy threatening rain with very
high south wind. Came to the office
early and stood mostly alone
all day. Wind changed from S to
N.W. & cooler.

Jan 2

Snowed a little last night and
colder about 20° above

Sunday Jan 3

Left at 10° above this morning.
Clear and cold

Jan. 4

Wind S. W. in a.m. but shifted
to N.W. in p.m. Warmer

Jan 5

Wind now shifted to E and held
there all day with appearance of
snow. Cloudy

Jan 6

A slight film of snow fell last
night and a little fell during the
day. Became colder towards night

Jan. 7

Left this a.m. at 0 - the coldest
this winter. Wind changed
to S. and warmer.

Jan. 8

Wind changed to N.W. during
the night and colder this
a.m. and continued to grow colder.

Jan. 9
Sun. snow 0 at sunrise and
cold all day but clear and a
most delightful day. Frank ^{up} fishing
+ birds come to day.

Sunday Jan. 10
Began snowing early and snowed
all day reaching 5 or 4 inches of snow.
Went to Champain in p.m. Cold. Frost &

Jan. 11
Colder to-day

Jan. 12
Forn a little below zero this am

Jan. 13
About the same as yesterday with
wind N. Some snow fell

Jan. 14
A clear beautiful day. Wind N
cool cold

Jan. 15
Sun. 10° below 0 a cold day

Jan 16
About 10° above 0 this a.m. and
warmer. Sun shone out & S
wind. Thawed a little

Sunday Jan 17
Wind S and snow began with
soft winter frost. Wind S and
clearly towards night. Wife
and I sat up with neighbor
Thompson last night. He is near
ring his end.

Jan 18
Last night wind changed to
N. and about 4 inches of
snow fell. Snowing quite
hard this a.m. My neighbor Thompson
died at 9 p.m.

Jan. 19
It snowed continuously all day yester-
and most of the night & grew colder
Sun. 4° above 0 this a.m. & cold all
day but clear. We have 9 to 12 inches
of snow.

Jan 20
Sun. This a.m. 8° above 0 with
N.W. wind. Sleighing excellent.
We laid my neighbor James G.
Thompson in his last resting
place at Mt. Hope today.

Jan 21
Warmer to day. Sun. at sun
rise 18° above 0. Snow melted
some.

Jan 22
Warmer and snow in the
roads nearly all melted off.
under a clear sky and bright
sunshine. Wind shifted
to west.

Jan 23
Hazy sky with west wind

Sunday Jan 24
Beautiful day and snow melting

Jan 25
Clear sky & roads frozen in a.m.
became quite muddy

Jan 26
Cooler with north wind &
but little thawing. Roads worn down
smooth. Knight Sun. banquet.
Got home at midnight.

Jan 27
Cold & clear. Thawed a little in
the a.m.

Jan 28
Warmer and more thawing
Roads good - cool towards night

Jan 29
Roads thawed again so as to
splurge. Attended funeral of
us Samuel ma Farmer and took
some cold

Jan 30
Warmer and roads in places
becoming quite dry. Chas. H.
Hornist came and staid all
night with us

Sunday Jan 31
Heavy frost this a.m. but thawed
out before night.

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Fair in forenoon but clouded
towards night.

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Feb 1.

Feb. 2

Rained some last night and very
muddy to day. Thawed down 4 inches
Heavy clouds all day. Mr. H. H. Farley died
last night.

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Feb. 3

Cloudy this a.m. but some very
beautiful sunshine about mid day.
In the p.m. after raining a little snow
began falling and fell most of the
night.

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Feb. 4

We have 6 inches of snow on the
level much having melted as
it fell. All mud below.

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Feb. 5

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Froze a little last night. Snow
melted some. Attended Mr. Farley's
funeral.

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Feb. 6

Roads a pisable of snow about

4 inches deep. Thawed

Sunday Feb. 7

A beautiful bright sunshine
until noon and then cloudy.
Snow all left before noon
making quite a flood. Wind S.

Feb. 8

Cloudy with wind westerly &
snow thinned. Roads very bad.
Cooler toward night.

Feb. 9

³¹
Turned quite cool last night and
much frozen solid. Wind NW
clear and cloudless. Thawed
a little.

Feb. 10

Snowed briskly this a.m. for
an hour or more, but ~~the~~
sun coming out it soon
melted away.

Feb. 11

Cooler today with NW wind.

Feb. 12

Ther. slower to 15° above 0 at sunrise
Ground frozen hard and roads
very rough. Snowed from 4
p.m. till dark covering the ground
an inch deep

Feb. 13

Ther. at about 20° above at sunrise
and wind southerly. Sun came
out clear and snow all gone
before noon. Grand display of northern
lights.

Sunday Feb. 14

It was raining when we got up
this a.m. and continued until about
11 a.m. when it turned to snow and
snowed furiously for 2 hours. Wind
changed to NW.

Feb. 15

Snow 2 inches deep and ground frozen
hard. Sun came out and thawed a
little.

Feb. 16

Warmer wind southerly and mud
2 inches deep in the p.m. Cooler
towards night.

Feb. 17

Ground frozen this a.m. but
thawed to the depth of 4 inches
with appearance of rain.

Feb. 18

Rained a little last night. Heavy
fog and clouds all day and
mud 2 in deep. Snow all gone
except in patches.

Feb. 19

Fog so heavy one can see but
a few rods in front. Frost still
in the ground and mud 4 in.
deep. Rained some last night.

Feb. 20

Still fog & clouds

Sunday Feb 21

Same weather as yesterday

Feb. 22

Still foggy & cloudy with the worst roads for years. In the evening it looked like breaking away

Feb. 23

Heavy clouds & fog this a.m. In the p.m. the sun came out the first it it had been seen in more than a week. Looked hazy as if it would not last. Wind S.E. for several days

Feb. 24

Clearer completely last night but this a.m. fog & clouds again which held again an all day session.

Feb. 25

Cloudy again all day with a gleam of sunshine after 4 p.m.

Feb. 26

Sun arose in a clear sky and shone beautifully all day with a genial atmosphere. Blue birds & robbers appeared

Feb. 27

Cloudy & foggy all day with wind N.E. Appearance of snow.

Sunday Feb. 28

A cloudy, foggy day without a gleam of sunshine.

Feb. 29

Another gloomy day.

March 1

The robbers and blue birds are with us but the sun is behind dense clouds.

March 2

Sun arose clear and soon drove away a bank of clouds and gave us a beautiful day. Wind changed from N to S.W.

March 3

Ground froze a little and a dense fog and clouds enveloped everything. Sun came out about 11 a.m. & pleasant

~~March~~ March 4
Cloudy & foggy again this
a.m. Wind S.W.

March 5
Same weather as yesterday.
Sunday March 6

Cloudy damp weather with appear-
ance of rain.

March 7
Same weather with dense fog at
night. First day of Circuit Court.

March 8
Sun arose in a clear sky and a
most beautiful day

March 9
Sun arose clear and fiery red,
but inside of 2 hours was ob-
scured by clouds and before 10
a.m. snowed violently for some
time. Wind raised blowed a tornado
from the west all day and into
the night. Coldest. This day I am

again reminded of my dear departed
mother who died 20 years ago to day.
Her milk face has been before me
many times to day. This is very
gloomy day

March 10
Temp. went down to 10° above zero.
last night and ground white
with snow. High wind all day
and cold.

March 11
Temp. about 18° above zero this a.m.
Warmer to day.

March 12
A clear warm genial day much
enjoyed by every one. Roads dry-
ing rapidly
Sunday March 13
Colder - wind north and at-
mosphere hazy.

March 14
Ground frozen, cold and hazy
atmosphere.

March 15

Clouds & sunshine - cold NE wind but a little warmer than yesterday.

March 16

Cold & clear with N.E. wind

March 17

Cooler to day - wind same. Cloudy most of day. I have bad cold on my lungs. Don't know how it came.

March 18

Cloudy, dry and cold with strong NE wind. Snowed a little last evening.

March 19

Wind has changed to south dry & cold. Cleared last night but cloudy this a.m. Cleared before noon.

Sunday March 20

Warmer to day and the air quite enjoyable. Some sunshine & generally fair

March 21

Quite pleasant to day but a cool keen air. Rained a little in the evening. Traded my pony for "Duck" & gave \$65 boot money. Roads quite good

March 22

Rained most of last night & thawed the surface of the ground which was frozen to quite a depth, making very bad roads

March 23

Warmer and roads awful bad.

