

**Millwood Plantation Journal (Old Long Field, Maryland), 1863-1865**

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## **Inventory of Negroes**

1. Tom

2. John

3. Jim

4. Gill

5. Sarah

**6.** Phebe

**Millwood, for the week commencing February 9, 1863**

**Monday:** Alfred Tolbert (recent manager), commenced moving. "Men" employed hauling log (for roller) to Ridgeway. Stubbing and assisting Alfred Tolbert move. "John" hauled load of hay to B. Collins per contract. Weather: No entry

**Tuesday:** Alfred Tolbert finished moving. "Men" engaged assisting Alfred Tolbert move and stubbing. "John" hauled loads of hay to B. Collins per contract. Weather: Clear, and unusually mild.

**Wednesday:** Men engaged stubbing and collecting manure beside "barnyard." John hauled load of hay to B. Collins per contract. Alfred Tolbert died about 8 o'clock PM. Ill very Suddenly. Weather: Cloudy in morning. Snowing and raining in Evening. Temp moderate.

**Thursday:** Men employed collecting rich dirt, and hauling same into garden, and hauling straw from near Mill and stacking it near the barn. Mr. Soper commenced "trimming" Apple Trees. One Cow died, She having been injured in some way unknown. Weather: Cloudy. Tempr, moderate.

**Friday:** Hands employed Trimming Apple Trees, and hauling straw from near mill to near Barn. Dr. Gunton and I attended the funeral of Alfred Tolbert. Farm hands also attended same funeral, which took place shortly after 2 o'clock PM. Weather: Clear. Tempt moderate.

**Saturday:** Mr. Soper engaged trimming trees (Apple). Barret, Tom and Gill employed carting straw to stack near barn. John hauled load of hay to B. Collins per contract. Jim took vegetables and 69 lbs Butter to City Home. (-Dr. Gunton) Weather: Clear and Cloudy. Temperature mild.

**Sunday:** No entry

**Millwood-, 16 February, 1863**

**Monday:** Hands employed as follows: Mr. Soper trimming Apple Trees, finished today. Tom & Gill hauling chaff into barnyard and Mr. Barrett and Jim cutting elders, etc. John delivered load hay to B. Collins. Sold 7 Bus. Corn, Cash \$4.50. Weather: Clear and mild.

**Tuesday:** Did not go to Farm today. Hands engaged hauling wood to Barrets, Sopers and Jims. Weather: Snowed all day. Ground covered to depth of [number torn away] inches.

**Wednesday:** Mr. Soper preparing "hotbed" mending [illegible word] etc. Barrett, Jim, Tom and Gill engaged hauling chaff into Barnyard. John confined in house by sickness. Sore throat. Weather: Cloudy. Rained in afternoon.

**Thursday:** Hands engaged hauling chaff into barnyard and moving dirt from underneath threshing floor at Mill. John and Gill still confined in house by sickness. Weather: Cloudy in morning. Clear and windy in afternoon.

**Friday:** Did not go to farm today. Roads extremely bad, made so by melting of the recent deep fall of snow. Weather: Clear and temperature moderate.

**Saturday:** "Mary" accompanied me to farm today. Men engaged cutting Elders etc. Mr. Barrett (miller) sold 2 brls corn today. Cash \$4 of \$5 per Brl. Sent to City home (Dr. Gunton) 8 ½ lbs butter. Weather: Clear and springlike in morning. Blustery and cold in evening.

**Sunday:** No entry. Weather: Snowing [page torn] all day. Fell depth of [page torn away]

**Millwood, 23 February, 1863**

**Monday:** Did not go to Farm today, roads quite impassable owing to depth of snow. Hands engaged hauling wood for fuel. Weather: Clear and mild.

**Tuesday:** Did not go to Farm today. Attended Government Sale Horses. The same were sold at prices ranging from \$15 to \$45. Heifer calved today. Hands employed cutting and hauling wood. Weather: Clear and mild.

**Wednesday:** Hands engaged cutting and hauling wood, and hauling Hay from Barrack to Barn. "John" started with load hay to City. Stranded on the way and returned with mules, leaving load in road. Weather: Clear and cold in morning, mild at mid-day.

**Thursday:** Did not go to farm today. Hands engaged working about barn etc. "John" delivered load hay to B. Collins. Bought and Paid Mr. Johnson for 4 prs plough harness \$18. Weather: Rained. Temperature moderate.

**Friday:** Men engaged cutting brush cutting Elders etc. "John" delivered load of hay to B. Collins. Weather: Cloudy and clear. Temperature moderate.

**Saturday:** Hands engaged cutting briars, Elders etc and hauling brush. Paid Soper, Barrett and John [?]. Barrett wages due this date thus (Soper cash \$11.60- ½ bus. meal) (Barret cash \$15.20 + 3 ½ bus. meal (2.80) (Barret cash \$10) Mill ground 225 Bus. corn, crushed 20 Bus. of Barley 8 lbs Butter [in marginal note]. Weather: Clear and pleasant.

**Sunday:** No entry

**Millwood, 2 March, 1863**

**Monday:** Went to Baltimore today in company with "Mary" on a visit to Miss Mary H. Davidson, whose sister Louise died on Thursday night last, about Eleven aclock. Weather: Clear and most pleasant.

**Tuesday:** Hands engaged heaping corn stalks for burning, cutting briars & Elders and heaping same. John delivered load hay to B. Collins. Ground extremely wet, too much so to commence working. Rec'd from Mr. Barrett (miller) price of 2 Brls Corn \$9.50. Weather: A most singular day. Cloudy in early morning, then clear and pleasant. Afternoon snow with thunder and lightning attending.

**Wednesday:** Did not go to farm today. Hands employed cutting brush etc. Miss Biddington, Miss Barnes, Mr. Barnes and I drove to the Fort on Virginia side of Potomac. Weather: Clear and cold.

**Thursday:** Visited farm today in company with Mr. Sailor. He (Mr. S) examined Timbers in Mill and reported same in decayed condition in new end. He also measured distance of fence in front and at side of house. Hands cutting brush etc. John del'd load hay to B. Collins [in margin]. Sold 21 Brls Corn to Soper Cash [in note written over entry]. Weather: Clear and mild at mid-day. Froze hard last night.

**Friday:** Hands engaged stubbing, etc. "John" delivered load hay to B. Collins. Ground continues too wet to admit of farming. Roads extremely muddy. Weather: Cloudy. Temperature moderate.

**Saturday:** Jim came to city bringing 8 lb. Butter and one calf. Sold same (calf) to J. Hover at 8 dollars[?] per pound. 99 lbs being weight of same. Sold 100 Bus. wheat to Arnold to be delivered in few days. price. 170 [dollar sign]. Weather: Cloudy, raining at intervals.

**Sunday:** No entry

## **Millwoods, 9 March, 1863**

**Monday:** Visited farm today, accompanied by George Flackenstine [sp?] being in treaty [?] for situation as Farmer. Hands engaged handling brush making temporary pig pen etc. Mr. Barrett handed me \$30 being for 6 Brls corn sold Allen & Brooks. Weather: Clear and pleasant.

**Tuesday:** Hands engaged in covering Pig Pen, grubbing up Tussocks and shelling corn. Weather: Cloudy. Snowed nearly all day.

**Wednesday:** Hands engaged hauling brush, cutting Elders and briars and cutting and hauling logs for the purpose of repairs. Cow calved last night. Weather: No entry

**Thursday:** Hands engaged cutting and burning brush and hauling Tussocks to fill washes. Weather: Cloudy. Snowed at intervals.

**Friday:** Hands engaged cutting and burning brush etc. John delivered one load wheat to Col.[?] Arnold namely 51 43/100 at 17 dollars[?]. Weathr: Cloudy, freezing cold all day.

