

HENRY H. SCADIN DAIRIES

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Monday, January 1

It was quite cold this morning, the thermometer being 12 degrees above 0, but it has been moderating all day + has been a very pleasant New Years.

Helped Kate do the washing this morning then went over home to visit with Ralph and Lizzie. They went back home this afternoon.

I sent a letter to Prof. Ehrmann asking about the carbon process of photo printing, which I think of learning.

Tuesday, January 2

I went over to Mr. Baumgardners this forenoon & helped them move a stove & put a carpet down.

It has been a warm day.

Took dinner at home. Miss West was visiting there today.

Willie & Vida commenced going to school again.

Split some wood for Dor this afternoon.

Kate hurt her fingers with the wood today, & don't feel well at all tonight.

Wednesday, January 3

Went home this morning, did a little writing, got Jennie & the carriage & went to Dexter to do some errands & get my hair cut. Called at the Savings Bank and got my book. Ten dollars in interest has been added to my credit.

Kate went back home with me & rode over to the parsonage with Nellie Burnett. Dor & I went there this evening to supper. Ray & Jay McCall were there too.

It has been nice warm day. Looks some like raining.

Thursday, January 4

Came home this morning & have spent considerable time practicing on my guitar.

Started making an easle for Kate and got it pretty well along.

Kate came and took supper here this evening & expected Dor after her at the prayer meeting but it rains & he did not come.

Friday, January 5

I took Kate back early this morning.

She & I went to Dexter this afternoon. We called at Doane's. They had a barrel of oranges sent them lately, so we had some to eat.

We did not get back till dark & and as Dor went to a gathering at Tip Phelps', I stayed all night & put up some apples that McCalls got of Dor.

Finished reading the book, "The Scarlet Letter" & I don't think my opinion of the old Pilgrim Fathers is bettered any.

Received a letter from Prof. Ehrman. He don't think Carbon work is the thing for me.

Saturday, January 6

Drove over home early this morning. It was fearful muddy. Pa weighed some pigs this forenoon so he can figure on the profits when he sells them.

Came back to Dor's this afternoon to help Kate get ready for the company this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Baumgardner, the McCalls, Maggie & Mamie Phelps were there to supper & spent the evening.

It is growing cooler.

Sunday, January 7

It was colder this morning, 20 degrees above.

Went to church this forenoon. It was communion. Vida joined the church today along with some other girls.

Took dinner at home and came over to Kates toward evening, bring the new easle I made for her to paint on.

The roads are very rough now. Kate and Dor went to the evening meeting

Monday, January 8

It was 15 degrees above 0 this morning, but grew warmer very fast.

I split wood here at Dor's this forenoon.

This afternoon I went home & silvered a little plain paper to experiment with.

Willie & Vida went to Dexter to take their music lessons.

Dor went up to lodge tonight.

Tuesday, January 9

Went home this morning & did a little printing on plain paper.

Commenced to prune some of the apple trees.

Will Rossier came down & brought his violin this evening & John William came over with two, so we had quite a musical evening of it.

It continues quite moderate weather.

Wednesday, January 10

Fixed up my big camera with a small lens this forenoon & tried to see how it would go for enlarging & I think it will be good.

I went down to Kennys this afternoon & talked with Ida a little about painting in water colors. I think of trying it a little in a small way.

Came over to Kates again this evening.

It has been a beautiful, sunny day.

Thursday, January 11

Intended to go to Ann Arbor today, but did not feel well & gave it up.

Was over home a little while this morning.

Dor went to Ann Arbor & got his organ which has been fixed up.

It is windy tonight & seems to be growing colder.

Friday, January 12

Went over home and then down to Ida Kenny's to see her about the water color paints that Dor got yesterday. She pronounces them good, so will keep them.

Came back to Kate's after dinner & painted my first water color, part of a study by Bruce Crane. Didn't get the thing right, but Kate says it was a good beginning.

It was pretty cold this morning, 14 degrees F.

It is a beautiful evening.

Saturday, January 13

Kate & Dor went out to Henry's to a meeting of the Farmer's Club. I stayed at home & did a few chores for Dor, & then went over home to dinner.

This afternoon I went over to the Art Club meeting at Mr. Baumgardner's. I tried a water color painting.

Did not get back till after Kate and Dor were home.

Beautiful day.

Sunday, January 14

Did not feel first rate today so went over home and stayed in all day.

Monday, January 15

It rained a little this afternoon.

Kate & I did the washing this morning.

Henry brought little Lawrence over to stay a few days with Kate as his mother has gone to Toledo to help a sick sister.

Went over home to stay tonight. I fixed up a place to develop negatives in the cellar, and developed the plate I exposed for an enlargement the other day.

Tuesday, January 16

Drove over to Kates & after dinner took her & Lawrence over home, Mr. & Mrs. Baumgardner & his visiting brother were there to supper & spend the evening. Dor came over after he did the evening chores.

It is getting very muddy in the roads now.

Wednesday, January 17

Went over to Dor's early this morning & put in splitting & sawing wood.

It has been quite warm.

Went to choir practice tonight at Cransons. None of the ladies of the choir were there. The Baumgardners were there & we sang some & spent a pleasant evening.

Thursday, January 18

Had such a headache last night that I could not sleep, so I didn't do much but rest today.

It rained a very little this forenoon.

I tried to take a photo of Lawrence but the weather was so bad I did not get good negatives.

It cleared off this evening & is beautiful moonlight.

Friday, January 19

It froze up considerable last night.

It has been a beautiful clear day.

Tried to take Lawrence's photo again.

We are going to an oyster supper at ...Phelps tonight.

A barrel of oranges came today that father Queal sent from Florida.

Saturday, January 20

It rained some during the day, & was unpleasant so there was no meeting of the Art Club.

I did a little painting at home.

Did some sketching this evening of subjects to paint.

Sunday, January 21

There was a hard rain during last night.

Went to church both forenoon and evening.

It is a fine moonlight night.

Monday, January 22

Been sick all day with a sort of "grip".

Did a little painting this afternoon.

It has been a fine day.

Tuesday, January 23

Took a sweat last night by drinking a pint of hot lemonade, & felt better today.

Went over home & took dinner.

Called at Edwin Ball's and Kenny's this afternoon to invite them over to eat oranges tomorrow evening.

It is snowing this evening.

Dor went out to Henrys today.

Wednesday, January 24

Snow covered the ground pretty well this morning.

Ma, Aunt Susan, Mrs. Kenny, Ida & Ossian were here at supper, & this evening quite a number of the neighbors came in & we had an orange feast.

It grew cold fast this afternoon & before we went to bed it was only 2 degrees above 0.

Thursday, January 25

5 degrees below 0 this morning.

I went over home this forenoon & Kate went along as there was a missionary meeting there this afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Baumgardner were there at supper, & also the school teacher Miss Bostwick.

It is not so cold tonight.