March 24

Warm and pleasant air - roads drying a little but bad - with frost & froze a little.

March 25

A very pleasant day with appearance of rain - wind S.E. - froze a little last night

March 26

Rained a little in the P.M.

Sunday March 27

Cloudy and appearance of rain but cleared off before noon & sunshine balance of day with warm air.

March 28

Clear beautiful day with drying weather

March 29

Clear with high drying wind. Became cloudy in the P.M. and rained a little in the evening. Bro Sheldon came home to-day from the south after an absence of 3 months.

March 30

Cloudy with rain about mid-day enough to make it muddy.

March 31

Cleared off and very fine day with high sunshine. An awful March we have had.

April 1

The month opens fine and warm

April 2

Still warm with signs of rain. Bought Jack for \$75. Sunday April 3. Began raining last night and rained most of the day. Staid at home.

April 4

Rained all night and most of to-day. Water high in creek. This is the heaviest rain in more than two years. Ground well soaked.

April 5

Is warm and genial

April 6

Weather fine - ground wet

April 7

Warm weather - enjoyed by everybody

April 8
It became cooler towards night
with wind in the north.

April 9
Ground frozen an inch and
a skin of ice on ponds. Air
cool all day. Expect a squall
to day.

Sunday April 10
Ground frozen and frost.
Wind north all day making
it uncomfortable to ride to
the north.

April 11
Ground again frozen and
heavy frost. Looks like another
storm.

April 12
Frost this a.m. and cold N. wind
Air clear in the evening.

April 13
Cloudy & cold this a.m. with E. wind
Flowed our garden. It began raining
a little before noon and rained
all of the P.M. & till

April 14
Rained most of the night and cooler
this morning. Wind has changed
to west. Cloudy all day and by
5 p.m. tem had fallen to 39° above
zero. The snows and blizzards
are in Iowa & northern Illinois.

April 15
Ground frozen an inch deep this
a.m. & ice covers the ponds. Peach
bloom shows color and probably
badly damaged. Cleared off last
night clear and cold to day but
warmer towards night. Wind
N.

April 16
Warmer and genial with appear-
ance of rain.

Sunday April 17
This is Easter Sunday and very
warm and beautiful until
P.M. when it clouded up and rained
a little at 4 p.m. and some in the night.

April 18

Rained last night and a little this a.m. Cloudy & cold all day with N.E. wind.

April 19

Fair all day with cold N.E. wind and signs of rain. Planted onions, cants, radishes & peas to-day and yesterday planted potatoes.

April 20

Rained most of the night & cold N.E. wind to-day with some rain.

April 21

Rained considerably last night & clouds quite heavy. Cloudy all day except about 15 minutes of sunshine about 4 p.m. Wind N.E.

April 22

Clear up beautifully before 9 last night and wind changed to west, but this a.m. the same heavy dark clouds were upon us and stuck all day. Moved the stove out this a.m.

April 23

Clear and warm this a.m. - a genuine spring morning. Mud which was deep dried rapidly. Peach bloom beginning to open.

Sunday April 24

A beautiful warm day with a misty atmosphere. Rained a little about 2 p.m. Wind N.E.

April 25

Cooler and N.E. wind.

April 26

Fairer with south wind. Went to town without an overcoat. My neighbor Lee was badly hurt to day by a wagon running over him.

April 27

Fairer to day with signs of rain. Show in town & paraded the streets.

April 28

A very heavy rain with thunder last night creek very high & roads bad.

April 29

Clear and beautiful with drying winds. Roads much improved. Peaches in full bloom. April 30

The last day of a cold weather. Very fine day with high south wind and signs of rain toward night. Rev. Hornback took dinner with us. Sunday May 1

A beautiful May day, warm and genial, temp. about 80°. High south wind. Rained some about 9 p.m.

May 2

Rained more this morning. Cleared up p.m., but rained very hard about 5 or 6 p.m. & in the night. Heavy rains north of us.

May 3

Went high and over the road. Looked like more rain. Went to Champaign in evening and before the city council.

May 4

A beautiful warm day of sunshine and shadow. Rained a little at night. Fruit trees in bloom. Planted corn in garden.

May 5

Cloudy this a.m. and rained before 11 a.m.

May 6

A beautiful day of clouds & sunshine. Ground very wet and no farm work being done. Roads bad.

May 7

Cooler and a beautiful day. Apple trees in full bloom and leaves rapidly appearing. Wind N.E.

Sunday May 8

Warm and pleasant with strong east wind and clear atmosphere. Rained about midnight.

May 9

Rain began falling about 7 a.m. and rained hard most of the forenoon. Cloudy all day.

May 10

Cloudy all day & ground very wet. Forests begin to look quite green. No corn planted yet. Wind west. Milton H. Mathews died today at 3.40

May 11

Another cloudy day without rain

May 12

This morning was clear without a cloud, but before noon the atmosphere became murky and somewhat cloudy before night. Wind NE

May 13

Began raining early and rained considerably through the day.

May 14

Rained most of the day. Roads and fields are all swash. M. H. Mathews buried today.

Sunday May 15

Fair in the a.m. but rained for an hour or more about mid day

May 16

Clear up last night and some shower beautifully all day with signs of rain and clouds at sun down. Wind dried rapidly all day with wind in the S.E.

May 17

Rained heavily for an hour towards morning and everything is afloat today. Rained again ~~last~~ about noon. Glimpses of sunshine throughout the day.

May 18

Rained much last night & many showers during the day. Business is at a stand still on account of wet weather. Wind shifted from S.E. to S.W. and west. Co. Sec.

May 19

Rained much last night and continuously to-day until about 2 p.m. Wind blew quite a gale from the west in the p.m. breaking off many street trees and others.

I attended the funeral of my old friend J. S. Jones at his residence in Champagne to day. Death thus terminates another acquaintance of many years. Cool enough for overcoats.

May 20

Clear up last night and the sun shone out beautifully this morning. Clouded up again before noon and rained a little about 2 p.m. and again at night.

May 21

Cloudy most of day with a little sunshine. Sunday May 22
Clouds and sunshine. Sprinkled a little about 1 p.m.

May 23

Sun arose in a clear sky and we have had a beautiful drying day. Wind S.W. & cool. Forests in full leaf.

May 24

Another fine drying day which continued all day but quite a shower fell about dark.

May 25

Rained for our house beginning about 5 1/2 p.m. and much during the night.

May 26

For our house or more began at 6 a.m. rain fell and again about 3.20 p.m. a heavy shower. Cleared up before 9 p.m. Roads very bad.

May 27

Sun arose clear and day beautiful. Day closed with prospect of rain.

May 28

Rained again today and last night.

Sunday May 29

A beautiful day all day and no rain, but signs of rain at night.

May 30

Sprinkled a little during the forenoon, and rained at night.

Went to Springfield

May 31

Attended State Prohibition convention all day and at night. Rained some.

June 1

Argued case of Leslie vs. Urbana in U. S. Court & won. Rained in the a.m.

June 2

Left Sat 9.40 and came home Fair all day.

June 3

Bright sunny & fair & clear.

June 4

Same weather. Roads drying. Summer has come. Blackberries in bloom.

Sunday June 5

This is a real summer day with few clouds.

June 6

I took off woollen under clothes and sat in the office with my coat off. Therm 87°. Beautiful day until about 6 p.m. when a heavy rain fell stopping plowing for a while.

June 7

A day of summer cold showers. Rain fell during the night.

June 8

Commencement day. Cloudy until near noon - beautiful p.m.

June 9

A beautiful drying day and we again began plowing.

June 10
A beautiful warm day with wind
in the east

June 11
A very warm clear day 90° in the shade
Sunday June 12

A very warm day. Roads dusty

June 13
Warmer - 95° in the shade with
signs of rain in the evening. The

sky was noticeably purplish - June 14
Rained some last night and
high wind. Cloudy the greater part
of the forenoon. Cooler

June 15
Warmer and fewer. Planted
our field corn to day

June 16
Warmer about 90°. A heavy shower
fell between 3 1/2 & 5 p.m. and
ended to remove the clouds in the
corn field. Forwarded copy to Flood & Co
for revision of my work on Probate practice

June 17
Warmer about as yesterday. Another
heavy shower fell between 3 & 4
p.m. Roads heavy.