**Saturday:** Hands engaged hauling Tussocks, stumps etc. to stop washes and hauling hay to barn from barrack. John delivered to [unclear initials or title] Arnold one load wheat @ 51 22/100 @ 17dollars[?]. Jim took to City home Butter, 1 Brl Corn sold by Mr. Barrett to S. Allen at \$5. Weather: Clear and cold.

**Sunday:** No entry

## **Millwood, 16 March, 1863**

**Monday:** Hands engaged hauling brush and burning same, also cutting brush in meadow.

Weather: Clear and pleasant in later part of day. Snowed in morning.

**Tuesday:** Hands engaged cutting and burning brush and hauling nails, etc from recent Pig Pen.

Tom confined to the house by sickness. Ground continues too wet for farming. Weather: Clear and pleasant.

**Wednesday:** Hands engaged cutting and burning brush. Collected from Mr. Arnold for wheat sold 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Weather: Clear and pleasant.

**Thursday:** Hands engaged cutting and burning brush and carting rubbish from garden. Weather: No entry.

**Friday:** Hands engaged cutting brush in meadow and burning same, also crosscutting large olde log which lies near Folson line in meadow. Weather: Cloudy. Temperature raw and disagreeable.

**Saturday:** Hands engaged till noon at shelling corn. In after part of day at cutting and heaping brush and sawing at above named log. Jim brought to City 10 ½ lbs [?] butter. Weather: Snowed and rained all day.

**Sunday:** No entry

## **Millwood, 23 March, 1863**

**Monday:** Hands engaged sawing log in meadow and cutting and burning brush. Mr. Eastman accompanied me to Farm today. Sold all the wheat to Mr. Arnold at 175\$ to be delivered in a few days. Weather: Cloudy and mild.

**Tuesday:** Hands engaged cutting brush and fanning wheat. Cow calved today. Ground still continues too wet to farm. Weather: Cloudy and mild.

**Wednesday:** Hands engaged cutting collecting and burning brush and leveling dirt around Apple Trees. Weather: Rained in morning, clear in after part of day.

**Thursday:** John, Tom and Gill delivered 100 59/100 Bus. Wheat to W.H. Arnold at 175\$. The remainder of the hands cutting and burning brush. Robert Berry (cold) promised to come to work at Carperenting at \$1.50 per day. Weather: Cloudy, threatening snow

**Friday:** Hands engaged cutting and burning brush. Afterwards, Barrett and John commenced ploughing for oats. Mr. Seymore left a farm today a Horse. The same to be kept for its work. Weather: Clear and pleasant

**Saturday:** Jim came to city with vegetables and Butter. Weather: Rained all day

**Sunday:** No entry

## **Millwood, 30 March, 1863**

**Monday:** Hands engaged cutting and burning brush. John and Barrett ploughed in afternoon, it being too hard frozen during forenoon. Tom delivered to W. H. Arnold 48 34/100 Bus. wheat at 175\$. Weather: Clear and cloudy

**Tuesday:** Hands engaged shelling corn and cleaning wheat. Weather: Snowed and rained nearly all day

**Wednesday:** Tom delivered to W. H. Arnold 39 40/100 Bus wheat price 175\$. John hauled load oats to W.H . Arnold to be re-loaded and delivered to Baker also per Bus. Mr. Seymore left at Farm today two calves for keeping which he is to pay \$14 per month. Weather: Clear and cold

**Thursday:** John delivered to W. H. Arnold 46 7100 Bus. wheat, reloaded oats, left as above stated, took same to Mr. Baker (being 106 Bus) and received from [word unclear] 90 Bus. seede oats in return at 90c. Other hands engaged cutting briars etc. Oats sold to Mr. Baker 50c [note written over entry] Weather: Clear in morning. Cloudy and rained in evening

**Friday:** Hands engaged cutting briars and harrowing and rolling in front of mansion house. Wm. Barrett was absent today--his house caught fire by chimney being fired, and burnt down. Weather: Cloudy

**Saturday:** Hands engaged rolling and harrowing and cutting briars. Jim brought to City Butter and one calf which weighed 108 lb, sold same at 8c. Collected from W.H. Arnold \$350 a/c wheat. Weather: Cloudy, very windy and cold.

**Sunday:** No entry

**Millwood, 6 April of 1863**

**Monday:** Hands engaged digging dirt from about Mill, preparatory to putting in new Sill.

Weather: Cloudy

**Tuesday:** Hands engaged collecting Posts and Rails in woods and carting them to near Barn.

Weather: Cloudy

**Wednesday:** Hands engaged collecting Posts and Rails in woods cutting brush and hauling stones and bricks to repair Mill. Weather: Clear and spring like

**Thursday:** Hands engaged cutting brush, collecting ashes and working at Mill. Robert Berry commenced carperenting at Mill. Weather: Clear and pleasant

**Friday:** Hands engaged ploughing for oats, cutting briars and collecting sand for Mortar. Wm Barrett commenced work today. P. Devann [sp?] delivered at Mill 2 Brls Lime from T. Clarks. Weather: Clear and pleasant

**Saturday:** Hands engaged ploughing for oats, rolling etc. G. Allen commenced building pillars under Mill. Jim brought to City lb Butter on return took wheelbarrow and three Brls. Potatoes for seed. Clear and pleasant

**Sunday:** No entry

## **Millwood, 13 April 1863**

**Monday:** The hands ploughing and rolling and assisting Mason at Mill. The other cleaning up about dwelling and burning brush. Weather: Clear and spring like

**Tuesday:** Jim and Tom commenced sowing oats. Barrett and John finished ploughing in North field for oats afterwards they with Gill commenced harrowing in oats. G. Allen finished pillars at Mill. Weather: Clear and pleasant

**Wednesday:** Mr. Barrett, John and Gill harrowed in morning till prevented by rain. Jim, Tom and Soper digging and shoveling dirt at Mill preparing for threshing floor. Other hands shelling corn. Weather: Rained all day

**Thursday:** Hands employed shelling corn cleaning up about Barn and cutting brush. One cow died-named [no name given]. Weather: Rained nearly all day

**Friday:** John hauled from Morgan & Rinehorst [sp?] Plaster and from Clarks feet of flooring for Mill. After hands cutting briars and rolling. Weather: Cloudy

**Saturday:** John hauled from Clarks balance of lumber for flooring at Mill. Other hands cutting briars and rolling. Jim brought two calves and lb. Butter to Town. Calves were sold to Mr. Hover at \$15 for two. Jim took to [word unclear] two Calves, they being bought from Bailey at \$5 each. Weather: Cloudy

**Sunday:** Blank

**Millwood, 20 April 1863**

No entries for the week

**Millwood, 27 April 1863**

No entries for the week

**Millwood, 4 May 1863**

One entry only

**Thursday**—Hands engaged working at road in front of dwelling. Mr. [name missing] brought two colts to pasture at rate of \$10 for three. Weather: no entry

**Millwood, 11 May 1863 (with pencil entries for 1864)**

**Monday:** No 1863 entry

**Tuesday:** Hands engaged ploughing for corn and harrowing corn ground. Mr. Naylor [sp?] set one man (Mr. Smith) at work repairing dwelling. Agreed with Mr. Grimes to board Mr. Smith at \$4 ½ per week. Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** Hands engaged harrowing corn ground etc. Mr. Smith delivered 400 Bus Lime and got 4 Brls corn. Weather: No entry

**Thursday:** No entry

**Friday:** Hands engaged striking and corn ground rolling oats and planting corn commenced today. Weather: No entry

[Some marginal notes for 1864]

**Saturday:** Hands engaged striking and corn ground and planting corn. Weather: No entry

[Marginal note from 1864]

**Entries from May 16, 1864 until August 1, 1864 appear at this point in the journal in pencil. They have been placed in chronological order here. There is a change in handwriting also. From July 6, 1863 until September 6, 1863, pages have entries for both years. 1863 entries are written in ink and 1864 entries are in pencil.**

**July 6, 1963 (August 8, 1864 penciled in]**

All entries appear to be for August 8, 1864.