They put in new stoves at the church today.

Friday, January 26

Did a churning for negatives this morning before I came over to Dor's.

Kate went out to Henry's this forenoon & got back about evening.

I got dinner for Dor & myself & afterwards I painted a picture, I must get some instructions if keep on so I can learn to do better work.

Saturday, January 27

Helped Kate this forenoon & drew a sketch for her to paint at the Art Club this afternoon.

I intended to go but instead helped pa draw wood.

Willie & uncle Robert went to Dexter.

Ralph & Lizzie came out this evening.

I came back to Kate's for the night.

It is cold, only 6 degrees above 0, 9:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 28

About as cold this morning as it was last night.

Took some oranges over to the folks this morning. Kate stayed there to dinner & we came home with Dor from the evening meeting.

It has grown much warmer.

Monday, January 29

It has snowed about all day, but has not got much depth yet, though cutters run pretty well.

I was home at dinner & made a stretcher for a water color. I began to paint this afternoon.

Dor went to Dexter tonight.

Tuesday, January 30

Helped Dor cut a tree & get out a sawlog this forenoon, which he took to mill this afternoon.

I spent the afternoon on my water color picture.

Went home for the night & was over to Cransons to the choir practice.

The weather is quite moderate.

Wednesday, January 31

Went to Dexter this forenoon. Had not been up for several weeks. Went with the cutter but the sleighing is getting thin.

Vida's cousin from New York is coming tomorrow. She is a missionary & has been in Japan.

Finished my painting this afternoon.

Mr. Allen, the former editor of the Dexter Leader was buried this afternoon.

Thursday, February 1

Vida went to Delhi this forenoon and met her cousin, Miss Howard & her little Japanese girl Cornelia. The little Jap is smart & real cute. I took her along when I came after Kate this afternoon.

Miss Howard spoke of some of her experiences in Japan at the church this evening.

It is a cold night.

Friday, February 2

6 degrees above 0 this morning.

Spent the day at home and tried several photos of the little Japanese girl.

It has grown much warmer during the day.

Saturday, February 3

Miss Howard and the little Jap left us this afternoon.

I sketched a picture for painting & this afternoon Kate & I went to the Art Club at Mr. Baumgardner's. Got along better with my work there than ever before.

It has not been cold today at all.

Sunday, February 4

It has been growing cold today, & tonight it is only 4 degrees below 0.

Went to church this forenoon, and after we had dinner Kate & I went to Ann Arbor and spent the afternoon at Cushmans. He just returned from a trip & goes out again tomorrow.

Monday, February 5

It grew warmer today. Was 8 degrees above this morning.

Helped Kate wash this afternoon.

Painted on my water color picture this afternoon.

Willie went to Dexter this afternoon & brought my guitar around here when he came home.

Tuesday, February 6

Went over home & helped wash this morning. Ma is sick with a very hard cold.

Went to Ann Arbor with pa. Took dinner with the McAllaster's. Called on the Prices.

Got some canvass for Kate & some water color paper for myself.

It was pretty muddy coming home.

Wednesday, February 7

Dor went off with a grist of feed and went also to Ann Arbor.

I split wood this forenoon.

Went over to see ma this afternoon and found her quite sick.

It has been very soft all day & seems like rain.

Thursday, February 8

There was quite a party at Mrs. Kennys today for dinner.

Kate & I went down quite early & stopped over home for a little while. We found ma some better.

Henry, Kate & Lawrence were there, Byron & his two girls & Bert & his family. We had a very nice time.

It is pretty muddy.

Friday, February 9

Kate has been at work all day cooking for the Farmers Club meeting at Amos Phelps' tomorrow.

It rained about all the forenoon.

I painted a water color picture in about two hours this afternoon. Took it over & gave it to ma this afternoon. It cleared off so I went to choir practice at Cransons but Mary Blodgett was the only one besides myself. We had a heavy rain & some thunder after I got back.

Saturday, February 10

Kate & Dor went to the Farmers Club today. It has been a windy, squally day.

I stayed at home to look after things and paint some.

Went over home to dinner.

It is freezing up tonight.

Sunday, February 11

Went home this morning & stayed till church time.

Kate has a headache this afternoon.

Went to the evening meeting as I had to sing in a duett with Mary Blodgett.

Mr. Blodgett is going to start for Florida with Mr. Doane tomorrow.

Monday, February 12

We had the fiercest storm today that I think I ever saw. Snow and wind from the northeast & pretty cold, too. It sifted into every crack & piled up in great drifts all about the buildings & fences.

Dor started for Ann Arbor before the storm came on, but turned back at Scio & came home.

I painted two marine views this afternoon.

It took lots of wood to keep the house warm & the wind drove the frost into the cellar.

Kate & I did the washing this morning.

Tuesday, February 13

The storm blew out last night & today has been fine.

I went over home this morning & found the road badly drifted.

Did some photo printing today, as the sun shone.

Took some water color studies down to Ida Kenny this afternoon.

It is not very cold tonight.

Wednesday, February 14

Went over home a little while this morning to take some letters that Dor got last night. Dor got one from his father saying he had bought an orange grove in Merrimack.

Ida Kenny spent the day with us, & we had quite an artistic time painting.

Dor went to Ann Arbor & came back by Dexter.

It is not cold & snows a little tonight.

Thursday, February 15

Did a little painting this morning & then went over home. I finished a batch of photos this afternoon.

Had a letter from Fred Waters. He says Bezzonia has quite a boom & so much building there I guess I would not know the place.

There were the brightest Sun Dogs this evening I ever saw.

Friday, February 16

I helped Dor saw down an elm tree this forenoon & it tuckered me out.

Dor has gone to town this evening. Kate is working on her easle drape & I have drawn a picture to paint tomorrow at the Art Club.

It has been a bright fine day.

Saturday, February 17

Helped Dor saw down another elm tree this forenoon.

It rained at noon & for some time after so we did not go to the Art Club, but painted at home.

Went home this evening to stay tonight & practice on the guitar with Will.

Sunday, February 18

It has been a very nice sunny day & thawed considerable.

Went to church both forenoon & evening.

Kate & I took dinner at home & stayed till evening.

Monday, February 19

Helped Kate wash this afternoon.

It was not a cold day but has been chilly & cloudy most of the day.

Was home this afternoon & went calling, going to Kenny's, Clay Alexander's, Litchfields, & stopped at Baumgardner's but they were not at home.

Wrote a letter to Hiram Glover today.

Tuesday, February 20

Dor & I sawed up a hickory log for stove chunks this forenoon.

Went over home & stayed to dinner, then went over to Mr. Baumgardners & spent most of the afternoon talking painting & about the place where his brothers are in North Carolina.

We had a little snow storm this afternoon.

Wednesday, February 21

It has been a cold day.

I went to Ann Arbor with Mr. Baumgardner took along some butter that ma sent to Mr. Miner's folks. One crock packed to be taken to Florida.

