The following is a transcript of the 1885 handwritten diary that was kept faithfully by **Rev. Edwin Salisbury Cheeseman** of Theresa, New York. His name is not listed in the diary but there were clues… His wife is **Ruby Ann Graves**, although he calls her **Rue**. She was born on Valentine's Day in 1836 and **Edwin** was born July 11, 1835. The couple married in 1861. Most of his life was spent in Theresa, but in the course of the year 1885 he was given the assignment of Hermon, NY and moves there in April. He talks a great deal about going to the old homestead in Theresa.

As the diary begins **Reverend Cheeseman** talks about how different this New Year is from the last New Year. I believe **Rue** was quite sick in 1884. A newspaper article from the Watertown Daily Times supports this. Dated 11 February 1884: "The friends of the wife of Rev. E.S. Cheeseman, of Heuvelton, N.Y., will be pained to learn of her very dangerous sickness at the present time. Mrs. Cheeseman is a sister of O.S. Graves, of this city, Watertown being her former home."

His love for her is very obvious too as he talks about her a great deal and worries about her when he has to go away preaching. In September of 1885 diphtheria hits the area and many people die from it.

From Find a Grave: *"**Rev. Edwin Salisbury Cheeseman** was the husband of **Ruby Ann (Graves) Cheeseman**. **Ruby** died February 20, 1911. **Rev. Cheeseman** was a minister in the Black River Conference and Northern New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His first charge was Ellisburg, New York. His last charge was Cape Vincent, New York. This covered a period of 36 years of faithful service."*

Edwin Salisbury Cheeseman (1835-1913) was the son of **Jeremiah V**. (1807-1889) and **Margaret P. (Cook) Cheeseman** (1804-1863) of Theresa.

Ruby Ann (Graves) Cheeseman (1836-1911) was the daughter of **Sterling** (1800-1881) and **Ruby (Otis) Graves** (1798-1859) of Antwerp.

Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Theresa, New York.

The diary was acquired by Town of Theresa historian **Tim Minnick** from an eBay auction, and was transcribed by **Nannette McCormick**, a member of the **Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society**.

Thursday January 1, 1885

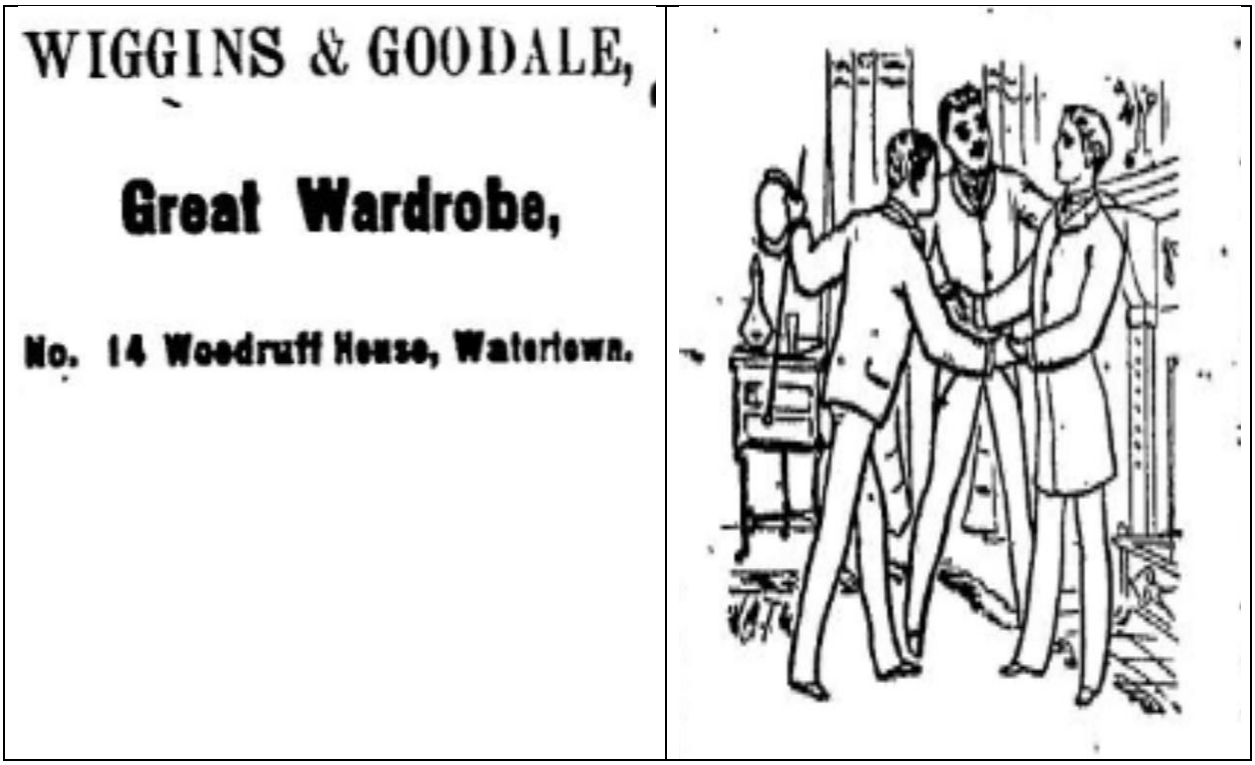
New Year's has come again. How different this from last New Year. That was the beginning of sad days. Now **Rue** is quite well again and promises to be able to work again. But who can tell what the year may have in it for us? We spent the last night at **Otis's**[1] alone. Today **Mary**[2] and **Myrtie**[3] took dinner with us at **Otis's** house. Had a turkey. At prayer meeting at State Street in the evening. **Rue** stayed alone.

Friday January 2, 1885

A clear cold day. Ground bare and frozen. Up early and after chores and breakfast up to **Mary's** and did her chores as her boy had left her. Came back and finished chores at home. Then hitched up and took **Rue** up to **Mary's**. There till the middle of afternoon. Thrashed oats with the horses. Came home and went to city and paid taxes. Bought a pig for **Mary**. At home alone with **Rue** all evening.

Saturday, January 3, 1885

A clear cold day. After doing chores at both places, **Rue** and I washed. The first time she has done this in a little over a year. Was busy all day. Went downtown in the afternoon. Bought an overcoat at "*Great Wardrobe*" for $18. At home in the evening with **Rue**.



[1] Otis Sterling Graves (1831-1912). Brother to Ruby (Rue) Graves.
[2] Mary Graves (1827-1897), sister to Ruby (Rue) Graves.
[3] Myrtie Graves (1863-1887) is the daughter of Otis Sterling Graves and Harriet Manley Graves. Otis became her guardian in 1867 when Harriet died.

Sunday, January 4, 1885

A most charming day. Not very cold. No snow. Went to State Street Church all day. Morning and evening. Heard **Rev. Reddy** twice. Attended general class meeting. Prayer meeting in evening. Down to **Mary's** in afternoon with **Rue**. **Reverend Reddy** had an altar service at close of the evening sermon.

Monday, January 5, 1885

Nice day. After doing chores at both places, went to mill, was kept busy all day between going to mill and doing chores etc. Went to meeting at State Street in the evening. **Dr. Reddy** preached. Had a very good meeting.

Tuesday, January 6, 1885

A warm day, pleasant till evening when the rain began. Thrashed oats today and cleaned up what had been thrashed. **Rue** went up to the other place with me and stayed all day. Just as we got back in the evening **Uncle Palmer**[4] came and stayed all night with us. Could not go to meeting. **Brother Richey** called.

Wednesday, January 7, 1885

Very warm, up early and got breakfast for **Uncle Palmer** so he took the early train. Went up to other place and thrashed oats till about noon. When **Sister Smith** of Heuvelton came and **Brother Smith** a little after. A joyful surprise. Had a good old visit. Did not go out to the meeting this evening but spent it with **Brother and Sister Smith**.

Thursday, January 8, 1885

Another warm day, thrashed oats**. Brother Smith** got up early and took the first train for Syracuse and left **Sister Smith** here, so she and **Rue** spent the day together joyfully. The girls, **May** and **Myrtie** came down to dinner with us. I went to meeting in evening as **Sister Smith** stayed with **Rue**. **Reverend Reddy** preached and we had a very good meeting.

Friday, January 9, 1885

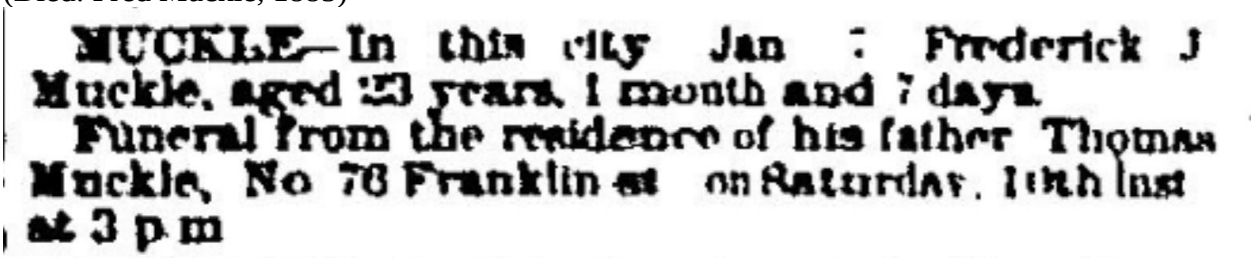
Warm and muddy. **Sister Smith** here all day. After doing chores here I went up to other place and cleaned up oats, had 20 bushels. Got **Bisnett's** boy to help. At home and afternoon only, took **Sister Smith** and **Rue** up to **Mary's** for a ride. **Sister Smith** took 5:00 train for home. Met **Brother Smith** at depot. Was tired and sleepy so stayed with **Rue** in the evening and did not go to church.

Saturday January 10, 1885

Fine day but colder. Thrashed oats in AM, girls here to dinner. At 3:00 went to the funeral of **Fred Muckle**. **Brother Webster** attended it. Tried to help thrashing but guess was not much help. At meeting in evening. Good meeting, only it held too late.

[4] Benjamin Palmer Cheeseman (1815-1898), brother to Jeremiah Cheeseman (E.S. Cheeseman's father) and son of Anson Cheeseman.

(Died: Fred Muckle, 1885)


MUCKLE—In this city Jan 7 Frederick J Muckle, aged 23 years, 1 month and 7 days.
Funeral from the residence of his father Thomas Muckle, No 76 Franklin st on Saturday, 10th inst at 3 p m

Sunday January 11, 1885

A very fine Sabbath, more like October than January. No snow and mild. Went to Arsenal Street to church in the morning and heard **Reverend Reese**. He paid me $5 for former service. The girls, **May,** and **Myrtie,** to dinner with us. Went up after dinner and did chores. Went to State Street in the evening to prayer meeting. Then heard **Brother Webster**, **Reverend Reddy** took charge of our altar service at close.

Monday January 12, 1885

Rained hard at night and it still rains. Did our washing in the morning. Thrashed oats, finished at **Mary's** barn, was very tired at night. Went to church in eve. **Reverend Reddy** wanted me to preach but I thought I could not, so he did. Very good meeting. Only too long.

Tuesday January 13, 1885

Colder today. **Rue** went up to the other place with me and stayed all day. Got **Frank Dawes** to help clean up the oats. Had 24 bushels. Threshed one flooring of wheat. Did not go to meeting this evening, too tired. Got letter from **Otis** and one from **Reverend Porter**. Spent the evening at home with **Rue**, both being tired we went to bed early.

Wednesday January 14, 1885

Fine day today. Did not go up to other place to work today, only to do the chores. Had some few errands to do, went to mill, bought **Mary** a hog, etc. Had **Reverend Reddy**, **Webster,** and wife to tea by invitation. Had a short but pleasant visit, **Myrtie** came and helped **Rue** some. Went to meeting a little while in PM but not in eve. Had to go up home with **Myrtie.**

Thursday January 15, 1885

After doing chores here, went up to the other house and cut up a hog for **Mary**. It was new business for me and made poor work of it and it took me most of the day. In the evening went over to Arsenal Street to meeting, met **Brother Watson** there had a good meeting, a few forward for prayers. Called at the meeting at State Street on the way back. **Brother Austin** was there, of course they had a change.

Friday January 16, 1885

A little snow, enough so I went with the cutter up to the other place. **Rue** went along, threshed wheat what time could get. Came home early to clean off walks. Did not go to meeting this evening. Did not much feel like it.

Saturday January 17, 1885

A fearful stormy day. Began about 9:00 and snowed and blowed terribly. Cleaned off walks what I could and went up to the other place to see to the chores. Had a hard time to get there and back. The worst storm yet. Was kept busy most of the day cleaning walks. Towards evening drove up to the other place again. At home with **Rue** in eve.

Sunday January 18, 1885

A fair day some part of it and stormed some of it. Attended church at State Street all day. **Brother Webster** preached an excellent sermon in the morning. **Dr. Reddy** exhorted and led the general class meeting. **Dr. Reddy** preached in the evening and **Webster** exhorted. Worked hard but few apparent results, somehow the revival hangs fire and does not go. Many in the church do not help any.

Monday January 19, 1885

A fair day - the storm over. Snow enough for good sleighing. After shoveling walks and doing chores we washed. Then went up to other place to work, thrashed wheat. It began to storm and blow in the afternoon. Did not go to meeting in the evening.

Tuesday January 20, 1885

A fine day. Thrashed up to the other place in forenoon. The girls came home with me to dinner. Father came on the noon train to spend a few days. **Reverend Richey** called. We all went to **Mrs. Gambol's**: **Mary, Myrtie**, **Rue,** and self. By invitation to tea and spent the evening. Had a pleasant time.

Wednesday January 21, 1885

Nice day. Finished thrashing the wheat today. Good to get it done. Went to meeting in the evening. **Reverend Reddy** preached. Had a very good meeting but it was too long. Did not get home till near 10:00 and **Rue** and father had gone to bed.

Thursday January 22, 1885

Cold day. **Rue** and father went up with me to the other place today. Pa helped me clean up the wheat. In The afternoon we drew oats from the farm across the way. Went to meeting in the evening. **Reverend Reddy** preached his last sermon, leaves on the morrow. Something has been done and a few have been saved though the work has not been very general. Meeting held very late.

Friday January 23, 1885

A fine day - thrashed oats for **Otis** and drew a load of straw down. Father came up and helped. Got a letter from **John Hutchinson** that he was coming to see us. Went to church in the evening. **Brother Webster** preached a short sermon then had a prayer and conference meeting. Two young men asked for prayers. Had a very good meeting.

Saturday January 24, 1885

A nice warm day. Father went up with me to the other place and help thresh and clean up oats. Got it all done and straw and oats down to **Otis**. Guess I am glad. Had the luck to overturn a load of straw. In evening **Mr. Winslow** and wife came for **Rue** and I and we all went up to **Mary's** and spent the evening. Was tired enough to go to bed.

Sunday January 25, 1885

Snowed some today but not cold. I was most sick with cold and weariness. Father went to church with me. **Brother M.R. Webster** gave us a grand gospel sermon. Came directly home with father. The girls and **George** drove down in PM I took charge of the prayer meeting for **Brother Webster**. He preached a good sermon in the evening.

Monday January 26, 1885

A very stormy day - snowed and blowed terribly. Drove up to the other place to do chores. Had to carry water to the cows. **Mary** rode home with me and drove to the city then I took her home again. Did not go out in eve.

Tuesday January 27, 1885

A fine, pleasant day. Drove up to other place for chores and the girls came home with me to dinner - boiled dinner. Shoveled snow off roof. Took girls home. Went to church in eve. **Father** went. **Webster** gave us a good sermon and had a very good meeting.

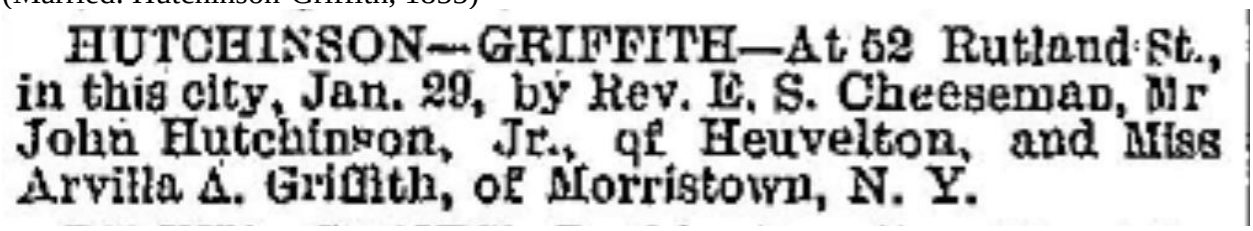
Wednesday January 28, 1885

Colder today. The usual order followed out. Went up to other place and done chores. In evening **Brother Webster**, having gone to New York with his **Brother A. D**., he left me to take charge of the meeting. It was so cold, not a large number came out - but I preached a short sermon and had a very good meeting.

Thursday January 29, 1885

A fearful stormy day. It snowed hard all day long. Had to shovel walks twice. Went up to other place for chores. The girls came home with me to the wedding. At 11:00 **John Hutchinson** and **Villa Griffith** from Heuvelton came and I married them at 12:00 AM They stayed till 2:00 PM and had dinner then went to Carthage. A fine couple. Old friends, paid $10. At the meeting in eve, **Reverend M. R**. gone so had charge. So few out, just had a prayer meeting.

(Married: Hutchinson-Griffith, 1855)


HUTCHINSON—GRIFFITH—At 52 Rutland St., in this city, Jan. 29, by Rev. E. S. Cheeseman, Mr John Hutchinson, Jr., of Heuvelton, and Miss Arvilla A. Griffith, of Morristown, N. Y.

Friday January 30, 1885

A fine day. Went up to the other place on horseback, so much snow. Hitched the team on big sleigh and broke out road in lane. Drove down and got **Rue** and father and they went up there to dinner. Put up some rye and oats and took to mill. Took Nellie's shoes off - kept team down here all night. To church in the evening. **Brother Webster** had got back and had charge.

Saturday January 31, 1885

A beautiful day. It really seems good to see the sunshine again and to have it warm and pleasant. Went to mill for grain and took up to the other place. The girls came down to dinner. Father went home in PM having been here about 12 days. **Rue** and **Mary** went calling to **Mrs. "Cal" Ritchie's**. Took the girls home. **George** brought the girls down and spent the evening.

Sunday February 1, 1885

Another stormy day after a pleasant one. Heard **Reverend Webster** preach a grand sermon in morning on the superiority of the Christians over the former dispensation. Drove up to girls with **Rue** in PM - as thought **George** had gone. But he did not go. Did not go out in the evening but stayed with **Rue** as she felt a little lonesome.

Monday February 2, 1885

Another fair day for a wonder. Helped **Rue** wash. I went to other place and did chores. Then work the rest of the day getting snow off the roof. Did not go out in the evening.

Tuesday February 3, 1885

A beautiful day. The usual order of the day followed - went up to other place for chores. The girls came home with me. **Rue** went to the store for shoes. **Will Reed** here to dinner and supper. **Brother Watson** called. Met him and **Brother Shepherd** at **Webster's**. In The evening we all went to **Newell Winslow's** to spend the evening.

Wednesday, February 4, 1885

A warm, nice day. **Rue** up to the other house and stayed all day. I went there to dinner then drove home and called at **Reverend Richey's** and **Webster's**. Went downtown, then drove back and got **Rue**. In the evening I went to meeting at Stone Street church. Heard an evangelist named **Miller**. Not anything remarkable. **Rue** stayed with **Mrs. Greenley**.

Thursday February 5, 1885

A charming day. Took both horses and big sleighs and all hands. **Mary, Myrtie, Will Reed** went and wife. Through went over to **Charles Rider's** visiting. Got there about 11:00 and stayed till 3:30. Good time all around. Went to church at State Street in evening. Good meeting. Got a letter from **Otis** and sent him $10.

Friday February 6, 1885

A very fair day but cold. The plants froze last night. Went up to the other place after doing chores here. They all - **Mary, Myrtie, Lib Sleezer** and **Will Reed** came down here, all to dinner. I took them home again. **Will Reed** went home. At home in evening.

Saturday February 7, 1885

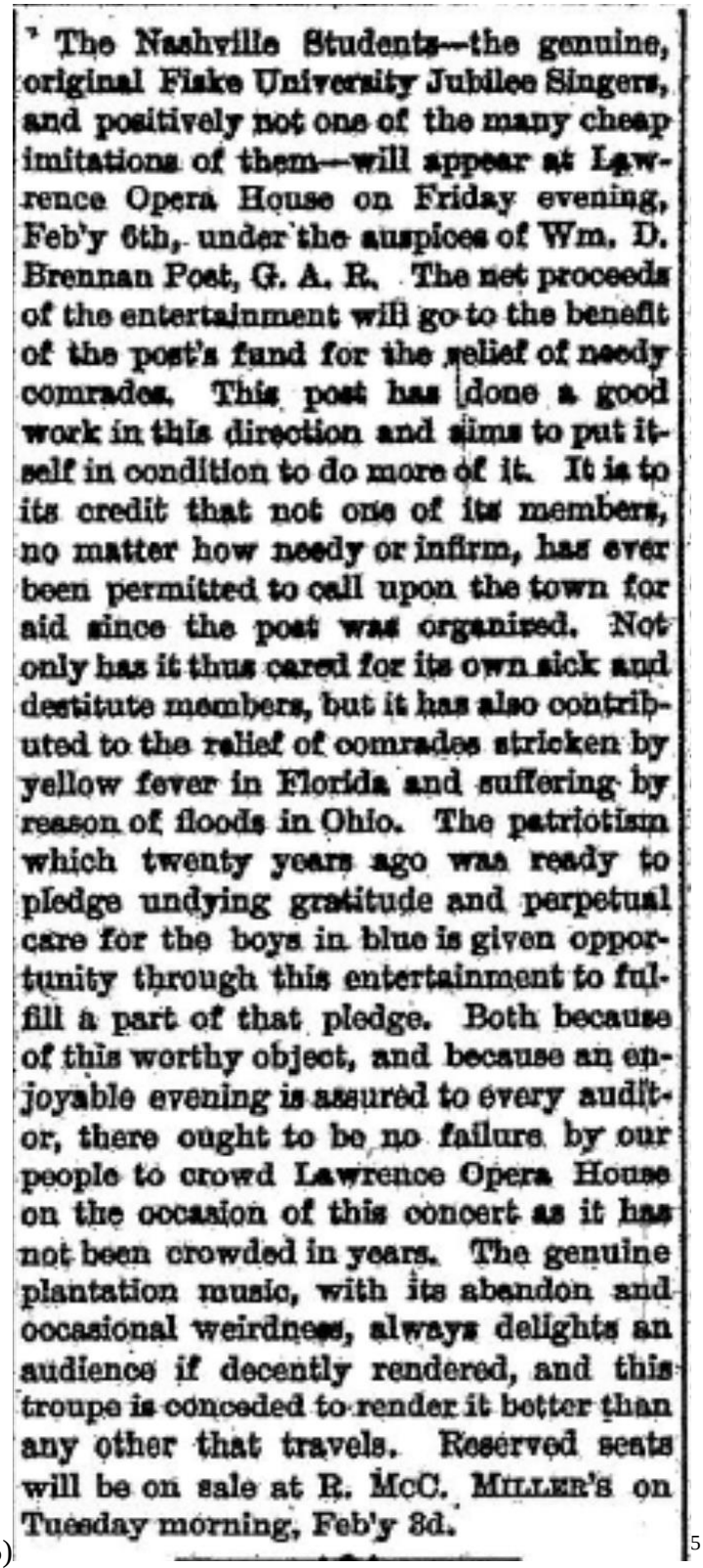
Fine day - not so cold. The usual order of other days. Walked up to other place and did chores. There after we had our dinner. Took **Rue** up there and stayed a short time. Called on **Reverend Webster** in the evening - a short call.

Sunday February 8, 1885

A fine day. Attended church on State Street in the morning. **George** brought the girls down to church then he went to see his girl and after dinner I took the girls home and did chores. Went and heard the Baptist preacher in evening. 10 young men. Not much of a sermon.

Monday February 9, 1885

Washed and did chores all around. It began to storm in the afternoon and quite a little snow fell. It finally turned into rain and rained quite a little, especially in the evening. Wind blew fearfully in the evening. Called on **Reverend Webster**, met **Brother Reese** there. In the evening I went to hear the **Nashville Jubilee singers** at W. Hall. Very good but was sorry I went as **Rue** was alone in the storm.



The Nashville Students—the genuine, original Fiske University Jubilee Singers, and positively not one of the many cheap imitations of them—will appear at Lawrence Opera House on Friday evening, Feb'y 6th, under the auspices of Wm. D. Brennan Post, G. A. R. The net proceeds of the entertainment will go to the benefit of the post's fund for the relief of needy comrades. This post has done a good work in this direction and aims to put itself in condition to do more of it. It is to its credit that not one of its members, no matter how needy or infirm, has ever been permitted to call upon the town for aid since the post was organized. Not only has it thus cared for its own sick and destitute members, but it has also contributed to the relief of comrades stricken by yellow fever in Florida and suffering by reason of floods in Ohio. The patriotism which twenty years ago was ready to pledge undying gratitude and perpetual care for the boys in blue is given opportunity through this entertainment to fulfill a part of that pledge. Both because of this worthy object, and because an enjoyable evening is assured to every auditor, there ought to be no failure by our people to crowd Lawrence Opera House on the occasion of this concert as it has not been crowded in years. The genuine plantation music, with its abandon and occasional weirdness, always delights an audience if decently rendered, and this troupe is conceded to render it better than any other that travels. Reserved seats will be on sale at R. McC. Miller's on Tuesday morning, Feb'y 3d.

(The Nashville Jubilee Singers, 1885)[5]

[5]The Nashville Jubilee singers were in Malone the night before Reverend Cheeseman saw them in Watertown. The group still exists today and is associated with Fisk University.

Tuesday February 10, 1885

A rough day after a rough and windy night. Snowed and blowed awfully all day. Was keeping very busy between shoveling walks and doing chores. Cars had much trouble, such a winter, almost constant storm. At home in the evening

Wednesday February 11, 1885

Another rough day, the usual order of the days. The girls could not get down nor **Rue** up there. Went down the street to the office. **Reverend Richey** here to tea. Just the evening **Ed Cork** and wife came on the way to Belleville to see Jr. but cars blockaded so had to stay with us all night.