June 18
Rained last night and again
about 11 a.m. to day. I have been in Nebraska
39 years to day
Sunday June 19
Warm beautiful drying day. Roads
heavy.

June 20
Beautiful warm day and roads
drying rapidly. Temp 90°

June 21
Warmer to day about 95° until
3 1/2 p.m. when a heavy shower again
fell making roads bad and
fields wet. Temp. fell 20° in a half
hour.

June 22
Very warm to day. Rained a little
about noon. Ground very wet.

June 23
Temp. today about 90° About
6 p.m. very heavy black clouds came
up from the north and covered
the sky with some wind, but no
rain came from it.

June 24
Cooler this a.m. with ~~the~~ wind
Sunday June 26
Warmer with signs of rain

June 27
Much cooler and heavy cloth-
ing is needed. Rain must
have fallen not far away.
Went N.W. Hunt to Decoville

June 28
Still cool. Clouds & sunshine.
A very enjoyable day. Rained a
little about 5 p.m.
June 29
Some warmer but cool yet. Rained
a little about 4½ p.m.

June 30
A day of great beauty with
prospects of better weather.

July 1
Signs of rain. Roads good
July 2
Rained in the evening very hard
and much during the night
Sunday July 3

Roads very heavy - pleasant
July 4
A beautiful day. We had our
usual pic-nic on the creek to
day with a party of 24.
July 5

Warmer today and very beauti-
ful. Commenced cutting wheat.

July 6
Another beautiful day and
a little warmer. Looks like
settled weather. Commenced
haying.

July 7

Cool, and beautiful but with some appearance of rain.

July 8

Cloudy all day with a little rain in the p.m.

July 9

Cloudy in the morning but cleared about noon and our cut hay was safely shocked.

Sunday July 10

Fair all day but rained a little about noon. Warm towards night.

July 11

Temp went up to near 90° to day. A fine day for haying. 26 years this a.m. my father died.

July 12

Warmer to day. A slight shower fell last night accompanied by wind. Had hay in front of house hauled all got up

July 13

Warmer - above 90° Had hay hauled in to day.

July 14

Very warm and oppressive

July 15

Warm in the a.m. but wind shifted to N. and very comfortable in the p.m. Went to Bloomington to look over churches.

July 16

Over year to day that Clarence S. died - Sad remembrance. Cooler and very pleasant.

Sunday July 17

Quite cool and enjoyable weather - Very dusty

July 18

Went to Racine to stay at 1 p.m. returned at 6 p.m. A fine shower fell about 4 p.m. & again between 7 & 8

July 19
Roughs heavy but cleared up
before night. Therm. went
up to 90°

July 20
Warmer today and more rain

July 21
Therm. near 100°

July 22
Very warm again

July 23
Therm. at 97° all day and (all
having a melting time.

Sunday July 24
Warmer to day

July 25
Therm. at 100° and sizzling hot.

July 26
About the same as yesterday

July 27
A little cooler & good breeze
Threshed our wheat.

July 28
A fine breeze with signs of
rain. Therm. at 90° in the p.m.

July 29
Quite a shower and a fall of
20° in Therm.

July 30
Heavy clouds all day but no
rain - a very enjoyable cool
day. Drove down to Liddell by
way of Conkeytown, with Bro. Parn
& our wives to see our sister Choe

Sunday July 31
Spent the day with Sister & her
family. Weather beautiful

Aug 1
Drove home in sit house 30
miles. Weather cool - partially
cloudy.

Aug 2
Warmer but pleasant drove up
to John H. Ball's m.e.

Aug. 3

Weather warmer - 90° in the shade - some hot but good breeze
Aug 4

We have had about the same weather for the last two days as on the 3d. ^{day} So day is a beautiful bright day and about 5 p.m. we, wife and I, start with other members of Nebraska Commandery K. T. upon our pilgrimage to Denver Col. via the Big 4 and Rock Island R.R. We reached Iowa a little after sun set and soon pulled out for Rock Island. We early went to bed in our sleeper and only awoke on the morning of Sunday Aug. 7 ¹/₃ the way across Iowa. The day was beautiful and we rode on quietly until we reached Council Bluffs where a late dinner was taken. Soon we pulled on to Omaha and for the first time we set our eyes upon Nebraska. By night fall we had crossed the northern

line of Kansas and were coursing westward. When we awoke in the morning we were still in Kansas but beyond much settlement and soon began to see real home and barns and 'dug-outs' in abundance. We saw real American desert where little but sage brush grows. About 3 o'clock a low black line extending along the western horizon revealed our approach to the Rocky Mountains and Denver which place we reached about 4 p.m. in a severe rain storm. We soon found our quarters and a good bath made us comfortable which was supplemented by a sound sleep. On Tuesday I took part in the great K. T. parade and broke records very tired. In the P.M. we took long rides about the city in electric cars

Wednesday Aug. 10 we employed
in still further looking
about the city. Thursday Aug
11 we went with Mr. & Mrs.
S. S. Small to Golden to see the
sights and climbed Table
Rock said to be 800 feet high.
On Friday Aug. 12 we went
to Georgetown Silver House
over the celebrated "Soup" one
of the finest specimens of
H. K. engineering in this
country. Saturday Aug. 13 we
spent in the city in visiting
friends. Sunday Aug. 14 we
went to Trinity Church and
heard our former pastor Rev.
Robert McIntyre, and rested
a good deal. Monday Aug. 15
we went to Colorado Springs
and then by electric cars
to Manitou where we drank

the famed soda water as it came
from the earth. We found
comfortable quarters and slept
well. Tuesday Aug. 16 we started
up Pikes Peak and staid all
night at Glen Cove Cottage near
the timber line. Wednesday
Aug. 17 we went on our journey
and by 10 a.m. stood on the
top of the Peak 1514 ft above the
sea level. The sensation was
strange to me. I could scarcely
speak above my breath and
could hardly control my move-
ments. Our stay there was short.
We arrived at Cascade about
3 p.m. all by the wagon road.
But for the grand scenery on
the way the journey is not
worth talking. We were glad
to get down again and
find ourselves much rested.

On ^{at} Thursday Aug. 18 we arose at
Manitou much refreshed and
spent the day in sight seeing,
visiting that wonderful formation
the "Gardens of the Gods" and
in the afternoon visited Chey-
enne mountain and Canyon.
He spent the night at Colorado
Springs and made the trip to
Pueblo Col. and back at 7.30 p.m.
we started homeward and reached
Lopoka at 3.10 p.m. of Sat. Aug. 20
where we lay until after mid-
night when we took the Santa Fe
train for Emporia and reached
Bro. Edwin about 4 a.m. Sunday
Aug. 21. He slept until near 8 o'clock
and spent the day in pleasant
chat attending church in the
evening. In this manner we
spent our time visiting friends
until ^{at} Friday Aug. 24, when

we again started homeward
reaching Lopoka at 2.10 and
again embarking on the
Rock Island road at 4.10. We
reached Rock Island Ill about
day break Sat Aug 27 and at
about 11 a.m. reached Peoria where
we staid all night at Bro. Jos's and
at 11.30 a.m. Sunday Aug 28 again
boarded the cars for home, reaching
that desirable spot at 4 p.m. of that
day glad to get home but pleased
with our trip.

Aug. 29

The ground is very dry and dusty
and rain much needed.

Aug 30

Dry and dusty

Aug 31

Cool enough for wraps with-
out the usual. Mary R. became
violently insane this evening

Sept 1-
Still cool. These are busy days
with me.

Sept 2-
Warmer but still dry

Sept 3
Same weather as yesterday.
We spent the night with the
Rickers.

Sunday Sept. 4
We spent most of the day and
all night with the Rickers.
Mary very violent.

Sept. 5-
A fever to day pronounced Mary
R. insane and she was removed
to the hospital at Kankakee for
the second time. A rain last
night laid the dust very nicely.
Cooler to day.

Sept 6
Cool and pleasant.

Sept. 7
Warmer but very pleasant
and enjoyable.

Sept. 8
The weather is quite warm
to day and roads have become
dusty again.

Sept. 9
Therm. at 86° to day with strong south
wind which carries clouds of dust.

Sunday Sept 10
~~Rained some to day and more at~~
night.

Sept. 12
Roads muddy from last night's rain.

Sept 13
Rained considerably last night
and road heavy.

Sept. 14
Went to Danville to day - weather
very beautiful.