I called at McAllaster's, Clinton is thinking of going to California soon.

I got a water color study at Randall to practice on.

We took supper at Boydens.

Thursday, February 22

Went over home for a little while & wrote a letter to Baumgardners brother in Edenton, N.C., asking him what he thinks of chance there for me.

The Missionary society met with Kate this afternoon & took tea. There were 28 to supper.

It has been a pretty cold day.

Went home tonight & silvered a little albumen paper.

Friday, February 23

Printed & finished a few photos.

It has been a pretty sharp day.

Willie & H.T. Phelps went to Dexter this forenoon & got a guitar that Willie sent to Ohio for them.

Kate & I went up there this evening to see the new instrument. It seems very nice.

There is a fine display of northern lights tonight & it is cold.

Saturday, February 24

It was the coldest this morning it has been this winter.

Dor & I sawed up a hickory log this morning & then I walked to Dexter to mail a letter & send some photos by express to New York. I ate dinner with aunt Ann then I walked down to Baumgardners to the Art Club. I started to paint a very hard picture.

The sun has shone bright today, but it has been awful cold.

Sunday, February 25

It has been a lovely day.

We had a large choir at the church, all the members being there.

Charlie Hatch & wife, Geo. Martin, Rebecca Tubbs & Kate & I were at pa's to dinner today.

Charlie & wife are down from their northern home on a visit.

Monday, February 26

Another bright, pleasant day.

After helping Kate wash I went home & printed some pictures that Hiram Glover ordered. I got them all finished this afternoon & sent them to the mail by Dor tonight.

Tuesday, February 27

Went to Dexter early this morning, I went up & had Dr. Chase look at my throat. He says it is in bad shape & thinks I better go to Florida again. It upsets all my plans again.

I painted on a water color when I got home & finished it this afternoon.

Went home to stay tonight.

Fine day.

Wednesday, February 28

Went over to Mr. Baumgardners this morning & we went to Ann Arbor together on the train. I called at McAllaisters, Prices, Cushmans & Williams' taking at the latter place & visiting a little with Eugene Woodruff.

Clinton McAllaister took me to call at a place where there was a lot of water color paintings. He goes to California next week.

We walked back home. I took supper with Mr. & Mrs. B.

It has been a pleasant day & was muddy walking tonight.

Thursday, March 1

Kate & I drove out to Henry's & took dinner. Mr. & Mrs. Baumgardner were there.

It was hard going today.

When we came back tonight we heard of a bold robbery of the Dexter Savings Bank this morning by two men, who got away with over \$3000.

Friday, March 2

It has been real warm today, it was 42 degrees above along toward night & must have been up to 50 degrees at noon.

I went over home this morning & made a stretcher for a canvas Kate is going to paint on.

Been splitting wood most of the day.

Got to write some letters tonight.

Saturday, March 3

It has been warm & pleasant all day.

Went home twice today.

Split some wood during the day.

Willie & I were at Geo. Phelps a little while this evening to see Margerett's new guitar, which Will got for her.

I tried painting from an apple this afternoon.

Sunday, March 4

Real warm all day, & appears like rain tonight.

Went to church this forenoon.

Took dinner at home. George Martin was there, as was also Miss West.

Kate & Dor have gone to church this evening.

Monday, March 5

It has been so warm today that it was very easy to get up a sweat.

After helping Kate wash I split wood till noon.

Went home this afternoon & got so sleepy I took a good nap.

I had a letter from Mr. Butter this evening.

Tuesday, March 6

Was over home most all day.

It rained a good deal during the day.

Painted a picture this afternoon from an engraving.

Wednesday, March 7

It cleared off last night & was beautiful this morning.

Went up to Dexter this forenoon & took Kate's last painting & had it framed.

The first thing I heard on getting there was that Orlie Gregory had confessed that he robbed the bank, banged his own head & made up the story he told of the robbery. It was a big surprise.

Went over home a little while this afternoon.

Was up at Tip Phelps' this evening to help Mamie tune her guitar.

Thursday, March 8

It snowed last night & the ground was covered this morning.

Went to Ann Arbor with pa today. He took four dressed hogs & some butter to market.

I took part of my burnisher down to have fixed up. It was awful muddy going. Pa was sick with a headache on the way home.

Friday, March 9

Kate has been very busy today preparing for the meeting of the Farmers Club tomorrow. Vida was over to help her some.

I went home & pruned apple trees this afternoon.

Got Margerett Phelps new guitar to practice on, & Tip brought Mamies over so Will & I will have two fine instruments to play on tomorrow.

It has been a pleasant day.

Had a letter from N.C. which decides me not to go there.

Saturday, March 10

It has been a very pleasant day, and in spite of the mud there was good crowd out to the Farmers Club.

Willie & I furnished the music playing on the guitars he got for the Phelps girls.

We heard that Eddie Phelps was coming home from Kansas tonight.

Willie & I were over at Orbert Williams a while this evening.

Sunday, March 11

I was home last night & today till this afternoon.

Went to church as usual.

There was a high wind last night & today which dried up the mud.

Kate & I walked to church this evening.

It continues fine weather.

Monday, March 12

Kate & I did a big washing this forenoon.

We went to Dexter this afternoon to do some trading.

I had a letter from Harry C. Jones of New York, saying they would use some of my views in a forth coming book.

Went over home tonight & loaded up some plate holders.

Dor has been sick all day.

Tuesday, March 13

Went down to Mrs. Kennys this forenoon and made some exposures of Bert's children, using their large windows for light. I took dinner there but as Dor was sick Kate had to come back.

Did some other photo work at home this afternoon, and did the developing tonight.

Jennie McCall and Mattie called a little while this afternoon.

Will Rossier was over with his violin to play with Willie.

Wednesday, March 14

I went to Mr. Baumgardners this morning & went with him to the cars. I went on to Ypsilanti to see if I could get a job in a gallery, but it was no go. Came back to Ann Arbor at noon & took dinner at McAllasters.

Was at Randall's this afternoon but there was no chance.

My burnisher was fixed up & I got it today. Collected \$90.22 for Henry & brought up to Dor.

Walked back with Mr. B & took supper with them. Will & Nettie Boyden were there.

It was cooler today.

Thursday, March 15

There was some snow during last night, which is melting today & making the roads muddy again.

I went to Dexter this forenoon with Tip Phelps, & while there I saw the doctor. He says my throat is better though it feels worse to me.

Mr. Blodgett & Mr. Doane are back from Florida & Mr. Blodgett is quite sick.

Friday, March 16

Been a nice day.

I went home this morning & went to Delhi to meet Lizzie McAllaster.

Mixed up a lot of photo chemicals so as to be ready to do some work.

Trimmed apple trees this afternoon.

Kate & I called at Blodgett's this evening.

Saturday, March 17

I went over home this forenoon & did some photo printing.