Thursday February 12, 1885

Another rough, cold today. Cars still blocked. **Ed** and wife still here and in for another day and night. Had lots of shoveling of walks and got up to other place and cared for things there. Had a difficult time to keep warm. Did not go out in the evening.

Friday February 13, 1885

A fine day for a wonder, yes, the storm is over. Took **Ed** and wife to the 10:20 train, they started for Belleville. Drove up to the other place as usual. **Dano's** folks started for California today. Attended the funeral of young **Otis [Howard Nott Otis]** in PM on Washington Street. A grand affair - flowers in good abundance. Got letter from **Reverend Barnes**. At home in the evening.

(Died: Howard N. Otis, 1885)

Howard N. Otis Dead

One of Watertown's Representative Young Men Falls A Victim to Pneumonia - A Sad Shock.

The news of the death of **Howard Nott Otis**, which went forth this morning, was a sad and unexpected shock to the entire community. Mr. Otis was a truly representative young man, whom Watertown could ill afford to lose. He was endowed with a public spirit of enterprise, which made him valuable to the community.

The deceased was the third son of **Mr. and Mrs**. **David D. Otis** and was born in this city Nov. 11, 1855. His education was received in the schools of Watertown, and he graduated from the High school with great honors. Being of a business turn of mind, he was employed during his earlier life in the stores of T.E. Utley and Albert Hotchkin, and about six years ago entered the insurance business with D.M. Bennett, whom he succeeded, and where he remained to the time of his death.

Mr. Otis had been confined to his bed with typhoid pneumonia since Friday of last week, and his death was comparatively sudden, occurring at 1:15 a.m. today. Thursday afternoon, although not feeling well, officiated as usher at the **Hungerford-Cooper** wedding, and returned to his residence on Washington street never to leave it alive.

In business and in social life, **Mr. Otis** was popular and respected. He was esteemed by all with whom he came in contact and was ever manly and upright in his dealings. An ardent Democrat, he took much interest in the affairs of his party and during the last presidential campaign, he was commander of the Flower Phalanx, one of the most noted political organizations in this section of the country. Three years ago, he was elected assessor and had nearly completed his term of office.

Mr. Otis was also a charter member of old C company of the 35th battalion and during his period of enlistment became a lover of rifle practice. In this he gained prominence and for four years he visited Creedmoor with the team from his company, each time adding largely to the scores.

About two years ago **Mr. Otis** endeavored to secure the position of paymaster in the United States navy and went to Washington where he was subjected to a very rigid examination with many others. **Mr. Otis** ranked highest with two others but owing to political preferment the office fell to one whose rate of examination was lower than that of **Mr. Otis**.

The deceased was secretary and treasurer of the city and county boards of underwriters and was also a member of the Union club.

Mr. Otis leaves his mother, his brothers, **Charles M**., and **David,** of New York, and his sisters, **Mrs. Joseph S. Green** and **Miss M. Fanny Otis**, of this city, to mourn his loss. At the time of his death, Miss Otis was in New York.

The time of the funeral will be announced hereafter.

(Funeral: Howard N. Otis, 1885)

The Obsequies This Afternoon, Large Attendance. Beautiful Floral Tributes-Rev. Mr. Stevens Remarks

The funeral services of the late **Howard N. Otis**, Rev. G.H. Stevens officiating, were largely attended from the family residence on Washington Street this afternoon at 8 o'clock. The floral tributes were unusually numerous and beautiful, among them being a knapsack with blanket rolled, from the 39th Separate company; a grand work of flowers on which was a floral standard bearing a 500-yard target with the score, from the rifle team of the 89th; a magnificent cross from the Union club; a standard bearing the initials "R.P.F.P." from the Flower Phalanx; a handsome scroll, bearing the word "Jeffersonian" from the Jeffersonian club.
Besides these there were numerous and handsome tributes from individual friends.
The members of the Union club attended in a body. The bearers were **H.W. Boyer, George Clark, F.W. Streeter, W.O. Ball, E.S. Goodale and A.T.E. Lansing.**
In the course of the service, Rev. Mr. Stevens said.
The best of all the words I can bring to you today are those of our Lord: "Let not your hearts be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me." Upon how many hearts have these words fallen like a benediction! It was the Master who said them, and they are for you and for me today. It is not strange that it is hard for us to make them our own. Do we say the heart is not to be troubled? How can we help it? Hearts not troubled in this world of constant change and despondency! Not troubled when the hopes of a lifetime fall with one desolate crash and bury us in their ruins! Not troubled in a world whose skies are so often darkened with sorrow, on whose air incessantly floats dirges of hearts, which like muffled drums are beating funeral marches to the grave. How, amid all this, we say, can man keep a stout and cheerful heart! None of us can give any human strength. It is only as we believe in God that we can be of comfort.
Then pity the man who, when trouble comes, can only turn in upon himself and brood over his wounded and burdened feeling, and who knows not how to escape out of himself unto God. None of us can save ourselves from trouble and loss but got can comfort. Keep him in perfect peace whose might is staid in thee.
All the I would do today, my friends, is to direct your minds and hearts to God, and to the comforts and peace of His gospel. Believe in Him as revealed in Jesus Christ, Believe in His sympathy, in His providence. Believe that He never forgets one of His children.; that He holds all in His thought; that He is touched with our griefs. Commit the keeping of your souls to Him. Rest in His promises who with Jesus blessed the mourners, saying, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."
Death has come where we least expected it. Where may his fatal shaft fall next? our friend, so young and strong was called, who of us may not as well be called soon! I can but voice the solemn lesson of this hour. Do faithfully the work which His providence brings us. Apply your hearts unto wisdom.
Let me also speak one word for the man friends here assembled. The presence of this company tells its own story of the sympathy of this whole community for this bereaved household and speaks clearly of the respect and love felt by a large circle of friends for the memory of the departed.
His death casts a feeling of sadness over the whole city. On our streets most are heard speaking softly and sadly because he has gone from among us. I can, therefore, express to the family and friends here today the assurance of a deep Christian sympathy on the part of the whole community. This is some comfort because Christian sympathy is born of that Divine love that quickens the whole Christian people. It is the plain reflection in human nature of the deep and boundless sympathy of God.

Then let us believe in God. Let us believe in Him as revealed in Christ. Let us listen to that which is sweetest in the voice of nature, and conscience and reason as He assures His disciples of the love and care of the great Father and tells them that His life on earth is an interpretation of the sympathy and interest in which their father has toward them.
Mr. Stevens closed by fervently asking that all might have the power to see the Lord in his heavenly glory and the mystery of His intention for us, and "ready hearts to answer when He said, 'Believe also in me, 'Lord we believe; help thou our belief.'"
The remains were taken to the vault for temporary interment.

Saturday February 14, 1885

A beautiful day. Quite a change. After doing chores here, I drove up to the other place. Drew a load of wood from **Dano's** for **Mary**. Then the girls came home with me to dinner. We all rode down to the city in afternoon. Girls called at **Mrs. Eames**. Then took the girls home. **Mrs. Howard** called. This is **Rue's** 49th birthday. How rapidly the years go by.

Sunday February 15, 1885

A fine day, warm and pleasant. **George** brought the girls down in the morning and they and I went over to Arsenal Street and heard **Chancellor Simms**. The first time I ever heard him preach. Very good. Subject - the value of the church. The girls and **George** here to dinner. Oysters etc. In the evening I went to State Street to prayer meeting. Then heard **Webster** on Esther - good.

Monday February 16, 1885

Is stormy day. Began to blow early and night and kept it up all night. Had hard time getting up to other place and went on foot - so bad - had to carry water to cows. Then it began to snow about noon, and it snowed hard the rest of the day. Got tired and was shoveling walks. Oh! dear I'm so sick of snow. Of course, I did not go out after work was done.

Tuesday February 17, 1885

Another awful day. Did not storm in the forenoon but made up for it in the afternoon. Never got walks shoveled till 11:00 then went up to the other place and worked there till after 1:00. Got home and went to city on errands. Snow falling and blowing like fury.

Wednesday February 18, 1885

A day without a storm. Cold and broke out the lane up to other place with both horses - after shoveling the entire walk here, the girls came home with me here to dinner. In evening called in to see **Reverend D.A. Webster** of M.R.W. **Rue** spent the evening with **Mrs. Greenley**.

Thursday February 19, 1885

A clear, cold day. No storm for a wonder. Had no walks to shovel. **Mary** came down from the other place with me and went with **Rue** to buy silk and other cloth for dresses. She bought two - one a silk for $1.75 per yard and an alpaca for $1. In the evening went to prayer meeting at State Street. **Rue** went into **Mrs. Greenley's** and stayed. Had a good meeting.

Friday February 20, 1885

A clear day - some cold. We went up to **Mary's** and spent the day. **Mrs. Gifford** and daughter **Nettie** visited at **Mary's**. I went for them. All of us there to dinner. Called in at **Mrs. Lawton's** with **Rue** in evening.

Saturday February 21, 1885

A fine day - the girls both came down with me from the other place and spent the day. In PM took **Mrs. Greenley** over the river to visit some friends. **A. D. Williams** girls called in PM In the evening **Newell Winslow** and wife and daughter spent the time with us. The girls both here. Had candy, oranges, corn, etc.

Sunday February 22, 1885

A very fair Sabbath. Heard **Reverend Webster** preach an excellent sermon in the morning on the crucifixion. Had an excellent class meeting. I led. At prayer meeting at State Street - also at preaching **Webster** gave a fair sermon in "Heaven, a Place of Purity". The girls came down to both morning and evening service. **George** brought them down.

Monday February 23, 1885

A beautiful day. Helped **Rue** wash. Took **Mrs. Greenley** and family to train. Then drove up to their place. **Ed Cook** and wife here to dinner on way home from Belleville. Took 2:43 train. **Brother Webster** came in and spent the evening. Had a very good visit.

Tuesday February 24, 1885

A beautiful day. After got chores all done, **Rue** and self went to **Eck Williams** to dinner at the **Globe Hotel**. **Dora** was there. Just after dinner I learned that **Uncle Hiram**[6] and wife and **Lott** and **Em** were at our house - so had to go directly home. They had gone up to **Mary's**, but all got around after a while. All here overnight. Had good night but it was hard on **Rue**.

[6] Hiram Cook (1823-1903), brother to Margaret P. Cook Cheeseman.

(Dutton, 2001)

The Globe Hotel was originally built in 1850. It was renovated in 1891 and renamed the Otis House. It fronted both Arsenal and Court Streets and was owned by H. Fred Inglehart & Company. A fire destroyed the structure on March 6, 1903.

Wednesday February 25, 1885

A charming day. The crowd still here. **Mary** came down and stayed to dinner. At 5:20 **Uncle Hiram** and wife took the train for Sandy Creek - **Lott** and **Em** went to some of their friends to stay all night. So, we are alone again. **Rue** went out calling in the evening while I stayed at home and read.

Thursday February 26, 1885

A beautiful day: took the morning train for Antwerp to take up a mortgage for **Isabel**[7] but found she had not seen to it properly, as **Ellie** would not take one, she had in part payment - so I lent her $600 and came home. Fooled away the day and my fare. Got back at 5:20. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. **Rue** went out calling.

Friday February 27, 1885

Nice day - took **Rue** up to the other place and left her. I came back and cleaned walks etc. I was busy most of the day. Went to the city then went up for **Rue**. In evening all went to **Clint Rider**'s and spent the evening. **Newell Winslow** and wife there.

Saturday February 28, 1885

A nice warm day. The girls came down with me and here to dinner. Then we took Cub and all and went for a drive about the city. At home in the evening. Looked for **Otis**'s folks home but they did not come.

Sunday March 1, 1885

A little stormy between rain and snow today. Heard **Reverend Webster** in morning on the Resurrection of Christ - a very good sermon. In the evening I went over to Arsenal Street and heard **Brother Reese**. A poor sermon. Can't understand what gives him his popularity.

Monday March 2, 1885

A fine day. District conference the meeting of both districts here. Attended the session at both churches a little while. **Reverends Klein**, **Kellogg**, and **Thomas** of Port Leyden came on the 4:20 train and stayed with us. Glad to see them. Expected **Otis**'s folks to come but they did not, instead a letter that they did not know when. I was not a little provoked. Meeting of both districts at Arsenal Street. **D. W. Chase** and **F. B. Shepherd** made addresses.

[7] Isabel Wilson Graves (1830-1907) is the widow of Gilbert Graves, brother to Ruby Graves. Isabel's children are Frank, Cora, and Edith (Ead)

Tuesday March 3, 1885

District conference all day. **Mary** came down with me and helped **Rue**. Beside those from Port Leyden, **Reverend Shepherd** here to dinner and **Anson**[8] to supper. At the session some of the time. **Reverend Hooker** of Kingston preached in the evening at State Street. A good sermon to a house full. The sessions were all interesting and enjoyable.

Wednesday March 4, 1885

Not a very pleasant day. Between the snow and rain the brethren from Port Leyden left us on the early train. **Rue** went up to the other place. I went to mill with feed for cow and was kept busy the rest of day. We called over to **Reverend Webster**'s in the evening, but they were away.

Thursday March 5, 1885

A beautiful day. Drew hay from the farm, over to **Otis**'s in forenoon. In PM we all went to visit the Keep Home. I went to prayer meeting in the evening. **Rue** went with **Newell**.

Friday, March 6, 1885

Nice day. Girls came down with me to dinner. **Mary** went with **Rue** to see the dressmaker and to store. Got Nellie shod. Went with **Webster** to tea at church parlor to Ladies' Aid Society.

Saturday March 7, 1885

Washed in the morning. Did chores and was generally busy all day. At home in the evening.

Sunday March 8, 1885

A fair day. At church at State Street **Reverend Webster** preached on the Ascension. He was not very well and urged me to preach for him in the evening. I finally consented. Had a fair congregation and only a fair time preaching. Have been out of practice for some time.

Monday March 9, 1885

Went home to Theresa today. Took Cub and **Clint Rider**'s sleighs and drove out. Rather cold but fair roads. Got to **Mel's**[9] about noon. Found all well. Went up to the farm to see **Spragues** in PM. Found everything in good shape. It began to storm by middle of afternoon and kept it up all evening, quite hard. **Uncle Hiram** and **Lott**'s folks to **Mel's** in the evening. **Ceil**[10] **Rider** stayed with **Rue**. All night at **Mel's**.

[8] Reverend Anson Cheeseman (1835-1903) is Edwin Cheeseman's cousin. Anson's father is Clifford Cheeseman (1804-1889), brother to Jeremiah V. Cheeseman.
[9] Melvin Cheeseman (1833-1906), brother to Edwin S. Cheeseman.
[10] Celia Rider from LeRay, New York. Daughter of Charles Rider.

Tuesday March 10, 1885

At Theresa all day, cold and rough, roads full, could not drive home today as intended. To **Cook's** at dinner with **Uncle Hiram** and **Aunt Liza**. **Marsh** and family all came up in the afternoon, starting for Illinois tomorrow with **Uncle Hiram**. We were all at **Lott**'s in the evening for our last visit. **Marsh** and family and self all stayed at **Mel's** so the whole family were together except **Rue**.

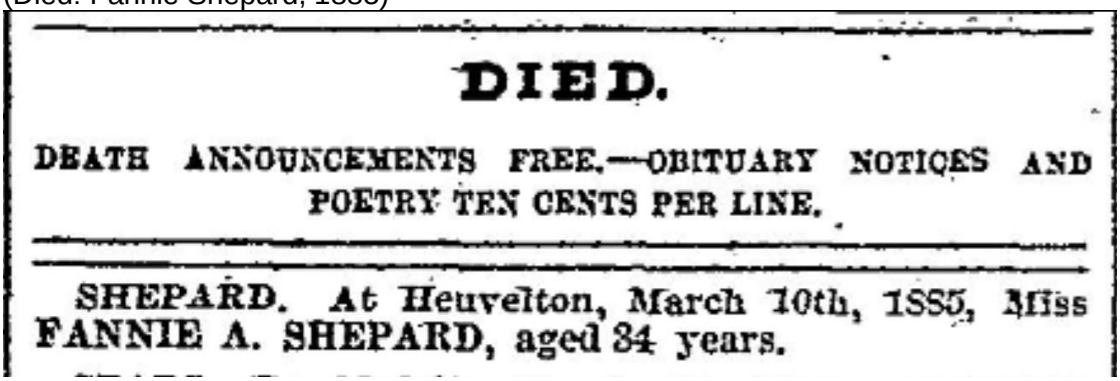
Wednesday March 11, 1885

Left Theresa for Watertown about 9:00 AM after bidding **Marsh** and family and **Uncle Hiram** goodbye. They start West today. Drove to Watertown and had a few bush potatoes and found the road rather hard. Stopped at **Mr. Hardee's** at Sanford corners where **Ella** lives, for dinner. Got home about 3:00 PM. Cub was some tired. Found all well and in good order.

Thursday March 12, 1885

A pleasant but cold day – severe north wind. **Rue** went up to **Mary**'s to dinner then we came home. **Reverend Ritchie** called in PM today. Our dear friend **Fanny Shepard** was buried at Heuvelton. A good girl. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. **Rue** went in at **Newell**'s. A very cold night.

(Died: Fannie Shepard, 1885)



DIED.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS FREE.—OBITUARY NOTICES AND POETRY TEN CENTS PER LINE.

SHEPARD. At Heuvelton, March 10th, 1885, Miss FANNIE A. SHEPARD, aged 34 years.

Friday March 13, 1885

Pleasant today but still cold. Last night is cold as any we have had yet. Up to other place for chores, etc. went up again in afternoon. **Rue** went with me. Had to do what awfully hated to - fell a calf. Objected to doing it but so much was said that finally steeled my heart to it. At home in evening. Retired early.

Saturday March 14, 1885

A nice warm day. Had the walks to shovel in addition to the other chores. Both girls came with me from the other place here for dinner. Went for **Miss Maloney** the dressmaker and took her home. Looked for **Otis**'s folks, sure today, but "no thank ye", they must be greatly interested in home matters. The chimney burned out in the evening. **Rue** was greatly frightened and made her restless all night.

(Maloney - Dressmaker, 1885)

Miss Elizabeth Maloney, the dressmaker over Parker & Lake's millinery store, left last night for a two weeks' visit in New York.

Sunday March 15, 1885

Is stormy Sabbath, snow, and wind. Had extra work in shoveling walk and cleaning stove pipe etc. Heard **Reverend Hayt** this morning as he exchanged with **Webster** - a fair sermon. Walked up to the other place through the storm in afternoon to see if **George** had gone but found him there. To prayer meeting in evening and heard **M.R.** preach a grand sermon

Monday March 16, 1885

A very cold day. Only done the chores today and went down to the city for a short time in PM. At house in evening.

Tuesday March 17, 1885

A very cold day after a terrible cold night. **Mary** and self went to Black River at 10:00 to the funeral of **Reverend Tamblin** who died very sudden. **Brother Hannaford** officiated. Large congregation. Took dinner at **J. Graves**. **Mary** at **Scott's**. At home about five. **Julia Winslow** came in the evening.

(Died: Jackson Tamblin, 1885)

Dropped Dead.

Jackson Tamblin, associate and Justice of the Peace, and a wellknown and highly respected citizen of Black River, dropped dead on the street, Saturday morning while on his way to the depot to take the train for Felts Mills.

Mr. Tamblin has been affected with heart disease for some time and has been ill during the winter, so that his death was not entirely unexpected. There was no post-mortem examination or inquest, as the facts in the case were plainly established.

Mr. Tamblin was aged 55 years, 2 months and 15 days, and had married twice. His first wife was a Miss Mallory and his second a daughter of Noble Clark, who survives him, as well as two children, Mrs. Dr. G. H. Wood, of Antwerp, and Dr. J. H. Tamblin, of Black River.

The deceased had served as Justice of the Peace for 22 years, and was elected Associate Justice last November. He was universally respected, and enjoyed a wide circle of friends and acquaintance throughout the county.

Wednesday March 18, 1885

A clear day but called. Took **Mrs. Eames** up to **Mary**'s in morning. **Rue** up there almost all day. I drew hay from **Otis**'s barn across the road. Drew one load to his barn and several across to **Mary**'s farm besides doing the chores. Was tired when night came. Did not go out in the evening. A very cold night.

Thursday March 19, 1885

A rough stormy day. **Myrtie** came with me from their place - **Mary** went to **Mrs.** Gifford's. I took **Mystic** [11]to the Institute in the afternoon and **Rue** to her dressmaker's then went for her. I was busy all day. Broke cutter going into the barn. **Brother Richey** called in evening. Did not go out to prayer meeting. Was tired and cold. Got a letter from Professor Sawyer to come to Carthage Sabbath but could not go.

Friday March 20, 1885

A fine, clear, cold day. Had all the walks to shovel. Went up to other place on foot. Found **George** there - was some sick last night but better. Had several errands to the city - got cutter fixed and was busy all day. **Brother Webster** called in PM and sat an hour.

Saturday March 21, 1885

Cold windy, disagreeable day - very cold last night. Found a calf at barn when I went out in the morning. Went up to the other place - while there "Old White" had a calf so have got three new milk cows now. Busy all day, took **Rue** to see the dressmaker and went up to other place again. At home in the evening.

Sunday March 22, 1885

A fine day - still cold. Could not go to Carthage today as desired as **Otis** not got home. Went over and heard **Brother Reese** in morning, a fair sermon - prayed for him. Had only time to eat dinner then drove up to other place to do chores as **George** had gone to Depeyster. He drove Cub. Had four cows to milk. To prayer meeting at 6:00 and heard **Webster** preach a good sermon on immortality in the evening.

Monday March 23, 1885

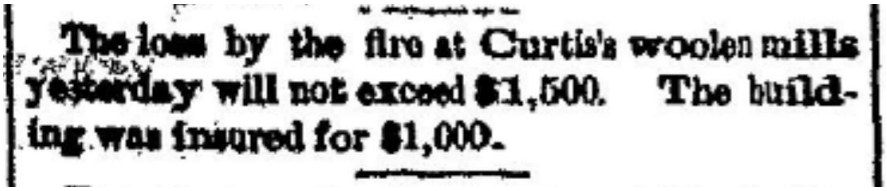
A fine day. After doing the chores drew hay from **Otis**'s barn all day. Drew three loads. **Otis** and family came home on 4:20 train. After an absence of three months, four weeks of which was spent in Lewis County. **Otis** is some improved but not very much. It is a hard case. **Reverend Richey** called in the evening.

[11] Mystic Graves is found on the 1870 census, living in Watertown, NY with Sterling, Otis, and Mary Graves, and was six years old when the census was taken. It's unclear to me who her parents are.

Tuesday March 24, 1885

After doing chores here for **Otis**, went up to **Mary**'s and watered cows etc. She came down to **Otis**'s with me and **Myrtie** and **George** all here to dinner - a family reunion. **Rue** went for her new dresses. I went to the fire on the river, the old Woolen Mills. In the evening John Swart and wife of Clayton came and stayed all night. A hard storm snowed and blowed.

(Fire: Curtis's Woolen Mills, 1885)


The loss by the fire at Curtis's woolen mills yesterday will not exceed $1,500. The building was insured for $1,000.

Wednesday March 25, 1885

Up early and got breakfast for Swart and wife and took them to 7:25 train. Did chores and drove up to their place, there to dinner. Spent the afternoon at **Otis**'s and in evening we all - **Otis**, Martha, **Rue**, and self-went to a church social at **Brother Webster**'s. A good company there and had a very pleasant time.

Thursday March 26, 1885

A fine day, warmer. After doing chores **Otis** went with me up to their place. **George** had left - did chores there, put up grain for **Otis** and went to mill. About 4:00 we got our things together and moved back up to **Mary**'s to stay with her - the rest of the time ought to go the same but cannot get away.

Friday March 27, 1885

A very nice, warm day. The most like spring of anything yet. Roads getting bad. Worked at **Mary**'s all day till 4:30. Then went to **Reverend J. Moffets**, visiting by invitation. **Otis**, **Martha**, and all went. Spent the evening and had a good visit. Got home at about 10:00.

Saturday March 28, 1885

Busy all the forenoon doing chores at **Mary**'s. In the afternoon attended the quarterly meeting services at State Street. **Brother Webster** gave us a grand good sermon. Went down again in the evening to prayer meeting. **Brother Shepherd** was there. Had a very good meeting. A fine warm day.

Sunday March 29, 1885

Quarterly meeting at State Street. Attended all through the Love Feast - was good. **Reverend** Shepherd preached a fair sermon in morning. I assisted an opening in the consecration at the sacrament. A good season. In the evening Shepherd preached again - a dull, prosy affair. Not much after the order of the morning sermon. Took the girls down in the evening. A nice day.

Monday March 30, 1885

A very nice day, warm and pleasant. Beginning to look like spring. Busy with chores till near noon then took **Rue** and **Mary** to **Otis**'s, all there to dinner. **Otis** drove up in the afternoon and stayed a short time. **George** came back today but went away immediately so I am elected to stay here yet, no release for me. At quarterly conference in the evening at State Street. Held quite late. **Reverend** Shepherd presided his last one here.

Tuesday March 31, 1885

Another fine day still warm and fine - snow begins to melt. Saw the first robin this morning. As usual, I was busy with the chores mostly all forenoon. Took girls to the city with a horse to visit at **Mrs. Eames** in the afternoon. We were invited but did not go. At eight in the evening went after the girls and they kept me waiting until 11:00 before I could start for home. **Rue** there alone till 11:30. I was not one bit pleased, but that was all the good it done. The roads were terrible.

Wednesday April 1, 1885

A pleasant day; warm and lots of snow for the first of April. Roads are very bad. After got chores done, I walked to the city and went and called on **Reverend Watson**. Had a talk with him about conference affairs. Got back home to dinner. Went down to **Otis**'s in PM for mail but got none. Called on **Reverend Richey**. We all - **Mary**, **Mystic**, **Rue**, and self at **Mr. Weaver's** by invitation to tea. **George Lumley**[12] came on late train and also **George Aisner** [**Eisner**?]. Both to **Mary**'s all night.

(Married: Lumley/Graves, 1886)

LUMLEY—GRAVES—At the M. E. parsonage, Alexandria Bay, by the Rev. H. W. Howard, Aug. 23, '86, George E. Lumley and Myrtie B. Graves, both of Watertown.