**Millwood, July 13, 1863 (August 15<sup>th</sup>, '64 penciled in)**

All entries appear to be for August 15, 1864.

**Millwoods, July 20, 1863 (August 22<sup>nd</sup> penciled in)**

All entries appear to be for August 22, 1864.

**Millwoods, July 27, 1863 (August 29<sup>th</sup> penciled in with entries for Aug. 29, 1864)**

**Monday:** No entry

**Tuesday:** No entry

**Wednesday:** No entry

**Thursday:** No entry

**Friday:** No entry

**Saturday:** Gave T. Clark order favor E. Clark (his son) on Dr. Gunton for \$25. Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** No entry

**Millwood, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1863 (Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> penciled in with entries for that week)**

**Monday:** Henry Ross commenced white washing dwelling today. Mr Seymore took from pasture one colt. Weather: Very hot.

**Tuesday:** Hands mowing, cutting oats and hauling hay. Weather: Very hot

**Wednesday:** Hands mowing, cutting oats in meadow and hauling hay. Jim took to City, 1 Brl. tomatoes and some pairs for which he obtained [amount left blank] doll. Also took to Dr. Gunton 3 lb. Butter. Weather: Very hot

**Thursday:** No entry

**Friday:** No entry

**Saturday:** No entry

**Sunday:** No entry

**Millwood, August 10, 1863 (September 11<sup>th</sup> penciled in)**

**Monday:** No entry

**Tuesday:** No entry

**Wednesday:** No entry

**Thursday:** No entry

**Friday:** No entry

**Saturday:** Seventeen (17) steers reached Farm today. [unclear word] Barret and Gill having driven same from coastline town [?] They having been purchased for our r/c by M. Hoover in Baltimore. Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** No entry

**Millwood, August 17 (September 18<sup>th</sup> penciled in with entries for that week)**

**Monday:** No entry

**Tuesday:** No entry

**Wednesday:** No entry

**Thursday:** No entry

**Friday:** No entry

**Saturday:** One hundred and fifty 150 sheep reached the Farm today. M Hoover with Tom's assistance drove same from Washington Mr. [initial unclear] bought same on our ofc in Baltimore. Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** No entry

**Millwood, 24 August 1863 ( Sep. 25<sup>th</sup> penciled in)**

**Note:** All entries in ink for 1863 are crossed through with 5 lines.

**Monday:** Made bargain with Otho Soper agreeing to give him for next year [illegible words], Ian 64 \$15 for mo. Meat, keeping of cow and privilege of 2 pigs and chickens. Weather: Dry and warm

**Tuesday:** The mare [illegible word] Fowler was found among Govt horses in Dr. Roberts; meadow she having been missed last evening. The party in charge of said horses refused to deliver her upon ground of U.S. being discovered on shoulder. Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** About middle of afternoon about [amount left blank] horses were turned in at gates (entrance to farm) [illegible word] the same being in charge of M. Ross. They became mixed with stock on farm and some difficulty in [illegible word] in getting ours from any there. Weather: No entry.

**Thursday:** Henry the cold man who Mr. Naylor employed to clean house returned to city this morning for claims to have worked 36 days. Weather: No entry

**Friday:** No entry

**Saturday:** No entry

**Sunday:** No entry

**Millwood, 31 August, 1863 (Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> penciled in)**

**Monday:** Made bargain with Otho Soper agreeing to pay him for next year commencing January '64 \$15 per month [illegible word] keeping of cow and privilege of 2 pigs and chickens.  
Marginal Note: Millwright commenced cogging mast wheel in mill today. Weather: No entry

**Tuesday:** The mare bought of Fowler found among Govt horses in Dr. Roberts' meadow she having been missed last evening. The party in charge of said horses refused to deliver her upon ground of U. S. being discovered on shoulder. Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** About middle of afternoon about [amount left blank] head of Gov. Horses were turned in at gates at road loose the saw and being in charge of Mr. Ross our stock becoming mixed with the said stock. Marginal note: Millwright finished today and returned to Mr. Candous [sp?]. Mill charged \$25.

**Thursday:** Henry the cold man employed by Mr. Naylor to clean dwelling returned to city today he having stated that he had worked 30 (36?) days. Weather: No entry

**Friday:** Hands engaged fencing and cutting briars. Weather: No entry

**Saturday:** Hands engaged fencing cutting briars whitewashing and cutting Locusts along locust walk. Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** Dr. Gunton returned from his trip to Saratoga 8c[?] yesterday and today visited Farm House. Weather: Rained a little in afternoon.

**Millwood, September 6, 1863 (October 10 penciled in)**

**Monday:** Hands engaged fencing cutting trees along old race and making new road. Weather:  
Still no rain, ground parched up.

**Tuesday:** No entry

**Wednesday:** No entry

**Thursday:** No entry

**Friday:** No entry

**Saturday:** No entry

**Sunday:** No entry

**“Home Diary of Mrs....”\**

**(These entries are all in pencil and sometimes appear on the same page as entries for 1863)**

**9<sup>th</sup> of May 1864**

Marginal note for Monday: Finished striking out corn.

Marginal note for Tuesday: May 10<sup>th</sup>—2 weeks earlier this year 1864

Marginal note for Friday: May 13<sup>th</sup> '64 Finished this work (in margin of 1863 entry that said

“Hands engaged striking out corn ground rolling oats and planting corn commenced today.

**May 16<sup>th</sup> ‘64**

**Monday:** Hands taking holiday being Whitsuntide. W. Y. [?]and Mr. T trying the new wheel at the mill. Mr. A gone to the City. A leisure day, he well merits. Weather: (May 15th ) Day uncertain in its sun-shine

**Tuesday:** We breakfasted in the City. A letter from Mrs. B inviting us to visit their house and attend Lizzies's wedding. “Hands” occupied in making fence, new road etc (by the Mill.) Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** Again early up and off to the City. W. Y and E.T. (Father's Son!) spend day in Balt looking at machines etc. bespoke a best thresher. Weather: Violent hail storm in City. None in the Country.

**Thursday:** We returned at noon time to the Farm place. Hands occupied as usual. Weather: No entry

**Friday:** All Farm work as usual. Ed T and wife had delightful ride horse back, the first one this year. Weather: Day very delightful

**Saturday:** Off to the City to breakfast there and to provide market meat for Country home groceries etc. to give old Sarah. W. Y. returned to the Country with E. T walked through RYE and WHEAT fields. Very good. Weather: Day exceedingly hot

**Sunday:** WY. and E. T. at the Farm until noon then went to City. W. Y. to act as Pall-bearer to the late E. Linosly [sp?] Caught in the shower on our ride homeward. Weather: Cloudy and rainy in evening time

## **23<sup>rd</sup> of May**

**Monday:** Hands occupied in making a road, in making a gate also. Tom and John sheep shearing. 2 o'clk Old Sarah and left this home. Mr. T. giving John the wagon to take them to the Ferry—slow are they to enjoy freedom. Weather: Delightful

**Tuesday:** Mr. T. off to the city to procure “a Pass” for a wagon of furniture. The house with no inmate save “The Lady of the Manor” who made breakfast for herself, a great undertaking! Eliz's family arrived at 5 o'clk. Strawberries from market the first of the season. Weather: Pleasant though warm. A great “gust” at night.

**Wednesday:** Hands busied, some hoeing corn, others shearing sheep, repairing barn road etc. In the home made some effort in putting aside winter garments. Wanted to make a call on friends. Weather unfit. Weather: Morning sweet and full of sunshine. Evening gusty.