This afternoon I trimmed apple trees.

Kate came over to visit with Lizzie & spent the afternoon. We came back to Dor's this evening. Ralph had just got there as we left.

It has been a very fine day.

Sunday, March 18

Kate & I spent most of the day over home. Went to church as usual.

Ralph & Lizzie went back toward evening.

Sent a letter ordering some guitar music from Boston.

We had a shower this afternoon and it rains some tonight.

Monday, March 19

Helped Kate wash this forenoon.

Went down to Wheeler's & had a spring put in my burnisher.

Kate & ma went to McCall's this afternoon, & I walked down in time to take supper & spend the evening. Dor came down for the evening too. Mattie is home for a visit.

It was a fine evening.

Tuesday, March 20

I staid home last night.

This morning it was raining but it held up enough so that Willie took uncle Robert to Hamburg where he took the train for Owosso.

It was cloudy and showery till afternoon. I finished off a batch of photos this forenoon.

Came over to Dor's this afternoon.

It has cleared up tonight.

Wednesday, March 21

I went to Ann Arbor this morning walking over to Delhi & taking the train. Tried to get some Solio paper but couldn't, so I sent an order to Detroit.

Took dinner at McAllasters, they had letters from Clinton since he had reached California.

I walked back home this afternoon.

There were a few little showers just after dinner.

It is quite warm

Dor went to Detroit to the state C.E. meeting.

Thursday, March 22

It has been rather misty & cool all day.

Went home this forenoon for a while. Will Wilson was a caller there.

Did nothing much but practice on the guitar.

Herman went to Dexter tonight & met Dor.

Friday, March 23

Went home this forenoon & mounted & burnished the photos I made the other day.

Kate & I went to Dexter this afternoon. She had a tooth filled.

I called to see Mr. Doane but he was away.

Am home tonight so as to load plateholders for work tomorrow.

Our guitar music came & Willie & I have been looking it over some tonight.

Saturday, March 24

The wind blew a gale all day, but I went to Delhi & took a view of Mr. Strehle's house & one of the school.

Did a little retouching this afternoon & some printing.

Kate & I fixed up the children's graves a little.

Developed my negatives tonight, then came over to Dor's.

We are having snow squalls.

Sunday, March 25

It was frozen up hard this morning, & has kept cold all day.

There was a small crowd at church today.

Came back to Dor's this afternoon & called at Mr. Phelps. He is sick with a lame & sore foot.

Monday, March 26

Helped Kate do the washing this morning, then went home & printed pictures.

I finished a batch this afternoon & mounted them after supper. Geo. Martin was over to supper.

It has been cold all day & very squally this afternoon.

Willie went to Dexter. I had a letter from Mr. Smith of Tennessee with pay for the pictures.

Tuesday, March 27

Went home this morning & burnished the photographs.

Been practicing on the guitar a good deal, trying to get the piece for Friday night.

We were at Tip Phelps' this evening & with Mamie Maggie, Willie & myself we had quite a guitar club.

It continues cold & disagreeable weather.

Wednesday, March 28

I started out this morning & delivered photographs going down to Bert Kennys first & then over to Delhi with the school group & Mr. Strehle's view.

It commenced to snow about noon & stormed all the rest of the day & is at it tonight though no great depth of snow is falling.

Thursday, March 29

It looked wintry again this morning with the snow all about.

Pa went to Ann Arbor this forenoon.

The ladies all went to Missionary ... at Mrs. Ball's this afternoon.

I got the Phelps' girls guitars this afternoon so Will & I could practice on them a little.

Friday, March 30

Went to Delhi this morning & met Lizzie at the train.

Sent a letter to Detroit for more photo stock.

The entertainment at the church came off very successfully this evening. Mrs. Lake's recitations were good, & there was a full house to hear her. The music went off pretty well, too.

It is growing warmer.

Saturday, March 31

I staid over home last night.

Took the borrowed guitars home this forenoon.

Found Kate sick with a hard cold.

Calvin DeCamp died yesterday & the Odd Fellows are preparing to conduct the funeral tomorrow.

It tried to rain a little toward night.

Sunday, April 1

This is Kate's birthday. She has been sick all day, too, but feels some better tonight.

Ralph & Lizzie called here this afternoon. We talked of Florida and of getting homes near together down there.

Mr. & Mrs. Baumgardner & their niece called a little while this afternoon.

Wrote a couple of letters this evening.

Monday, April 2

It has been a pretty nice day.

I went to Dexter this afternoon. Called on Mr. Doane. He was looking & feeling well.

The Scio election was waging hot.

Mr. & Mrs. Blodgett took supper with us this evening. Kate had a letter from her father, & after reading it we discussed Florida.

Kate is better today.

Tuesday, April 3

We washed this forenoon. Ida Kenny was here for a while & helped us. I was a little sick last night, and so felt weak today.

We had a snow squall this forenoon, but the snow soon melted.

I went home this afternoon & printed some on views.

It rains quite a bit tonight.

Wednesday, April 4

Went home today & finished up the remainder of the Delhi pictures.

It was pleasant this forenoon but cloudy & some rainy this afternoon.

The reading circle met with Will & Vida tonight & I stayed expecting Mr. Baumgardner, but he did not come.

Had a letter from Will Stevens today. He may come out soon.

Thursday, April 5

Went to Delhi this morning to deliver photographs.

It was cold & windy all day.

Pruned apple trees all day after I got back from Delhi.

Willie went to Dexter to get his new guitar but it was faulty & he sent it back.

Came over to Dor's again tonight.

Friday, April 6

Was home this forenoon, but did not feel well enough to work, so went down and visited with John Williams for a while.

This afternoon Kate & I went to Dexter & she has Walter Moore do some dental work.

It was raining when we came home.

Saturday, April 7

It stormed about all day, sometimes rain & sometimes snow.

I did a little painting this afternoon.

Did not go home at all today.

Sunday, April 8

It has been a clear, pleasant day but quite chilly.

Went to church this forenoon.

Kate & I took dinner at home today.

Monday, April 9

Helped Kate wash this morning, then went home & from there walked to Ann Arbor, getting there in time to eat dinner with Cushman. Had a good visit with them, then went to photo galleries to see what I could get some pictures enlarged for Mr. Smith of Plymouth, Fla, for.

Visited Ralph in his office, then went home with him to supper. Lizzie and I started to attend an entertainment at a church, but got fooled. I am staying all night with them.

Tuesday, April 10

It rained very hard in the night and kept it up about all this forenoon. I came to Dexter on the cars and took dinner with uncle John & aunt Ann.

Talked a little with some of the folks about starting a gallery, and looked at a room over the Bank.

Got a letter from the G.P.A. of the I. & C. R'y asking for some of my views in exchange for a trip ticket & I have written them & will send some photos.

Wednesday, April 11

Willie & I went to Dexter this forenoon. His new guitar was there & he was much pleased with it.