(Died: Myrtie Graves Lumley, 1887)

LUMLEY—In this city, Feb. 18, '87, Myrtie B. wife of George E. Lumley, and daughter of O. S. Graves, aged 23 years, 2 months and 11 days.

Thursday April 2, 1885

Fine day but colder. The two **George**s, being at **Mary**'s, I could leave so took the train at 7:23 for Theresa. Met **Reverend Kinney** on the train. Met **Brothers Sawyer** and **Watson** at Depot at Carthage. Got home at 10:00. Stayed at **Lott**'s to dinner. In afternoon I drove up to the farm with Old Bone. Found everything all right. Looked over things with **Sprague** but did not get through. Closed up boxes and then drove back to **Mel's** and stayed night.

[12] George Lumley married Myrtie Graves. Otis' daughter in 1886 in Alexandria Bay, New York. Myrtie died the following year in 1887.

Friday April 3, 1885

At Theresa - a stormy day; rainy and icy, very disagreeable, and cold. Drove up to the farm. **Paul** went up with me then went to see **Uncle Lonson**[13]. Settled up with **Sprague** for the year. Gave him $10 and balanced accounts. Got back to the village by the middle of PM. To **Lott**'s the rest of the day and all night.

Saturday April 4, 1885

Still stormy. Snowing a big storm. Would be for midwinter month much more for the season of year. Left Theresa for Watertown on the morning train; trains hindered by storm. Got to Watertown about 1:00 PM To **Otis**' till after dinner then went up to **Mary**'s and found **Rue** and all the rest well. In the evening went to the city to see **Reverend Richey** - if could borrow money of him. He said yes so guess I'm alright in that.

Sunday April 5, 1885

Easter Sabbath. Fair day. Everything covered with ice but melting. All went down to **Otis**'s in the morning - all but **Rue** went to church. **Brother Webster** preached a good sermon. **Brother Shepherd** there. Attended class meeting at noon. Took girls up home then came back to **Otis**'s. There till evening meeting. At prayer meeting and then heard **Brother Webster** preach his farewell sermon. Good one. **Brothers Richey** and **Shepherd** then **Rue** went to church - first time in a long while.

Monday April 6, 1885

Nice day. **Rue** and self-stayed at **Otis**'s last night. Borrowed $200 of **Reverend Richey**. Bought new hat - up to **Mary**'s to dinner. **George Aisner** [**Eisner**?] left - started for Dakota. Went down to the city again in the afternoon. Spent the day getting ready for the conference. At **Mary**'s in the evening. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Hulburt** there.

Tuesday April 7, 1885

A fine day. Started for conference at 9:30, to be held at Ogdensburg. **Mystic** went with me to Antwerp, stopped there for a train. Found all well. At 1:35 took the train to DeKalb - had to stay there till 7:30. Went up to **Brother Danforth's** and took tea with them. Then I took the train for Heuvelton, met some of the brethren. Got to Heuvelton about 8:00 in evening - dark and sloppy. Went to **Brother Walker's** for the night - **Sister Walker** was in bed but got up and had a good visit.

Wednesday April 8, 1885

At Heuvelton all day. I spent the evening calling. **Brother Walker** took me up to **Brother Smith's**, there to dinner then **Brother Smith** took me to Heuvelton - made several calls. At **Mr. McLaren's** to tea. The train was late, so I went up to **Brother Rice's** and stayed all night. Rained hard part of AM then turned colder.

[13] Alonson Cheeseman (1809-1885), brother to Jeremiah Cheeseman.

Thursday April 9, 1885

Conference opens today in Ogdensburg. **Brother Rice** took me down with horse and cutter, good sleighing. Put up at **Cal Keiler's** with **Anson**. **Bishop Warren** presides. Sacraments in opening. Bishop presides well. Temperance Anniversary in PM. **Ball** spouted and made a fool of himself. **Brother Darling** made a sensible little speech.

Friday April 10, 1885

A fine day. At conference all day. The usual conference business followed. **Brother and Sister Porter** came today and went to **Dr Child's** tea. Saw **Bishop Warren** there and others. Helped **Barnes** fill out receipts for life insurance in the evening. **Brother Bennett** asked me in the evening if I would go to St. Johnsville. Don't want to go - but may have to - now the first sorry begins to come on. This itinerary is rough on one, especially of women.

Saturday April 11, 1885

This is the 24th anniversary of our marriage - how the years go. At conference all day. Had a stormy time over **Capron**[14], it is an outrage. Was not a little uneasy over the outlook for the future. Hope it will turn out all right, yet - a warm nice day. Helped **Barnes** on his life insurance, wrote some. Went to tea at **Percy's** by invitation - met some of the brethren there.

Sunday April 12, 1885

Conference Sabbath at Ogdensburg. 9:30 Love Feast led by **Brother Lamb** -like all Love Feasts, good. Then **Bishop Warren** preached a masterly sermon; grand - eloquent - glorious to a crowded congregation. Went with **Brother** and **Sister Porter** to dinner at their boarding place. In the afternoon **Dr. Hurlbut** of New Jersey preached a most excellent sermon on the woman and Jesus at Jacob's well. In the evening missionary anniversary – **Dr. Reed** spoke. Did not stay through, was too tired.

Monday April 13, 1885

A conference all day the usual business of the conference pursued. Nothing unusual occurred. Helped **Brother Barnes** and the work of collecting the assessments for life insurance. Church extension anniversary in the evening. **Dr. Young** spoke - but his speech would answer for any other occasion quite as well as for this.

Tuesday April 14, 1885

The last day of the conference. After the reading of reports about 1:00 the **Bishop Warren** read off the appointments and the conference closed. We were read off for Hermon - though not a complete surprise to me it was a disappointment. Did not desire the work but must go and possibly the Lord has ordered it, and if so, it is all right. More than the usual dissatisfaction is felt among the brethren. At 2:30 left the city and went over to Hermon. The road was terrible from DeKalb. At the meeting led by two women in the evening. Good meeting.

[14] For further reading on "the Capron matter" visit http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84035825/1885-07-31/ed-1/seq-4/. The article is titled "The Capron Matter Again."

Wednesday April 15, 1885

My first day in Hermon. Stayed at **Brother Fell's** last night. Do not feel the greatest courage to undertake the work. I keep thinking of my dear **Ruby** and tremble when I think of what is before her. I do hope and pray that she may be sufficient for it all. Spent the forenoon calling in the village. At **Brother Harmych's** to dinner. Met many of the people of the church and community. At the revival service both in afternoon and evening - both were excellent meetings. These Sisters do most excellent work; they seem genuine.

Thursday April 16, 1885

A nice day. Wrote to **Brother McCormick** this morning. Called at **Brother Firth's** - there to dinner. At **Brother Abbott's** to tea - stayed at **Brother Fell's** last night. At the afternoon meeting, had a very good one indeed. In the evening the house full. The Sisters did grandly - this is the last meeting as they go in the morning. They have been instrumental of a grand work now if we can only save this for wisdom and guidance. Back to **Brother Fell's** again tonight

Friday April 17, 1885

A very fine day spent running about in Hermon village. Made a few calls. Got a very encouraging letter from **Rue** that gave me much cheer. At **Brother Hale's** to dinner. Had an official meeting for council at 2:00 PM but few came out - yet we looked over the situation a little. To **Brother Harmych's** to tea. Met several of the Brothers and Sisters at **Brother Abbott's** in the evening then went back to **Brother Harmych's** for the night.

Saturday April 18, 1885

A beautiful day - about Hermon all day. Made a few calls and took dinner at **Brother Hill's**. At **Brother Fell's** to tea and stayed the evening and all night. Met quite a number of the brethren during the day.

Sunday April 19, 1885

My first Sabbath in Hermon. A beautiful day, warm and spring like. Had a good congregation in morning. **Brother Abbott** present and prayed for me. Liked the appearance of things passably well. **William Lytle** took me up to Kent's in afternoon. Roads not very bad. Had only a small congregation but a good time. Attended prayer meeting at 6:00 then preached again to United congregation in the evening. On the whole a very good day. Glad have made a commencement.

Monday April 20, 1885

Stayed at **Brother Fell**'s last night. Took the stage at 7:00 for home, got train at DeKalb at 8:15. Stopped at Antwerp to see **Isabel**. Finished up our business. Took up mortgage. Stayed then till 4:30. Left Antwerp at 4:30 for Watertown. Arrived on time. Found all well - went up to **Mary**'s right off, found **Rue** all right.

Tuesday April 21, 1885

A warm spring day. At Watertown - went to city on errands. Got **Isabel**'s mortgage canceled and made out another for myself for $900. Busy all day. **Mary** had company in evening; **Mr. Eames** family and **Hurlburt's** and **Mrs. Gambol** all here to tea and spent the evening.

Wednesday April 22, 1885

A very warm day. Warm as summer. Packed the goods here at **Mary**'s and got most of them ready to start. **Mary** had company so could not do anything. In PM Went to the city.

Thursday April 23, 1885

Very warm day - finished packing goods and **George** and I took them to Depot- in forever. **Rue** got an awful cold yesterday and is most sick, too bad. The first cold she has had. Left Watertown for Theresa at 1:35, not expecting to return again unless unexpectedly called back. All felt badly when I left. Sorry to leave **Rue** so poorly, too bad she caught such a cold. Just now stopped in Philadelphia a while, saw **Isabel** at **Brother Wilson's**. Drove up to farm and back to **Mel's** and stayed the night.

Friday April 24, 1885

In Theresa - **Sprague** to sell drew goods to the depot today. He drew two loads with his team and I two with Old Bone. Got all done about the middle of afternoon and in car. After supper drove down to **Marsh**'s place to see mill. Then back to **Mel's**. Got a card from **Rue** that she was a little better but not much - fears she will not be able to start for Antwerp, tomorrow in fact.

Saturday April 25, 1885

A fine day, but colder. Stayed at **Mel's** last night. Went to Depot and shipped goods, then walked to farm and saw Dan Corbin about line fence. Got back to village and found a letter from **Rue** that she was not able to come to Antwerp so I must come to Watertown. Father took me halfway to Philadelphia with Bone, then I went the rest of way. Train had gone so had to stay till 5:00. Went to **Brother Wilson's**, got to Watertown at 5:20. Found **Rue** better.

Sunday April 26, 1885

At Watertown today instead of being at Hermon where I ought to be but could not well be. **Rue** still better. A very windy day and some rain. Heard **Brother Townsend** at State Street both morning and evening. A very fair sermon in morning, not much in the evening. Had a good class meeting and also in Sunday school. Stayed at **Otis**'s between services, then came up to **Mary**'s after evening service.

Monday April 27, 1885

The storm passed and the sun shining again. Now comes a week of hard and difficult work. Pray for guidance. Took Cub and **Will Gambol's** buggy and **Otis** and self-drove to Sanford Corners to look at horse. Got our dinner at **Charles Rider**'s then hitched up **Reverend Bessaman's** horse and tried it but did not like it one bit so made no offer for it. Got home about 3:30. Hope succeeded in getting a kind girl, **Ceil Rider**, by the journey. Got a letter from **Mel** wanting me to take Old Bone. Guess I will.

Tuesday April 28, 1885

Cold day. Started once more for Hermon. Left **Rue** at **Mary**'s early this morning. Got the train at 7:25 for Theresa. Left **Rue** much better. Got to **Mel's** about 10 - there to dinner. Then took Old Bone - the buggy and harness of **Mel** for $80. At 12:30 started for Antwerp. Found the roads very bad but got to **Isabel**'s about 3:00 PM. Executed the mortgage. About 5:00 it began to snow, and it snowed and blowed terribly. Several inches fell. Stayed at **Isabel**'s all night.

Wednesday April 29, 1885

Left **Isabel**'s for Hermon at 8:00 AM ground well covered with snow, so the traveling was very bad. Got to Gouverneur at 11:00 AM. Put horse in the barn and I went to dinner with **Brother Whitney**. Started out again at 1:45. Called at Richville then drove to **Brother Moore's** at Kent's [Corners] and stopped for supper. Then down to Hermon got there at 8:00 PM and put up at **Brother Fell's**. Bone was tired and no wonder, such roads - he did splendid.

Thursday April 30, 1885

Stayed to **Brother Fell's** last night. Up early and as soon as breakfast was over, went with the teamster Owens to DeKalb Depot for goods. Got two loads over by noon, nearly all of them. The roads were awful part of the way, but I had good luck. Had no dinner, worked at parsonage and afternoon putting things to right. To **Brother Firth**'s to tea. At prayer meeting in evening - a very good number out and had a very good meeting. Went to **Brother Firth**'s and stayed all night.

Friday May 1, 1885

A fine day - a little cool for the first of May. Worked hard all day at parsonage, unpacking and putting down carpets. Got two carpets down and bed up - so I can stay here tonight. Boarded at **Brother Firth**'s all day. How I wish **Rue** was here tonight but trust she will be here soon now.

Saturday May 2, 1885

Stayed at the parsonage alone for the first time last night. A pleasant day, but quite cool. Busy during the forenoon doing some work and getting fixed for Sabbath. In afternoon drove out to **Brother Charles Loucks'** for a call - stayed with them to tea, then drove home. Spent the evening alone but retired early for a set as was tired enough to seek not.

Sunday May 3, 1885

A beautiful day, yet cool. Stayed alone in parsonage last night. Up early - got breakfast at **Sister** Hill's. Had a fine congregation in morning and a good time preaching on growth in Christian Grace. Preached the same sermon at Kent in PM to a fair congregation. Had especially a good time. Stopped at **Brother Parker's** to tea. Faithful Old Bone did his part well. Had a good prayer meeting then preached again to a great congregation and was awful tired when I got through.

Monday May 4, 1885

Today **Rue** came to Hermon for the first, bringing **Ceil Rider** with her. I met them at DeKalb Depot at 11:45 train and we rode over together. It rained a little but was warmer than before it rained. We reached Hermon at 1:00 PM and went to **Sister Hill's** to dinner. In PM began settling in earnest, so fortunate that **Ceil** came. **Rue** not very strong. Took our first meal at tea time in the parsonage. How splendid it seems to be keeping our own house again and happy and well.

Tuesday May 5, 1885

Cloudy day. Worked hard all-day settling house. Succeeded first rate, got considerable done. **Rue** and **Ceil** worked all day. Went to class meeting in the evening. Was ready for bed when time came.

Wednesday May 6, 1885

Nice warm day - worked hard all day settling and succeeded nicely. Had some calls. At 4:00 PM **Rue** and self went to Ladies Aid Society at **Brother McLean**'s. Met a large company then had a good time. At home in evening.

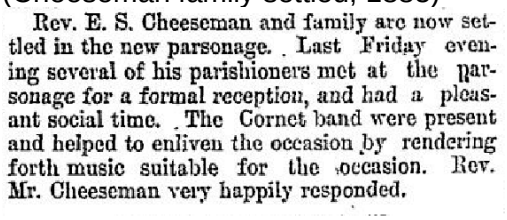
Thursday May 7, 1885

A lovely day with some rain - warm and spring like. Worked harder settling the house all day. In evening went to prayer meeting - neither **Rue** nor **Ceil** went. A rainy dark evening so few came out, yet we had a very good meeting.

Friday May 8, 1885

Rained all forenoon but came out clear in PM, busy at work in AM. About noon drove to **Mr. Cleghorn** to the 35th anniversary of their marriage. Met a large company there - **Reverend Phelps** and wife among others and had a very pleasant time. Got home about 4:00. **Brother** and **Sister Phelps** called. In the evening had a reception at parsonage. A large party gathered. The band gave a serenade, and we had an exceeding pleasant time.

(Cheeseman family settled, 1885)



Rev. E. S. Cheeseman and family are now settled in the new parsonage. Last Friday evening several of his parishioners met at the parsonage for a formal reception, and had a pleasant social time. The Cornet band were present and helped to enliven the occasion by rendering forth music suitable for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Cheeseman very happily responded.

Saturday May 9, 1885

A cold disagreeable day. Some rain and wind. In forenoon went way out near Kent's Corners and attended a funeral of **Theodore Millard** at **Pringle** house. Awful roads - good number there - gave a little talk. Buried in Porter's Hill. Got home at 2:00 PM. Spent the rest of the day in getting ready for the Sabbath.

Sunday May 10, 1885

A very disagreeable day. Cold, rainy with hail in morning. Had a small congregation at both appointments though as large as could expect. Had a very good time preaching. Took the collection for Sunday School Union and trust cause at both places. To tea at **Brother Parker**'s. An evening after a good prayer meeting at our church we went to the Baptist Church for Union service - heard **Brother Richmond** preach.

Monday May 11, 1885

Still cold and disagreeable. Washed in morning. Cleaned out the barn and picked up about the yard - got wood in the house etc. After tea took **Rue** and **Ceil** out for a drive about the town. **Rue** did not like the looks of the place very much.

Tuesday May 12, 1885

A nice warm day. In morning drove up to **Brother John Loucks'** and engaged a load of straw for horse. Help the girls paper and cleaned the cellar today. Had two callers - one man called and engaged services to marry him tomorrow. In class meeting in evening - then all called on **Mrs. Day**.

Wednesday May 13, 1885

A most charming day. Finished cleaning cellar, washed buggy and helped paper. Finished papering the parlor and sitting room. Had several calls. At 6:00 PM attended the marriage of **Sister Hoar's** daughter **Jennie E**. to **Mr. John F. Woodward** of Iowa. A small company present. The whole affair was somewhat peculiar, but all passed off pleasantly and we had a good time and received $10 fee.

(Married: Woodward/Hoar, 1885) At the home of the bride, May 18, 1885, by **Rev. E.S. Cheeseman, Mr. John Woodward**, of Sheldon, Iowa and **Miss Jennie Hoar**, of this place. They left on Thursday morning for their new home with the best wishes of many friends.

Thursday May 14, 1885

A charming day. Today **Rue** and self drove to Gouverneur and purchased carpet. Got an early start and made good advance for the going and coming. Called at **Elliott's** of Richville. Made our purchases of **Mr. Wood**. Traded some with **Whitney**. Got dinner at **Van Buren house** - free, complimentary. Stopped at **Brother Moore's** to tea. Got home some tired in time for prayer meeting. Had a good meeting only a fair number out.

Friday May 15, 1885

A very fine day. In forenoon helped about the house and putting down stair carpet and oil cloth in hall. In afternoon drove out to **Brother Merrill**'s and called, met her that was **Hattie Stillwell**, now **Brother Merrill**'s daughter in law. Called at **William Stiles** and **Brother Porter**'s and **Mr. Ames**. At home in the evening.

Saturday May 16, 1885

A charming day. Put down the new carpet in the parlor in the morning. Then went into my study to prepare for Sabbath. There considerable of the day, though had to help the girls some. Made a few calls in PM - one on **Mr. Lytle**, a poor blind man and helpless, has been for years. Made - or tried to make - a few other calls.

Sunday May 17, 1885

A very warm day - hot. Had a good congregation in morning and enjoyed preaching very well. Stopped a short time at Sunday school. Had usual congregation at Kent's Corners in afternoon and had a very good service. Did not stop up there for tea but drove directly home. Had a very good prayer meeting and then preached again to the United Congregation. **Reverend Richmond** assisted. Was not as tired as sometimes.

Monday May 18, 1885

Another very warm day. Drew a load of water from creek and helped wash. Then got garden ready to plow and fixed a stone driveway in front of the barn. Was tired enough to quit at 3:00 so did. After tea **Rue** and I drove out and made a few calls. Called at **Sister Knox** - at **Mary Murray's** and **Ida McCollum's**

Tuesday May 19, 1885

A fine day. Got a plow and plowed garden in forenoon with Old Bone. **Mr. Day** helped me. The horse acted like fury, but we made out to get it done. In The afternoon made several calls in the village. To class meeting in evening. **Brother Hale** not there and had to lead and take charge. Had a very good meeting, only a few there.

Wednesday May 20, 1885

A fine day. In the forenoon I fixed the driveway from road into the yard. In The afternoon drew tan bark and fix driveway into barn. Attended the Ladies Aid Society at **Sister Hale**'s. A good number out. Got a letter from **Marsh** and one from **Mel**.

Thursday May 21, 1885

A warm day. Helped the girls awhile about the front yard - draped garden and planted potatoes and corn in AM. In PM **Rue** and self went out calling at **McBrier**'s, **Scofield's** and **Green's**. At **Brother Green's** to supper. Met **Reverend Morrison** - their sons in law and his wife there. To prayer meeting in evening, only a few fair number out and good meeting.

Friday May 22, 1885

A beautiful warm day. Worked in garden planting seeds - cucumbers and squashes. Making bed and also finish the drive to barn in forenoon. Had a call from **Sister Morse** and **Carrie** in afternoon. Then we all drove up to Marshville and called on **Sister Cora**. After tea **Rue** and self-went out calling in **Sister Alexander** and **Sheldon's**. Made four calls this PM.

Saturday May 23, 1885

A slight but very refreshing shower last night and this morning. After doing some necessary chores went into study. **Brother Merrill** called in forenoon. After dinner and getting mail hitched up and drove down to the mines to see **Brother Hitchen**. Saw him at his work awhile and went with him to his house. Poor Man - his wife is crazy. He and an only daughter **Minnie** have a hard time with her. After I got home gave **Rue** and **Ceil** a ride.

Sunday May 24, 1885

A charming day, warm and pleasant. Had a good congregation, larger than usual and a good time preaching. **Rue** and **Ceil** both went up to Kent's Corners with me in PM had a good congregation up there and enjoyed preaching. We all stopped at **Brother Parker**'s for supper. Got home in time for prayer meeting at 6:30. Had a very good meeting then went to union service at Baptist church. **Brother Richmond** preached to fine sermon. **Rue** was some tired.

Monday May 25, 1885

A very nice day. Was kept busy all day. Helped fix the cistern in morning. Got some hay. Washed buggy and went to mill. **Ceil** washed and painted front stoop. Had a nice shower toward evening. Had an official meeting in evening with only a few there. Talked over general interest of the church, especially the matter of salary, agreed to give $700, a donation optional.

Tuesday May 26, 1885

A nice cool day - breezy. Set out cabbage plants in morning, then drove down to **Brother Taggart**'s. On the way called on **Mr. Powell**. Stayed to dinner at **Brother Taggart**'s. Got home about 2:00 PM, then took **Rue** and drove out calling. At **Brother French Chilton**'**s**, **Dessere**, **Motts**, and **Brother John Loucks**'. There to tea. Then drove home. A class meeting in the evening. Had a good, nice time, took lead by request of **Brother Hale**.

Wednesday May 27, 1885

A fine day - cool. Left home at 8:00 AM for a day of calling. Went up to Kent's Corners Society, made 13 calls up there. Got dinner at "**Sue Day's**". Had a good visit there. Got home to tea. After tea went out calling with **Rue** but did not find those she wanted to call on at home. Called on **Sister Fell**.

Thursday May 28, 1885

Nice day. The forenoon, fixed fence. In afternoon **Rue** and self-went out calling up to Marshville at **Brother Allen's**, **Babbitt's**, **Huckins**. Had a good prayer meeting in the evening then joined the class.

Friday May 29, 1885

A fine day - and study in forenoon much of time. Painted the outhouse. In the afternoon made five or six calls in the village on Old Parsonage Street. **Mrs. Day** came home after an absence of a week. She came and took tea with us. In evening had a meeting of Sunday school teachers to consider concerning Children's Day, concluded to observe it.

Saturday May 30, 1885

A nice little shower today, much needed. In study getting ready for Sabbath much of the day. Could not satisfy myself. Had Decoration services at our church. **Mrs. Gleason** of Gouverneur spoke - a very good address and a good number out for the day. The committee on program for Children's Day at our house in evening.

Sunday May 31, 1885

A lowery day - with frequent showers. Rained most of the morning. Had only a fair congregation - good considering the day. On way to Kent's Corners, got caught in the shower. Only a small number out there yet I had a good meeting. Stopped at **Brother Parker**'s for supper. **Fred** was sick so they were not at church. In the evening **Reverend Munson** of Maine gave a temperance address at the church - house well filled - address fair.

Monday June 1, 1885

First day of summer - very nice after the rain. Everything looks promising and it's growing. Help **Ceil** wash a little. Had the bad luck to have the clothes line break and clothes fell in dirt and had to be washed over again. Cleaned and oiled harness. Called over to **Mother McCollum**'s, there to tea. It rained hard in the evening. A **Miss Hickock** lectured on temperance at the church in the evening. Did not get here till 9:00. A few were there and stayed. Lecture real good.

Tuesday June 2, 1885

A cool day. A circus in town today but it did not amount to much. Drove up to Porter Hill in the morning and called on **Brother Coffee** and his girls. There to dinner then drove home and made several calls with **Rue**. A class meeting in evening. A very good meeting.

Wednesday June 3, 1885

A beautiful day. Left home, all of us by 9:00 in morning to drive up to **Brother Hill's** - a cheese factory. There visiting and to dinner. I went up to see **Brother Bennett**. Poor man yet a good man. **Rue** and I called on **Mr. Kelsey**. In afternoon attended Ladies Aid Society at **Sister Clark Maines** - quite a number there and had a pleasant time. Got home about 6:30. Had a wedding at the parsonage in the evening - a couple from Russell and Pierpont. **Mrs. Smith** was in.

Thursday June 4, 1885

A fine day in the forenoon. In afternoon a little lowery and a slight rain. Hoed in the garden till 9:00 then **Rue** and I rode up to **Brother Parker**'s at Kent's Corners to see **Fred**. He is very sick - am fearful he will not get well. From there we went to **Sister Hamilton's**, there to dinner. Then I went on and called on **Sister Reed**. **Rue** stayed and visited at **Sister Hamilton's**. Then we went to **Brother Smith's** and spent the rest of the day. Had a good visit and got home about 6:00. To prayer meeting in evening, very good and **Brother** and **Sister Fell** came up after meeting.

Friday June 5, 1885

A rainy, cold morning. Rained considerable during the night and most of the forenoon. Cleared off about noon and was fair but cold. Was awful dumpish today, could hardly keep awake. Did not accomplish much anyway. Made two or three calls on families in the village. At teachers' meeting in the evening at church. Only a few there.