Sept. 15

Warmer but a little fire needed
at night

Sept. 16

Weather very fine and
enjoyable

Sept 17

Warmer, clear and beautiful
Oct 1

The last two weeks have been hot
and dusty without rain. Occasion-
ally the wind has shifted to the
north and it has become quite
cool, but most of the time warm
often up to 80° and above. Sept. 2, I
went to Ridge Farm Sunday Oct. 2
Still dry and dusty

Oct 3-

Wind NW & quite cool but very
dusty

Oct. 7

Warmer, dusty & windy.

Oct. 15

Since the last entry the weather
has continued warm dry and dusty
until last night we had a fine
rain fall putting an end to a
long hot drought. Often in this
month the thermometer has run
above 80°. To day the roads are very
muddy and heavy. Went to Danville
at 10³⁰ and returned at 4 p.m. -
Weather cool and delightful.

Sunday Oct. 16

Weather cool and roads quite
good

Monday Oct 31

Cool since the last writing but
weather very enjoyable. This
a.m. we put up our base burner
much later than usual. The
state of the weather has not
demanded a fire except a little
in the furnace. It rained a little

during the afternoon

Nov 1.

Rained last night and most of today. A much needed rain and the thirsty ground drank it up.

Nov 5

Quite cool this a.m. and a skin of ice over the creek

Sunday Nov 6

Rained considerably in the p.m.

Nov. 7

Dark and cloudy this a.m.

Nov 8

Cold but clear

Nov 9

Yesterday was a "cold day" for republicans, but pretty fair for other folks

Nov 10

Cold - snow on deep a 100 miles south of here

Nov 11

The day very beautiful but cold. The leaves are well off the trees

Nov 16

We have had very fine weather until this p.m. when a light rain set in

Nov 17

Rained heavily all night with thunder. By far the heaviest in many months. Rain continued most of the day. Roads in bad condition. Heavy clouds.

Sunday Nov. 27

Rained hard last night and spoiled our good roads. Did not go to church

Nov 29

Attended the funeral of Sir R. J. Nelson in Somers Tp. Roads heavy

Dec. 1

Have today appointed Adam
of J. C. Bloomer estate and
went to Somers and took pos-
session of the effects.

Dec. 2

Roads very bad and rain in
the p.m.

Sunday Dec 4

Staid at home all day. Park's
chapel dedicated

Dec 8

Snowed a little to day. Wind pretty
deep.

Dec 9

Ground a little frozen

Dec 10

Colder and roads rough

Sunday Dec 11

Roads very rough riding to
Stamford. Day beautiful and
thawed a little. Wind N.W.

Dec. 12

I am 62 years old today. Old
in years but young and buoyant
in feeling. Night a little snow 2006
Wind shifted to S with appearance
of rain.

Sunday Dec 25

The ground and streams
are frozen hard. Roads
fairly smooth and good.
Wind north and Sun at
noon about 20° above.

Dec. 26

Sun at 2° above zero but
bright Sunshine all day.

Dec 31

We have had a cold week and
dry

Sunday Jan 1, 1892

Another year has gone and a
new one come to greet us. May
it be as happy as the past.

Jan. 2
Went to Danville today &
returned at 10 p.m. Weather
cold

Jan 3
Went to Springfield and re-
turned as far as Bloomington
Snowed a little this p.m.

Jan 4
Came home today. Snowed
a little this a.m.

Jan 5
Jan 2° below 0 this morning

Jan 7
Snow perhaps 2 inches this
a.m. & sleight out

Sunday Jan 8

Very cold and windy

Jan 9

Colder and worse

Jan 10

To day I had a sale of the

effects of J. C. Nelson Decd.
Had a cold ride

Sunday Jan 15
Thermometer at sunrise
10° below zero. Clear and
cold. We have had a cold
week with about 4 in. of
snow

Jan. 17
Jan. at sunrise at 11° below
with signs of warmer
weather

Jan 21
It is warmer today and the snow
became a little softened, but we have
had a cold week.

Sunday Jan 22

The air is cold but the sun
shines out beautifully. Wind S.W.

Jan 23

Has become very thing covered with
frost. Warmer weather looked for.

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Feb. 17

Since last entry we have had the worst sleet and ice storm ever experienced. The whole face of the country was a sheet of ice and it became dangerous & difficult to move. Many accidents have befallen people and stock. Yesterday the ground from being frozen became quite slippery before night, but this morning it was frozen and snowing and has snowed all day.

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Feb. 18

Bright sunshine all day and snow thawed a little in sun but cold and breezing in the shade.

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Sunday Feb. 19

Warm sunshine and snow went mostly off.

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Feb. 20

Cooler this a.m. and ground frozen. Thawed during the day so that roads were muddy. Wind east.

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Feb. 21

Ground frozen - Thawed & snowed briskly from 8 a.m. till noon. Ice at the church.

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Feb. 22

Snow mostly melted before noon except in the shade. Roads slippery.

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Feb. 23

Ground frozen this a.m. Fair all day with south wind until towards eve when it changed to N.E. and froze up the wind much earlier in the day.

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Feb. 24

Snowed a little last night but quickly melted. Sunshine much of day but cold air and freezing in shade.

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Sunday Feb. 26

Warm and pleasant. Roads
dry but signs of rain.

Feb 27

Rained last night and
frost abated some

Feb. 28

Saw the first robins, but
much ice is left.

March 1

More rain to day

March 2

Took violence at Champaign

March 3

A cold wave is upon us now
pp

March 4

Pleasant but cold

Sunday March 5

This is our last day in the old church
April is pleasant. Roads quite
good

March 6

Court opened to day

March 7

A most beautiful day of sunshine
and warmth

March 8

Cooler and a little cloudy with
S. E. wind.

March 9

This is the 24th anniversary of my
mother's death

March 10

We had our garden plowed to
day and I planted potatoes, onion
& peas

April 1

A warm genial day

April 2

This is Easter Sunday, cool
but bright & beautiful.

April 24

We put our stove out to day

Apr 29

Rained some today as it
has most of the days for 3
weeks past. The roads are
heavy and things look dubious.
It has been a cold dismal
month. Peach trees and pears
are blooming and woods
begin to look a little green.
Cuckoo very high.

Sunday Apr 30

Rained heavy last night and
this a.m. Roads as bad as they can
be. Wind S.E.

May 1

Went to Chicago and spent the
day in attendance upon the
opening of the Great Columbian
Exposition. It is immense in
every particular.

May 2

Spent the day in the city looking
at the sights and in attendance
upon the U. S. Court of Appeals.

May 3

Went to the Exposition by the
steamer and returned by the
Elevated road. Spent the day
in looking at the sights.

May 4

Today attended the U. S. Court of Appeals
and argued *Julie v. Urbana* and
in the evening came to Champagne
& staid all night. Rained a little.

May 5

Came home

May 6

We have had a very cold week.

Sunday May 7

Clear and cold. Roads dry.

May 8

Cloudy, east wind. Rained a little.

May 9

Warmer and spring like

May 10

Still warmer. ^{up} Temp 76°. Went without overcoat for the first.

May 11

Rain began falling about 2 p.m. and carried most of the p.m. at sometimes very hard. Much rain fell

May 12

Fair most of the day & cooler

May 13

A beautiful day of sunshine and shadow cool and agreeable

Sunday May 14

Pleasant in the a.m. but cooled hard in p.m. Roads much heavy

May 15

Clouds & sunshine and roads dried considerably. Wind to be colder in the P.M.

May 16

Cloudy & cold. Temp 52°

May 17

Silence to day with sunshine and warmer.

May 18

Warmer

May 19

High S.E. wind and very dusty and looks like rain

May 20

Wind south dusty and Temp 86°

Sunday May 21

Warmer & dusty. A little rain fell this a.m. Last night was the first evening we sat without fire

May 22

Warmer Temp 86°. Wind high and much dust flying. attended the funeral of Charles Francis Adams. Strong appearance of sun, dark clouds with wind in p.m.

May 23

Rained heavily last night & today
wind died and made road very
muddy. Therm. fell to 48° this a.m. Cleared
up in the p.m. and brightened.
Fire needed in the office and out house
in the evening.

May 24

Colt and pheasant today about
as yesterday.