I sent a package of photo's to the G.P.A of the I... & C... R'y & a letter too.

It has been a chilly day.

Tried a little side light portrait work this afternoon, but was not very well pleased with the results.

Thursday, April 12

Went to Delhi this morning. My photos of the school there had all been sold & more are wanted.

Mr. Baumgardner went back home with me. Ma & Vida took aunt Susan down to Ann Arbor today.

Willie & I got dinner & washed up the dishes.

Mr. Baumgardner came over to Dor's to stay tonight.

Friday, April 13

It has been a very fine day.

Mr. Baumgardner brought the young Greek who is to lecture tonight up to our house. He is a real fine fellow to visit with, & has traveled around the world. His entertainment tonight was very interesting.

I am staying at home tonight.

Saturday, April 14

Fussed around with photograph stuff this forenoon.

Miss West came up this morning & she ma & Vida went to the Farmers Club at Mr. ...'s.

Kate & I went up to Dexter this afternoon.

Sunday, April 15

It has been a very fine day.

Mr. Halaplian preached this forenoon for Mr. Baumgardner. He is a good speaker.

Kate & I started up to see Doan's this afternoon but met them & Dr. Randall, coming out, so we turned back & they came out. We had a very good visit.

Went up to the church this evening.

Monday, April 16

Helped Kate wash this morning.

Went home & did a little printing before noon.

Helped uncle Robert burn brush this afternoon.

Washed off the carriage.

It has been quite warm today. Saw a toad in the road tonight.

Had a letter from the I. & C. R'y. & learned that they don't care to employ me.

Tuesday, April 17

Kate & I went to Ann Arbor today.

We took dinner at McAllasters.

We called on Will Price this afternoon. He is very sick now.

I took several pictures of buildings at the N. of M.

It was quite late when we got home.

Wednesday, April 18

I mixed up 40 gallons of Bordeaux mixture to spray fruit with.

Made a background & painted it.

Found lots of the Steel Beetles working on the grape vines.

Developed some plates tonight.

Thursday, April 19

I got Kates sewing machine over for her this forenoon.

Finished a batch of photos this afternoon.

Made a couple of negatives for Miss West.

Friday, April 20

Was home all day doing a little retouching and making a frame for canvass for Kate to paint a new picture.

Mrs. Cushman & Helen were there.

Kate was in Dexter having her teeth fixed & attending a C.E. convention.

Saturday, April 21

It rained quite hard last night.

Went home this morning to get my guitar & some other things.

Mr. & Mrs. Cushman came here just before supper & are going to spend the night with us.

It has been drizzly & cool about all day.

Sunday, April 22

It was not very pleasant today.

Cushman's went away at church time.

I did not get to church today.

Went home a little while this afternoon.

Monday, April 23

It stormed some this morning but not long.

I drove over to Delhi & took the last of the school pictures ordered. Stopped at Mr. Baumgardners & got Kate's easel.

Kate & I called at Tip Phelps' this afternoon. They are preparing to go to California for Mamie's health.

Am staying home tonight to do some developing.

Tuesday, April 24

It cleared off last night and has been a fine day.

I did some retouching & printing this forenoon.

Did not feel very well this afternoon.

Wednesday, April 25

Went home this morning & finished a batch of photos which I burnished this afternoon.

It has been a very nice day.

Ma & Kate went to Dexter this afternoon.

Thursday, April 26

Went home this morning & did some mowing on the lawn.

The Missionary Tea was held here this afternoon, but I went to Ann Arbor on the train to see Will Price & expecting to go to an organ concert, but it had been postponed.

Mr. Baumgardner took me to the train at Dexter.

I ate supper & am staying with Ralph & Lizzie.

Found Will some better, but looking weak.

Friday, April 27

Came home from Ann Arbor this forenoon.

It was warm work walking up from Delhi.

Kate & I went up to Dexter this afternoon.

I got the printed letter paper from the Leader office that was done for me.

There is a lecture at the church tonight.

Saturday, April 28

Came home this morning & did some marking on negatives & printing.

This afternoon we had a hard rain storm and hail the largest I ever saw, some being as big as the end of my thumb.

Willie went to Dexter this afternoon.

Sunday, April 29

It has been a very pleasant day.

Rev. H. Van Orneran of Grass Lake preached in exchange with Mr. Baumgardner.

Geo. Martin was here to dinner today.

I gave Mamie Phelps a letter for her father of introduction to Dr. Taylor, of Denver. They go tomorrow morning.

Monday, April 30

Kate & I did the washing this morning, then I came home & raked up & burned stuff from the front yard.

This afternoon I put ashes around grape vines & ground up several pairs of shears.

Willie went to Dexter this evening & I rode over to Dor's with him.

Tuesday, May 1

Uncle John Spoor & aunt Ann were here today & had John Tufts to help fix up some of the graves in the little yard.

Pa finished his sheep shearing today & began to drill oats. It has threatened to rain & is real warm.

Some of the young folks met here this evening to practice on "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works."

Wednesday, May 2

Stayed at home last night.

This forenoon I hoed around some grape vines & then went to Wheelers & had Gene make me a tool to scrape off old paint on the house, & this afternoon I have been using it.

Pa & Willie finished drilling oats today.

It is cooler weather.

Thursday, May 3

Worked at cleaning off old paint this forenoon.

This afternoon I sprayed the gooseberries and currants with Helebore as the worms are coming on.

Uncle Robert went away and got some strawberry plants which we set out.

It looks very much like rain tonight.

Friday, May 4

Scraped old paint this forenoon.

This afternoon I ran the lawn mower & got the yard all mowed.

Ma & Vida went to Dexter this afternoon.

I did some developing this evening & am going to stay home all night.

Saturday, May 5

Fixed up some advertisements of Mr. Newkirk's coming lecture & was going out to put them up this afternoon, but it has rained since before noon sometimes very hard.

Aunt Eliza Whitmore & cousin Carl came just as we got through dinner. One of their satchel's was lost & pa went to Hamburg to try & find it.

Sunday, May 6

We had another rain just after church today.

Aunt Eliza was sick all day.

Kate & I took dinner at home today.

Monday, May 7

I came home early this morning, & got ready for Ann Arbor when I took Carl to the train on the T. & A.

I called at McAllasters & also on Will Price.

It has been a windy, but quite pleasant day.

Tuesday, May 8

Helped Kate wash this afternoon.

Sprayed the plum trees after I got home.

It has been a very windy day.

Ma & aunt Eliza visited Kate & then they all went to Kenny's for supper.

Wednesday, May 9

I took aunt Eliza out to Hamburg this morning & she took the train for home. I came back by the Webster Post Office & called on young Low, who is an amateur photographer.

Went to Dexter on foot this afternoon.

Vida visited Kate today & came back as I came home from Dexter.

It looks rainy tonight.

Thursday, May 10

I printed some photos this forenoon & finished up a batch this afternoon.