Saturday June 6, 1885

Bright and clear this morning. Came very near being a frost last night. I think there must have been some in places. Got into my study early. Spent much of the day in study. Had a few calls. In the evening drove up to see **Fred Parker** - found him very sick indeed - have very great fears that he cannot get well. Only stayed a little time. Got home to tea.

Sunday June 7, 1885

Raining in the morning but cleared off before service time. Had a fair congregation and a good time preaching. Had a good congregation at Kent's Corners. More than expected to find there. Called to **Brother Parker**'s - found **Fred** very low. He cannot stand it much longer. Stopped at **Reverend Morse**'s for tea. Got home to prayer meeting. **Reverend Munson** preached at Baptist Church in evening - a good time out. Not much of a sermon - more noise and fuss than good doctrine and sense.

Monday June 8, 1885

Brother Fred Parker died this morning. A sad case - a fine young man and a Christian. Drove up to **Brother Parker**'s in forenoon - at **Reverend Morse**'s to dinner then home. Had a fearful thunderstorm in the night and it rained quite a little this forenoon. In study much of PM.

(Died: Fred Parker, Story, 1885)

On Thursday, May 28th, Fred, only son of Mr. Benjamin Parker, of South Hermon, was returning from the cheese factory. The horses became unmanageable, and he was dragged up hill, sustaining severe injuries from which he died June 8th. The funeral was largely attended at the M. E. church at Kent's Corners, Wednesday, Rev. E. S. Cheeseman officiating. The scholars of Hermon Union school, of which he had been a member, numbering 129, formed a procession on the school ground and joined the procession, marched to the cemetery and each deposited a bouquet in the grave. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have the sympathy of all in this their great bereavement.

(Died: Fred Parker, Notice, 1885)

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PARKER—In South Hermon, N. Y., June 8th, Fred, only son of Benjamin Parker, aged 16 years.

Tuesday June 9, 1885

Fine day. Left home early this morning for Sprague ville to attend district conference. Drove to DeKalb Junction, left Bone at **Brother Phelps** then took train. Got to place about 10:00 and found a full attendance of brethren and had a good conference. **Reverend Corte**, the new PE, makes a good impression to start with. Stayed till 4:00 PM then rode with **Elliott** to Gouverneur then took the train for DeKalb. Got home at 8:00, found all right.

Wednesday June 10, 1885

A fine day. Attended the funeral of **Fred Parker** at the church at Kent's Corners. **Rue** went up with me. **Brother Phelps** from DeKalb was there and assisted as also did **Brother Moune** of the Congregational Church. He was simply reading hymn. It was a very large and imperious funeral. A sad case. The entire school at Hermon marched from the schoolhouse to the cemetery and deposited flowers in the grave. In evening joined the Good Templars.

Thursday June 11, 1885

A beautiful day. Washed buggy and hoed potatoes in forenoon. **Mrs. Hunkins** here to dinner. In afternoon went out of the village calling. Called on **Sister Taylor**, **Hunter Spalding** and **Bisbey**. To prayer meeting in evening. A good meeting. Then went to Good Templars' ice cream festival a while. A crowd there.

Friday June 12, 1885

A beautiful day. Hoed in gardens till 10 AM, then **Rue** and I went visiting to **Charles Loucks**'. There to dinner - good visit. At home at 4:00 PM Got letter from **Anson**. In study a short time. To teaching meeting at **Brother McLean**'s in evening.

Saturday June 13, 1885

Fine warm day. Spent the forenoon getting ready for Children's Day. Getting arch made and cedar. Not much interest taken in the matter by anyone. In afternoon worked at the church much of the time, trimming etc. **Rue** had to fix the arch, but few came to help. Had a good shower just in the evening.

Sunday June 14, 1885

Children's Day. Beautiful day after a very rainy night. Observed Children's Day. The church was decorated with plants and an arch. Had a fair congregation at morning service, preached the sermon on children's culture. Took collection for education, small. **Brother Hatch** rode up to Kent's Corners with me. Had a fair congregation there. Didn't observe Children's Day there. In evening had exercises by the Sunday School, full and the whole thing passed off well. The children did nicely. Took small collection for children's fund.

Monday June 15, 1885

A warm, nice day. Helped wash. Drew shavings for horse bedding. Washed buggy. After tea called on **Mrs. Lamson** - she was some sick. At home in evening.

Tuesday June 16, 1885

A fine day. Went to Gouverneur today to closing exercises of the seminary. Left home about 10:00 - drove to junction and left horse there. **Frank Fell** and a friend of his rode with me. Got dinner at **Brother Phelps**. Got to Gouverneur about 1:00 PM. At 2:00 attended the closing exercises at Union Hall. They were very good. **Eva Parker** had a fine essay and did her part well. Started back at 6:30 and reached home about 8:15. To class meeting a little while.

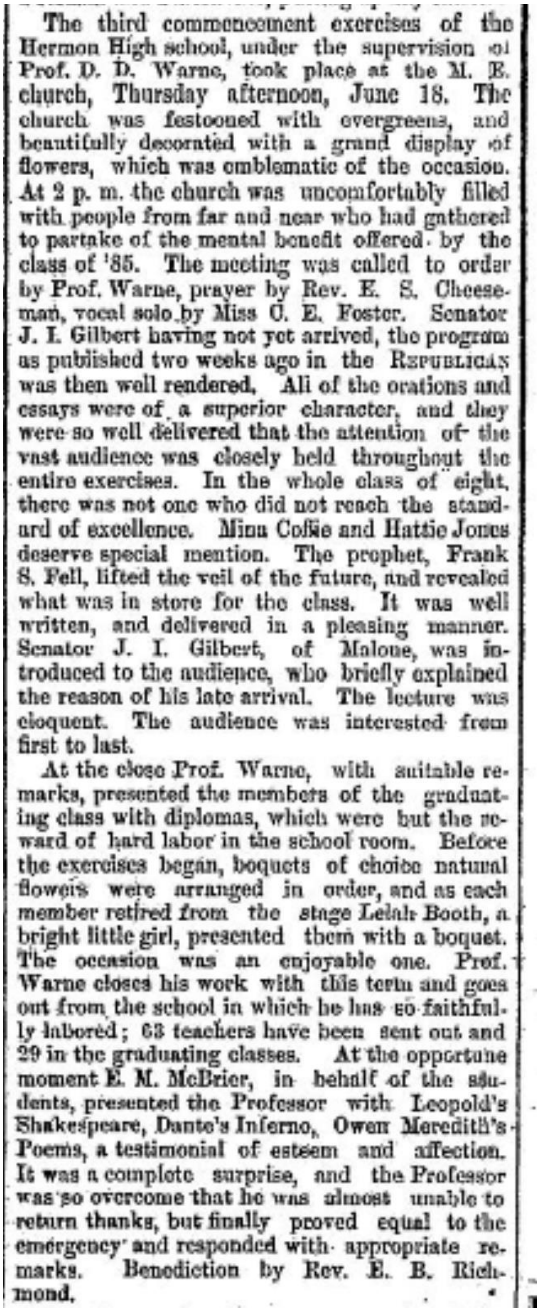
Wednesday June 17, 1885

A very nice day. Call in forenoon. Went down to **Brother Kendall's** calling there to dinner. The Ladies Aid Society met at our house in PM had a large turnout and a pleasant time - some 75 in all present. All seem to enjoy the Ascension to the full. Had plenty to eat and **Rue** endured the strain first rate - of course she was some tired come night.

Thursday June 18, 1885

A beautiful day. Was most sick all day and lay on the couch for some time in forenoon. The closing exercises of the Hermon High School were held in our church at 2:00 PM. House crowded and very nicely decorated. Five young men and two young ladies graduated after delivering their orations and essays. The whole affair was very praiseworthy. **Senator Gilbert** gave a very fine address. Elliot was over to take tea with us. **Brother Phelps** and wife called. The school had the church in evening for an entertainment so had no prayer meeting.

(Hermon High School Commencement, 1885)



The third commencement exercises of the Hermon High school, under the supervision of Prof. D. D. Warne, took place at the M. E. church, Thursday afternoon, June 18. The church was festooned with evergreens, and beautifully decorated with a grand display of flowers, which was emblematic of the occasion. At 2 p. m. the church was uncomfortably filled with people from far and near who had gathered to partake of the mental benefit offered by the class of '85. The meeting was called to order by Prof. Warne, prayer by Rev. E. S. Cheeseman, vocal solo by Miss C. E. Foster. Senator J. I. Gilbert having not yet arrived, the program as published two weeks ago in the REPUBLICAN was then well rendered. All of the orations and essays were of a superior character, and they were so well delivered that the attention of the vast audience was closely held throughout the entire exercises. In the whole class of eight, there was not one who did not reach the standard of excellence. Miss Cossie and Hattie Jones deserve special mention. The prophet, Frank S. Fell, lifted the veil of the future, and revealed what was in store for the class. It was well written, and delivered in a pleasing manner. Senator J. I. Gilbert, of Malone, was introduced to the audience, who briefly explained the reason of his late arrival. The lecture was eloquent. The audience was interested from first to last.

At the close Prof. Warne, with suitable remarks, presented the members of the graduating class with diplomas, which were but the reward of hard labor in the school room. Before the exercises began, boquets of choice natural flowers were arranged in order, and as each member retired from the stage Lelah Booth, a bright little girl, presented them with a boquet. The occasion was an enjoyable one. Prof. Warne closes his work with this term and goes out from the school in which he has so faithfully labored; 63 teachers have been sent out and 29 in the graduating classes. At the opportune moment E. M. McBrier, in behalf of the students, presented the Professor with Leopold's Shakespeare, Dante's Inferno, Owen Meredith's Poems, a testimonial of esteem and affection. It was a complete surprise, and the Professor was so overcome that he was almost unable to return thanks, but finally proved equal to the emergency and responded with appropriate remarks. Benediction by Rev. E. B. Richmond.

Friday June 19, 1885

A fine day. Washed buggy in morning. Spent most of day in my study and setting in the house. Did not feel extraordinary well today. My old complaint is on me again and very bad. Feel so weak and used up. We all went to **Brother Fell's** to tea, were invited there. Did not go to teacher meeting in evening - felt so poorly but spent the evening quietly at home and went to bed early.

Saturday June 20, 1885

Nice warm day. Not feeling at all well today - hope will feel better before tomorrow else will be poorly fitted for my work. **Anson** and **Minnie**[15] came to us this morning for a visit. Felt much better in afternoon than in forenoon. In study considerable of the day in preparation for Sabbath. **Brother Green** finished painting the barn today for which I paid him $6.

Sunday June 21, 1885

Rained in the morning and some during the day. Rode up to our appointment in rain. Cleaned off before service time so had a very fair congregation and a better time preaching than expected as did not feel well. Had about the usual number out in afternoon. Did not enjoy the preaching so well as in AM. Stopped to **Asahel Parker**'s to tea. Got home to prayer meeting a little while. Heard **Brother Richmond** in evening: a good congregation. **Minnie** was with us today.

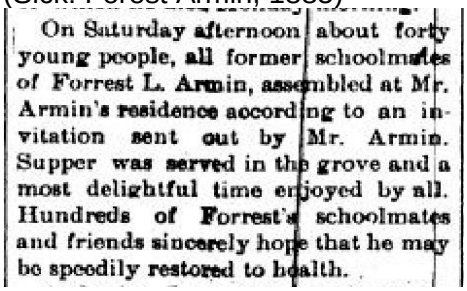
Monday June 22, 1885

A very hard rain last night and this far noon. Cleared off about middle of forenoon. **Rue** and I washed - still not well nor was I feeling first rate. About home all day. Did not feel like going out very much. But did call on **Mr. Kinney** and **McMillan** who are sick.

Tuesday June 23, 1885

A cold day and windy. Not feeling first-rate today either. Drove over to the junction in the morning expecting to meet **Sister Castoline** there. But had made a mistake in the train so did not meet her. Came back by **Brother Merrill's** and called - then called on young **Forrest Armin**, who is sick with Consumption and seeming down fast. At home to dinner - **Mrs. Smith** to dinner with us. Then back to five o'clock train and this time met "**Ma Castoline**" and took her to our house. To class meeting in evening.

(Sick: Forest Armin, 1885)



On Saturday afternoon about forty young people, all former schoolmates of Forrest L. Armin, assembled at Mr. Armin's residence according to an invitation sent out by Mr. Armin. Supper was served in the grove and a most delightful time enjoyed by all. Hundreds of Forrest's schoolmates and friends sincerely hope that he may be speedily restored to health.

[15] Minnie is Anson Cheeseman's daughter.

Wednesday June 24, 1885

A beautiful day. Took some pills last night and felt better today. Cut the grass in the church yard and on road side. **Brother Thomas Smithers** and wife [**Melissa**] and **Loren [Smithers]** came about 10:30, the rest of the day was well spent in visiting.
To our surprise about 6:30 who should show up but **Otis** and **Martha** and **Dewey**. So, we are well supplied with visitors for the present. House full and I had to sleep on the couch.

Thursday, June 25, 1885

A nice day. Warm and pleasant. **Otis** and family and **Bro**. **Thomas Smithers** and family here today. A day for visiting, not much of else done. **Bro**. **Smithers** and family left us for home at 3 PM It seemed so good to have a visit with them. Then I hitched up Bone and went up to see **Bro. Charles Loucks**. He is quite poorly. **Otis** and **Dewey** rode up with **Rue**. We all went to prayer meeting but **Rue** and **Otis**. Had a very good meeting.

Friday, June 26, 1885

A fine day. In forenoon went with **Otis** to call on **Mary Stacy** and **Mrs. Lyttle**. **Mrs. Lyttle** was once the wife of **Hattie's** brother. After dinner **Otis** and **Martha** left us for home. We enjoyed their visit so much. Did not feel at all good in PM but helped a little about getting ready for the Lawn Festival in the evening. Had a good time at the evening festival on the lawn in front of church. Beautiful evening and good number there. Cleared about $20.

Saturday, June 27, 1885

A warm day. Helped get the tables and things back from the church in the morning. Then went into study. Did not feel remarkably well today. Teeth annoyed me considerably. **Minnie** and some other girls had Bone to drive up to **Sister Dresser**. I went up to Marshville and called on a very sick lady, **Mrs. Miner**, and made two other calls. Laid on the couch most of the evening.

Sunday, June 28, 1885

Very nice in forenoon. But a very hard rain in afternoon in the evening- a terrible thunder shower. Did not feel well all the morning- but felt much better at meeting time so got through with my work very nicely. Had a very good congregation and morning. **Rue** and **Sister Castoline** find up to Kent's with me. Had service for Children's Day up there- nice time. Church nicely arranged. Took education collection and stopped at **Brother Parker**'s. But then it did rain. **Professor Sayles** had a service of song in evening.

Monday June 29, 1885

It rained terribly in night and is cold and rainy today - a most disagreeable day. Helped wash. About home till 4:00 PM, then went up to **Brother Firth**'s. All invited then for visit.

Tuesday June 30, 1885

A cold day. Was most sick all day but drove in **Brother Ballon's** neighborhood calling- made four calls. Hurried home, was feeling so bad. Got home about 1:00 PM. Laid on the couch most of the PM. Did not feel long enough to go to class meeting in evening.

Wednesday, July 1, 1885

Quite a cold day. Hoed in the garden in forenoon. Felt better than yesterday, yet by no means first rate. In afternoon went to aid society at **Sister Dresser**. **Sister Castoline** went with us. Had a pleasant time, a good number out. In evening went to Good Templar's lodge. Stayed till nearly 10 then came home disgusted. Sorry I experienced.

Thursday, July 2, 1885

A fine day - but cool. In forenoon drove down to **Brother Porter**'s mill for horse feed. Called on **Mrs. Rundle** and **Cora**. In PM took the women of the house and drove up to **Brother Charles Loucks**'s for a strawberry pick. Got about 2 quarts and came home. To prayer meeting in the evening. Had a very good meeting with about the usual number out. After prayer meeting attended an ice cream festival of the Baptist Church at Hall.

Friday, July 3, 1885

A fine day. Washed buggy then took **Anson**'s **Minnie** up to **Brother Parker**'s at Kent's. Made a call or two. Got our dinner at **Brother Parker**'s and came home by middle of PM. About home the rest of the day.

Saturday, July 4, 1885

A warm day. Took **Anson**'s **Minnie** to the station at DeKalb Junction for early train. Went for **Brother Corte** PE. The train was very late, so I had to wait to **Reverend Phelps** till near noon. Got **Brother Corte** returned in time for afternoon meeting. Had a fair congregation and **Brother Corte** gave us a good sermon. Quarterly conference all went off nicely, no fuss. Agreed to pay $700.00. Had good prayer meeting in evening. **Brother Corte** stayed with us, and we had a good visit.

Sunday July 5, 1885

First quarterly meeting. A warm day. Love Feast began on time. 9:30. A good attendance and a good meeting- all seemed to enjoy the occasion. **Brother Corte** gave us a good sermon and the collection was sufficient. The entire service was spiritual. In PM took **Brother Corte** to Russell and heard him preach again. Stopped a few minutes at **Brother Kenyon's** then returned home. **Brother Corte** preached again in the evening at Baptist Church for me. A good day all through.

Monday July 6, 1885

A very warm day. **Brother Corte** left on the early stage with his full pay and a little more. **Brother Bennett** came along and was going to Canton alone with double teams- so I got in and rode down there with him for company and to see **Brother Simons** and family. Got there about 10:30- found **Brother Simons** and all at home. Had a good visit with them. Called on **Brother Reynolds** at Parsonage and started for home about three. Got home about six. **Sister Knox** called in evening.

Tuesday July 7, 1885

Nice morning but began to rain about 10:00 AM and rained till middle of day. Hoed garden in morning. About 10 started for DeKalb Junction on a visit to **Brother Phelps**. Drove in rain most of way. **Sister Castoline** went with us. Visited at **Brother Phelps** with **Cleghorne's, Firth**s, and **Cora**'s families. Had a good visit. **Sister Castoline** took the train for home at 4:03 after being here 2 weeks. Got home at 6:30. Two class meeting in evening- led it myself. Called over to **Brother Fell's** after class meeting. Did not go to bed till 10:30.

Wednesday July 8, 1885

Very warm but nice day. In forenoon drove down to **Brother Porter's** and got bag of feed. In afternoon went calling in the village with **Rue**. Made several calls, came round to **Brother Fell's,** and stopped there and stayed to tea. **Sister Fell** came home with us and spent the evening. **Sister Firth** was in also. Saw **Brother Phelps**- he called over and arranged with him concerning next Sabbath evening. He wanted me to go to Old DeKalb, but I could not.

Thursday July 9, 1885

Hot in the morning but had a heavy rain before noon. **Rue** and I picked gooseberries up at **Brother Firth**'s in the morning. About 9:30 we drove down to **Brother George Taggart**'s visiting. **Brother** and **Sister Firth** went also, and we had a good visit. **Rue** and I drove to **Brother Merrill**'**s** for a call before coming home. **Rue** was some tired, she did not go to prayer meeting in the evening. We had a good meeting- a fair number out.

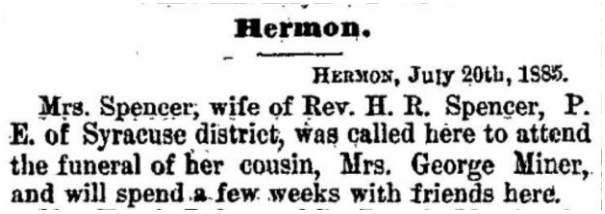
Friday July 10, 1885

Lowery today- rained hard in the night and ground very wet. At home all day, only going with **Rue** up to **Mr. Cleghorn's** for a call. Was troubled with teeth all day still, had one extracted and an ugly root besides, then felt much better. Glad when it was out. After tea called at **Brother Fulton** at house in evening- so sleepy went to bed early. Got a birthday present of a book from **Sister Castoline**. Nice.

Saturday July 11, 1885

And this is my 50th birthday. Is it possible- can it be that so many years of life are gone? What have I done worthy of life? All so little, yet I would not care to recall the years. I might do worse. Life has been full of sunshine and the future looks bright and hopeful. I have a "Good Hope"- through Jesus Christ my Lord and only savior. A bright day. In study all the forenoon. At 2:00 PM was at the funeral of **Mrs. Miner** at Marshville at the house. **Reverend Richmond** officiated.

(Funeral: Mrs. George Miner, 1885)



Hermon.

HERMON, July 20th, 1885.

Mrs. Spencer, wife of Rev. H. R. Spencer, P. E. of Syracuse district, was called here to attend the funeral of her cousin, Mrs. George Miner, and will spend a few weeks with friends here.

Sunday July 12, 1885

A very fine day all day. Had good congregation at each service and at both places. Had to preach three times and had a fair time preaching. **Reverend Richmond** was away in evening so had to go alone. Met **Mary Spencer** up to Kent's Corners. Did not stay up there to tea but came directly home and took tea with **Rue** and **Ceil**. Had a very good prayer meeting. Somehow dreaded preaching but enjoyed it better than expected.

Monday June 13, 1885.

A fine day. Helped with chores about. Washed buggy in the forenoon. Got Boise shod. **Ceil** went to Russell after dinner with **Mr. Smith**. About home till after tea then drove over to DeKalb Junction to class leaders convention. It rained hard before got there. **Reverend Jenkins** preached a good sermon. Not a large number there- though the attendance was fair. Drove back home after the service closed, got home a little after 10. **Rue** stayed at **Mrs. Day's**.

Tuesday July 14, 1885

A very rainy day. Class leaders' convention at DeKalb. Drove over in morning through the rain, found a fair number out and had a very good convention in spite of the rain - which fell in great abundance. **Elliot** and self got to dinner at **Mr. Walker's**. Left for home before the close. Got home about 5:30. Went to class meeting in evening but few out.

Wednesday July 15, 1885

Nice day. Started out early for calling. Went up our road to North Russell. Made two or three calls found no one at home. Came round to **Brother Hawkins,** there to dinner. Had a long talk, or rather she talked long and loud, not the most pleasant Sister. Don't understand what such women are for. To Aid Society and **Sister Firth**- good many there. Had a good time. To the lodge a little while in evening.

Thursday July 16, 1885

A very warm day. **Rue** and I went this morning to **Brother Kendall** visiting. I picked a few berries and helped him in hay field a little. There to dinner. **Byron** and **Elliott** came and had to come there to find us. **Byron** paid me $100 on note. Made a few calls on way home. Had a very good prayer meeting in the evening- a fair number out. **Sister Phelps** there among the rest.

Friday July 17, 1885

A very warm day. Got a good breeze. While at breakfast the terrible news came that **Sister Bennett** had hung herself this morning. She had been insane for years. Poor **Brother Bennett**. He has Job's Portion. After breakfast Will Little took me up there. It is a desolate house. At home till 4 PM then took **Rue** to junction on her way to Watertown. Stops at Antwerp tonight. Got home about 7- hence am alone this evening and tonight. Well, she has not gone there in a long while.

(Died: Bennett Suicide, 1885)

Suicide Near Hermon.

Mrs. Lucy Bennett, wife of Richard Bennett, a farmer living about four miles south of the village of Hermon, in the town of Russell, committed suicide by hanging, Friday morning, about 5 o'clock. Coroner J. N. Bassett of this village was notified at once, and immediately repaired to Mr. Bennett's residence, where, he summoned a jury, and made a full investigation of the case.

It appeared in evidence that Mrs. Bennett had been of unsound mind for five or six years, but had never been considered dangerous, nor had she shown a tendency to self-destruction, or given any hint that she had thought of such a thing, except on one occasion, a few days before her death, when, after visiting the creek that runs near the residence, she told her husband that she was sorry she had not thrown herself in. But for several days she had been much excited on account of [illegible] of a trustee to take charge of the property of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Chandler, of Jerusalem Corners, who like two other sisters of the deceased, had been adjudged insane.

Mrs. Bennett, was born at Jerusalem Corners fifty-six years ago and was the youngest daughter of Hosea Barber, who settled on the farm now owned by Mr. Alvin S. Barber, at an early day in the history of this town. She leaves four sisters older than herself, and all insane except one.

The following particulars of the tragedy and inquest, are taken from the Hermon correspondence of the Ogdensburg *Journal*.

"Several witnesses were sworn and it was ascertained that Mr. Bennett and his sons went out to milk at a few minutes before five o'clock. Mrs. B. was then kindling the fire, which she was accustomed to do before she went out to aid in the milking. She did not appear at the barn at the usual time, and after awhile Mr. B. became alarmed and went to the house. He did not see her and went from room to room calling her name. Finally, on opening the door of a dark store room, he found her hanging suspended by the neck with a clothsline fastened to a joist overhead. Being unable to take her down, he called the boys from the barn, and one of them aided him in taking the body down, but life was extinct."

Hosea Barber, the father of Mrs. Bennett, was not related to the family of which Col. Henry Barber was a distinguished member, and which is quite numerously represented in the vicinity

Saturday July 18, 1885

A very fine day. At home alone. Spent the entire day and study preparing for the funeral tomorrow. About as good as wrote an entire sermon. Want to **Brother Fell's** for dinner- but took breakfast and supper at house alone. Put up two and more cans of currants. Went early to bed having put in a good day's work.

Sunday July 19, 1885

A beautiful day- almost perfect. Up at 5:00 in the morning and got ready for the funeral. At 9 drove up to **Brother Bennett**'s. Attended funeral of **Sister Bennett** who hung herself on Friday last- a sad case indeed. Terribly sad. She had been insane for years. Service held in **Brother Bennett**'s cheese house- a big crowd there and the service interesting and impressive. Got home at 2:30. Of course could not go to Kent's. Had bread and milk for dinner. In evening preached again in our church- had a good time and a good congregation.

Monday July 20, 1885

A fine day. Up early and out by 4:00 in the morning. hitched up and started for Theresa. **Sister Fell** rode to Richville with me. Stopped to Oxbow for an hour at **Brother Phelps** and let Bone rest then drove through to the farm. Got to **Sprague's** by noon, having made the trip easy enough. Found everyone well and things in good shape. Looked things over some- then drove to **Mel's**- all well there. Old Bone seemed glad to get home. To **Lott**'s for supper- at **Mel's** all night.