May 25

I was surprised this a.m. by the
appearance before me of William
C. Catherwood an acquaintance
of 44 years ago at Berea O, a former
student. I had not seen him in
30 years, yet I knew him and
called him by name. He is now
near 70 years old and quite
stooped and bearded.
Sprinkled a little about 2 p.m.
Wind NE

May 26

Last night we had the heaviest
rain of the season about 2½
inches and everything is afloat.
Roads very heavy. Trees in the woods
in full leaf.

May 27

Cool enough for an overcoat
and cloudy all day.

Sunday May 28

Cloudy most of the day with
signs of rain and gleams
of sunshine. Rained a little
in the evening.

May 29

A most lovely day with sun-
shine and clouds.

May 30

This is Decoration day and
one of the most beautiful in all
the year. Went to the Cemetery
in the P.M. and to Champagne
with wife.

May 31

Clear weather in the a.m. but
rained about noon and
most of the p.m.

June 1

Rained considerably last night
and continued to alternate with
sunshine all day.

June 2

Cloudy all day with occasional
rain

June 3

Clear like yesterday

Sunday June 4

Clear and sunshine by
town until about 1 p.m.
when quite a shower fell.
Baccalaureate

June 5

We have had a fine day
with no rain. Quite warm.
Blackberries in full bloom.
Attended class day exercises

June 6

A beautiful genial day - cool
morning and evening. Wind all
dead up

June 7

Attended Commencement
exercises at the University.
Day of great beauty & warmth.

June 8

Windy and dusty - warmer

June 9

Temp 88° with much dust.

June 10

Warm & dusty until about 3 p.m.
when a very heavy shower fell
making the roads heavy. High wind

Sunday June 11

Did not go to church but drove
into town in the p.m.

June 12

Warmer and very sultry

June 13

Temp 86°

June 15

Weather still warm

Sunday June 18

Weather warm and sultry. Rev. Hornbuck preached his last discourse to us to-day and will leave us in a few days. It is 40 years to-day since I came to the bar as a youth of 22½ years, to make my home, with high hopes for the future. Now I am too old to avoid see many mistakes, but in the clearings of fortune with me I cannot complain. I have received all I deserved and more than I expected.

June 19

Rained a nice shower about sun down. Warm & sultry

June 20

Rained a heavy shower about 8½ p.m.

June 21

Still very warm. This evening we attended the wedding of my nephew Howard & Mary Cunningham son of my deceased brother Oston & Miss Gertrude Hunt. Blessings on the happy day.

June 22

This day separated from Rev. M. D. Hornbuck who goes to Colorado to live. I have rarely felt such implicit confidence in any man as in him. He has impressed me as a man of singular purity of life and purpose.

Cooler to-day with wind N.W.

Sunday June 23

Hot through the day and dusty but cool at night

June 24

Same as yesterday

June 30
We have had a dry June and
farmers have their corn well in
hand. A large crop is promised

July 4

Weather still warm and
dry. I left home this day
at 11.30 a.m. for a business trip
to Iowa and Minnesota. -
at 3 p.m. was in Prosser
and at 5 p.m. at Galesburg.

About 9 p.m. crossed the
Mississippi at Clinton Iowa
and at 12.15 a.m. of July 5
arrived at Keokuk Rapids
Iowa my destination in
that direction.

July 5

Completed my business at
at 3 p.m. and returned to
Clinton about 6 p.m. At 9 p.m.
again started north up
the east side of the river.

It rained nearly all night.
About 4 o'clock a.m. July 6
I arrived at Verona Minn.
At 11.30 a.m. having completed
my business I started on
my return, reaching
Mankato Minn. at 7 p.m.
having traversed the state
of Wisconsin. Spent the night
with friends.

July 7

Left Mankato at 9 a.m. and
reached Chicago at 12 noon
in time to see the the old look-
ing Spanish vessels known
as the Columbian Caravels
pass in the naval procession
from the city to the World's Fair
grounds. They are old look-
ing craft. I arrived at home
at 7 p.m. making a quicker
trip than I had expected. -
I had a very pleasant time.

1893

July 8

Very warm and dusty
Spent the day answering
letters.

Sunday July 9

Sunshine very hot but a
nice cool breeze

July 10

Still very warm

July 11

The 27th anniversary of the
death of my father. The
remembrance brings with
it a sigh.

July 12

Therm. 96° in the shade at 3 p.m.

July 13

We had a nice little shower
of rain about 1 p.m. to day
enough to lay the dust but
continued warm.

Sunday July 14

Continues warm

July 16

Still very warm. We had
another nice shower
this forenoon & it is
cooler

July 18

Weather delightful.

July 20

Bro. Ed. & three daughters
and son Ralph came
to day for a short visit. —
What a few years have
gone for this family.

July 21

Did considerable visiting around
with Bro. Ed and family to-day.
Warm and dusty.

July 22

Warmer. Therm. at noon 94°

Sunday

July 23

Very warm. Therm. 100°

1893

Thursday July 25

To day at my home I met my
brothers J. C. S., H. R. G., E. W. Q. and my
sister Olive M. Fisher with some
of their children. For the first
time all together, since July
18, 1866. The day after our father's
funeral. The meeting and grat-
ings were very happy and old
family affairs were talked
over. A fine picnic dinner was
enjoyed by all. In the evening
about dark we had a nice
shower.

July 26

Met brothers and sister at
Champaign again to day and
we sat in a group for a photo.
and then separated probably
for the last time in this life.
Bro. Ed & two of his children
returned to their home in Kansas.

Thursday July 27

Thirty Eight years ago to day I
assisted in laying the corner
stone of the M. E. Church at this place
and to day I assisted in laying
the corner stone of the new church
on the same ground. In the former
case an address was delivered
by Rev. Hooper Crews & to day
the address was delivered by Rev.
U. G. Gilmer. A rather delightful

July 28

Warmer to day. Therm. 92°. The grass is
as green as in May.

July 31

With my wife Prof. Butler & Ethel
we left at 5 a.m. for Chicago
and the World's Fair, where
we arrived at 9 a.m. found rooms
and were soon seeing the sights.
We remained until Saturday
each day, trying ourselves out
seeing the great Exhibition.

Saturday Aug 18

We took the train for Milwaukee at 1¹⁵ p.m. and arrived at Tish Corners at about 4 p.m. We at once returned to the depot of the C. M. & St. Paul road and bought tickets for Hartland Wis. where which at Beaver Lake we found Chas. Cox & family domiciled in their summer home by the lake. I spent a very pleasant Sunday with them and on Monday returned to Milwaukee where we remained until Thursday.

Thursday Aug 10

Left at 7¹⁵ a.m. by N. W. R. R. for Chicago where we arrived at 10³⁰. We soon reached the Exposition grounds and spent the time until 5 o'clock again seeing the wonders, when

we left for home, arriving safely about 11 p.m. finishing everything all right. No more news for them and everything is very dry and dusty.

Saturday Aug 19

We have no news yet. The pastures and meadows are as dry as they can be and stock have to be fed as in winter.

Sept. 7, 1893

Since the last entry here we have endured a very dry spell of weather without a drop of ~~weather~~ rain. The dust is present everywhere and very deep on the road. The temperature has for the most been intensely hot with now and then a cool day. Wind has blown from all quarters. The discom-

ports have been severe and
the effect of the growth have been
most severe and disastrous to
farmers. A day wind N & some
rain. 90° with a hazy, thick atmos-
phere. Signs of rain numerous.

Sunday Sept 10th
Desiring to make a business trip to
Minnesota I went to the Danbury
and staid all night.

Monday Sept 11th left Danbury
at 8 a.m. by C. & N. R. and arrived
at North's Fair Ground at 10 a.m.
Saw the sights there for 3 hours
then left Chicago for the west
Reached Dubuque Iowa at 9 p.m.
and at 11²⁰ left by N. Western
R.R. for Minn.

Sept. 12 Arrived at Le Roy Minn. at
7 a.m. and staid until 1³⁰ p.m.
went on to Austin with Mr. Hat-
field. Returned at 9³⁰ p.m.

to Le Roy and staid all night.
Wednesday 13 took train at 8 a.m.
for Throna Minn. which I
reached at 11³⁰ a.m. Soon
had my business all satis-
factorily done and after
holking around until 6¹⁵
left by Burlington route for
Chicago, which I reached at
8 a.m. on Thursday Sept. 14 and
spent the time until 2 p.m.
on North's Fair Ground when
I left for home. Arrived
at 8 p.m. safe and sound.
I find that on the 19th a fine
rain fell on our part of
country the first since June
19 which did more than lay
the dust.