It commenced raining about supper time & we had some hard showers during the evening.

I am going to stay home tonight.

Friday, May 11

It has been a fine day.

I made an exposure of a plate on a hay press and the men this morning.

Mowed the lawn all over today.

Went to Dexter this evening & got Mr. Newkirk, brought him out to the church & took him home after his lecture, "Life in the South." We had a fine evening & a fair crowd.

Saturday, May 12

Ma & Vida went to the Farmers meeting at Mrs. Chamberlain's today, & also attended the funeral of Andrew Miller.

This afternoon I began to get things ready for a trip to Grand Ledge next week.

Kate came over this evening & after I got the plate holders all fixed we walked back to Dor's.

It has been a beautiful day.

Sunday, May 13

It has been a very fine day.

Went to church this forenoon.

Geo. Martin was over & stayed to dinner.

Went back to Kate's about 3 o'clock this afternoon. She had a headache so we did not go to the church this evening.

Monday, May 14

Helped Kate wash this forenoon, then came home and packed my cameras and satchels for my trip to Grand Ledge tomorrow.

We had a heavy shower this afternoon.

I did some more lawn mowing this afternoon.

Tuesday, May 15

We got up early this morning & after breakfast Kate took me to Hamburg & I took the train for Grand Ledge.

It began to rain about as we got to Lansing & poured as I got off here. Will & ... were waiting for me with umbrella. I got all my things all right.

I saw Martin Saunders & family this evening.

There are two photographers here but I am going to see if I can get some views to do.

Wednesday, May 16

I took dinner with cousin Martha & family today.

Made the acquaintance of the photographer here & showed him my views & looked at his. I struck him for a job but he didn't want anyone.

Will & I took a walk down the river.

Thursday, May 17

It was very warm this morning. I bought a suit of light underclothes and put on, then Will & I walked to aunt Eliza's at Eagle.

This afternoon there came up a rain & it grew colder. It rains very hard tonight.

Friday, May 18

It rained all night & most of this forenoon, & was so cold I had to borrow more clothing to keep me warm.

Will & I came back to Grand Ledge on the train this afternoon.

I have written a letter to Kate expecting she will get it tomorrow.

Saturday, May 19

There was quite a snow squall going on when I got up this morning, & it was cold. We have been by the fire about all day.

It stopped storming this forenoon but keeps cloudy.

I called on Martha & some of her plants were hurt by the cold.

Roe came over & we all went to the comedy "Jane," at the opera house tonight. It was good.

Sunday, May 20

Cloudy, misty & cold all day.

Aunt Nancy & I went up to Martha's this afternoon, stayed there & went to church this evening.

Had some fun running into some umbrella's as we were going to church.

Monday, May 21

It was raining hard this morning.

The sun shone out a little about noon.

Mr. Arms sent me 11 miles out into the country this afternoon to make a photo of a dead baby. Will drove the livery rig & we had a nice ride through some fine country.

I went down to see Arms develop the plates this evening. One negative was good.

Sent a letter to Kate tonight.

Tuesday, May 22

It was fairly pleasant this forenoon but commenced to rain this afternoon and is storming hard tonight.

Will started for Mt. Pleasant this afternoon.

George & I took a walk down by the river but had a wet time of it.

I went up to Martha's & stayed to supper & spent the evening.

Wednesday, May 23

Cushman came here today on his travels as salesman. I met him at the train & took dinner with him at the hotel. Then we went around the town some & down on the island.

I went as far as Eagle with him this afternoon on the train.

It has been quite a decent day.

Thursday, May 24

Visited at aunt Eliza's this forenoon & also called at Henry Scadin's.

This afternoon I went around Eagle & tried to get some viewing to do, but was not at all successful.

Roe has a pretty hard cough.

Friday, May 25

This has been a sunny & warm day.

I took a picture of aunt Eliza's house this morning.

This afternoon I rented a wheel & Roe & I took a ride about the country which I enjoyed very much.

We got our supper at a ladies tea party.

I came back to Grand Ledge tonight. Found a letter here for me from Kate.

Saturday, May 26

It has been a very nice bright day.

Geo. & I went over the R.R. bridge this morning and I tried taking an instantaneous stereo of it when the fast train from Grand Rapids was coming over it.

This afternoon I was down the river with Martha & her children making Stereo views.

Had supper with them & spent the evening there.

Will is not coming back till next week.

Sunday, May 27

It rained again today but not very hard. Turned real cold this afternoon.

I took dinner & spent the afternoon with Martha's folks.

Did not go to church today.

Monday, May 28

Will did not get back today.

I had Sanders bicycle to ride some this afternoon.

Went into Mr. Arms' gallery this afternoon & developed the photo I made of the bridge last Saturday.

There was said to be ice in places this morning.

Tuesday, May 29

Took another instantaneous shot at the high bridge & fast train this forenoon. I developed the negative at Arm's & it came out good.

We looked for Will but he came not.

Had a letter from Kate. She looked some for me last Saturday.

Wednesday, May 30

It has been cold & cloudy today, & some drizzling rain in the forenoon.

I went downtown to see the procession of G.A.R. men and others. Did not go to hear the speaking, but Sanders & I went all through the works of the Sewer Pipe Co.

Geo. & I went home with Roe tonight. We found aunt Eliza sick in bed.

It rained some this evening.

Thursday, May 31

Geo. Took Roe's wheel & I rented one at Eagle, & we went to Lansing. We stopped at Grand Ledge on our way over. Rode around by the Capitol & after getting our dinner we went back to Eagle direct. It was hart getting back because of a high wind.

We came home on the evening train & found Will at home.

Friday, June 1

Will went out with me this forenoon & I made a couple of views.

Visited with photographer Arms a while before dinner.

I took the last views I am going to make here this afternoon.

This evening we were all at Martha's for supper & ice cream.

I am going home tomorrow.

Saturday, June 2

I bade the folks of Grand Ledge goodbye this morning & took the train for Hamburg.

Willie was there to meet me and we went to Wm Ball's where the Farmers Club were having a meeting. Kate was there.

After dinner I took a group of people at the request of Mr. Ball.

Clare Hubbell came to our house this evening. He has a good position in Detroit now.

Sunday, June 3

Went to church this forenoon & sang a solo in the choir.

Mr. & Mrs. Baumgardner, Clare Hubbel, Dor, Kate & I all took dinner at home today.

The choir met at the church this afternoon to select pieces for Mrs. Lomas' funeral next Tuesday.

Went to evening meeting tonight & then with Kate & Dor over there.

Clarence stays with Mr. Baumgardner & goes to Detroit in the morning.

Monday, June 4

Helped Kate wash this morning, then I came home and fixed some of my photo things so I could develop my plates.

Went to Ann Arbor this afternoon to get stock & chemicals.

It threatens rain but does not get at it.