Tuesday July 21, 1885

At Theresa. Rainy this morning. Got lots of hay wet. Drove up to see **John Rice** in morning but he was out berrying so did not see him. **Andy** stayed a little while then drove back. Met **Cooper** and he gave me a check of $62.00 for **Marsh**. That just fixed me up nicely. Paid up bill for wire fence, paid **Mel** $12.00 for the interest- $43.50. Got dinner at **Lott**'s and about 2:00 PM hitched up and drove to Antwerp. Got tea at **Isabel**'s- left Bone there and at 6:30 took train for Watertown- found **Rue** at **Mary**'s- all well.

Wednesday July 22, 1885

At Watertown today- nice day. In forenoon went raspberrying. Picked 6 quarts of black raspberries. In the afternoon went down to the city- called on **Brother Woods** a little while and then **Brother Richey**'s. Then came back up to **Mary**'s. After supper **Rue** and I went down to **Otis**'s and stayed all night.

Thursday July 23, 1885

A very warm day. **Rue** went from **Otis'** up to **Mary**'s in morning. I went to city and got goods insured. Took **Brother Woods** home and drove up to **Mary's**- there till after dinner, then started for depot on way home. **Mary** came to depot with us. Left Watertown at 2:35. Father met us at Philadelphia- all stopped off at **Isabel**'s. **Brother Kinney** and wife there to tea and had a good visit with them. Went to prayer meeting in evening- then back to **Isabel**'s and stayed all night.

Friday July 24, 1885

I left **Isabelle**'s at 5:00 in the morning with horse- leaving father and **Rue** to come on the train. They met me at Richville station at 10:00 AM where I had driven since leaving them. Then we all got into carriage and drove to **Brother Morse**'s, getting there just in time for dinner so we stopped for dinner and rest. After resting we started out again and reached home at 3:00 PM, found everything and everybody well and all right.

Saturday July 25, 1885

A very warm day indeed. Did not feel well all day, ate no breakfast and very little all day. Lay on the couch considerable. Yet spent some time getting ready for Sabbath. Painted a couple of screen doors. Went to bed early.

Sunday July 26, 1885

A fine day- not so hot as yesterday and feeling much better. Had a good congregation at morning service and a good time preaching. Father went with me up to Kent's. Had a good congregation there and enjoyed preaching. We stopped to **Brother Parker's** for tea. Had a good prayer meeting- a **Brother Deye** of Wisconsin preached in the Baptist Church in evening, so we had no service.

Monday July 27, 1885

A warm day. Father helped **Rue** wash. I mowed the yard and hung the screen doors. Busy all day. After tea **Rue** and self went out calling. Made several calls down on Old Parsonage St. **Rue** was tired- had done a big day's work and was glad when time came to go to bed.

Tuesday July 28, 1885

A warm day. Father and self started out this morning for a berrying tramp. Drove way out most to Trout Lake - I found lots of berries, both red and black raspberries. Picked two or three hours and got 13 or 14 pints, then started for house. Called on her that was **Jemimah Day** and got lunch. Got home about 5:00, then I drove down to see **Forrest Armin**. Poor boy, he is fast going down. Made three other calls then came back to class meeting.

Wednesday July 29, 1885

Had a fine shower in the night but nice today. We all and father with us went to **Brother John Loucks'** visiting today. Went in morning and stayed until the middle of the afternoon. Had good visit. After tea **Rue** and self went out calling again. Made three or four. Then went to Good Templars lodge in the evening- got myself elected chaplain.

Thursday July 30, 1885

A warm day- at house today. Busy during the AM about the house. **Ead**[16] came on the stage at noon, all unexpected to us- had sent a postal but had not come. In afternoon **Brother Phelps** attended a funeral at our church of a young married woman. I assisted him. Had a very good prayer meeting in evening about the usual number out.

[16] Gilbert and Isabel Graves' daughter, niece to Ruby Graves Cheeseman.

Friday July 31, 1885

A nice warm day. **Brother Phelps** came along early this morning on his way to Trout Lake and wanted me to go with him. He was alone- so I went. Got there about 8:00 in the morning- a company for here- **Firth** and wife and **Cora** came. We went up to **Mr. Cleghorn**'**s** cottage- spent the time on the lake, nice place. Had a fine time. Got home at five. After tea took **Rue** and **Ead** and drove down to **Forrest Armin** and **Brother George Taggart**'s.

Saturday August 1, 1885

A warm day. At home all day. Busy getting ready for Sabbath. Nothing of unusual moment occurred. Rather a dull, lonesome day. **Ceil** returned to us this evening from Russell- after an absence of some weeks.

Sunday August 2, 1885

A nice, comfortable day. Had a fair congregation in the morning and only a fair time preaching. Stayed in Sunday school for opening. **Ead** and **Ceil** went up to Kent's with me had nice ride and a good time preaching and all. Came home to tea. Had a little rest then went to prayer meeting. Then preached again in evening. Had a fine congregation in evening- several men who seldom attend church- but Oh! dear did not have a good time preaching somehow. Was tired. **Will Little** brought in some ice cream.

Monday August 3, 1885

Today went huckleberrying up to Clear Lake. **Brother Green** went with me. Had a long tramp. Had only been in the woods but little time when it began to rain and rained hard, and we got awful wet and had to give it up. The berries were awful thick- got 8 quarts and would have got lots more but for the rain. Got home about 5- wet and cold.

Tuesday August 4, 1885

A fine day most of the day. Had one good shower in evening. At home all day but made three pastoral calls in village. Expected **Brother Parker** and **Morse**'**s** folks all here but none came up. Eva and Clara- they were here to dinner, and we had a good visit. To class meeting in evening but few there- good night.

Wednesday August 5, 1885

A cold lowery day- about home all forenoon, run about town. In afternoon **Rue** and **Ead** and **Ceil** took horse and went up to **Charles Loucks**' visiting. I went up to Marshville calling. Then came back and stayed with father and got supper for him. At home in evening. **Goodwin Dresser** called to see **Ead**.

Thursday August 6, 1885

Nice day. Took Father to depot this morning on his way home. He stayed about his usual time. In afternoon went visiting up to **Brother Hills** at cheese factory with **Brother** and **Sister Firth**. Called over to see **Brother Bennett** and got home in good season. At prayer meeting in evening- had a good meeting. **Sisters Booth** and **Little** joined the class.

Friday August 7, 1885

A fine day. Up early and at six started huckleberrying with **Will Little**. **Brother Firth** went also. Got **Harry Reed** to go into woods with us as pilot. And such quantities of berries as we did find, never saw anything like it. We all got our dishes full. I got 20 quarts. It was some work to carry them out of the woods. Got home at 6 PM- some tired- but feeling very well over the day's work. Went to bed early.

Saturday August 8, 1885

A beautiful day. In study during most of forenoon preparing for Sabbath. Made a few calls with **Rue** in PM- then had company come. **James Louck** and **Hattie** and a **Miss Louck** of Lowville here to tea. This is the day of **General Grant's** burial[17]. Places of business all closed. A great day in this nation. What a vast multitude must be in New York today. So much honor and parade and expense for one man- though a great man - seems to me to be unwarranted and unnecessary.

Sunday August 9, 1885

A very fine day. Had a good congregation, both here and at Kent's. And enjoyed preaching well. Took collection for church. Got only $6- less than half of our appointment. Not much of a collection here. Want to **Brother Croft's** for tea after service at Kent's. Had a good prayer meeting at 6:30- then went to Baptist Church. A **Brother Walrath**, a colporteur, tried to preach but it was a failure. Too bad. Though not many were out to hear him.

Monday August 10, 1885

A warm, lowery day; rained some. Helped wash then drove up to **Brother Hill's** cheese factory and went berrying for blackcaps. Poor picking, bushes were wet. Got 4 quarts and got home about 4:00 o'clock. Was tired. Called on **Brother Richmond** after tea.

Tuesday August 11, 1885

A very nice day- warm. washed buggy then drove down to see **Forrest Armin**. Poor boy, he is failing fast and soon must leave us, but he seems not to realize how bad he is. Had a talk with his father concerning him. It is a sad case. In afternoon **Frank Loucks** and his two sisters visited us. But our visit had to be spoiled by an ignorant book agent who came in and did not know enough to leave when he had stayed long enough. To class meeting in evening.

Wednesday August 12, 1885

Very warm and pleasant - until about 4:00 PM then we had a terrific rain and wind storm. About home all day. In forenoon busy about house, only called down to **Brother Harmych**. In afternoon helped a few of the brethren lay sidewalk in front of the church. Had to leave it unfinished on account of the rain. The ladies had "Aid Society" at the church in session room. Had a fair turn out as the day was and very good time at house in evening.

[17] The Ogdensburg journal dedicated the entire front page to Grant's burial on August 10, 1885. http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn85054113/1885-08-10/ed-1/seq-1/

Thursday August 13, 1885

A warm, muggy day after a rainy night. Drove down to see **Forrest Armin** this morning. Had quite a talk with him and prayed for him. He is failing and has given up that he must die. But does not feel that he is prepared as yet. In afternoon **Rue** and self drove down to **Sister Taggart**'s but found her sick so only stayed for a call and drove back. Called at **Sister McCollum**'s. At prayer meeting in the evening. A very good meeting.

Friday August 14, 1885

Another rainy day- several showers so that a good deal of rain fell. In forenoon helped **Brother Firth** to build sidewalk in front of church. **Brother R.E King** just called. In afternoon rained and could not work. Called on **Bertha Fuller**. After tea we drove up to **Sister Dresser's** In evening **Eva Millard** and **Liza Anderson** of Heuvelton called. I did not know them at first.

Saturday August 15, 1885

A fine day. Cool enough for comfort. Spent what time could getting prepared for Sabbath. Was disturbed not a little with company. **Sister Phelps** and daughter and a lady friend from DeKalb here to dinner and much of the day. Then **Eva Millard** and **Liza Anderson** from Heuvelton and **Ida McCollum** here to tea. **Brother Parker** called and wanted me to go up to cemetery with him- so was kept busy the whole day.

Sunday August 16, 1885

A very fine day- cool enough for comfort. Had a fine congregation in morning and a fair time preaching. At the close of service baptized six at the altar and two others took the covenant who had been baptized. **Rue** and **Edith** went with me up to Kent's in afternoon. Had about the usual service then went to **Brother Parker**'s to tea. Got home to prayer meeting. A **Reverend Brother Brown**- a Baptist minister - preached in our church in the evening. A good sermon to a good congregation.

Monday August 17, 1885

Nice day till toward evening, then we had a fine shower in evening, rained quite hard. Helped wash and was busy all forenoon. In afternoon we all went visiting up to **Sister Dresser's.** I had to walk up and could not all ride. Had a good visit. **Goodwin** brought **Ead** home, so I rode back. At home in evening.

Tuesday August 18, 1885

A very fine day. About home all day. Wrote the obituary notice of **Fred Parker** in forenoon. In afternoon drove up to **Sister Corey's** but they were not in shape to have visitors, so we drove home. I made a call on **Sister Van Valkenburg**. To class meeting in evening. Had a very good meeting. Several young persons in, **Merton McBrier** among others

Wednesday August 19, 1885

A fine day- after a hard rain in the night. Took **Ead** to junction this morning on way home. She took the 12:10 train. Drove directly back. Got letter that **Sister Cobb** and **Mary Giffin** would be here tomorrow at noon. So, the rest of the day had to be used in getting ready for them. After tea drove down to see **Forrest Armin** but could not see him, so poorly. To lodge in evening.

Thursday August 20, 1885

A fine, cool day. **Brother Richmond** and myself went together to Sunday School picnic up near Trout Lake in the grass. Spent the entire day. Had a very good time. **Sister Mary Giffin** came to us on the last stage. Expected **Sister Cobb** to come with her but company kept her from coming. Too bad, wanted to see her so much. To prayer meeting in the evening. Had a real good one.

Friday August 21, 1885

A fair day. At home all day. **Mary Giffin** here so we spent the day visiting. Of course, that was enjoyable. **Brother** and **Sister John Loucks** with us to tea. Had quite a shower in the evening and a heavy rain during the night.

Saturday August 22, 1885

A fine day after a rainy night. Spent what time could get, which was but little, in AM preparing for the Sabbath. **Brother Firth** came in and bothered me a long time- fixing up the financial report etc. Then **Brother Bennett** called at 2:30. Took **Mary Giffin** to depot. Got back at 5, expected **Amelia Nelson** and **Mattie Smithers** but they did not come. We were invited to **Brother McLane's** but could not go as **Mrs. Gray**, **Ceil**'s friend, came to tea.

Sunday August 23, 1885

A fine day. Had a large congregation in morning. At close of service took subsumption for incidental expenses. Raised over $40. Had a good time preaching. Had a good service and good congregation at Kent's. Went home with **Brother Ballon** to dinner. Did not get home till prayer meeting was most out. Heard **Brother Richmond** in evening. He had **Monroe**- a Universalist -preach for him in the morning.

Monday August 24, 1885

A lowery day- rained just enough to hinder getting grain. Helped wash and washed buggy in afternoon. drove down to see **Forrest Armin**. He is very low and failing fast, but he said it was "all clear" to him now. **Brother Fell** and family and **Mrs. Day** were here to tea and spent the evening.

Tuesday August 25, 1885

A fine Day. **Ceil** left us today- having been with us since we came here. I got **Mr. Smith's** wagon and took her to the 12:10 train. I stopped to **Brother Phelps** to dinner. Got home about three. Gathered a basket of plums up to **Sister Sheldon's**. After tea drove down to see **Forrest** again. He had a comfortable day. **Rue** went to class meeting. I spent the evening in my study. A cold night.

Wednesday August 26, 1885

A cold day. Expected to start for Theresa today and from there to camp meeting. But many things seemed to hinder. **Rue** canned plums all forenoon. I went to see **Mr. Esq. [Clark] Maine** at Marshville; he is very sick. Busy getting ready to start for Theresa in morning. Took **Rue** to 4:15 train on her way to Heuvelton. Left her at the depot. At home alone tonight. It does not seem just right some way that I should go away.

Thursday August 27, 1885

Up very early and at 2:00 o'clock I started for Theresa with Bone and **Brother Smith's** wagon. A beautiful moonlight and cold. Got to **Brother Phelps** at Oxbow to breakfast. Stayed 2 hours then drove to farm. Got there at 11, found all well and everything alright. Loaded up 20 bushels of oats, drove to **Mel's** after dinner. Then father and I drove to mill with **Jake Snell's** horse. Sold my oats to **Pool**. Stayed at **Mel's** all night.

Friday August 28, 1885

A beautiful day. In morning hitched to **Mel's** old wagon and went up to farm and got 42 bushel of oats and took to Pool's mill. Sold them for $0.35. At 10:00 AM started from **Mel's** for Antwerp, got there to dinner. Sent telegram to see how **Forrest** was. He was as well as when I left, so can go on to camp meeting this evening. Left Antwerp on six train. Met **Ceil** on train on her way home. Stop at A's a little while then went up to **Mary**'**s** and stayed all night. All well.

Saturday August 29, 1885

A fine day. Stayed with **Mary** last night. Took the train at 7:25 for camp meeting. Heard **Brother Townsend** preach at 10:30 on New Birth. **Brother Lamb** exhorted. The exhortation of course was good. At 2:00 PM **AC Danforth** preached, and **Reverend Richey** gave a good exhortation. In evening **Brother Phelps** preached and **G.P. Kenney** and **Reverend Reese** exhorted. The preaching did not rank very high, yet it was a good day. Got a telegram to come home for funeral for Tuesday.

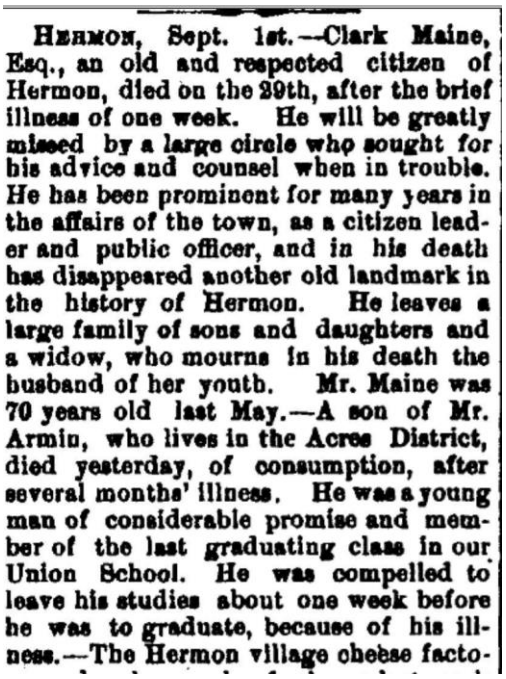
Sunday August 30, 1885

At camp meeting at Felt's Mills. No service at home. Slept with **Brother Corte** last night. A rainy morning. Love Feast in Arsenal St. **Brother W.F. Brown** preached at 10:30. A grand sermon. At 2:00 PM **Brother Reese** preached a grand sermon. **Brother Corte** gave a glorious exhortation. Took tea with **Anson**'s family. **Brother Took** of Carthage preached in evening- rather heavy. After meeting rode out to **Charles Rider's** and stayed at all night. **Martin Winslow** there.

Monday August 31, 1885

Rained early but soon cleared off and a good day. Left Sanford's Corners for house at 8:45. Started with horse and 20 bushels of oats from **Isabel**'s at 10. Stopped at Richville to **Elliot's** and fed horse- then drove to **Brother** Morse's to supper then home. Got home a little after dark. Found that **Forrest Armin** had died at 11 today, the funeral Wednesday. **Esq. [Clark] Maine** was dead, died last Saturday - sent for me to come but **Brother Richmond** preached the sermon in our church.

(Died: Clark Maine and Forest Armin, 1885)

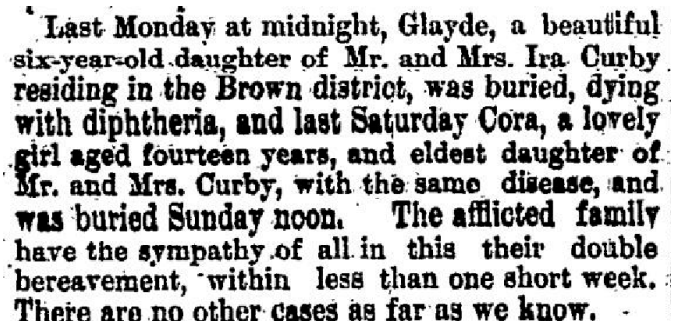


HERMON, Sept. 1st.—Clark Maine, Esq., an old and respected citizen of Hermon, died on the 29th, after the brief illness of one week. He will be greatly missed by a large circle who sought for his advice and counsel when in trouble. He has been prominent for many years in the affairs of the town, as a citizen leader and public officer, and in his death has disappeared another old landmark in the history of Hermon. He leaves a large family of sons and daughters and a widow, who mourns in his death the husband of her youth. Mr. Maine was 70 years old last May.—A son of Mr. Armin, who lives in the Acres District, died yesterday, of consumption, after several months' illness. He was a young man of considerable promise and member of the last graduating class in our Union School. He was compelled to leave his studies about one week before he was to graduate, because of his illness.—The Hermon village cheese facto-

Tuesday September 1, 1885

Up late last night- at 11:00 o'clock went to **Mr. Curby's** and made a prayer and then buried their little girl, six years old **[Glayde Curby**]. Died with diphtheria and others sick so buried at night. Up early a hard rain this morning so went up to **Brother Firth's** to breakfast. At 11 attended the funeral of **Esq. Maine** at our church though **Brother Richmond** preached. A good service. Studied what time could get for the funeral of **Forrest** tomorrow. Met **Rue** at junction at 6 and brought her home. In study till 11 at night- finished sermon.

(Died: Glayde Curby and Cora Curby, 1885)



Last Monday at midnight, Glayde, a beautiful six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Curby residing in the Brown district, was buried, dying with diphtheria, and last Saturday Cora, a lovely girl aged fourteen years, and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curby, with the same disease, and was buried Sunday noon. The afflicted family have the sympathy of all in this their double bereavement, within less than one short week. There are no other cases as far as we know.

Wednesday September 2, 1885

A beautiful day. Busy in the forenoon completing preparations for the funeral this afternoon. At 1:00 PM at the home and at 2:00 PM at the church attended the funeral of **Forrest Armin**- one of our finest and most respected young men of 19 years. **Brother Richmond** assisted in the service. The church was packed full, session room and all. Flowers in abundance. Had the school all there. Had a good time preaching from Samuel 12:23. **William Weed** and wife called in the evening.

(Funeral: Forest Armin and Clark Maine, 1885)

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Armin and Mr. F. Ames and family, of Potsdam, and F. Bowhal, of Norwood, were in attendance at the funeral of Mr. Forest Armin last Wednesday.

The funeral of Clark Maine, Esq., was largely attended in the M. E. church last Tuesday, Rev. E. B. Richmond officiating, assisted by Rev. E. S. Cheeseman.

(Died: Forest Armin, Story, 1885)

Forest L. Armin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Armin, died at the residence of his father, Aug. 31, 1885, in the 20th year of his age, of consumption. The funeral was unusually largely attended, in the M. E. Church, last Wednesday afternoon, Rev. E. S. Cheeseman, assisted by Rev. E. B. Richmond, officiating. Forest was one of the members to have graduated from the Union High School here last June, only as he was prostrated by disease, and in honor to the departed, the school, consisting of nearly two hundred students, followed him to his last resting place, each member depositing a bouquet of flowers on the grave. Deceased was a noble youth, loved and respected by all who knew him, and the heart stricken family have the sympathy of the entire community. The vacant seat in the school room was draped in mourning and the following resolutions passed by the members of the Literary Society, of which he was a member:

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty, the ruler of all events, to remove from our midst our beloved and worthy fellow member, Forest F. Armin; and

Whereas, The intimate relations long held by the deceased with the members of this society render it proper that we should place upon record our appreciation of him as a member and his merits as a friend; therefore, be it

Whereas, The intimate relations long held by the deceased with the members of this society render it proper that we should place upon record our appreciation of him as a member and his merits as a friend; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of Forest F. Armin with deep feelings of regret, softened only by the confident hope that his spirit is with those, who having fought the good fight here, are enjoying perfect happiness in a better world; and be it

Resolved, That we tender to the afflicted relatives our sincere condolence and earnest sympathy in their affliction in the loss of their loved one.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the county papers and a copy of the same be sent to the family of deceased.

By order of the committee. A. H.

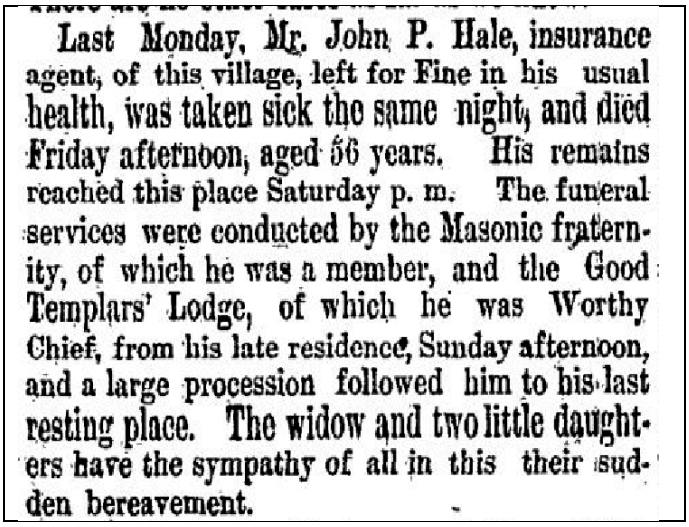
Thursday September 3, 1885

A fine day. Washed in forenoon and cleaned up **Mr. Smith**'s wagon and went to mill and got my oats ground. Busy all day about home. To prayer meeting in the evening. Only a few there yet I had a good meeting.

Friday September 4, 1885

A rainy day - much of the afternoon rained hard. In study considerable of the day. Got horse shod. An afternoon **Mr.** and **Mrs. Smith** had horse and buggy to go to the junction through the rain. Hated to let him go but had to**. Mr. John Hale**, one of the citizens of the place, died today. Away from home – up to Fine-only sick a short time. How they are dropping off - yet who deeds it?

(Died: John P. Hale, 1885)



Last Monday, Mr. John P. Hale, insurance agent, of this village, left for Fine in his usual health, was taken sick the same night, and died Friday afternoon, aged 56 years. His remains reached this place Saturday p. m. The funeral services were conducted by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a member, and the Good Templars' Lodge, of which he was Worthy Chief, from his late residence, Sunday afternoon, and a large procession followed him to his last resting place. The widow and two little daughters have the sympathy of all in this their sudden bereavement.

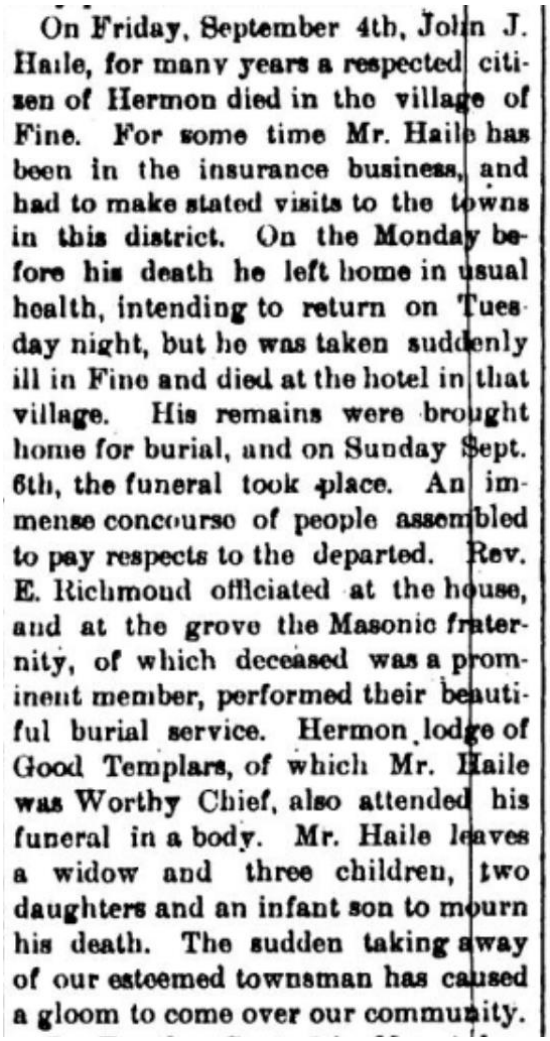
Saturday September 5, 1885

A cool day but no rain for a Wonder. In study getting ready for Sabbath much of the forenoon. At noon on the stage **Amelia Nelson** and **Mattie Smithers** came to spend the Sabbath with us. The afternoon was spent visiting. In evening Mattie and self went to literary reading of **Mrs. Bridgeman** at the church. It was a poor affair anyway.