**Thursday:** Work at a standstill or rather changed to hauling vine sticks, wood. Sheep shearing. We went before breakfast to the City a most uncomfortable ride there, and home again. Peas from Market & strawberries. Weather: Rained from 6 o'clk to 3 PM

**Friday:** The first strawberries and peas from the garden and very good they were. Weather: Rainy morning. Windy and uncertain weather in the evening time

**Saturday:** Went to the City, intending to return in noon time. Did not but packed trunks to start on Monday for Lizzie's wedding. Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** Did not attend church. Expecting Mr. T but at night we went and heard Mr. S. preach. Weather: No entry

**30<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Monday:** Put on wrappings and off to N.Y. after an early breakfast. With regret that **one** was not along whom I wanted. A weary ride, so wearisome. Reached Brk at early candlelight.

Weather: A clear and pleasant day

**Tuesday:** Engaged in various ways. (Admired L.' s pretty wardrobe) Wrote a full letter to him.

Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** 1<sup>st</sup> of June Lizzie's wedding day. All passed off pleasantly. The Millwood home, quiet, as "the Lady" was absent and lonesome was he. Weather: Bright day

**Thursday:** Lonesome was **he!** Weather: No entry

**Friday:** Ditto, do, do! Weather: No entry

**Saturday:** So lonesome as to necessitate the going to the City for Esq to cheer him up.

Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** He and the Esq. had a cozy [?] day of it. Sorry they did not attend chh. Weather: No entry

**6<sup>th</sup> of June, 1864**

**Monday:** Hands planting potatoes. Weather: No entry

**Tuesday:** He and I back to the City. Marginal note: 3 lbs. butter Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** Barrett taken off by government. Having heard of being drafted, Mr. T. went to Ellicotts to ascertain the truth. It was true. We met at the cars in B. A happy reunion. Home again after the wedding in Br. Weather: Day quite pleasant

**Thursday:** "Len" came to the City for us by 9 o'clock. All things sweetly looking in the country our home place. Weather: Pleasant

**Friday:** No entry

**Saturday:** Again to the City to procure things needful. Mr T to seek a substitute \*. Marginal note: 4 lbs. butter Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** Attended church in the city. Returned to the country at 5. Julie B. with us.

## 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 1864

**Monday:** Spent mostly out of doors. Mr. T turned "miller." Hands cultivating corn and working in garden. "Ground 36 Bushels corn, pretty good. Weather: Pleasant weather

**Tuesday:** Rode to the city home to breakfast. Returned to dinner. Commenced in good earnest making muslin curtains. Weather: Cool day

**Wednesday:** Sent to the City for Millers' [sp?] young man to put down the matting in the three rooms. He came & thankful were we when the work was done. The winter carpet removed to attic. Weather: Warm and dry

**Thursday:** Day engaged as usual. Men mending the road beyond the "race" through the meadow. Also cleaning the race, a two day job. Weather: Clear

**Friday:** Mr. T. went to the City after an early breakfast. Brought home with him the Piano Tuner. The "tuning" done & the tunist returning to the city in a very brief time. Is it tuned? Weather: Hot and dusty

**Saturday:** Engaged putting up curtains. The mowing and reaping machine arrived. Mr. T. going to the city to receive and send it. Will it work well. Weather: No rain the country parched

**Sunday:** In the country until dinner over. Then to the City. Saw much people hastening to the "Cemetery" to witness the Funeral of 20 young women (arsenal). Weather: Very warm and gusty looking. No rain.

## 20<sup>th</sup> June

**Monday:** The M's did not come as expected. They delay until Harvest is over. Hands mowing grass and cutting rye. Weather: 20<sup>th</sup> day hot

**Tuesday:** Returned from the City. Went in evening time to see the new Reaper at work amidst the Rye. It did pretty well and we had a thorny walk of it. Weather: Quite warm and terribly dusty and dry.

**Wednesday:** "The Machine" and all hands in the Rye field. No miller returned so Mr. T. has the Mill also to attend to. 22<sup>nd</sup>—Bridget came from N.Y. to the City home. Weather: No rain and the country suffers.

**Thursday:** Sent the carriage to the City. W. Y. returned in it. Walked a little in the rye field. Weather: A very hot day

**Friday:** Rye all stacked this day. Scarcely able to attend to anything because of the heat. Julie B and I did a little at reading and less at sewing muslin curtains. Weather: Hot and hotter, dry and dusty exceedingly disagreeable to everybody and beasts too suffer.

**Saturday:** \* draft etc. Again to the City. The morning pleasant. Hands in the Farm place mowing and gathering hay. Weather: Very, very hot. No rain.

**Sunday:** Heard Mr. S. preach. Mr. T came to the City at the house for us. We reached the Farm at dark. Rather too dark to enjoy all the ride. Did the Sabbath pass profitably? Weather: Hot, hotter. A gust of some wind and rain at 3.

**27<sup>th</sup> June**

**Monday:** Hay cutting. Coggs flew out of the mill! Grinding meal stopped. “Saw mill” quiet! Thankful Mr. T. was not in any wise injured. It might have been disastrous, the wheel so suddenly breaking. Weather: A pleasant morning. Hail storm at 3. Then cleared off.

**Tuesday:** Mr. T. off before sunrise to the City breakfasted at home. Then away to Ellicotts Mills, getting exemption papers by sending to the man “a substitute” in lieu of going. This “drafting” is an ugly thing. Weather: Beautiful weather

**Wednesday:** Mr. T and Julie B. went to the City in the early morning. Millwright home with Mr. T. had breakfast at 10 o’clk. The millwright repairing the broken wheel as a favor and for good pay (having relinquished the business). Mr. T and I a good ride, horseback. Weather: A pleasant day.

**Thursday:** Still mowing hay and gathering into the barn. Elizabeth’s boy quite ill. A visit from Dr. Heisbeil [sp?]. The home very quiet. Julie B must come back and she is glad to come. Weather: The morning fair. Then rain for an hour at 3 to 4 P.M. then sunlight.

**Friday:** Mr. Anderson went to the City. Away til 2. Mill wheelright finished his work and early off to the City. Too much water power at the mill, broke away the “fore bay” and did much damage to the Mill. Grinding stopped! Weather: A pleasant shower of an hour

**Saturday:** “Len” went to the City for Pa and Julia. They came. Hands employed in the harvest field. (the Rye all reaped) Wheat cutting. Mr. T. invented an improvement to the reaping machine. Ought he not to take a Patent?! Weather: Day extremely warm. Great show of “a Gust” but no rain.

**Sunday:** Quiet and pleasant was the morning. Evening time very hot. We attended Mr. Martin's chh. Heard his son preach. Evening call from Dr. Heiskiele [sp?] Weather: Day hot as ever.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> or July 1864**

**Monday:** The 4<sup>th</sup> of July which we did not celebrate. Finished the wheat cutting and stacking.

Weather: No rain but excessive dryness and heat

**Tuesday:** Mr. Webster engaged as a “new hand”. Returned to the City. Attended asylum.

Made a long call on Mrs. C. Had not seen her in a long time. Hands repairing mill race. John brought in wagon, a great load of wooden pipes for water use. Weather: Early morning pleasant

**Wednesday:** Paid asylum bills. Hay mowing and gathering. Large quantity of grass cut.

Weather: Windy and hot and dry, no rain

**Thursday:** Pa called to Mt. Oak to see our dear Mrs. M. Julie and I returned to the Farm place.

Mr. T.’s new mammoth hay wagon and four oxen in use today. An immense quantity of hay taking in one load. Weather: Hotter than ever yet no rain. A sprinkling did come at sundown.

**Friday:** Warmly oppressive at mid-day an excuse for my idleness. Hay cutting going on. All hands engaged mowing and gathering. Weather: Morning very windy. Hot and dry

**Saturday:** Mr. T. and I took breakfast in the City did some shopping. Attended to various duties in the City home. Returned late. Read over the news etc. Weather: Windy, hot and dry

**Sunday:** Went in pretty good season to chh. In time to receive the Benediction! Mistook the time by an hour. Day spent in reading and in music. Weather: The day still hot, vegetation parched.