I stayed home tonight & developed the group plates I made at the Club Saturday.

Tuesday, June 5

Got proofs from the Farmers Club group this forenoon. They are good.

Went over to Kate's a little while.

Went to the funeral this afternoon with Kate. There was a large procession from Mr. Lomas' to the church yard.

I stayed at home tonight to do more developing.

It has turned cold again.

Wednesday, June 6

Went to Hamburg this forenoon to get my Stereo camera by express.

Retouched one of the group negatives & marked it ready for printing.

Jennie McCall was here this afternoon & she ma & Vida have gone over to take supper with Kate. I am waiting for Mr. Baumgardner to come along & go over too.

Still cold.

Thursday, June 7

I retouched negatives & did some printing today.

Kate & Ma went to Ann Arbor with butter.

I went over & got the boys supper & then drove back after Kate.

I developed some more negatives tonight while Kate was at prayer meeting, then we went back.

The wind blew awful hard during the middle of the day.

Friday, June 8

Printed photos this forenoon & this afternoon I finished the batch.

John Taylor was here this afternoon putting on some wall paper.

It has warmed up today.

Saturday, June 9

Burnished photos this forenoon.

Washed the carriage & Kate & I went to Dexter this afternoon, I took along some of the Farmers Club group & sold five. I left some photos in the Bank window as advertisement & also had an add put in the Leader.

Had some envelopes printed.

Eugene Woodruff came up to see me while I was gone.

Sunday, June 10

It has been very warm today.

Mary Blodgett & I were the only singers in the choir today.

Henry & Kate came to Dors today just as we finished dinner. We had given up their coming.

Henry took Kate's carriage home with him to use while he paints his buggy.

Monday, June 11

After helping Kate wash, I came home & printed some views which I finished up this afternoon.

This evening Ralph & Lizzie came up from Ann Arbor & then they sent me over after Kate. When we came back I found a lot of people here & then it dawned on me that a surprise was sprung on me on our 10th anniversary. Mr. Baumgardner read an original poem & presented us with a little tin & then a fine silver tea set. There was 80 people present. Ice cream & cake. A splendid time, sure.

Tuesday, June 12

I came home from Kate's early this morning & burnished my views.

Ralph went to Dexter with me this afternoon where I did some photographing for Mr. Palmer on a machine he has invented.

They had a nice shower right in town but none this side.

We found Lizzie sick when we got home, & they did not go home tonight.

Carlton Van Riper & Will Pressley stayed at Dor's tonight.

Wednesday, June 13

It continues to be hot & very dry.

I came home this morning just as Ralph & Lizzie were going home.

Eugene Woodruff & a friend rode up on their wheels from Ann Arbor to see me this afternoon. They had some pictures of their own taking with them.

I spent most of the afternoon mowing the lawn.

Kate, Vida & I are to McCalls this evening.

Thursday, June 14

I have been feeling quite miserable with my throat all day.

I picked 6 quarts of strawberries this afternoon.

Developed the plates I made for Mr. Palmer, & they came out pretty good.

Went home with Kate & Dor after prayer meeting.

Ma & Mrs. Kenny went to Ann Arbor yesterday to visit till tomorrow.

Friday, June 15

I have been about sick with my throat all day.

It has been very hot.

Pa & Willie went to Ann Arbor this afternoon.

Have been playing on my guitar some today.

It thundered some this afternoon but no rain came.

Saturday, June 16

Nursed my neck all this forenoon.

This afternoon Will & I went to Dexter. I got some extra copies of the Leader & mailed them to friends. It contained a notice of our party.

Coming home we got caught in a heavy thunder shower.

I got out at Kate's to stay.

Sunday, June 17

I came home this morning, but on account of my throat I did not go to church.

Kate came down to dinner.

We had a little shower this afternoon.

Monday, June 18

Helped Kate wash this morning then I came home & printed a little till Eugene Woodruff came. He took dinner with us, after which he tried making a group of us all, then he & I went to Delhi where I showed him some pretty spots for views. He graduates from the University next week & then leaves Ann Arbor.

It is real cool tonight.

Tuesday, June 19

It was cool and misty this morning.

Came home & printed this forenoon, finishing up the batch this afternoon.

Ma & Vida went to Dexter this afternoon.

Pa took a beef animal to Ann Arbor this forenoon.

It is warmer again & clear tonight,

Wednesday, June 20

Went up to Dexter this morning & met Mr. Alfred Glen & brought him back to Dor's with me.

We had a good visit with him & talked over Florida subjects.

This evening we all went to an ice cream festival at Bert Kenny's.

It has been pretty warm again.

Thursday, June 21

It has been scorching hot today.

I took Glen down to see John Williams, as John wanted to learn about the orange wine business.

This afternoon I went to Edgar Cransons to make a photo of a group. Intended to go on to Dexter with Glen, but it threatened rain so that we came back to Dor's to supper & then went up.

Friday, June 22

I did some mowing on the lawn today.

Vida went to Ann Arbor with Jennie McCall today to attend the High School commencement. I went down to their house to get her this evening when Willie had to play in the guitar club.

Kate came over & spent the evening & we walked back after I did some developing.

Saturday, June 23

I rode to Ann Arbor this morning with Mr. Baumgardner. It has been a hot day.

I took dinner with Ralph & Lizzie & supper at Prices. Will Price is looking very thin & I don't think he will see another June.

I walked back tonight after the sun got down some.

Sunday, June 24

Went to church this forenoon & sang again in the choir.

It was very warm all day till a good rain came this afternoon which cooled it some.

Ma took Kate & I over to Dor's this evening.

Monday, June 25

After the washing was done I came home & went at the picture printing.

It rained quite hard before noon & then came off pleasant but warm.

I got through printing about 4 o'clock. Am making about \$8.00 worth to send to Grand Ledge.

Tuesday, June 26

Went over to Delhi expecting Miss West on the train but she did not come.

I finished up a large batch of pictures this afternoon.

Pa & uncle Robert went to a bee, working on the road up by Dexter.

Am staying home tonight.

Wednesday, June 27

Spent the forenoon in burnishing pictures & writing letters.

Miss West came this morning & Orbert Williams folks brought her trunk up. She has a very nice bicycle.

Kate & I went to Dexter this afternoon. I sent a lot of photographs to Grand Ledge.

It has been pretty hot all day.

Thursday, June 28

Came home from Kate's before breakfast this morning. It was threatening rain & the folks got in a load of hay from the orchard before breakfast.

It rained and was dark most of the forenoon.

I mowed the lawn this afternoon & built a hammock support.

There came up a heavy thunder shower at supper time & then cleared off nice.

Friday, June 29

Went over to Mr. Baumgardners this morning & helped them move a cook stove.

Ma went to Dexter & got aunt Ann, Vida & Miss West took her home this evening.

We raked & cocked what hay was down this afternoon.

It has been pleasant & warm all day.

Miss West is letting me use her wheel some.