Sunday September 6, 1885

A fine day. Amelia Nelson and Mattie Smithers with us. Had only a fair congregation and morning – at 12:00 had a funeral service up at **Mr. Curby's**- just a prayer for **Cora** - his girl aged 14. At 2:00 PM at **John Hale** was buried. **Brother Richmond** officiated - just a prayer. But the Masons and Good Templars were out en mass – had to hurry up to get to Kent's on time but did. Had a full house as no meeting at other Church – good. in the evening a **Miss Bridgeman** of Boston gave a temperance lecture in our church – house was full.

(Funeral: John P. Hale, 1885)



On Friday, September 4th, John J. Haile, for many years a respected citizen of Hermon died in the village of Fine. For some time Mr. Haile has been in the insurance business, and had to make stated visits to the towns in this district. On the Monday before his death he left home in usual health, intending to return on Tuesday night, but he was taken suddenly ill in Fine and died at the hotel in that village. His remains were brought home for burial, and on Sunday Sept. 6th, the funeral took place. An immense concourse of people assembled to pay respects to the departed. Rev. E. Richmond officiated at the house, and at the grove the Masonic fraternity, of which deceased was a prominent member, performed their beautiful burial service. Hermon lodge of Good Templars, of which Mr. Haile was Worthy Chief, also attended his funeral in a body. Mr. Haile leaves a widow and three children, two daughters and an infant son to mourn his death. The sudden taking away of our esteemed townsman has caused a gloom to come over our community.

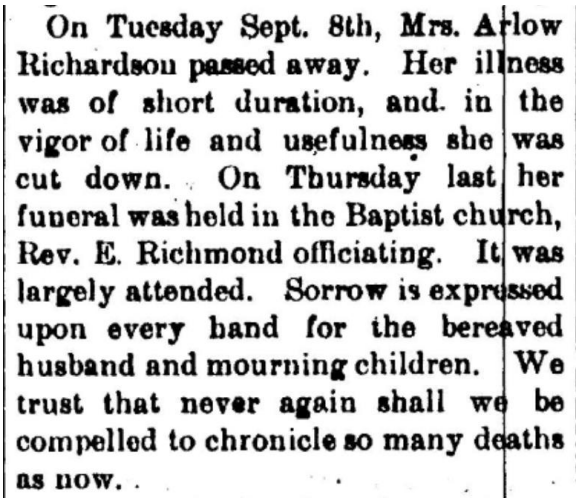
Monday September 7, 1885

A fine day. Amelia and Mattie here till afternoon. Spent the forenoon with them and at work in the garden. An afternoon took them to the depot on their way home. After tea **Rue** and I made a few calls. Then came home and went early to bed.

Tuesday September 8, 1885

Wash this morning. Got through by 9:00 AM. Then we went visiting up to **Asahel Parker**'s. There to dinner until about 3:30 then came home. Got home just in time to escape getting wet as it rained quite hard. **Mrs. Richardson** died here in the place today. Rained hard all the evening. I want to class meeting - only five there.

(Died: Mrs. Arlow Richardson, 1885)



On Tuesday Sept. 8th, Mrs. Arlow Richardson passed away. Her illness was of short duration, and in the vigor of life and usefulness she was cut down. On Thursday last her funeral was held in the Baptist church, Rev. E. Richmond officiating. It was largely attended. Sorrow is expressed upon every hand for the bereaved husband and mourning children. We trust that never again shall we be compelled to chronicle so many deaths as now.

Wednesday September 9, 1885

A fearful day after an awful night. Rained hard all night long and continued to blow and rain today. Cold and terrible disagreeable. Attended the funeral of a **Mrs. Clark** at the house. A short service. Buried her at Hermon. Had a terrible disagreeable time, rained and roads bad. Went to **Brother Charles Loucks**' to Ladies Aid Society when got back. Not a large turnout.

Thursday September 10, 1885

A fair day after a terrible rain. A slight frost last night. This morning **Rue** and self started for a visit at the farthest port of the charge up to **Sister Gates,** 8 Miles away beyond Kent's corners. Gone all day. **Brother** and **Sister Morse** went with us. It was a hard job – **Rue** was tired and said never go again. Called on **Ed Dewey's** wife at **Matterson's.** In the evening to prayer meeting.

Friday September 11, 1885

A very fine day. About home all day only went down to see **Brother Porter**. Busy getting ready for quarterly meeting. Fixed a coal bin. We called up to **Brother Firth'**s and **Smith'**s in evening.

Saturday September 12, 1885

Quarterly meeting. A beautiful day. Got my coal for winter and put in today and paid for. Got 8 1/2 tons at $9.25 a ton. Had a good quarterly meeting in PM. No elder present so **Brother Chamberlain Phelps** preached us a good sermon from "our citizenship is in heaven". At the close four were baptized at the altar - **Jane Mandigo, Bertha Fuller, Merton McBrier, Ed Scofield.** Quarterly conference held and prayer meeting in evening.

Sunday September 13, 1885

Quarterly meeting-- had to attend my own- a fine day till evening. Had a good love feast, soon well filled. Good congregation and a very good time preaching. Interesting sacrament and a good collection- full. **Mrs. Gillette** here and organized a woman's temperance event in afternoon. Had a good time up at Kent's- had sacrament. There was enough collection to make the requisite amount. Went to **Brother Croft's** to tea and there stayed up to meeting in the evening, but it rained hard so few out.

Monday September 14, 1885

Rained most of the night and considerable this AM. Washed as usual. About home all day. Cleaned out the woodshed and had a big job of it. Had callers in evening.

Tuesday September 15, 1885

A very nice day till evening when we had quite a rain. Got horse shod behind. Then we (**Rue** and I) went visiting to **Brother Merrill**'s- I made several calls. To **Brother Merrill**'s for dinner and till 3:00 PM then came home. Had a prohibition speech at the church in evening by **Mr. Hammond** of Syracuse- but few out- rainy.

Wednesday September 16, 1885

A very fine day. At home all day- dug my potatoes and put them in cellar and fixed barn a little. Sent $16.20 to **Brother Corte**. To lodge in the evening.

Thursday September 17, 1885

A very nice day. This AM went visiting to **Mr. Taggart's**- there till middle of afternoon, then came home calling on **Sister Bixby** and **McCollum**- so the entire day was spent. To prayer meeting and evening- only a few there.

Friday September 18, 1885

A very fine day. Started out early and went up to **Brother Parker**s at Kent's Corners and spent the day there. **Rue** started her subscription for a coal stove and succeeded well at Kent's. When we got back home found a telegram from **Isabel** and **Mary** that they would be at DeKalb at 4:00 PM. So started directly for them and met them coming on the stage. So, we have visitors again.

Saturday September 19, 1885

A beautiful day. **Mary** and **Isabel** here - of course had a visit- but visitors on Saturday and Sunday are not just the thing- they entirely unsettle me. Spent some time in study getting ready for Sabbath. Had a talk with **Mary** concerning her and **Otis**' business- don't know how it will terminate yet. I so wish everything was settled- but they are not, and no one can tell when they will be.

Sunday September 20, 1885

A very fine day- **Isabel** and **Mary** here. Had a good congregation all day at each service today and enjoyed the day much. Had a good time preaching. **Mary** did not go to morning service but went up to Kent's with me in afternoon. The evening service was unusually good. Had a good visit after got all through and set down at home.

Monday September 21, 1885

A beautiful day. Had to go up to Porter Hill and beyond to attend a funeral early in morning, a sad case of diphtheria only a prayer at house- a young lady of 21 years. At **Will Little's** home. In afternoon took **Isabelle** and **Mary** to depot with **Brother Firth**'s wagon and paid their fare home. Had to return before they took the train. At home all evening- no one called, and we went to bed early.

Tuesday September 22, 1885

Washed this AM, also washed buggy. **Mother Sheldon** came in and spent the forenoon. This hindered us some. An afternoon it began to rain and continued all afternoon and evening. Did not go out.

Wednesday September 23, 1885

A fine day. Drew a load of wood from **Brother Bennett**'s in forenoon. Got **Brother Harmych's** wagon. In afternoon attended the Ladies Aid at **Brother John Loucks**- **Rue** drove Bone and took **Mrs. Day** and **Miss Hill** and I drove **Will Little's** horse took his wife and **Addie Poole** and her cousin. Had a good time. In evening a temperance lecture at the church. **George Niven** lectured. Not much.

Thursday September 24, 1885

A fine day. Attended a funeral of a young lady in "Cousin Town"[18]. Buried at Jerusalem Corners. **Cora Goodwin** called on us, visited to **Sister Sheldon's**, in afternoon to tea by invitation. To prayer meeting in evening, not many out

Friday September 25, 1885

A charming day- started out early visiting to **Mr. Stiles** and **Stewart's** had a good visit- there to dinner. Made several calls and **Rue** collected for coal stove. Made several calls in the village after tea. Went to oyster supper at Good Templar's Hall in evening.

Saturday September 26, 1885

A fine day. At home all day. Busy getting ready for Sabbath. Had some calls. **Rue** got some additions to her subscription for coal stove. Has succeeded finely.

Sunday September 27, 1885

A charming day- warm and beautiful. Had a good congregation at Hermon and a fair time preaching. In class meeting a short time- then went to Kent's Corners. Had a fine congregation there. Went to **Sister Glasby's** to supper then went back to the church and preached in the evening. Had a good time out. Was tired when I got through, I got home about nine. **Reverend Richmond** preached in our church as they are repairing his.

[18] Cousintown was a neighborhood of Canton. http://stlawrence.nygenweb.net/html/places.html

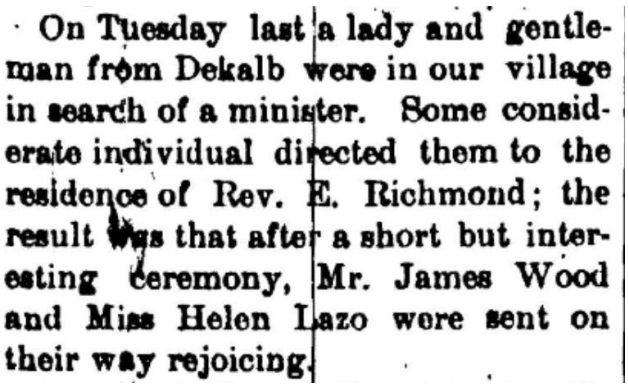
Monday September 28, 1885

Still another beautiful day - are having charming weather now. Washed. Very busy all day. Drove down to **Anson Taggart**'s and got a dollar on coal stove. **Sister Fell** called in evening.

Tuesday September 29, 1885

Very warm and beautiful. Went in forenoon up to **Mr. Allen's** visiting. It had been arranged without our knowledge that **Brother Richmond** and family would be there in afternoon- so we consented to stay all day and visited with them. Lost a wedding by being gone- but they went to **Brother Richmond,** and he did the job. Not much of a couple. To class meeting in the evening. **Mr. Parker** drew me a load of wood.

(Married: Wood/Lazo, 1885)



On Tuesday last a lady and gentleman from Dekalb were in our village in search of a minister. Some considerate individual directed them to the residence of Rev. E. Richmond; the result was that after a short but interesting ceremony, Mr. James Wood and Miss Helen Lazo were sent on their way rejoicing.

September 30, 1885

Such a beautiful day. Visited at **Brother Clark Maine's** today went in forenoon and stayed till most night. **Mrs. Day** rode up with us. **Brother Fell** and wife and **Pauline** also went. I called on **Mr. Westcott's** family. Came home in good season in afternoon. Made a call in the evening.

October 1, 1885

Continues delightful. In forenoon went out to **Bro. Parker's, Curby's** and **Maybe's.** At **Maybe's** to dinner. Got home about two. Then went to **Bro. Hatch's** visiting. Called on **Mrs. Grimshaw**. To prayer meeting in evening. Not many out.

Friday October 2, 1885

Still another charming day. Went to Ogdensburg today. Drove to Junction, left horse at **Brother Phelps,** and took 10:25 train. Ordered Pulpit chairs of **Brother Magillis**. To **Doctor Childs** to dinner. And called on several for an hour- then took train for home. Stopped to **Brother Phelps** and went with him to old DeKalb and preached a little for him. Several forward for prayers. Got home at 11:30- tired- full day's work.

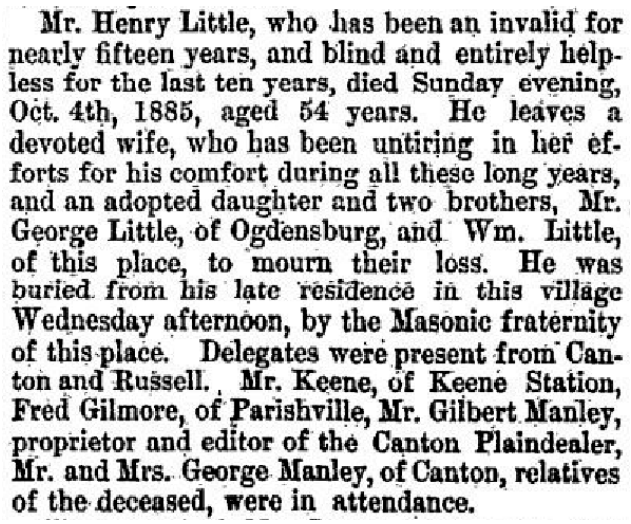
Saturday October 3, 1885

Had a nice warm rain last night- pleasant and fine today. At home, busy with chores and work- and getting ready for Sabbath. **Jennie Loucks** called in and spent the evening.

Sunday October 4, 1885

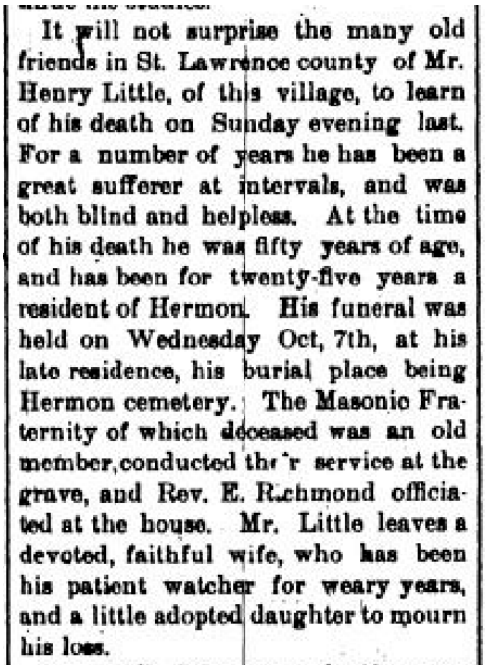
A rainy lowery Sabbath. Yet a fair congregation out, more than expected to see. Took Bible collection. Had a good time preaching. Had a rough ride up to Kent's- rained - yet had a fair congregation and a good meeting. **Mrs. Laselle** rode home with me. Had a fair congregation in the evening- for such a night. Had a good service all day. **Henry Little** died this evening, a very great sufferer.

(Died: Henry Little, 1885)



Mr. Henry Little, who has been an invalid for nearly fifteen years, and blind and entirely helpless for the last ten years, died Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, 1885, aged 54 years. He leaves a devoted wife, who has been untiring in her efforts for his comfort during all these long years, and an adopted daughter and two brothers, Mr. George Little, of Ogdensburg, and Wm. Little, of this place, to mourn their loss. He was buried from his late residence in this village Wednesday afternoon, by the Masonic fraternity of this place. Delegates were present from Canton and Russell. Mr. Keene, of Keene Station, Fred Gilmore, of Parishville, Mr. Gilbert Manley, proprietor and editor of the Canton Plaindealer, Mr. and Mrs. George Manley, of Canton, relatives of the deceased, were in attendance.

(Funeral: Henry Little, 1885)



It will not surprise the many old friends in St. Lawrence county of Mr. Henry Little, of this village, to learn of his death on Sunday evening last. For a number of years he has been a great sufferer at intervals, and was both blind and helpless. At the time of his death he was fifty years of age, and has been for twenty-five years a resident of Hermon. His funeral was held on Wednesday Oct, 7th, at his late residence, his burial place being Hermon cemetery. The Masonic Fraternity of which deceased was an old member, conducted their service at the grave, and Rev. E. Richmond officiated at the house. Mr. Little leaves a devoted, faithful wife, who has been his patient watcher for weary years, and a little adopted daughter to mourn his loss.

Monday October 5, 1885

Left home this morning at 6:30 for Theresa and Watertown on vacation. Drove to Theresa. A cold windy day, roads quite muddy. Got to Oxbow at noon and stopped with **Brother Phelps** for dinner. Stayed there till 2:00 o'clock then drove to **Mel's**. Got there at 4:30. Found all well. **Rue** stood the ride very well. Stayed to **Mel's** all night.

Tuesday October 6, 1885

A good day. **Rue** stayed with **Anne**, and I went up to farm in morning. Father rode up with me. Found all right- got a few apples for Nell and a load of straw. Got **John's** horse shod and drove back to farm. Got some apples and potatoes, picked up for **Isabel**. Did not get through till after dark- then walked back to **Mel's**.

Wednesday October 7, 1885

Drove Bone up to farm and took **Sprague**'s team and took some potatoes and apples to **Isabel**. Got there about 11. At two started back. **Ead** came with me to drive Bone back. Got back to **Mel's** at 4:30. There all night.

Thursday October 8, 1885

A fine day at Theresa. Drove down to **Milton's** in forenoon. **Rue** and **Ead** drove Bone back to Antwerp. In afternoon went up to farm and went with **John** to see young cattle. To prayer meeting in evening an only a few there. At **Mel's** all night.

Friday October 9, 1885

A charming day. Stayed at **Mel's** last night. Left Theresa at 10:30. Stopped at Philadelphia at **Brother Wilson's**. Found **Rue** and **Isabel** and **Sterling**[19] there. They drove from Antwerp there with Bone. Left Philadelphia at 1:28 and stopped off at Sanford's Corners up to **Charles Rider**'s to see **Ceil**. **Charles** met us at Depot. At **Charles'** all night. Had a good visit and a most cordial welcome.

Saturday October 10, 1885

Nice warm day. To **Charles Rider's** till 9:30, then he took us to the depot. Call to see **Ella** at **Mr**. **Hardin's** and on **Fannie Dunn**. Then to 10:40 train for Watertown. Got to Watertown about noon and surprised them. Found them all up at both places- **Mary** had moved into **Otis**'s house and he into her house. Nothing settled permanently however we stayed with **Mary** overnight.

Sunday October 11, 1885

At Watertown today. **Brother Richmond** attending to my work at home. A Good morning, went to State Street and heard **Brother Townsend** preach a fair sermon. Attended class meeting. All went up to **Otis**'s to dinner and spent afternoon. In the evening **Myrtie** and I went over to State Street and heard **Brother Russ**- a full house and a good sermon. Stayed with **Mary** all night.

[19] Isabel's son Sterling Graves (1870-1954).

Monday October 12, 1885

A fine day. Went up to **Otis**'s in morning and had a talk concerning his and **Mary**'s settlement. We did not exactly agree in every particular and he got a little sprung on me, so I left him to think of the matter and I went to the city. But he came down to **Mary**'s after a little and everything was settled alright, and I hope with a good feeling. So, I went to work helping settle and drew **Mary** a load of wood.

Tuesday October 13, 1885

Rained this morning some. I went up to **Otis** and helped **George** husk corn awhile, then came back and worked the rest of the day at **Mary**'**s**. So, I am having a good vacation. In evening called on **Brother Corte** at his home. Had a pleasant call.

Wednesday October 14, 1885

Went up to **Otis**' this forenoon. We spent the entire day there. Helped **George** dig potatoes. We dug a wagon load. Came back to **Mary**'s in evening and stayed all night.

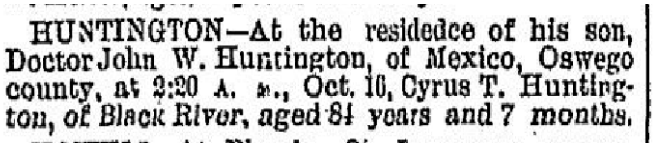
Thursday October 15, 1885

Rained last night and lowery today. Helped unload a load of potatoes for **Mary**. At 1:00 PM took Cub and big wagon and started for Theresa for wheat for **Otis**. Got to farm at 5:30- loaded on 13 and a half bushels of wheat and after supper drove to **Mel's** and put up for the night- they were some surprised to see me. Found them well.

Friday October 16, 1885

At 8:00 AM left Theresa with load of wheat for Watertown. It rained some and roads from Theresa to Mills muddy and hard. Stopped to **Hardie's** and fed Cub- then drove home at 4:00 PM. Got supper to **Otis**'s then came back to **Mary**'s. **Uncle Cyrus Huntington** died today at Mexico.

(Died: Cyrus T. Huntington, 1885)


HUNTINGTON—At the residedce of his son, Doctor John W. Huntington, of Mexico, Oswego county, at 2:20 A. M., Oct. 16, Cyrus T. Huntington, of Black River, aged 84 years and 7 months.

(Died: Cyrus T. Huntington Obituary, 1885)	(Died: Cyrus T. Huntington Watertown Times, 1885)

OBITUARY.

C. T. HUNTINGTON.

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CYRUS T. HUNTINGTON.

The Death of an Old and Respected Resident of This County.

A few days ago Cyrus T Huntington, of Black River, went to Mexico, Oswego county, to visit his son John, who is a resident of that village Shortly after his arrival there Mr Huntington was taken with dysentery and gradually grew worse until 3 A M today, when he expired. The remains will reach Watertown at 5-05 this afternoon and will be taken to Black River on the 6 25 o'clock train.

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Saturday October 17, 1885

A beautiful day. At Watertown all day, at **Mary**'s and **Otis**'s. Nothing unusual, only work all day.

Sunday October 18, 1885

A charming day. Too much to be away from home, but expect **Brother Richmond** is doing the work alright. **Mary**, **Mystic,** and self went up to Black River with Cub to the funeral of **Uncle Cyrus Huntington**. 84 years of age, 70 years a loyal Methodist, a grand man; **Brother Hammond** attended the funeral; at church a house full. Got home at three. In evening attended services at State Street- **Reverend AC Danforth** preached in place of P. Elder as it was quarterly meeting.

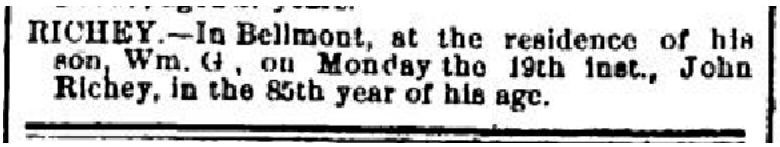
Monday October 19, 1885

Another glorious day. Still at Watertown, our last day. Busy all day at **Mary**'s- **Otis** and **Martha** at **Mary**'s to dinner. All went up to **Otis**'s and spent the evening- then back and stayed our last night at **Mary**'s.

Tuesday October 20, 1885

Very windy day and rained some just in the evening. Left **Mary**'s at 8:35 train for Antwerp. **Brother Richey** on train to Malone to funeral of his brother. Settled up with **Mary** before leaving. Got to **Isabel**'s about 10- found all well. Spent the rest of the day. Lent **Isabel** about $75. Called on **Mary Miller** and **Anna Wood** at **Isabel**'s. Rain hard all evening.

(Died: John Richey, 1885)



RICHEY.—In Bellmont, at the residence of his son, Wm. G., on Monday the 19th inst., John Richey, in the 85th year of his age.

Wednesday October 21, 1885

Intended to leave **Isabel**'s for home this morning but the rain hindered. Rained all night and today. Called on **Brother Kinney** in AM. Remained in Antwerp all day and another night.

Thursday October 22, 1885

Left **Isabel's** this morning at 7:30, the storm having passed, to drive home to Hermon. The day was fair and the roads not very bad, but we had a long tedious ride with Old Bone, he could not travel. I fully resolved never to drive him off any distance again. We reached Richville at 11:30 and stopped at **Maggie Griffiths** to dinner as **Elliot's** wife was away- saw him. Got home at 4:10. Glad enough to get back. Found all well and everything right. To prayer meeting in the evening.

Friday October 23, 1885

At home again and it seems good enough. People seem glad to see us back. Busy all day in righting up things and getting ready to live again. Made a call or two in PM. At house in evening. It was a rainy disagreeable evening, and no one came in and being tired we went early to bed.

Saturday October 24, 1885

A fine day. at home all day. Busy in preparation for Sabbath- and with many other things. Had a few calls- **Brother** and **Sister Parker**, **Sister Fell** in afternoon. In evening **Brother** and **Sister Firth**, **Sister McLean** and **Carl**, **Sister Hill**, **Mary Little** and **Minnie**. The pulpit chairs came and **Brother Firth** and myself put them in the church.

Sunday October 25, 1883

A most charming day. Had good congregations all day at both appointments and good time preaching. A good day all through. It seems good to get settled at work again and the people seemed quite is glad to see us back. Had a house well filled in the evening- preached an autumn sermon.

Monday October 26, 1885

Nice day all day. Washed - had a big wash. Busy at home all day. Met **Jerome House** of Turin in the village. He was here to see **Jennie Loucks**. They both came in and took tea with us and spent a little time. In evening called with **Rue** at **William Johnson** and **Gibbons.**

Tuesday October 27, 1885

A beautiful warm day. **Sister Hatch** helped **Rue** clean house. I worked at slop drain all day made a new drain and spout. In evening went to class meeting- very dark. Only a few out.