## **11<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Monday:** Hung window curtains. Attended to house duties. Hands cutting and gathering hay. The rain stopped the work awhile. We have been told of there being no ingress to the City. Can it be so? We trust in its being a false rumor. Weather: Very hot morning. Rain came at noon and thankful were we.

**Tuesday:** Hands busied in the potatoe field and in raking hay. John was sent to Mt. Oak with note inquiring about dear Pa's safety. A day of much anxiety about the army movements near the City home. Weather: Hot morning. A little shower at noon

**Wednesday:** A pleasant horseback ride before breakfast over a very pretty road. John returned at noon, bringing word of our dear Mrs. M's death this morning. God comfort the family. Pa safe in W. Weather: 13<sup>th</sup> 1864 Morning sunny and cloudy at intervals

**Thursday:** The arrival of a note brought us the good word that we could enter the City. The Southern army fled. Harvesting, all hands busy. Weather: Clear day

**Friday:** Drove to the City. Pickets on the road. No trouble in passing them. Came home wearied. Always do after leaving the City house. Weather: Cool morning

**Saturday:** Mr. T. went to the City to bring Pa to spend the Sabbath with us. A pleasant time. Hay cutting. The machine gave out. Mr. Norbeck's [sp?] horse called for by him.

**Sunday:** No church. Quietly spent the day within doors. Weather: Hot and dry

## **18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Monday:** Cattle in the wheat field. Disastrous! Mr. T and Pa off to the City. The machine out of order. Mr. T. made a trip to Balt had it repaired. Returned home late. Cattle out of enclosure. All hands chased them. Weather: A cool morning, hot in the P.M.

**Tuesday:** Will God of his mercy give us rain? Everything parched up and the sun shines hot and brightly. When will the rain come? Hands in the meadow mowing and gathering hay. Weather: Dry and hot and windy

**Wednesday:** Drove to the City. The ride home very sultry. The “hands” as usual in the hay field. Great complaints of want of rain. The corn crop a failure. A bet of 1000 the field would not yield 100 bushels of corn. Weather: Great cloud and all wind, no rain

**Thursday:** The day spent as usual. A merry walk in the evening time in the meadow and amongst the new mown hay. Weather: Day windy and cool. The rain storm must have been near us.

**Friday:** The harvest almost finished. We took pleasant drive to the City home leaving Julie and M there. Pa and Mr. T. returned in the carriage to the Farm home. Weather: 22<sup>nd</sup> Unusually cool in the morning

**Saturday:** Passed the day in the City. Pa and Mr. T. started from the Farm to visit the M's. Weather: Morning cool and evening hot.

**Sunday:** Heard preach Dr. Nadal. Did not feel interested. Evening preaching was very good. Dr. S. was very impressive. Am sorry they leave us for Paris. Weather: A pleasant day.

## **25<sup>th</sup> of July, 1864**

**Monday:** Mr. T brought little Mamie G. to us. Glad to see them. Pa returned soon after seeing Miss. M. off in the cars for N.Y. Evening company came. Weather: Rainy morning. A gift of God's goodness.

**Tuesday:** Came back to farm bringing Mamie G. and Julie B. They are happy hearted girls. Mamie and Mr. T. rode to Mrs. Tolson's in the evening. Weather: A very warm day.

**Wednesday:** Hands engaged in plowing for the cabbage crop. The Earth needing much more of rain. A party of 3 merry ones went riding in the afternoon to the asylum, etc. Mr. T loves to give Julie & Mamie pleasure. Weather: Day hot. Evening cloudy yet no rain.

**Thursday:** Rode horseback before breakfast. Cattle in the meadow, broke into the silos. Mamie, Julie and Mr. T. made a call on the Martins. A letter from Mamie B. Weather: A hot day, everything scorching.

**Friday:** Julie has a birthday. A call from the S's. Was sorry not to see the S's at the City home. Pa expected us to meet them there, but the heat prevented our going. Hands commenced "thrashing" wheat." Weather: A day of excessive heat. Windy and hot.

**Saturday:** Spent in the city. Mr. T returned again & the hottest night of the season has it in the city. Mr. Barrett received notice of being drafted. Large numbers of troops passed through the streets at night. Weather: Hot and dry

**Sunday:** A farewell discourse from Mr. S. A full congregation. Afternoon, communion and an interesting sermon. Returned home after tea getting to the Farm at Candlelight. Weather: Hot and windy

## **1<sup>st</sup> of August, 1864**

**Monday:** Uncomfortably hot. Engaged to take tea at Mrs. T's. Had to send John with an excuse. Much disturbed because of so little water in the race. But little thrashing done at Mill. Large quantity of grain cut to be ground, but had to be refused. Weather: Dry and hot

**Tuesday:** Went early to the city. Attended to asylum accounts. Came home to a late dinner. The long wished for rain came but not half enough. Yet thankful were we. Weather: Pleasant in the morning. Evening time "a Gush"

**Wednesday:** Again early off to the City, went Mr. T. to Balto. Was not successful in securing a substitute for Mr. B. Pa returned with him to the country in the evening. Hands busied in hoeing potatoes. Weather: Beautiful day

**Thursday:** "Lash" Day. Gathering up the Rye crop. Julie's "hand" occupied in cake making. The first peaches of the season. Walked to Mrs. T. J's, made an afternoon call. Weather: Pleasant & airy, though a little too warm in the evening.

**Friday:** Mr. T off to Ellicott's Mill to pay the \$300 for Mr. Barrett being drafted and not serving in the army. A long day it seemed without him. "The hands" finished their harvest. Weather: A disagreeably warm day

**Saturday:** The grain all gathered. Mr. T went to the city with Julie & Mamie. The rain had ceased. Pa returned with Mr. T, glad ever to see him with us. "The Hands" all reaping a holiday. Weather: God be blessed for the beautiful rain of this day.

**Sunday:** A heavy though short rain storm in the night. We went nowhere to church. I am sorry. Weather: Warm and cloudy

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1864**

**Monday:** Early off to the City. A letter from Mrs. B & a heart ache too. I wish “ my God” would help me so to live, as to win the love of my family circle, at least. Farm hands digging for water pipes to be laid. Garden moved too. Weather: Misty & exceedingly warm.

**Tuesday:** “Hands” busied in digging. Mr. B. engaged mowing weeds. The day very sultry. Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** Occupied in preparing for friends. Mr. Norbeck brought back his horse for pasture. Digging for water pipes were all the hands. Weather: Very, very dry & warm

**Thursday:** Pa, Julie and Mamie came & soon after our friends Mr & Mrs. M. We were glad to see them. Digging digging all the day long a wearisome work for the men. Weather: Again very very warm

**Friday:** Of such heat, how did it weary us. The day passed quickly with our friends. Weather: No entry

**Saturday:** The wooden pipes fitted in, but when will the water flow through. After dinner Mr & Mrs. M. bade us good bye. We hope they reached home before the storm came. Weather: Very very sultry about 7 o’clk evening a glorious rain came

**Sunday:** Spent the day within doors. No opportunity for chh service & was sorry. Weather: A good rain at evening time

## August (16) 1864

**Monday:** The Irishmen have a holiday being a Saint's day. Pa, Julie & Mamie went to the city before breakfast. Mr. T sowed turnip seed a goodly quantity. I go home to prepare for a trip to the Springs. God Bless & keep my precious husband & restore us soon to one another.