Sept 21

Since last entry we have had clear but weather and tonight after sundown the therm. was 84° with signs of rain.

Sept. 21

We have a very fine rain tonight, more than has fallen since June 1. Roads are heavy.

Sept. 22

The weather is cooler and quite enjoyable.

Sept. 23

Wren finished my deep well on the hill today at 48 ft.

Sunday Sep 24

Staid at home all day & rested. cooler.

Sept. 25

The fall term of our circuit court opened today. Cool.

Sept. 26

We had a hard frost ~~last~~ night cool enough for overcoats.

Sept. 30

A little rain last night makes rather a gloomy day today but with a number of old sets there came out to my meeting.

Sunday Oct. 1

Fair and cloudy today.

Oct. 2

Very warm until about 3 p.m. when a heavy rain came up and continued.

Oct. 3

Fair all day our 85° at sundown.

Sunday Oct. 8

I learned by messenger about 10 o'clock ^{P.M.} that my brother Valance was ill and at once went to his home. I found him as reported very sick and

vomiting, but conscience
I staid with him all night
and left him no better
in the morning.

Oct 10.

Was with Bro. Parnock yes-
terday and wrote his will
for him. Left him at 5 p.m.
quite hopeful, but at 2 this
a.m. a messenger summoned me
to him. Found him much worse
and suffering intensely. Staid
balance of the night and most of
to-day with him - he only partly
conscious.

Oct. 11

Staid all day with Bro. Parnock.
He is very sick and all hope
abandoned.

Oct. 12

My poor sick Brother died this
a.m. at 2.45. Only 10 minutes -

before he seized himself in bed
to vomit but failed and then
clawed at his throat with his
fingers as if suffocating.
Breathed shorter and shorter
and died. Oh how ones thoughts
go out at such a time. Always
together in childhood and
never separated but a few
weeks from him, except
when he was in the army,
he was very near to me. It
is now all over and another
tie on the other shore binds
me.

Oct. 13

To day the worn out body of
my poor brother was laid
to rest in Mt. Hope near
the grave of my Bro. Orton
who preceded him 21 years
since. This is the 40th an-

anniversary of our marriage
and a day of meditation
God has indeed been very
good to us.

Monday Oct. 24

This morning my wife and
I left at 5 a.m. on the S. C. R. R.
for Chicago, having spent
the night at the Ocean House.
We arrived in C. about 10 a.m.
and spent the day in the
city shopping but visited
Lincoln Park both in the
afternoon. We staid at
the Hotel.

Tuesday Oct. 25

Went to the World's Fair
and spent most of the day
there seeing for the last
time that great Exposition.

Oct. 26

It being raining this morn-
ing we determined to
return home where
we arrived at 2 p.m. It has
rained but little here
and roads fine.

Monday Nov. 27

I left at 5 p.m. over the Rock
I. R. R. for Topeka Kansas
taking the main line and
a sleeper at Sidney Ill.

Nov. 28

I awakened at daylight in
Missouri and at 9²⁰ we
arrived safely at Kansas
City. Immediately took A. T.
S. R. road for Topeka where
we arrived at 11²⁰. At 1¹⁰
left at Rock Island for Pan-
ama county. Arrived at
Panama one hour later, where

I met my correspondent John
Liffey, and went with him
7 miles in the country to
the Butler & McCorney
farm.

Nov. 29

Went with Liffey my host
14 miles across a very rough
country to Alima the country
seat where by dark that
evening I had closed up
the sale of the lands and
had \$600 cash on hand.
Got exchange for my cash
and at about 12 midnight
left Alima for White City
where I arrived at 1 a.m. &
went to bed.

Nov. 30

Arose at 6 a.m. and left for
Emporia where I arrived
at 8 a.m. and found Bro.
Edmund & family well. He was

Thanksgiving dinner with
them and spent a very en-
joyable evening.

Dec. 1

Arose at 6 a.m. and took 7.00
train for Kansas City where
I arrived at 11.30. Spent the
p.m. in looking about the
city and with old time Clark-
field friends. At 6.20 took the
early train for home and
went early to bed.

Dec. 2

Awoke about 6 a.m. and
found myself at Spring-
field Illinois and arrived
home at 10 a.m. safe and
sound without loss or break-
age, finding all well.

Dec. 3

A fall of 6 inches of snow
last night grows us a winter

aspect. Until now my
cow had lived on the
fall year pasture. ~~Now~~
~~very~~ etc.

Dec 3

Drove my sleigh for the first
time up to and good sleigh-
ing. Snow was gone.

Dec 4

Snow melted in the
road a little

Sunday Dec 10

Snow all gone except
in patches

Dec 12

Roads quite muddy yester-
day but froze solid this
morning. But still thawing
to day. This is my 63rd birth-
day and much given up to
thoughts of family in the old
home and friends of the past.

Dec. 25

We have had for most of the time this
winter very mild and open weather
and to day tho' the ground is frozen
the weather is very enjoyable.
We took our 2 year discover with
Benford and made a call
upon Bro. Palmers family.

Sunday Dec 31

We held our church services
for the first time in our new
church - in the lecture room,
after having worshipped
elsewhere since March 3,
1893

Jan. 1, 1894
New Year's day and I am
well contented and happy.

Jan 23
It began snowing today at about
noon and snowed furiously until
after night. So far we have
had little snow or rain.

Jan 24
We have about 6 inches
of snow but the roads
are so rough that it avails
nothing for sleighing. Weather
colder.

Jan 25
Temp. near 15° below.

Jan 26
A little warmer but still
quite cool.

Feb. 1
This morning James Dunlap a
friend of near 40 years
acquaintance took his own

life by shooting himself in the
head. Though a brilliant man and
of extensive reading he failed to
realize his expectations in life in a
financial point, sickened of
existence and wanted to die.
Weather very pleasant.

Feb. 3
Today all that was wanted
of James Dunlap was committed
to the earth. A sad ending of
a sad life. Weather cool and
cloudy. Snow mostly gone.

Sunday Feb. 4
Beautiful day with ground
frozen. Went to church
and then to Chaucer's to
call upon sister Ophelia.
Feb. 8

Rained most of the day
and much water fell.

Feb. 9

High wind and cloudy
but warm atmosphere
Today workmen finished
laying the carpet in the
audience room of our
new church and the
seats were put back in
place. This practically
finishes the structure
and renders it ready for
occupancy

Sunday Feb 11

Ground frozen - cold and
fro NE

Feb 12

Snowed most all night
and all day, wind blowing
at a fearful rate and
snow lying in great drifts
Laid on Lincoln before the
students.

Feb. 13

Attended the funeral of Sir
Knights & Bro Joseph Park
this P.M. Weather cold

Feb 14

The audience room of our
new church was first
opened to-night for an organ
concert, with great satisfac-
tion to all. Weather cold and
shighling good

Feb. 17

Strong south wind and snow
going off fast.

Sunday Feb. 25

The week has been cold but each
day the sun has thawed the
snow some. Roads a little
muddy to day

Feb. 28

Beautiful sunshine and
warmth. Fog at night

March 1

Spring has come and the sun shines out most beautifully, tho' the air was heavy and foggy in the morning.

March 2

A beautiful spring day - wind in the south!

March 3

Another fine spring day and snow which lay in heaps and drifts smooth gone.

Sunday March 4

A spring day with balmy air and good roads to our home the dust flying tho' previous roads very bad. Small sends of rain fell occasionally.

March 5

First day of spring term of court. Warm and balmy day wind strong from north.

March 6

Rained all last night and much water fell. Roads very muddy.

March 7

Dark and cloudy and a little rain.

March 9

Sun came out clear and warm and roads drying up fast. It is ²⁵~~20~~ years to day since my mother died and for many ~~two~~ years my gloomy day.

Sunday March 18

Rained this a.m. and we did not go to church. Roads much somewhat heavy.

March 20

We have had a recent Verily warm and pleasant March some days the heat has been as high as 75° in the shade.

March 21

Season very warm - as high as 85°
Grass has been green all the
winter and is now growing
rapidly. Our potatoes and early
vegetables all planted.

March 24

Wind shifted to the north and became
colder.

Sunday March 25

This is Easter Sunday and also
the dedication of our new church,
which we have worked so long
to complete. A throng came and
filled every seat and all stand-
ing room. Weather cold and
windy.