Wednesday October 28, 1885

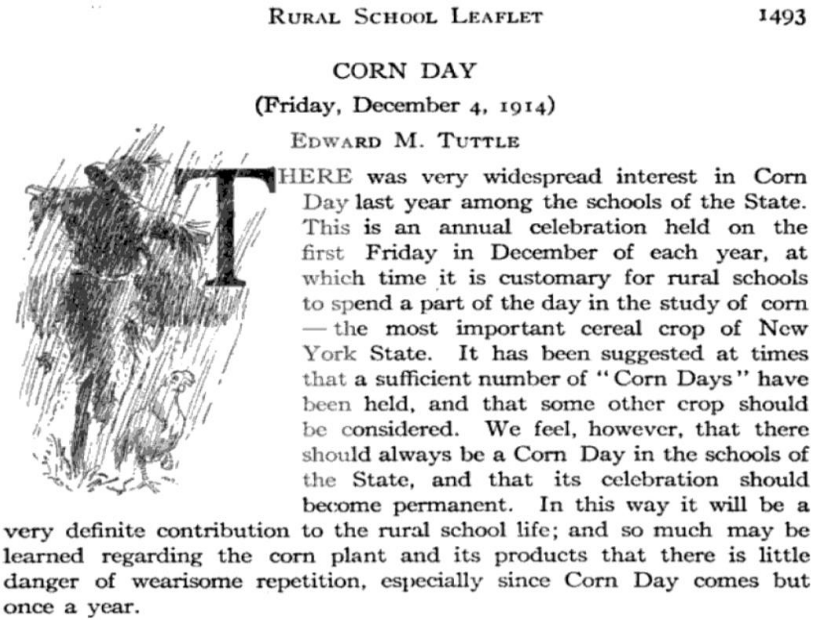
in forenoon worked at drain and finished it. Drove up to **Brother John Loucks** for apples in afternoon, there to tea. Had quite a shower in afternoon. In the evening **Rue** went to **Sister Fell's** while I went to Lodge. Had a big time at lodge - election of officers- such works. I'm sorry I ever went near the lodge anyway.

Thursday October 29, 1885

Rain hard most of the night and this AM. **Mrs. Gardner** helped **Rue** clear house this AM. A lowery day. At house did not accomplish a great deal. Made a call on sick woman- **Mrs. Given**. To prayer meeting in evening, dark and rainy- only a few out.

Friday October 30, 1885

The first snow came last night and this AM- just enough to whiten the grounds- disagreeable day. Cold and slush. Got Bone shod this AM. **Mrs. Gardner** helped **Rue** clean house. Spent forenoon in study. In afternoon about home reading. **Sister Firth** and **Jennie Loucks** called in evening. Then we called in "Corn Days".



RURAL SCHOOL LEAFLET 1493

CORN DAY

(Friday, December 4, 1914)

EDWARD M. TUTTLE

THERE was very widespread interest in Corn Day last year among the schools of the State. This is an annual celebration held on the first Friday in December of each year, at which time it is customary for rural schools to spend a part of the day in the study of corn — the most important cereal crop of New York State. It has been suggested at times that a sufficient number of "Corn Days" have been held, and that some other crop should be considered. We feel, however, that there should always be a Corn Day in the schools of the State, and that its celebration should become permanent. In this way it will be a very definite contribution to the rural school life; and so much may be learned regarding the corn plant and its products that there is little danger of wearisome repetition, especially since Corn Day comes but once a year.

(Tuttle, 1914)

Saturday October 31, 1885

A fair day again- after a storm. Just a little snow to be seen but fast disappearing. A fine day for the last of October. And this has been a beautiful month, though there have been some storms and much rain has fallen. In study during forenoon preparing for Sabbath. Got a letter from **Marsh**. Made a few calls in afternoon.

Sunday November 1, 1885

A fair day. Little cool. Had a fair congregation at both appointments and a good time preaching. Stopped to **Brother Parker**'s for supper. **Brother Richmond** preached in evening. Congregation small and sermon smaller. Attended the prayer meeting. A good day all through.

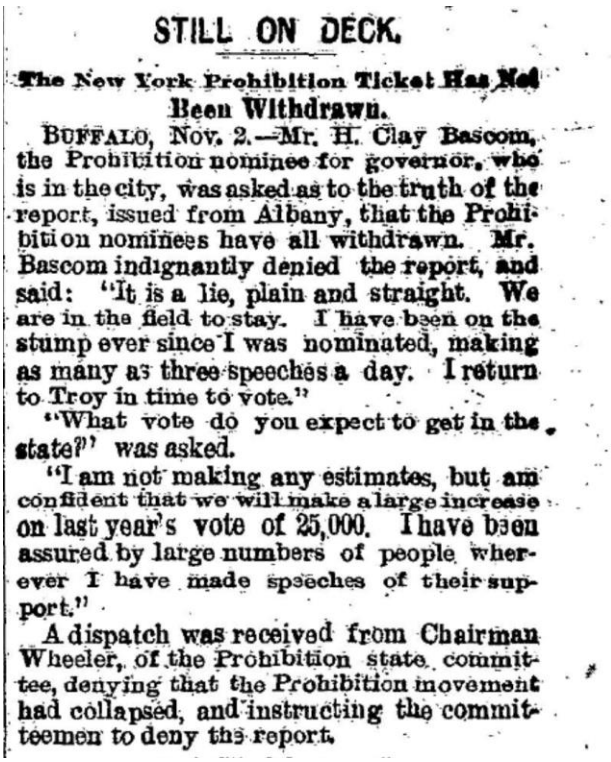
Monday November 2, 1885

Is stormy day- rained till about middle of forenoon then turned to snowing and continued rest of day. Not cold but very disagreeable. Washed- put down carpet in kitchen and cleared out stove pipe etc., busy all day. Got a letter from **John Sprague**.

Tuesday November 3, 1885

Election- voted the Prohibition ticket for the first, as a matter of conscience. The Republicans so utterly ignored the temperance question in platform and every other way. **Brother Parker** and wife here visiting. Expected **Brother** and **Sister Morse** but company kept them at home. It was a lowery sloppy day. Disagreeable. To class meeting in the evening. About the usual number out for such nights.

(Prohibition Ticket, 1885)



STILL ON DECK.

The New York Prohibition Ticket Has Not Been Withdrawn.

BUFFALO, Nov. 2.—Mr. H. Clay Bascom, the Prohibition nominee for governor, who is in the city, was asked as to the truth of the report, issued from Albany, that the Prohibition nominees have all withdrawn. Mr. Bascom indignantly denied the report, and said: "It is a lie, plain and straight. We are in the field to stay. I have been on the stump ever since I was nominated, making as many as three speeches a day. I return to Troy in time to vote."

"What vote do you expect to get in the state?" was asked.

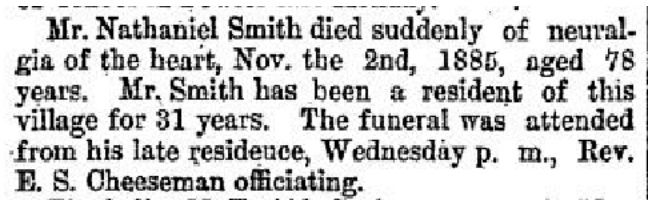
"I am not making any estimates, but am confident that we will make a large increase on last year's vote of 25,000. I have been assured by large numbers of people wherever I have made speeches of their support."

A dispatch was received from Chairman Wheeler, of the Prohibition state committee, denying that the Prohibition movement had collapsed, and instructing the committeemen to deny the report.

Wednesday November 4, 1885

A fair day. In forenoon boarded up the back step. At 2:00 PM attended the funeral of **Mr.** [**Nathaniel**] **Smith** a man of 70 years and eight months of age. Died suddenly. Funeral at house. Not a professed Christian man. The attended the ladies aid society at **Sister Knox**. Good number there and had a fine time. At home in the evening.

(Died: Nathaniel Smith, 1885)



Mr. Nathaniel Smith died suddenly of neuralgia of the heart, Nov. the 2nd, 1885, aged 78 years. Mr. Smith has been a resident of this village for 31 years. The funeral was attended from his late residence, Wednesday p. m., Rev. E. S. Cheeseman officiating.

Thursday November 5, 1885

A rainy lowery day, all day. Finished boarding up the back step then drove up to **Brother Benjamin Parker'**s through mud and wet. Got a jar of butter and two bags of butternuts. There to dinner then drove home. Rain so hard and so terrible, dark in evening, had no prayer meeting as I thought no one would come out. Yet a very few did come. **Brother** and **Sister Firth** and **Jenny Loucks** came- but came in and spent evening with us.

Friday November 6, 1885

A very fine day indeed. Visiting to **Brother Bennett**'s by invitation. **Brother** and **Sister Firth** went and **Brother** and **Sister Hill**. Had a very nice time. **Alice Green**, **Brother Bennett**'s hired girl, got us a splendid dinner. Call to **Mr. Fairbanks** in evening, attended a lecture at our church by **Professor Cook** of Potsdam for benefit of Baptist Church. A first-rate lecture though but few out. So dark and bad roads.

Saturday November 7, 1885

Rainy and lowery again but how much rain we do have. Roads terrible, muddy. To study at 9:00 AM. Spent forenoon in study. About home all day. Very warm "Indian summer" like. Nothing of importance occurred out of usual order.

Sunday November 8, 1885

A nice warm day- until toward evening when it began to rain and continued all the evening. Had a fair congregation in morning- also at Kent's considering the roads- terrible, muddy. Took collection for bishops at both places. **Brother Hatch** rode up to Kent's with me. Road awful. Had good time preaching all day. Did not preach in evening. Rained so hard only a few came out. Had prayer meeting. **Brother Richmond** came in.

Monday November 9, 1885

A nice warm day. Washed in morning. Drove down to **Mr**. **Taggart**'s and got some snow apples. There to dinner. Then went into his woods and got 3 Maple trees to set out in Parsonage lot. Worked hard and was tired come night.

Tuesday November 10, 1885

A fair day. Set out two Maple trees in front of the Parsonage. Then we went up to **Brother Caleb Greer**'s for a visit. Found roads terrible muddy. **Brother** and **Sister Phelps** was there so we had a good visit. There to dinner. Came home by way of **Brother Kendall's** and called to see new baby. Found the roads much better that way. To class meeting in the evening.

Wednesday November 11, 1885

A fair day but cooler. Worked about the farm all the forenoon. In afternoon walked down to see **Ora Powell**- then went to **Brother Fell**'s- invited with their company. **Clark Maine** and wife, **AB Smith** and wife and **Mrs. Scripture**. Spent the evening there.

Thursday November 12, 1885

A most charming day, warm and nice. Visited at **Brother Porter'**s then to dinner- called on **Sister Stiles**. To prayer meeting and evening. Not a great number out but a good meeting.

Friday November 13, 1885

a very fine day in forenoon but rained considerable in afternoon. Back visiting in the morning up to **Sister Mary Hunkins** at Marshville- there to dinner then came home and I went to closing of school exercises at schoolhouse. Bought our coal stove of **Conkey**- at home in evening.

Saturday November 14, 1885

A fine day. Went to DeKalb Junction and attended the funeral of **Mrs. James Bennett**. Preached at the church at 11:00 AM **Brother Phelps** assisted. Did not want to go but did. Had to go 2 miles out of the place to bury- an all-day work. Took dinner at **Brother Phelps**. Got home at 4:30. Put up new coal stove today and started fire.

(Merrinda M. Gotham Bennett, 1885)

BIRTH 22 Apr 1821 in Jefferson County, New York, USA	
DEATH	12 Nov 1885 (aged 64) in De Kalb, St. Lawrence County, New York, USA
BURIAL	Union Cemetery. De Kalb, St. Lawrence County, New York, USA

Sunday November 15, 1885

Snowed a little last night but all went off today. Not a very pleasant day. Had a fair congregation considering the day and roads. Had a good time preaching. Want to Kent's in afternoon. Roads horrid - muddy. A fair congregation at Kent's. Preached at village again in evening. Had a good congregation. Fair time. **Brother** and **Sister Fell** came in and set a while after church.

Monday November 16, 1885

A fine day. Up early and washed and got ready for the Teachers Institute that opens today in our church. Such a crowd of schoolmarms, over 350. Teachers registered today- and still they come in crowds. We only had two girls today. **Eva Parker** and **Cora Glasby**- but several others coming tomorrow. Was in at exercises some. The number surprises everyone. Evening house full.

Tuesday November 17, 1885

A beautiful day. Teachers Institute in full blast - still they come. 400 plus over there now. Today **Carrie Morse** and **Miss Selleck** of Hammond and a **Miss Chisholm** of Gouverneur came to board with us. **Brother Phelps** brought them to us. **Fred** and **Mamie Louck**, here to tea. Of course, we were busy all day. In at the Institute awhile. **Professor Sanford** gave a very good lecture in the evening. House packed in every part.

Wednesday November 18, 1885

Today sent check $206.00 to **Brother Richey** in payment for note. Rained most of the day - some of the time very hard. Unpleasant for the teachers. One new teacher- **Miss Murray** of Gouverneur - came down to the house at tea. This makes us 6 ladies. **Merton McBrier** here to tea. Rained very hard in the evening. **Professor Barnes** gave lecture in evening- did not go over.

Thursday November 19, 1885

A cold, disagreeable day. Just a little snow last night. Institute full and crowded all day. Our usual boarder and **Mrs. Hartings** to tea. **Brother Parker** called in the evening. **Professor Cork** lectured. **Rue** went in evening- the first and only time.

Friday November 20, 1885

A very fine day. Froze some last night. The last day of the Teachers Institute. The teachers began to go home early in the morning and kept it up all day. All of our girls went in PM except **Cora Glasby**- they did not come for her. **Alva Smith** called in and spent the evening.

Saturday November 21, 1885

A beautiful day. Coal fire went out last night. **Cora Glasby** went home this AM and we are alone once more. **Emmie Louck** came in and tried to persuade us to let her board with us this winter. We would be glad to have her here on some accounts, but how <u>can</u> we- we can't. **May Nicol** came on the stage at noon- so we are to have a wedding.

Sunday November 22, 1885

Is stormy, disagreeable forenoon. A small congregation out yet I had a good meeting. Enjoyed preaching at both appointments. The road was terrible to Kent's, but I got there on time and found a very good congregation present. Came directly home. In evening a **Brother Hough** from Canada took **Brother Richmond**'s place. He lectured on Temperance- a first rate lecture. He was a Methodist preacher from Canada. **Rue** and **May Nick** [**Mary T. Nicol**] had a big day together.

Monday November 23, 1885

A fair day. Washed in morning, a big one. About home all day. May here and **Mrs. Lyttle**. **Minnie** spent the evening. Getting colder.

Tuesday November 24, 1885

At home all day with **May**. Snowed some in PM and evening. **Charley Taggart** drew wood for me today. To Sunday school meeting to settle on Christmas for children. In evening to class meeting. Snowed quite a little in evening.

Wednesday November 25, 1885

Ground well covered with snow this morning. A slight fall of snow all day- quite a wintery day. **Arthur Strough** came on stage at noon. He is to take our **May** away from us- too bad, and yet possibly it is all for the best. At home all day- busy most of day- in study and otherwise. A boisterous evening.

Thursday November 26, 1885

Thanksgiving Day. Nice day, fair sleighing, a little snow. Had Thanksgiving service at our church- I had to preach. Had a fair congregation and a good time. **Brother Richmond** helped me. At 1:30 I married **our "May Nick" [Mary T. Nicol]** and **Arthur Strough** at the parsonage- no one there but **Rue** and myself. He has got a noble girl for his wife. But we don't know what she has got. We are not fully satisfied but if she is, we must be. Prayer meeting in the evening. **Brother Richmond** came in.

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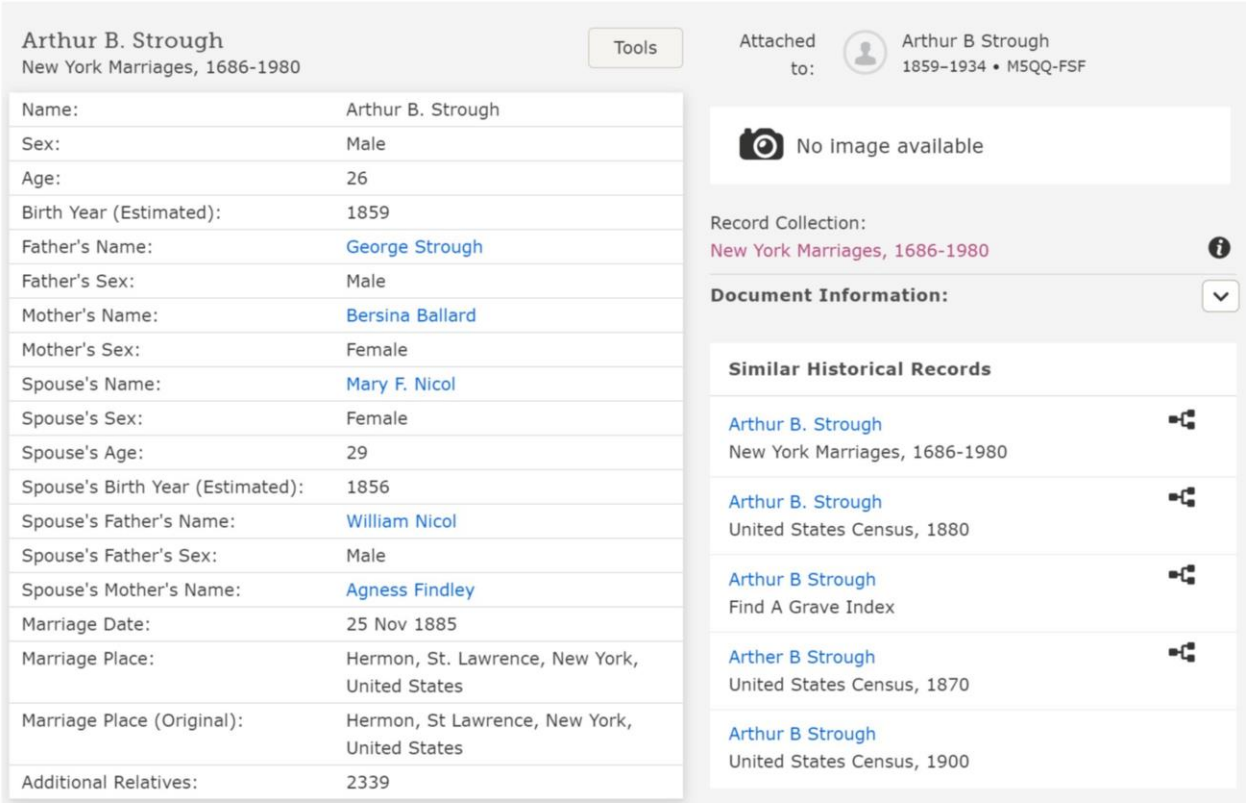

Arthur B. Strough
New York Marriages, 1686-1980

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Sex:	Male
Age:	26
Birth Year (Estimated):	1859
Father's Name:	George Strough
Father's Sex:	Male
Mother's Name:	Bersina Ballard
Mother's Sex:	Female
Spouse's Name:	Mary F. Nicol
Spouse's Sex:	Female
Spouse's Age:	29
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	1856
Spouse's Father's Name:	William Nicol
Spouse's Father's Sex:	Male
Spouse's Mother's Name:	Agness Findley
Marriage Date:	25 Nov 1885
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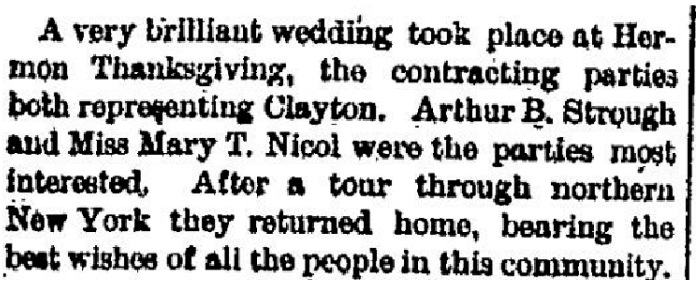


A very brilliant wedding took place at Hermon Thanksgiving, the contracting parties both representing Clayton. Arthur B. Strough and Miss Mary T. Nicol were the parties most interested. After a tour through northern New York they returned home, bearing the best wishes of all the people in this community.

Friday November 27, 1885

Quarterly meeting. **Brother Corte** came on the noon stage and preached at 2:00 PM. Had a good turn out and a good sermon. Quarterly conference voted to make us a donation on the 16th of December. Good prayer meeting in the evening. **Mary** and **Arthur** still here. Expected them to go away this morning- but no, they have concluded to stay with us until Monday. So, **Rue** and I had to give up our bed to **Brother Corte**.

Saturday November 28, 1885

Another fine day. In forenoon, drove up to Russell with **Brother Corte** - left him with **Brother Kenyon**. Found nice sleighing most of the way. Called at **Brother John Loucks** on way home and stayed to dinner. At home in afternoon. Took what little time could get to get ready for Sabbath. **Rue** took **Mary** and **Arthur** out for a ride. Called down to see Father **McCollum**.

Sunday November 29, 1885

Quarterly meeting. A very fine day. Sleighing fair. Attended my own quarterly meeting. Had a good Love Feast in the morning-. Had a good time preaching. Congregation small for the day. Had good time at Kent's. Administered the sacrament there also- a good attendance. Came home to supper- found **Brother Corte** at our house. He- **Brother C**. - preached in the evening. A fair congregation. Collection in all $14.87

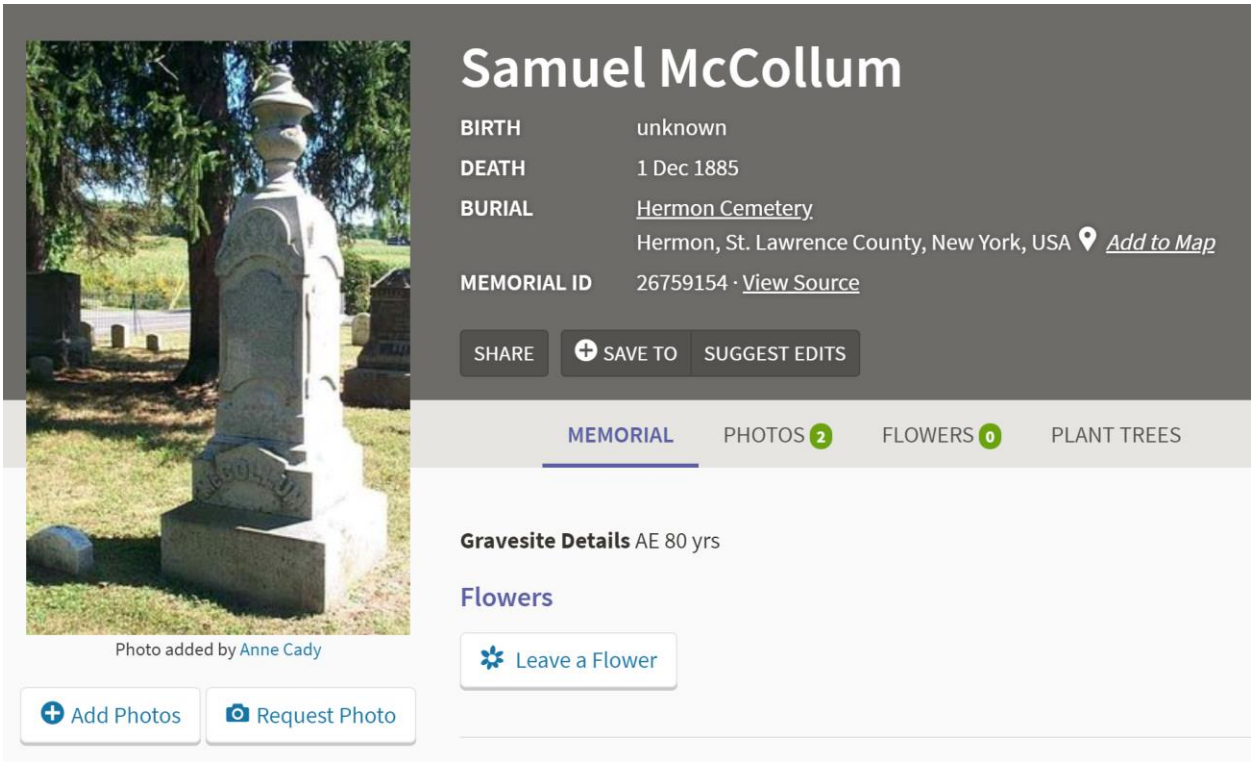
Monday November 30, 1885

A warm, nice day- snow is vanishing. **Brother Corte** left on the early stage, also **May** and **Arthur**. They made us quite a visit. Somehow, we fear **May** has not got as good a man as she deserves. We are alone once more. Washed and cleaned buggy. **Rue** had a big time getting house to right again. Made a few calls in PM and the evening.

Tuesday December 1, 1885

A fine day. Started out in the morning to visit **Mr. McBrier**. Got there and found **Mrs. McBrier** suffering from an ulcered tooth so did not stay but drove down to **Brother Kenyon's** and spent the day with them. Did not care to go as go there as had been there once. Got home at 4:00 PM. Went with cutter but not much snow. **Uncle Sam McCollum** died today at two. Aged 80 years.

(Died: Samuel McCollum, 1885)



Wednesday December 2, 1885

A fine day. Snow most off. In forenoon went to Ladies Aid Society (surprise) at **Sister Mary Hunkins**. Not a large company out. There to dinner. At Kent's corners in evening and preached. Stayed to **Brother Parker**'s to tea. Had a good congregation and a very good meeting for the first. Got home at 10:00 o'clock. Snowed in evening.

Thursday December 3, 1885

A very nice day- a little snow fell last night so the sleighing is fine about the place. At home and forenoon. In study getting ready for funeral. At 1:00 PM attended the funeral of **Mr. McCollum**- at home- an old resident-80 years old. Not a church member, though a good moral man. Had an interesting funeral, good turnout. **Rue** and I to house for supper after the funeral. No prayer meeting in evening on account of our Sexton neglecting his duty. No fun- too bad- several came.

Friday December 4, 1885

A very nice day and fair sleighing. At home in forenoon. Bought an overcoat of **Phelps** and right after dinner drove up to Kent's corners. Went to see **Jennie Reed**. Poor girl, a confirmed invalid with Rheumatism. Can help herself only a little. There to supper then drove back to **Dileboys [Dillaboughs?]** and took tea with them again. **Brother Richmond** preached church. Had a fair congregation and good meeting. No one started to seek the Lord but some feeling. Bone stumbled and broke a piece to cutter.

Saturday December 5, 1885

Quite a snow storm last night and today. Good sleighing. In study most of day. **Brother Charles Loucks** and **Parker** called.