Weather: Sunshine until one o'clk then gusty

**Tuesday:** Packed trunks & off in the night train to N.Y. Reached there 6 o'clock Wednesday A.M. A pleasant welcome from L.,M., & W. Sorry and troubled in parting from my Husband. Wished earnestly to have him with us. Weather: Uncertain weather

**Wednesday:** A continuous rainy day in New York. Weather: No entry

**Thursday:** Mr. S & Laura dined with us at Mr. B's. It was quite pleasant seeing them.

Weather: Showery

**Friday:** Went with Pa and Mamie B. to meet the S's on deck of "Ship of London." Saw the staterooms where the dear voyagers are to call "their own" for the Ocean trip. Weather: No entry

**Saturday:** A beautiful day. Went with others to bid our Mamie B. & the S's a "good bye." God knoweth only when & how we meet again. We saw the ship cast anchor. They sailed at 2 P.M. A cheery letter from my dear husband. Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** A disagreeably rainy day. Went to church but much disliked the preaching of the afternoon. Better far had been at home. Weather: No entry

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1864**

**Monday:** Started in the evening boat, for Albany, a stormy night. Slept none though the stateroom was comfortable enough. We reached in safety & in time the cars for Saratoga.

Weather: No entry

**Tuesday:** Eleven o'clk breakfast in Saratoga. But before it came the enjoyment of a sweet letter from the dear absent one. Much gay company here & great show. Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** At the Union Hall, quickly spending the time. Mrs. M arrived. Weather: No entry

**Thursday:** A long letter came, very glad in receiving news from him, my own precious one.

Weather: No entry

**Friday:** Hired a hack and took beautiful drive to Saratoga Lake. Weather: No entry

**Saturday:** The [illegible] arrived. Were quite glad to meet them. Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** Attended Presby chh. Heard Dr. Vermyle [sp?] of N.Y. preach a doctrinal sermon.

Weather: No entry

**August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1864**

**Monday:** Day passed as usual. Weather: No entry

**Tuesday:** Left Saratoga at 9 o'clk. Reached Niagara Falls after an irksome journey at midnight. A (illegible) of 2 miles from depot to the Cutarack(?) House, finished the day & no sleep that night. Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** Oh the beautiful day, & the grandeur of the views all around us. How exquisitely grand the Falls & the soft air & sweet sun shine added to the enjoyment. How earnestly I did want "one other" beside me there & then. Weather: No entry

**Thursday:** Started for Albany. A tedious ride in the cars. Thankful to reach the St. John & secure good state room. Rested pretty well the night being quiet. Weather: No entry

**Friday:** Reached Phila. & "somebody" welcomed me there, whom I gladly welcomed. Weather: No entry

**Saturday:** Spent the day seeing about Phila. Went to Girard College. Penitentiary. Park. Schuylkill Water works [illegible abbreviation]. Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** Alas, it rained unceasingly all day. We stirred not out of the "continental." Weather: No entry

**Sep. 5th 1864 (same page as Millwood, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1863)**

**Monday:** Returned to our city home. Mr. M. and Mamie bidding us good bye in Balto.

Weather: Rainy and cool

**Tuesday:** Mr. T returned to farm. I very busy in unpacking. Three weeks of absence from home. Now must wander no more this year. Weather: Rainy

**Wednesday:** Spent in the city. Weather: No entry

**Thursday:** With Mr. T I came back to our country home. Sorry not to have Julie B. with us. The home looked very sweet. Hands occupied in ploughing & in cutting briars. Weather: No entry

**Friday:** Wrote letters to Sydney & to Lizzie and to Julie. Did some sewing also. Weather: No entry

**Saturday:** Pa came to spend a little time with us. [illegible word] storm at night. Weather: No entry

**Sunday:** A rainy day. Mr. T & Pa drove to the Navy Yard. Were overtaken by sudden & alarming storm but they escaped harm. I am thankful. Weather: No entry

**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> (with entry for August 17, 1863 on same page)**

**Monday:** Cider Press occupying all Mr. T's mind. I attended to various house duties. Hands "seeding" etc. When shall we drink "our cider" which is to h\_\_\_\_\_. Mr. Thomas [sp?] here to purchase cattle which he bought here a year ago. Weather: Windy, cool and pleasant

**Tuesday:** Hands gathering apples for cider. I occupied in summing up the asylum bills. Making up my "back pages" of expenses & receipts. Finished sowing wheat. John harrowing in the [illegible word] patch. Cider press nearly completed. Weather: Bright and lovely day

**Wednesday:** Engaged as usual. The "cider press" of Mr. T's inventing, a success. Weather: Pleasant day

**Thursday:** Occupied in repairing chamber window curtain. Had a taste of our Cider. "Good" Hands cutting briars, harrowing etc. Went to the City to see Mrs. M. Our first letter from Mamie B date the 30<sup>th</sup> Aug, 200 miles off Queenstown. Weather: A little rain in the early morning

**Friday:** Procured rye for seeding from Mr. Y [?]. Hands ploughing for rye seeding etc. Weather: A little showery then clear

**Saturday:** Pa came here. Weather: Heavy rain in the evening.

**Sunday:** Heard new minister on this text "This rock is not as our rock etc. I neither like nor dislike him. Heard "Tom." A little lesson. A pleasant ride back to the Farm with Mr. T. Pa & Mr. T at the Farm evening. Came for me. Weather: No entry

**September 25, 1864 (Same page as August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1863)**

**Monday:** Hands making preparation to cut the corn. (Marginal note: Wrote letters to Mrs. L.B.)

Weather: Beautiful day

**Tuesday:** Attended to duties. Hands harrowing rye field. Rye seeded. Commenced corn cutting. Weather: Beautiful day

**Wednesday:** Busy cutting corn. Weather: Cloudy & warm

**Thursday:** Eliz. had the day. I, all alone as house keeper. Mr. T. very busy making a paten wheat & rye mill & success is his. Men cutting corn. Weather: No entry

**Friday:** This day being so wet the men stopped in their corn cutting. Finished the work at close of day. Weather: Rainy night & the day still rainy

**Saturday:** [Illegible word] ploughing corn fields. Rainy day. Took dinner in the City. Pa returned in the evening with us. Lizzie came to the City house. Glad were we. Weather: Rain in the afternoon and night.

**Sunday:** The water flowed into the tank unexpectedly & leaked through the parlor ceiling disagreeably. Had Communion – was glad to be there. Weather: Uncertain weather

**October 2nd, 1864 (Same page as Millwood, August 31, 1863)**

**Monday:** No entry

**Tuesday:** Ploughing Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** No entry

**Thursday:** Hands ploughing. Lizzie with us today. Weather: Quite warm

**Friday:** Ploughing in corn field. Others cutting briars, etc. Saw the Cider Mill & Press at work.

The cider good. Weather: Beautiful day. Mild and lovely in the extreme.

**Saturday:** We had a most unpleasant drive to the city. Pa returned with Mr. T. Weather: As windy and cold & disagreeable as possible.

**Sunday:** The frost destroyed my flowers. Attended City church. A poor sermon given us. Weather: Windy & cold, cold.

**10th of October, 1864 (same page as September 6, 1863)**

**Monday:** Returned with Lizzie to the Country. Compelled to have a fire in both homes.

Weather: Cold & windy.