March 27

Still cold, the temperature as low
as 8° above zero.

March 28

Snow began falling at an
early hour and continued

most of the day and until the
ground was covered 4 or 5 inches
deep. It drifted in places. -
What a contrast to the weather
of a week since. Oats in the
country are generally sown
and gardens are made.

March 29

The wind blew a gale last night
but this a.m. all is quiet and
we have a clear sunshine all
day. Snow has melted some.

Sunday April 1

Clear sunshine but wind is
cool.

April 3

This morning at 5 o'clock my
brother ~~Law~~ Law Edwin C. McCone
my brother-in-law last at his
home in Sedona, aged 58 years.
Thus we go one after another.

April 8
Drove to Sudbourn this am. and
back in the P.M. and saw Bro.
Osterlin laid away

April 14
We have had a week of fine
weather and spring seems
to have come again

May 10
We have been having beautiful
weather. Woods in full
leaf

May 15
We are having very warm
weather and things are grow-
ing rapidly. Temp 92°

May 18
After three very warm days
the weather became quite sud-
denly colder and temp from
92° yesterday fell to 42° with
violent wind from the north.

May 19
This morning ice was seen
upon water trough and
tender vegetables are injured

June 14
After a drought of over three
weeks we had a fine
rain this P.M. which
corn and other vegetables
much needed. For 10
days the temp. of each
day has been 95° to 100°
and the dust had be-
come very dry

Sunday June 17
A little more rain
to day. Cool & comfortable

June 18
This is the 41st anniversary
of my coming to
the barrow and a day
of much thought.

Sunday June 24
We had a fine rain this
P. M. which was greatly needed
June 25
Another fine rain this
evening.

July 4
Our friends from town
to the number of about 25
came out to our house
today and we ate a picnic
dinner with them and
spent the day pleasantly
in the shade. Very warm
July 11

Went to Danville today &
returned. Attended meeting
of Ill. P. Co. Warm & dry

July 24
Went to Foster farm in
A. M. today. Pleasant with
but warm & dry.

July 26
Temp. 90° in shade and
great oppression. We have
had no rain for near
five weeks.

July 28
About one p.m. today we
were blessed with an abun-
dant shower, which lasted
near an hour and will
be of very great benefit to
our corn crop. The first
rain since June 25. Fields
were much parched and
needed rain.

Sunday July 29
Weather still very warm
Aug. 3

After strong symptoms of
rain the clouds were all
cleared, and this a.m. a
strong north wind blows

and everybody feels -
freshened

Memoranda:

On Aug. 7, 1894, Bro. Sheldon
my wife and myself bought
excursion tickets for Niagara
Falls and the Thousand Islands
and at 4 p.m. left over the C. &
to N.Y. We were delayed by the burn-
ing of a bridge between Greenford-
ville and Indianapolis, and so
had to go by Greencastle. We went
to our berth while standing on
the side-track at 4. I went to
sleep soon and awoke at a
point in Ohio east of Akron
City. We lost time continually
and arrived at Niagara Falls
about 9 p.m. Aug 8, and at
once went to our hotel and
to bed. Next morning, Aug. 9,
we took train for ~~Hamper~~

Islands and were soon
back to Buffalo, thence
by Batavia, Rochester Sy-
racuse and Watertown
to the St Lawrence river
at Clayton ^{at 5 1/2 m}. We at once
went on board a steamer
and carried down the
river to Alexandria Bay,
passing many beautiful
Islands, with their cottages
and mansions. On our
return it was mostly
by night, when the houses
and lawns were all
bravely lighted, and by
the aid of a search light the
scene was made most enchant-
ing. We reached Clayton at
about 9 30 p.m., got some supper
and went to bed at a little hotel.
Next morning after breakfast

we repaired to the river
shore and enjoyed the
beautiful scenery until
9³⁰ when took the train for
Niagara again. After chang-
ing twice we arrived at
Oswego about noon, got lunch
and staid until 3 p.m.
waiting for our train west.
We then went onward, trav-
eling most of the time with-
in sight of the blue waters
of Lake Ontario. We arrived
at Niagara at 9³⁰ p.m. and at
once went to bed and slept
well. Next morning, Aug. 11th we
spent the forenoon seeing the sights
about the Falls, including a ride
in the observation car down
the river to Lewiston, where
we had a view of Brant's
monument on the Canadian

side of the river. In the afternoon
we returned to Buffalo and took
a train for Pavement station in
Lancaster township, where we
found Bro. Sheldon at cousin
Itzard's. We staid over Sunday
and until Tuesday visiting the
scenes of my babyhood and of
the struggles of my family in Western
New York. While there my niece
Maude C. came in and her pres-
ence with us added much to the
interest of the visit. Tuesday Aug.
14th we returned to Buffalo in
the evening and spent the
succeeding two nights with the
family of my cousin the Rev.
H. B. Cunningham very pleasantly.
On Thursday a.m. at 9³⁰ Aug. 16th
we left for the west on the
fast mail and in a little
over 3 hours were at Cleveland.

where we spent a very pleasant night with cousin Sarah Storer and her family.

On Friday Aug. 17 we, wife Bro. Sheldon and I went out to Bainbridge, the home of my wife in her youth, where we staid all night with Mrs. Perry Haskins and on the 18th we attended the Smith reunion at Mr. Wilbur's in Auburn. That night we spent with our tenant Mr. McCallum in the W. C. Connerly house. On Saturday Aug. 19th we spent in wandering around the old farm and calling at some of the relatives. Staid all night with Mrs. Haskins, and next day went to Chagrin Falls where we

spent the night with Mr. & Mrs. L. K. Radwell. Sunday the 21st we returned to Chagrin and in the evening, after calling on our old neighbor Mrs. Hayes, we went to Elyria to my cousin, Myron Cummings home, where we again overtook Bro. Sheldon. Staid all night and on Wednesday 22 went around town and saw the sights. Thursday the 23rd we all drove to the mouth of Black River and saw the coming city. Wonderful preparations were made for a granite manufacturing town. In the p.m. we took the train, wife and I, for Oberlin, where we staid all night with Mr. & Mrs. Powers. In the morning

Friday the 24th. I again took
the train with Bro S. for
Chaffsfield, via Norwich.
We reached it about 11 a.m.
where we were met by our
friend Mr. Day, who took
us to his house for dinner.
He then kindly loaned us
a horse and buggy to be
used at our pleasure. We
drove to the centre of the town
and to the site of the farm
upon which our family set-
tled, in the woods, in 1833.
Only a depression in the ground
shows our cellar was marked
the site of the house but
a building remains. Fences
have been changed and
the orchard planted by
father, is largely dead
and gone, as well as the

dear ones who with us
lived there and called
it "home" for so many years.
We passed our parents only
a short time, but I how
our eyes drank in a view
of every good of the land.
That night I staid with
the family of our old neighbor
Ezra Rowland, where I was
so much and often a guest
in other days. Sat. the 25th
we spent the time driving
around the neighborhood
and calling upon the fam-
ily we knew. In the evening
I went to the house of Mrs.
Mary A. Poter, an old and
very dear friend, where
I staid all night. Only
she and her daughter
Mrs. Mary E. Bruce, both

many years the widow of my friend and playmate Marshall Bruce, where I remained all night, much enjoying the revival of old friendships, but also much pitying the lonely condition of my friends and the crippled and helpless condition of the mother. In the morning, Sunday Aug. 26, we again set out with our horse & buggy to see our childhood's home. Now we hitched our horse and walked over the fields we once helped to clear and plow, recasting counts here and there, for hours. In the p.m. we went to meeting in the old church that we saw built and dedicated in 1838. We saw but ~~one~~ ^{two} persons there besides ourselves who lived there then. We also spent some time in the

grave yard where our parents lie buried, and had a long visit with the old neighbors who live there. In the evening I went to the home of my old school-mate John Scott where I staid all night, much enjoying the revival of old friendships of myself and wife. In the morning my friend took his buggy and took me to Wellington where I met my wife and we took the train for home. Spent that night with Bro. Fox and family at Indianapolis, and on Sunday Aug. 28th reached home, after an absence of three weeks, finding everything in good order, and the country ~~we~~

shred by copious and recent
rains. In New York and Ohio,
especially the latter state, we
found the fields much
parched with drought, and
the corn-crop short.