Sunday December 6, 1885

A nice day till evening, then it snowed hard and blowed. A **Brother Hough** from Canada, a temperance lecturer was in town and preached for me in morning- a good sermon. Drove to Kent's in a storm of wind and cold. Had a fair congregation and a good time preaching. Went to **Brother Smith**'s for supper then preached at Kent's in evening. Had a good meeting- no one started though- seems so strange. It stormed hard all the way home, terrible, despicable, and slow getting along.

Monday December 7, 1885

Up early expecting to start for Theresa but it was snowing and blowing at a fearful rate. But it cleared off at 8:00 o'clock, started out with **Dan Bouck** to **Brother Parker** and left him there and took his team and at 9:30 we started out. **Eva** drove with us to Gouverneur. **Rue** took the train at Gouverneur for Watertown, and I drove alone to Theresa. Found much snow as I went- roads very good all the way. Got to **Mel's** at 4:00 PM- All well. Sermon in evening by **Reverend GP Kenny**. **Brother Corte** should've went with me.

Tuesday December 8, 1885

At Theresa to leaders and pastors convention all day. Went up to farm and settled off with **John** and got butter and got back to the church for dinner. Had a general dinner in session room. At convention in afternoon- a grand, good one. **Brother Rice** preached in evening and then went over to **Mel's** and stayed with us. **Brother Corte** went home. **John** killed a cow, and I took half of it.

Wednesday December 9, 1885

At Mills- expected to start for home this morning already but when morning came it was just pouring rain. Stayed to **Mel's** till after dinner. With the rain stopping I started out. Broke down by **George Stone's**. He helped me fix up then I drove to Gouverneur before stopping, fed horses there. Found going fair to there. **Eve Parker** got in an at 6:30 we started for **Brother Parker**'s- soon it got very dark, and snow all gone especially from Richville. Such a time as we had but got to **Brother Parker**'s by 9.

Thursday December 10, 1885

Stayed at **Brother Parker**'s all night. So did **Reverend Hough**. Hitched on to **Brother Parker**'s buckboard and brought meat and stuff home. House at noon. Found everything alright got dinner at **Will Lyttle's**. Will cut up meat for me. To prayer meeting in evening, a good meeting.

Friday December 11, 1885

A cold day. Did up the chores then drove to junction for **Rue**. Good wheeling. She came on 10:45 train so we got home at 12:30 alright. Guess we will settle down to business now. About home till about 4:00 PM then drove to Kent's Corners for a meeting this evening. Took **Brother Parker**'s wagon home borrowing **Dan Booth's** to come back. Went to **Asahel Parker**'s to supper. Had a solid meeting, preached on excuses yet no one started; Got home at 10:30. Thirty-five years this eve since I started for heaven.

Saturday December 12, 1885

A fine day. Busy all the AM helping **Rue** arrange my room for **Jennie Loucks** as she is coming here to board. Brought my books and all downstairs to our room. Busy all day but took what time I could in getting ready for Sabbath. **Asahel Parker** here to dinner.

Sunday December 13, 1885

A fine day till afternoon then it snowed some and turned into rain in the evening. Had a good congregation in morning and a fair time preaching. **Bertha Fuller** rode with me to her school. Had a good time out at Kent's and a good meeting. Went to **Asahel Parker**'s to tea. Not many out in the evening as it was raining but had a good meeting. **Lillia Croft** made a start to seek the Lord. The interest seems to increase. Got home at 10.

Monday December 14, 1885

Warm and sloppy. Washed and busy all day about home. **Jennie Loucks** came to board with us today. At home in evening, only out to make a couple of calls.

Tuesday December 15, 1885

A fine day. Went visiting to **Mr. Cleghorn**'s with **Rue**, **Firth's,** and **Cora**'s folks. There to dinner- had a good visit. **Rue** rode home with **Brother Firth** and I went up to Kent's for meeting- got supper at **Brother Morse**. Had a solemn meeting- deep feeling- but no one could be persuaded to start. Snowed considerable in evening got home at 10.

Wednesday, December 16, 1885

A very fine day. Busy about home. In afternoon an evening had a donation at our house. Elderly people came in PM – others in eve. Had a very pleasant time. Not a large company but enough for a good time. Had refreshments, set tables. Got about $70 in all, very good indeed considering all things – largely in money. All left about ten o'clock.

Thursday, December 17, 1885

A very fine day – good sleighing. Very busy all day. **Rue** had big time getting the house set to right after Donation. Several calls during the day. Had a wedding at the parsonage about eleven o'clock, a couple from DeKalb and Richville. To prayer meeting in evening – cold.

Friday, December 18, 1885

A nice day – Busy at home till eleven o'clock then went visiting to **Ora Powell**'s. **Mrs. Day** went with us. **Brother** and **Sister Firth** were there. Got home about three o'clock, had a call or two. Then I drove to Kent's Corners and preached in evening. Not many out but had a first-rate meeting. **Lizzie** and **Lidie Croft**, and **Clara Morse** started out. **Lida** had started last Sunday evening – was happy. Others still resist "The Holy Spirit" – Got home before ten.

Saturday, December 19, 1885

A nice winter day. At home all day. Busy getting ready for Sabbath. Had several calls that hindered me somewhat. **Mary Lyttle** and **Bertha Fuller** were there in evening. **Prof. Myres** took tea with us. I called to see **Jennie,** so we invited him to tea.

Sunday, December 20, 1885

A cold blustering day. Up early and changed most or all of my plans for the Sabbath. Had only a fair congregation in the morning – a very good time preaching**. Bro. Hill** took his horse and sleigh and took me and **Bertha Fuller** to Kent's. Had a good meeting up there. Roads not first-rate. Got home about 4:30. Went to prayer meeting. Had a good congregation in evening. A short song service, then I preached a short sermon. **Brother** and **Sister Fell** came in after meeting.

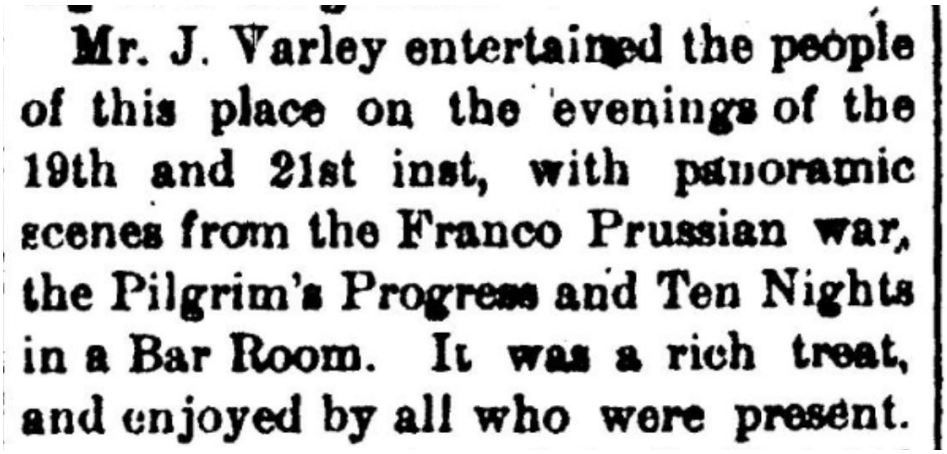
Monday, December 21, 1885

Up early and got washing all done before breakfast. Then drove to the junction and left Bone at Hotel Barn and took train for Ogdensburg to get Christmas presents. Bought **Rue** and **Cora**, **Ead** and **Myrtie** each a present. Rode up to Heuvelton with **Lore Simonds**. Saw a number of old friends. Called on **Sister Castoline**. Got home about seven. A busy day.

Tuesday, December 22, 1885

Nice warm day. At home all day. Made several calls. Busy. Snow rapidly disappearing. To class meeting in evening, very few there. After class meeting, **Rue**, **Jennie**, and self went to a **Mr. Varley's Panorama of "Pilgrim's Progress"** and **"Ten Nights in a Bar Room".** And we all feel that we were badly sold. A poor affair, anyway.

(J. Varley panorama show, 1885)



Mr. J. Varley entertained the people of this place on the evenings of the 19th and 21st inst, with panoramic scenes from the Franco Prussian war, the Pilgrim's Progress and Ten Nights in a Bar Room. It was a rich treat, and enjoyed by all who were present.

Wednesday, December 23, 1885

Snow nearly gone again. So many thaws. A very rainy days. Poured all day. About 1:30 – who should drive up – but **Brother** and **Sister Smith** of Heuvelton. Glad to see them. They intended to stay overnight but were fearful concerning the sleighing so went back in PM Had donations to Kent's at **Asahel Parker**'s. **Rue** could not go on account of rain. I went with buggy. Had splendid time. A fair company out and got a good donation for the church, staid to Bro. **B. Parker**'s all night.

Thursday, December 24, 1885

Cold again – frozen hard – staid to **Bro. Parker**'s till 9:30 then drove home. Busy all day about home and at church, getting things ready for entertainment in evening. Had Christmas entertainment by Sunday School at Church in eve. Not a large number out but a good time. Then supper in session room. The Baptists played an unfair game on us by putting on theirs the same night after ours was appointed. But it did us no harm.

Friday, December 25, 1885

A clear, cold day – no snow of any amount at home. Up to **Bro**. **Firth**'s to dinner – they invited us with **Jennie** and possibly on her account. **Jennie** went up to **Bro. John Loucks'** to stay for the night. Went to Kent's in evening and preached. Had a very good meeting. **Net** (?) and **Lizzie** and **Lillie** took part in the meeting – no new ones. Got home a little before the considerable cold.

Saturday, December 26, 1885

A fine, cold day. At home all day – we were alone as **Jennie** was away. **Rue** very busy all day. Bro. **Lister Hale** called in evening.

Sunday, December 27, 1885

A fair day and cold. Had a fair congregation and a good time preaching. Got to Kent's early and had a good congregation there. Had a good service. Went to **Bro**. **Crofts** to tea then went back to church and preached again. Had a good turnout in evening and a solemn meeting. Yet no new ones started. Got home a little after ten.

Monday, December 28, 1885

Nice day and a little warmer. Washed and did odd chores in forenoon. Called on **Mother Knox** in afternoon. Sunday school board met at church in evening and reorganized the Sunday School for 1886. A fair number out.

Tuesday, December 29, 1885

A beautiful day. Drove up to **Bro. Kendall's** in the morning – splendid wheeling – no snow. **Bro. Phelps** here to dinner with us. In afternoon the Baptists had the reopening of their church after a thorough repairing. **Rev**. **Brown** of Canton preached n afternoon – a good sermon. In the evening **Rev. Schwartz** of Gouverneur preached to a good house full. A very good day and a pleasant service.

Wednesday, December 30, 1885

A warm, nice day, splendid wheeling. About home in forenoon. After dinner drove up to **Sue Day's** and made a call. Then drove round by Kent's Corners for a meeting. Stopped to **Berges** for supper. Reorganized the Sunday School at Kent's then had a meeting – a good number out and a good meeting. Three more of our young men started. **Alva Smith**, **Frank Glasby,** and **Ransom Ballon**. Got home a little after ten.

Thursday, December 31, 1885

A warm day. Thawing, no snow. At home. Rained most of the day. Made a few calls on the sick in afternoon. A couple came to the parsonage and were married in evening. A rather poor looking set, they were, too. It rained hard in evening.

Memoranda (from back pages of diary)

"He that stayeth by the staff". "Received gifts for men, for the rebellious also."

Rev. **Brown**. "What the profit." Agnuppas his prisoner. Bought out and his chains weighed against gold.

"The sun is setting, my sun is rising." – young man in Albany. Job 21-15 Rev. **Brown**

"A king had a jester, a fool, he gave him a staff to keep it till he found a bigger fool than himself. The king came to his death and thus he found his fool." **Corte**

Bishop **Warren** of Ogd. Lept Isaiah 60-17.

"For brass I will bring gold"

"God always gives the better the worst."

Dr. Hurlbut subject – the woman and Christ at Jacob's well.

I. Pay side work.
II. Personal work
III. Effect.

I give the worker himself – Christ came there weary but found rest in labor. Did not care to eat.

Effect on the multitude. This woman went and told others and they thronged to hear Jesus.

This was her first and only chance. They met there never again.

Had she neglected that she never would have been saved. This was our Lord's opportunity and her opportunity.

Every saved soul is intended as an instrument for saving others.

Cash Account – January

Date	Item	Paid
1	Diary for 1885	.50
“	1 ham 12 lbs 15	1.87
“	Turkey	1.00
2	Raisins and citron	.50
3	Overcoat	18.00
“	Collars	.30
“	Oysters and crackers	.34
“	Fixing **Rue**’s hair	.15
10	Corn popper	.40
“	Hair pins	.10
“	Matches	.10
14	Cheese	.30
“	Biscuit	.25
20	Buckwheat Flour	.35
“	Coffee	.50
“	Birdseed	.10
“	Arnica	.10
23	Candy	.10
26	Oil by gallon	.50
“	**Rue** Cloak Buttons	
27	Baking Powder	.25
“	Postage stamps	.24
28	Marriage certificate	.40
“	Oysters 1 qt	.35
“	Crackers 2 lbs	.20
“	Bread	.07
30	Clothes Bars	.60

Cash Account - February

Date	Item	Paid
3	**Rue** Pair Shoes	3.50
“	Collar	.10
“	Bread	.14
5	One ham	1.13
8	Sunday Collection	.10
9	**Nashville Singers**	.50
11	Postage Stamps	.50
“	Cheese	.24
12	Soda	.08
“	Shaving Soap	12
“	Lamp Chimney	.08
14	Oysters and crackers	.55
15	Chr. Col.	.05
17	Snow Shovel	.50
“	Bread	.14
“	Box Collars	.15
“	Bar Soap	.10
“	Fixing Boot	.15
“	Dress Braid	.08
18	Buckwheat Flour	.35
19	Silk for dress	32.24
20	Sack flour	1.40
21	Oranges, candy	.53
23	Bunion cure	.31
“	Miss. Coll	5.00
24	Ham	1.14
“	Bread	9
26	R.R. fare to Antwerp and return	1.40
“	Discount on chick	1.15
27	Cutting hair	.20

Cash Account - March

Date	Item	Paid
2	Ham	1.54
“	Dist. Conf. Coll	.20
“	Bread	.14
4	Globe and chimney	.25
5	**Rue** dress fixing	1.75
“	Postals	.25
6	Corset	1.00
“	Veil	1.00
“	Dressing Gown	.10
“	**Mystic’s** Pin	.30
“	Tea	.25
“	Buttons	.12
7	Salt Fish	.25
“	Spool thread	.08
“	Saturday Globe	.05
9	Fixing Harness	.10
11	Beef	.12
12	Conf. Coll.	3.00
14	Fish and lemons	.13
“	Boy for doing chores	.50
“	Sat. Globe	.05
17	Fare to Black River and Return	.63
20	Ham	2.00
“	Fixing cutter	1.00
24	Bread	.07
“	Making dresses	16.40
27	Ironing shirts	.16
31	Fish	.23

Cash Account - April

Date	Item	Paid
1	? and Drawers	1.00
“	Pair Rubbers	.85
2	Fare to Theresa and return	1.58
6	Silk Hat	5
7	Fare to Conf. and Ret.	2.80
“	**Mystic** to Antwerp	.70
9	Sleeve Buttons	1.50
“	Northern ads	1.80
“	Christian ads	1.20
“	Postals	.25
10	Collars	1.00
11	Life Insurance	8.00
“	Minutes	1.00
“	Col. For D.B. White	.50
13	M.S. Discipline	.30
“	Daily paper	.05
14	Stage fare to Hermon	.50
“	Conference Col.	.25
“	Daily Papers	.10
15	Postage stamps	.25
“	Post office box	.12
16	Stove wood 4 cords	8.00
“	Collection	.05
20	Stage fare	.50
“	R.R. to Antwerp	.85
“	R.R. to Watertown	.70
21	Pressed beef	.30
“	Calico	.08
“	Canceling Mortgage	.50
22	Daily times	5.00
22	**Rue** Rubbers	.25
23	Fare to Philadelphia	.55
“	Fare to Theresa	.26
25	Fair from Philadelphia to Watertown	.55
“	Telegram	.25
28	R.R. to Theresa for Watertown	1.17
“	Gossamer	2.00
“	Pair Gloves	1.25
“	For Buggy	10.00
29	Horse at Hotel	.35
30	Horse feed	4.00
“	Shoeing Bone	.50
“	Boot brush and blacking	.50
“	Cleaning House	3.00
30	**Rue**’s R.R. Fare	2.00
“	**Mary**’s R.R. Fare	.70

Cash Account - May

Date	Item	Paid
1	Oil by Gal	.60
4	Groceries	1.40
“	Sugar 12 lbs	.84
“	Coffee	.50
“	Beef	.20
5	Lard 12-1/2 lbs.	1.56
“	Stationary	.40
“	Account Book	.25
“	Castor Oil	.10
“	Boy’s help	.05
“	Eggs 2 doz.	.20
6	Ladies’ Aid	.24
“	Beef	.20
“	Lamp shade	1.00
“	Ginger and Lemons	.20
7	Lamp fixtures	.50
9	Beef	.35
“	Vinegar	.12
“	Bread	.10
10	Coll. Sunday School Union	.20
11	Bed Springs	3.50
“	Difference in wash tub	.12
“	Postage Stamps	.05
“	Thread	.10
“	Broom	.25
“	Matches and Indigo	.15
12	Beef	.25
14	Carpet and fixtures	28.30
“	Gold pen	2.00
“	Marriage Certificate	.90
“	Braid	.12
“	Calico	.06
16	Door Curtain	.50
“	Beef	.12
19	Beef	.25
“	Towels	1.94
20	Aid Society	.15
22	Eggs and seeds	.45
“	Beef and seeds	.30
“	Paid girl for work	5.10
23	Postals	.25
“	Window curtains	2.88
25	Hay for herd	2.40
“	Horse feed	5.10

“	**Webster** for minutes	1.00
26	Cotton clothes calico	5.67
“	Nitre	.10
27	Venilie (vanilla?)	.15
“	Nails	.09
“	Fish	.17
29	Sugar 100 lbs.	7.00
“	Cheese	.35

Cash Account - June

Date	Item	Paid
2	Beef	.20
3	Ladies Aid Society	.40
5	**Rue** pair glasses	.25
"	Sack graham flour	.35
6	Vinegar	.18
"	Beef	.25
"	Hermon paper	.75
"	**Rue** gloves	1.00
"	Tea and crackers	.30
9	Fare to Conf.	1.35
10	Beef	.32
11	Back pad harness	.30
"	Ice cream festival	.20
13	Beef	.20
14	Educational collection	.50
15	Caraway seed	.10
16	Beef	.75
"	Broom	.15
"	R.R. fare to Gouverneur and Return	.90
17	Ladies Aid Society	.15
18	Trimming	.20
"	Cutting hair	.20
"	Pain tincture	.20
20	Fresh fish	.40
"	Strawberries	.38
22	Beef	.25
23	Painting Barn	6.00
"	Pills	.20
"	Strawberries	.45
"	Lemons	.05
24	Fresh meat twice	.50
"	½ lb. Tea	.25
25	Beef	.50
"	Strawberries	.30
26	Lemons	.13
"	Lamp chimneys	.10
"	Ice Cream	.40
29	Cod fish	.18
28	Children's Coll	.15
30	Beef	.25
"	**Rue**'s Bonnets	.70

Cash Account - July

Date	Item	Paid
1	Ladies' Aid Society	.20
2	**Sister Castoline** Sleeve Buttons	1.25
"	Postage Stamps	.25
"	Beef	.20
3	Strawberries	.20
4	Beef	.50
"	Cheese	
5	Qt. M. Coll.	.70
7	Coffee 4 lbs.	1.00
"	Strawberries	.62
8	Fixing boots	.25
5	Paid **Ceil** cash	3.00
"	Paid **Ceil** Millinery	1.30
10	Eggs	.20
"	Fixing Coffee Pot	.25
"	Extracting Teeth	.25
11	Pain wrap for self	.90
"	Beef	.20
"	Strawberries	.20
"	Candy	.05
13.	Berries	.50
"	Paris Green	.05
"	Shoeing Horse	.70
14	Postage Stamps	.24
15	Aid Society	.15
16	Horse Brush	.40
"	Berries	.25
18	**Rue**'s fare to Watertown	1.50
21	R.R. fare from Antwerp to Watertown	.95
"	Huckleberries	.24
22	Coffee for **Mary**	.25
23	Insurance on Goods	9.00
22	Black tea	1.00
"	Fare to Antwerp	.70
"	Hat for self	1.25
23	**Rue**'s fare from Antwerp to Richville	.60
"	**Rue**'s Glasses	1.25
27	Screen door	1.25
"	Postals	.25
30	Fruit cake	.75
"	Molasses	.35
"	Ton of Hay	10.00
"	Beef	.10

Cash Account - August

Date	Item	Paid
1	Baking Powder	.50
3	Huckleberries	.32
4	Beef	.40
“	Salt and starch	.20
“	Load of Hay	6.75
5	Cheese	.20
10	Cotton Batting	
10	Eggs	.22
“	Beef	.25
“	Ladies’ Aid	.20
14	Oatmeal	.25
15	Coconut	.25
“	Beef	.25
“	Blackberries	.20
18	Oil 4 gals.	.40
19	Ed’s fare home	.85
“	Eggs, Raisins	.34
20	Beef	.25
22	Watermelon	.30
25	Paid **Ceil** work	8.00
“	Paid **Ceil** R.R. Train	.45
26	**Rue**’s fare to Heuvelton	.40
28	Cake flour	5.30
“	Telegram to Hermon	.50
“	R.R. to Watertown and Return from Antwerp	.95
29	Fare from M.E.C.M.	.45
30	Fare to C.M.	.45
“	Gate fee	.10
“	Shaving	.10
“	Borrowed of **G.Hall**	.60
31	Telephone	.25

Cash Account - September

Date	Item	Paid
1	**Rue**'s fare from Heuvelton	.40
2	Book of Frank Louck's	2.20
3	Horse Feed	2.19
4	Blackberries	.16
5	Beef	.17
"	Cheese	.10
9	Bill at **Fell**'s	1.72
"	Ladies' Aid	.20
11	Tin pail	.40
11	Bread	.20
"	Eggs	.25
12	Cutting hair	.20
12	Coal 3-1/2 tons	25.35
13	Qt. Col.	.15
15	Shoeing horse	.50
"	Pickle tub	.30
16	Glass putty	.25
"	Bread	.10
18	Matches	.08
19	Beef	.36
"	Cheese	.16
"	**Mary** & **Isabel**'s stage fare	1.00
"	Candy	.15
21	**Mary** & **Isabel**'s R.R. Fare	1.70
23	Ladies' Aid	.15
25	Oyster Supper	.50
26	? and envelopes	.30
"	Candy	.10
30	Vinegar	.20
30	Dress making	1.00

Cash Account - October

Date	Item	Paid
2	R.R. Fare to Ogdensburg	.80
"	**Rue** Yarn	1.25
4	Bible Coll	.25
6	**Rue** for Gloves	1.00
7	Butter in jar	1.25
9-10	R.R. Fare	1.25
10	Beef and crackers	.64
14	Telephone to Hermon	.30
19	Freight on Vine	.25
"	Cheese	.15
20	R.R. fare to Antwerp	1.40
"	Cup for **Minnie**	.25
"	Check	.25
21	Gave **Cora**, Ead & Hat	2.25
"	Soap cakes	.25
22	**Rue** gave Sterling	.50
"	**Rue** gave **Otis**	.50
"	**Rue** pair stockings	.45
23	Pair pants	5.70
"	Beef	.20
"	Molasses	.45
"	Postage stamps	.25
24	Sugar 10 lbs.	.80
"	Lard 5 ¼	.65
26	Broom	.30
27	Lard 12 ¾	1.58
"	Beef	.30
"	**Sister** Hatch work	.50
28	Whip lash	.12
29	Pair Rubbers	.65
"	Crackers & Cheese	.35
30	Shoeing horse	.40
31	Stair covering	1.00

Cash Account - November

Date	Item	Paid
3	Beef	.65
4	Ladies' Aid	.20
8	Bishop's Coll.	.25
10	Hair Brush	.50
11	Postage Stamps	.20
12	Beef	.42
"	Eggs 5 doz.	.98
13	Crockery	1.00
"	Hooks	.07
"	Lumber for stoop	2.25
14	Coal stove	3.00
"	Towels	.50
"	Combs	.18
"	Candy	.05
16	Oil	.75
17	Sugar and tea	.95
19	Beef	.25
.20	Graham Flour	.35
21	**Mrs.** Gardner Work	.50
"	Drawers and Wrapper	1.25
"	Celluloid Cuffs	.40
25	Forks for May Nicol	1.75
"	Beef	.40
27	Shoeing Bone	.50
28	Groceries	1.00

Cash Account - December

Date	Item	Paid
2	Ladies' Aid	.20
2	Yarn for **Rue**	.50
4	Overcoat	16.00
"	Overshoes	.90
"	Shoe Blacking	.15
5	Cutter shaft	.45
7	**Rue** leggings	.85
"	**Rue** Fare from Gouverneur to Watertown	1.40
8	Gave Anna girl	.25
"	Dish quantities	1.00
11	**Rue**'s R.R. Fare	.85
"	Horses in shed	.20
"	**Rue**'s cloak	28.00
11	Whippletree for Bro. **Parker**	.25
14	Wood 5 cords	10.00
"	Tubs for Beef	.88
15	Cutting hair	.20
"	Vanilla	.15
17	Bed Springs	3.00
"	Bed Mattress	3.50
21	Men Cap. Christmas	11.40
"	**Rue** Watch Chain	5.25
"	**Mystic** Ring	1.50
"	Ead & ?	1.50
"	**Cora** Thimble	1.10
"	**Rue** Jam	1.00
"	R.R. Fare	.80
"	Oyster dinner	.25
"	Horse keeping	.15
"	Stationary	.60
"	Fixing **Rue**'s glasses	.25
22	Christmas presents	2.55
"	Oil & molasses	.80
24	Sent **Mother Wilson**	2.00
25	Shoeing Bone	.40
24	Supper at Chr.	.25
25	Raisins	.25
30	Postage	.40

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