**Tuesday:** Mr. T. attended the Funeral of a Mr. Grimes a neighbor. Early dinner and with Mr. T I made a first call on Mrs. F. T. which a walk over the meadow we had. Returned after a pleasant call at lamplight. It soon grows dark these days. Weather: Milder yet cool in the morning & night

**Wednesday:** The rain came at 2 o'clk whether needed or not I know not. Only the dust was disagreeable. Sewing winter window curtains. Weather: Bright & then cloudy

**Thursday:** Having early dinner & ready to start home. In came Dr. W & his friend Dr. S. What a surprise it was especially to B. At 4 o'clk we all went to the City. Weather: Windy & cool

**Friday:** Pa & Mr. T spent the day in Balto. on business. Dr. W. & Lizzie had a quiet day in the City home. Evening time came visitors. Weather: Pleasant

**Saturday:** "Len" came with carriage. Dr. & Lizzie and I returned to the country. Dr. S. came in the evening. Remained over night. A cozy evening we had. Weather: Very pleasant

**Sunday:** A letter from Mrs. M. We all started for the city to attend chh. Hurried in time. Heard McGoughan [sp?] morning and night. He suits us. Weather: Windy & gusty

**17<sup>th</sup> October, 1864**

**Monday:** Pa again went to Balto. Mr. T & I & Dr. & Lizzie met "Len" with carriage at Navy Yard. Reached home before noon. Enjoyed the day. Lieutenant J. came to dinner and remained over night. Weather: Sweet day & warm

**Tuesday:** Mr. T and Dr. went gunning, shot 4 partridges. Lieut. J. went back to the city. Evening we all drove to the city. Weather: Pleasant tho' cool

**Wednesday:** Lizzie & Dr. W. bade us good bye. We enjoyed their visit to us. I called on Miss. R [?]., wrote to Mrs. M. Had a lengthy & good letter from Mamie B. Answered a soldier's letter. Weather: Pleasant day

**Thursday:** B. & M. talked of going away. Wrote letter for Bridget. She & M. give me lots of trouble as regards their living with us. Why are they not satisfied in staying? Came back to country home with Mr. T. Very much I miss Lizzie. Weather: Rather cloudy & rather pleasant

**Friday:** Hands finished "husking corn." Harrowing the field for rye. Began today for the foundations of the ice house – Dairy etc. Mrs. & Miss T called. Weather: Very pleasant

**Saturday:** Rain before sun rise. Then it did blow cold & so all through the day. A little snow at night. Busied in repairing clothes, etc. Weather: Cold & windy & wintry

**Sunday:** Dear Lizzie W's birthday. We thought of her. After an early breakfast went to the City. Attended chh. Listened to a sermon of great interest from Rev. Mr. G [?]. At night enjoyed the service also. Glad Mr. T also listened with me. Weather: A pleasant day though coolish

**24<sup>th</sup> October, 1864**

**Monday:** Attended the meeting at the asylum. Went in the evening to vote for a new minister for our Pulpit. We chose Rev. Mr. Gould with a large vote. In the country “hands” were busy harrowing the field & sowing timothy seed. Weather: A pleasant day

**Tuesday:** Mr. T came for me to the City. Pa returned with us. Us was much gratified for the working of the saw mill. “Hands” finished harrowing and seeding. Weather: A sweet day

**Wednesday:** All hands busied in preparation for removing the Oak buildings. It will prove a harder job than Mr. T imagined. Men digging foundation, sawing planks, removing logs from ice house etc. Pa & Mr. T. went to the Gov. Asylum. Weather: A fine day

**Thursday:** All the men actively engaged in preparation for the heavy work of removing heavy, cumbersome ice house. Weather: A little rain at night fall

**Friday:** A very heavy northwest wind all day. Morning clear. The work commenced. Every man with shoulder to the task. I dared not watch the unsteady moving of the old ice house, fearing disaster to the men. Weather: Rained all Thursday night

**Saturday:** A holiday to all “the hands.” Pa’s birthday. We drove to the City to breakfast. Enjoyed the day. The B’s [?] dining with us. Many were our wishes for years of happiness in our beloved “one.” The best of all earthly parents. Weather: The day quite pleasant

**Sunday:** Attended church. Heard Rev. Mr. Marks. Mr. T. returned to the farm in the evening. We listened to a sermon at night from Mr. Comstock, a quakerer.

### **31<sup>st</sup> of October, 1864**

**Monday:** In the City. Kept pretty busy. "Hands" very industriously employed moving Dairy. A success. Weather: A very pleasant day

**Tuesday:** Attended asylum meeting. In the evening wrote out "checks" and settled the bills for the month. Men engaged moving the smoke house. Succeeded. Weather: Good

**Wednesday:** Pa came with Mr. to the farm home. "Hands" completed the removal of the out houses and sheds. Great praise due my good husband for his skill in this heavy work.  
Weather: Rainy

**Thursday:** Wrote full letter to Mamie B. Uncomfortable weather. Read some little aloud to Pa & Mr. T in the book "Ten acres enough." Weather: Not pleasant. Some rain.

**Friday:** Pa & Mr. T drove to the asylum to purchase oxen. Thence to the Navy Yard & each then went his way home. Pa to the City dwelling and Mr. T here. I occupied industriously all day. Weather: Showery

**Saturday:** Drove to the City in the afternoon. A pleasant evening with Pa in that home.  
Weather: Pleasant day

**Sunday:** Heard Mr. Marks preach. In the evening again went to Wesley Chapel to hear Mr. Comstock excellent discourse. Weather: A bright day

**7<sup>th</sup> November, 1864**

**Monday:** "Hands" began the new "Dam breast." It is to be a security against all freshets. A substantial work & ice pond. I did some shopping. Wrote letters & occupied in many ways.  
Weather: A rainy day

**Tuesday:** Came back to the farm in the afternoon. Miss W with me. Men all day at the Dam, working most busily. Weather: A sour & rainy day

**Wednesday:** Commenced signing the tickets for the Orphan's Fair. A very hard task. Men as usual very busy at the Pond (which is to be). Weather: Not pleasant

**Thursday:** Early at writing desk with lots of tickets to sign. Writing, writing all the spare hours. Finished at eleven at night. 986 ten cent Tickets. 984 50 ct tickets. Weather: Not comfortable

**Friday:** Total 1970 tickets signed. Glad of the sun shine this day. Went with Miss. W. a good walk over the fields. In the evening saw the industry of the men finishing the work at the Dam. But what would they accomplish without Mr. T. Weather: Clear day

**Saturday:** Drove to the city with Miss W. Received from Norbeck \$15 for the pasturage of his horse. Gave money to Mr. T & he gave it me. Pa came to the farm with me to dinner. Weather: Cloudy & damp, rained a little

**Sunday:** Ice in the fountain. A quick Sabbath within the country home. Weather: Quite cold

**No Date, presumed sequential (Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** All hands busy at the race bank making a new bank. Heavy work. Old Rbt called away to see his sick child. No Mill work of course done. The water cut off & the Miller gone. Pa brought yokes of oxen of Dr. (illegible.) On his way to the City home in the evening.

Weather: Cold & cloudy. Then sun shine

**Tuesday:** Mr. T ever so busy at the race bank, nothing done without his oversight. At night the work completed. We took a long ramble over the hills, quite enjoyable. Needle work at night, he rested. Weather: Cold & dull. Then a little shower. Sunset clear

**Wednesday:** Hands engaged in the potato field, digging & hauling them to the cellar. Mr. T an active "miller." He accomplishes all things he puts hand to. Weather: A splendid day. Mild and clear

**Thursday:** Our first Buckwheat cakes of meal (old Robert yet absent. Mr. T early at Mill. Several bushels of corn ground) ground by Mr. T! Went to the City and took dinner there. Robert returned at night bringing his daughter. Weather: Cloudy, a little rain & a splendid sunset

**Friday:** A rainy, disagreeable time. Men had to quit potato digging. Busied self with needle work. Mr. T occupied in settling up accounts. Weather: Rain commenced at noon

**Saturday:** Attending to sewing, etc. Mr. T went to City. Pa returned with him at dusk. Evening time they were uncommonly busy cyphering. Completely addled in the power of water wheels! Weather: A little less disagreeable. Afternoon of sun shine

**Sunday:** So stormy no stirring out of doors. Occupied in reading. If in the City would have gone to chh. Weather: Rain, rain, rain

**No Date, presumed Sequential (Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>)**

**Monday:** P would return to the city after an early dinner. “Len” drove him there in bouncing, bounding Rockaway. “Hands” in the wheat loft/cleaning the grain. Weather: Rain, rain, all day of rain

**Tuesday:** Went to the City with Mr. T. Packed Pa’s & Mr. T’s valise. They start early in the morning for Chester. Weather: Cloudy & cold & raw

**Wednesday:** Early up. Pa & Mr. T breakfasted & off then to the cars for Wilmington. I felt the day long and lonely. Wrote to Lizzie B. Weather: Cold & freezing hard & windy

**Thursday:** Thanksgiving. We did not keep the day in any wise. Fannie & Jennie took breakfast & then went with me to the Farm home to dinner. They seemed to enjoy the day. “Hands” busy gathering the turnips. Weather: Very cold but clear

**Friday:** Spent the day in going to the Navy Yard. Called on Mrs. M. Thence to Geo.town. A call upon the bride Mrs. G [?]. A pleasant time. Came home at lamp light. Weather: A beautiful day.