September 18, 1894

We have now a very growing
time. Grass grows like fun
and the weather is cool &
very enjoyable.

Dec 6, 1894

This day my wife and myself
submitted to the Deacons
Board of the Methodist Epis-
copal Ill. Annual Conference
a proposition to give our very
dear and beautiful home
to the Church as a parsonage
and children's home, to
be managed by the Woman's
Home Missionary Society.

This home we have occupied,
improved and beautified
for near 25 years, but it
is more than we need for
our comfort, and the great
needs of homeless and
friendless children appeal
strongly to sympathetic ones
for such an institution.
We also feel that these home
wants are being overlooked
by the church in its great
far extending the faith.

Jan 25, 1895

This morning came the
news from Waukegan
that our offer of our
home had been accepted
by the Woman's Home Missionary
Society, with the resolution
to occupy and carry out
in good faith our wish.

Jan. 31

This day we rented our
dell for our home, includ-
ing 16 acres, which we
have owned and occupied
for 25 years to-day. May
God's blessing go with the
gift, and may it be the means
of doing much good.

Sunday Feb. 3

After attending church wife
and I drove to Champaign
to visit Sister Ophelia, who
has been much afflicted
for a year with a cancer.
Found her wasting away,
and suffering very much.

Feb. 4

The coldest day of the winter.
Sun. This morning 10° below
zero.

1896

Feb. 5

Sun. about as yesterday

Feb. 6

Sun. This morning 10° above
zero. Began snowing early
and continued most of the
day. Sleighting good.

March 12

Went to Doctor this A.M. and
returned in the evening.

April 12

On this day we abandoned
our home, where we have
lived over 25 years, and
moved our bed and board
to our new home on Green
St. Urbana, where we spent
the night, tired and weary.

Sunday Apr 14

Being very much fatigued
we staid at home in the P.M.
but in the P.M. attended the

Knight Temple services in
Cambridge.

May 12

Harvey had a week of the
warmest weather ever known
here a fine rain fell last
night very much cooling
the air. Today we need our
overcoats, the temperature
having fallen from

May 14

A freeze and frost last night
did much damage to
gardens, corn and fruit.

May 15

A cold drizzly rain. Still
so much good to our to the
parrot and dry earth.

Memoranda:— On August 4th
1905, by mutual agreement between
Frank H. Boggs my partner
in the practice of the law
since July 1893, we dissolved
our partnership and having
sold to him all my books
and office furniture,
with mutual good will, I
walked out of the office
and thus closed my profes-
sional life as a lawyer, which
I began on May 1, 1859, a period
of over 46 years, during which
time I have not missed my
necessary attendance upon a
single term of the Circuit
Court. No one can estimate the
degree of freedom from care felt
by me at this change from office
life and its burden of care and
anxiety.

August 16, 1905. While in at-
tendance upon a reunion of
the many members of the
Birmingham family, my cousin
far and near, at Hudson, N.Y.,
I today received a dispatch with
the sad intelligence of the
death of my brother, Edwin
William Birmingham, at Boul-
der, Colorado, where he had
been some weeks before hoping
to recover his health, after
some months of illness. The
news, tho' not unexpected for, was
most painful and depressing,
for he was our youngest brother
and always a great favorite in
the family owing to his sweetness of
temper in childhood and his
unimpaired vigor in his
manhood. He since 1900 has been a
juror at the Supreme Court of Kansas

October 1905. On August 20th
my wife and I in fulfillment
of a long desire, in company with
our niece, Ethel Fisher, and our
friend Mrs. Caldwell of Cleveland
Ohio, set out on a journey to Cal-
ifornia and the western coast,
via the Canadian Pacific
Railroad, leaving my brother
James B. Holden in feeble health
and with serious doubts if ever
we should see him in life
again. Our journey was suc-
cessfully accomplished with rests
at Vancouver, Seattle, Portland
San Francisco ^{Los Angeles} and San Diego &
several days each and for a
night or two at other places.
When we arrived at Los Angeles we
found awaiting us a despatch
from home containing the sad
intelligence of the death of my

brother Sheldon, which took place on September 17, 1905. Tho' the court had been looked for as near by for some months, the news that death had come to him, was a very great shock to me. Tho' in fact only a brother of the half blood to me, being my mother's only child by her first marriage, our relations had from infancy been such, that he had always been of the closest & most brotherly nature. No breach between us had ever found a place. But three years elapsed between our births and but for being that that we were not full brothers, we never would have known otherwise. Raised in the same family, worked together in the same office, at school together, we came from our parents' home westward together, made our homes in Urbana together,

when we have lived so truthfully aiding each other for more than half a century, it may well be said that our lives have been one. He had our offices together from March 1876 to the time of his death - over 28 years. Our occasional separations during our lives never at any time exceeded a period of six months. Altho' more mutually interested in the same business, on the contrary for a considerable number of years, in our law practice, competitors, no word or thought of unkindness, needing explanation or withdrawal ever came between us. Only the closest fraternal and helpful feelings were exhibited between us. Fortunately at no time after we were established in business, neither ever needed financial aid from any one, so our act books show little in a business way.

It is now in my extreme age & com-
fort to me to thus write, and just this
to say that the same condition of closeness
and helpful relations existed between
all of our family to the last. Now,
having but for the continued life of
my beloved sister, because she
last September the last of our family,
it gives me incomparably satis-
faction to know that the latest
prayers of our deceased father
that his children might live
as during his life, in love and peace,
have been fulfilled.

December 12, 1912. This day I complete
the 82nd year of my life according
to family tradition and information.
The clipping following this I attach
as a curiosity or rather as a
singular coincidence.

December 12, 1914 - Again after
the lapse of two years, I am here to
note the fact of another natal
day - my 84th year of life being
fully rounded out. With good
health, the comforts of life to the
fullest extent, including the
presence of my dear and faith-
ful wife, I still have the
most abundant reason for
gratitude to God for continued
favor.

12:12-12-12-12 AT 12:12 TODAY

This is the Way the Full Date Must
Be Written.

Take your pen firmly in hand at twelve
minutes past twelve o'clock today.

Then write the date, down to the hour
and minute, in Arabic numerals.

It will read: 12:12-12-12-12.

There you are. You can figure it down to
a still finer point by waiting twelve seconds,
if you wish.

G. S. Faber, an engineer on the staff of
the Chicago Railways Company, figured out
the freak date for THE RECORD-HERALD
yesterday. He has a penchant for chrono-
logical oddities.

The next time it will be possible to get a
like combination, according to Mr. Faber,
will be in ninety-eight years, nine months,
sixty-two days, twenty-three hours and
fifty-eight minutes. Then it will be possi-
ble to write the exact date 10:10-10-10-10.

At 12:12 on the 12th day of the 12th
month 1912 - my 82nd
birth day. G. S. Faber

1915. Another year has
richly marked me 85 years
with a deep gratitude
for all good, I enter
this year in good
with the exception
less strength and a
loss of the hand, I am
well as a year since.
It thanks be to God.

It is now in my extreme age & comfort to me to thus write, and just this to say that the same conditions of closeness and helpful relations existed between all of our family to the last. Now, having but for the continued life of my beloved sister, because the Last Sea-farther has gone from our family, it gives me much pleasure & satisfaction to know that the latest progress of our deceased father, that his children might at last as during his life, in love have been fulfilled.

December 12, 1912. This day & the 82nd year of my life according to family tradition and now the shipping following this at a curiosity or rather irregular coincidence

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December 12, 1914 - Again after the lapse of two years, I am here to note the fact of another natal day - my 84th year of life being fully rounded out. With good health, the comforts of life to the fullest extent, including the presence of my dear and faithful wife, I still have the most abundant reason for gratitude to God for continued favors.

December 12, 1915. Another year has elapsed, which makes me 85 years of age and with a deep gratitude to the giver of all good, I enter upon another year in good health. With the exception of a little less strength and a greater tremor of the hand, I am quite as well as a year since. For all this thanks be to God.

Our Grand Man.

The writer of this diary died at his home in Urbana, Ill. on April 30th 1917 at the age of eighty-six years and four months. Thus leaving his sister, Olive, the "Last leaf on the tree." She died in Oakland-Calif. at the home of her daughter, on Sept- 24-1925 aged ninety years and ten months. His wife Mary died in 1921.

(This entry is made by the daughter of his sister.) 1946