**Saturday:** H. and Webster [?] came with me to the country home. Dined and then had to hasten back to the City. A pleasant ride home. Hands finished gathering the potatoes. Weather: A cool morning

**Sunday:** Had good letter from my dear husband. Attended chh. Heard a stranger. His sermon was from “Timothy” to the young. Evening time spent in reading. Was lonesome. Weather: A pleasant morning, rain at night

**No Date, presumed sequential (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** Called on several friends to gain their interest in the coming fair for Orphans. Late in the evening the absent and dear ones returned to their home & how glad was I to see them both.

Weather: A very mild & beautiful day

**Tuesday:** Came with Mr. T to the Farm. Found all had gone on well in his week's absence.

"Hands" dumping manure on the [illegible word] patch. Mr. T in the evening settling Mill book.

Weather: A very pleasant day

**Wednesday:** The last day of autumn, beautiful day it is. "House duties" in the morning. Noon time went with Mr. T to the City, a dinner "at home" there. Returned by sun-down. "Hands" engaged hauling manure. Weather: Soft & sweet the air. Windows open & birds singing

**Thursday:** 1<sup>st</sup> of December. How will this month end –in "storm" likely. "Eliz" & "Len" allowed a day's holiday in the City. I am mistress and maid alternately, this day. Barrett at the plough, Tom & John & the others cleaning barnyard, etc. Weather: Mild & pleasant, dampish at sundown

**Friday:** A stormy day. Our fair commenced in the evening. How I wish success may attend it.

Gate posts planted for the garden and house entrance. Men cutting briars, etc. Weather:

Stormy

**Saturday:** Drove to the City. The day raw & uncomfortable. Evening attended fair with my husband. Too much of a crowd to enjoy it. Jennie Z.[?] all day at the house. Weather: Clear at night

**Sunday:** Attended chh heard sermon from the missionary Dr. King. Was interested. A collection taken in benefit of the Asylum. Mr. T returned to the Country home

**5<sup>th</sup> of December, 1864**

**Monday:** Went to the Fair morning & evening. A great crowd there in the evening. "Ladies," obliged to raise the admittance fee. Weather: Cold & uncomfortable

**Tuesday:** Our monthly meeting at the asylum. We were cheered by receiving a large sum of money to make expenses. Paid out, over \$1000 of the receipts. Evening, again at fair. Weather: Rather pleasant

**Wednesday:** Paid out "checks" for the asylum & occupied in useful work. Farm hands of course "busy," but in what way I know not being absent there from. Stormy weather & fair, each have their way, but work is done, suitable to the day. Weather: Rainy & very stormy

**Thursday:** Mr. T for a brief half hour came to us. "In came" our little Mamie G & her [illegible word]. Was right glad to see them. Was sorry not to be able to keep my "good man" longer. "The country home too cold for me," he said. Mamie was charmed with the fair & took home Cmas gifts from it. Weather: Very cold

**Friday:** At one o'clock Mr. M & Mamie returned to their home. A very cold ride was theirs. Weather: Cloudy & raw

**Saturday:** A snow storm & rain. Mr. T came through all the discomfort, but would not remain, because of the necessity for his presence at the Farm. Would not allow me to return with him. Weather: Disagreeable in the extreme

**Sunday:** Heard a good discourse from Rev. Mr. Winchester. Pa & I both interested in it. Attended funeral of Old Lady Coyle [?]. Weather: Rainy & cold

**12<sup>th</sup> of December, 1864**

**Monday:** In the City engaged as usual. Mr. T came to dinner. Glad indeed to see him. Served at the Fair table that evening, being my turn. Excused on other days. Weather: Very cold

**Tuesday:** Too much of an exposure to return to my Country home. Mr. T went away without me & with regard to me. "The cold too intense," he said. Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** Spent as usual. Weather: No entry

**Thursday:** Ditto. Weather: No entry

**Friday:** Mr. T again came to dinner & he had warm welcome. Weather: No entry

**Saturday:** He returned to the country & without me. "Hands" engaged cutting briars. The great horse the noble "Prince" died. It does grieve us he was such a faithful beast in long years of service. Weather: Cloudy & cold

**Sunday:** Went with Pa to Chh. In a little while my dear husband took seat beside us, having come from the Country home in time. Listened to a good sermon upon the "Grace of Christ Toward Us." Weather: Rained a little

**19<sup>th</sup> of December, 1864**

**Monday:** At last did have my own way in coming home. Returned in cold rain storm, after a 16 days absence. But I am glad to be at home again in this quiet and retired place. Glad to be with him. Weather: Rain, all day of rain

**Tuesday:** Engaged in sewing and mending. My husband modeling a water wheel sanguine of success. I do hope he may meet with it fully. Night in reading aloud & in sewing. "Hands" cutting briars, etc. Weather: Cold & cloudy

**Wednesday:** Awoke to find a stormy & cold morning. Engaged myself in various ways, all useful. A violently windy & cold night. God help the poor in such weather. Weather: Sleet and snow all day

**Thursday:** "Hands" cutting briars etc. Oh so cold, could not keep warm anywhere or anyhow. Assorted and mended the clothes from the wash. At night read awhile & then filed in great order the asylum receipts of the 2 ½ years. Will resign the good office of "Treasurer" soon. Weather: Windy & freezing hard all day

**Friday:** Engaged to dine with Pa this day, but found the cold too intense to venture going to the City. God bless my husband & me, in our united life Our Wedding Anniversary this. "Cutting Ice" are the men this day. John gone to the city with the sixth load of hay. Weather: No entry except "Our Anniversary Day"

**Saturday:** Drove to the city, over an icy road. Some of the men had holiday. Two or three cutting ice. Weather: Cold, yet moderating

**Sunday:** A happy Cmas to all, with God's blessing we pray. A beautiful day, but walking sloppy. Attended Ch. Heard Rev. Mr Kerr preach. A good Cmas dinner. Received gifts & gave gifts. Rained at night, did not venture to City again. Weather: No entry except "Christmas"

**26<sup>th</sup> of December, 1864**

**Monday:** A very disagreeable morning. With Mr. T came back to the farm. He found many things wrong upon the place. Barn door off. John sick. Ice cut, remaining on bank & all telling a disagreeable holiday. Weather: Cold & rainy day

**Tuesday:** Mr. Webster & Mr. Barrett after minute directions how to reach Georgetown whither neither one had ever been started with six mules and a load of wheat at 9 o'clock. Came back about 7. A trial of the model wheel was made & it proved a success. Weather: Foggy & rainy

**Wednesday:** Rain all night. Six mules & B & W started at 10 o'clock with another load of wheat. My model husband began another wheel this day "to be an improvement upon the first," so he says. Weather: Foggy then sunshine then clouds again

**Thursday:** No entry

**Friday:** No entry

**Saturday:** No entry

**Sunday:** No entry

### **No Date (Presumed Sequential)**

**Monday:** Is the Day I wash on. (scrawled text different from main writer's handwriting)

**Tuesday:** 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1865. A violently rainy day. Of course attended the meeting in the City of the Pr. B. asylum). Reelected were all the managers & I was not allowed to resign. So again, I have "buckled" on the harness. Weather: No entry

**Wednesday:** Is the day I am going to get married on (scrawled text in different handwriting)

**Thursday:** No entry

**Friday:** No entry

**Saturday:** No entry

**Sunday:** Is the day my Birth day come (scrawled text in different handwriting)