Saturday, June 30

We drew hay today.

I played out at noon & had to lay around all the afternoon.

It was so hot I wilted right down. All the hay that was out was put in.

Sunday, July 1

Went to church this forenoon.

A man from Saline preached.

It was hot in the church, & out doors too.

Geo. Martin was here to dinner.

It grew some cooler toward evening.

I did not go to evening meeting.

Monday, July 2

Helped Kate wash this morning, then came home and picked some currants for her & took over just before noon.

Worked some in the garden this afternoon.

Pa mowed the rest of the hay in the field we had begun on.

Tuesday, July 3

Worked in the hay field all day.

Kate went out to a party at Bennetts this afternoon.

The wind blew very hard making it difficult to do anything with the hay.

Ralph & Lizzie & aunt Susan came up tonight to spend the fourth. Aunt Susan is going to stay a while.

Wednesday, July 4

Ralph, Miss West, Kate & I went to Dexter with Dor this morning & came back with him at noon after seeing the parade. Dexter looks gaudy today & they are having quite a celebration.

Winnie Waters called here this afternoon with Tubb's young folks. Clare Hubbell was along, too.

Kate is sick tonight.

Thursday, July 5

Came home early & mowed the lawn all over this forenoon.

I rode the wheel over to see how Kate was about ten o'clock, & found her feeling better.

Worked in the hay this afternoon.

It is fine hay weather & we are getting in most excellent hay.

Friday, July 6

Worked in the hay all day.

This evening we went to Tubb's to a reception given for Winnie Waters.

We rode down four in a buggy but I came back with Dor & Kate.

We had a very nice time.

It is almost cold tonight, some of the boys had overcoats on.

It was 1 o'clock when we got home.

Saturday, July 7

I printed & finished up a small batch of photos, & sent them to Grand Ledge by express tonight when Will & I went to Dexter.

We got a daily this evening and read of the terrible times they are having with striking railroad men.

Miss West went to Ann Arbor on her wheel this morning to stay for some time.

Sunday, July 8

I went out to Henry Queal's this forenoon & did not get back till night.

Called at Wm Ball's to see about the pictures I had sent him.

Went to church this evening & went home with Dor & Kate.

Monday, July 9

Helped Kate wash this morning then came home & picked some cherries.

We raked up some hay toward night. Pa finished the mowing this afternoon.

It keeps cool & fine hay weather.

Tuesday, July 10

Picked cherries this morning till the hay was ready to rake.

Went over to Edgar Cranson's this afternoon & tried the group over again.

Developed some this evening.

Wednesday, July 11

Pa finished his haying today.

It has been hot & windy this afternoon.

Vida & I went to Dexter tonight. Had a good dish of ice cream.

Thursday, July 12

Had to go to Dexter again this forenoon to sent for a chain for the reaper.

The wind blew a gale this afternoon & made the dust fly. I picked some cherries for Kate.

Friday, July 13

I walked down to Ann Arbor this forenoon going by way of S. Tubbs to see Winnie Waters but she was gone.

I took dinner & supper with Ralph & Lizzie. Will Price started for Ashville, N.C. yesterday to go in the Sanitarium there.

I came back by train to Dexter & home with Dor.

Saturday, July 14

I sharpened the lawn mower this forenoon & finished mowing the lawn.

Retouched the Cranson group negative.

This afternoon I helped set up wheat.

Sunday, July 15

Went to church this forenoon.

Clare Hubbell was out with Winnie Waters. He says he is taking his summer vacation on Sundays.

Winnie led the young people meeting this evening.

Monday, July 16

Helped Kate wash this forenoon.

Dor broke down with his reaper & can do nothing with it.

We are cutting the worst lodged wheat I ever saw, it takes three of us to run the binder.

Lizzie & Emma McAllaster came out this evening.

It has been an awful hot day.

Tuesday, July 17

We finished cutting wheat about the middle of the forenoon, & Willie went over to cut for Dor. We began to draw & stack right away.

It has been fearful hot, but with a fair breeze.

The Ann Arbor folks went home this evening & aunt Susan with them.

Kate came after me this evening.

Wednesday, July 18

Helped pa draw wheat all day.

It has been very hot.

Willie finished cutting Dor's wheat.

Ma & Vida went to Dexter tonight.

Thursday, July 19

We drew wheat all of the day winding up the bundles tonight.

It has been the hottest day going.

Ma & Vida went to Tubb's after Winnie Waters tonight.

Friday, July 20

Found Winnie here when I came home this morning.

We put hay on top of the wheat stacks this forenoon & got them all secure.

It commenced to rain at noon & we had a splendid lot of it this afternoon.

Will & I took our guitars over to Phelps' this evening & had a play with Margerett & Nancy. Winnie & Vida were there too. Mamie & her folks came there, they have just returned from Colorado.

Saturday, July 21

It has been cool & nice today.

I mowed some on the lawn this forenoon.

This afternoon I hoed in the garden.

Winnie spent the afternoon at Johnson Backer's. It is her birthday.

Sunday, July 22

Went to church this forenoon.

Winnie, Clare Hubbell, Will, Vida, & Margerett Phelps took dinner with us at Dor's & spent the afternoon.

It has been another beautiful day.

Monday, July 23

Helped Kate to do the washing this morning, then came home and did some hoeing in the garden.

Miss West came again this forenoon & brought her wheel.

Mr. Baumgardner came along & got me to ride over to Olsavers with him.

Kate drove out to see Henry's folds this afternoon.

Tuesday, July 24

I went to the Huckleberry swamp to pilot some ladies this forenoon.

I got a few berries, but there are so many pickers that berries are getting scarce.

I took Miss West's wheel and went down to call on Jay McCall this afternoon. He has made a camera & is making some nice photos.

Winnie has been staying with Kate today & is going to stay all night.

Wednesday, July 25

Helped Willie weed his beans some this afternoon.

I rode the wheel down to Martin's & took supper with them this evening.

Clare Hubbells was up from Detroit this evening, but he did not stay.

Thursday, July 26

I rigged up my old camera and went on a photographic outing with Jay McCall today. We went to Osborns Mills, Fosters' & Delhi making quite a number of views.

Jay came up this evening to see me develop my plates.

Friday, July 27

I went to the huckleberry swamp this forenoon and got a few berries.

Kate & ma went to Ann Arbor this afternoon to see about getting presents for the wedding next Wednesday.

It has been very hot all day.

Saturday, July 28

I went for huckleberries both forenoon & afternoon today with fair success.

Jay McCall brought me a photo which he took of me drinking at the lime spring last Thursday.

Sunday, July 29

Went to church this forenoon.

Our choir had to furnish singing at Mr. Loma's funeral this afternoon. He died yesterday morning after a short sickness, & just two months after Mrs. Loma's death.

Kate had a severe headache this evening, so she could not go to hear Jay McCall give a report of the Cleveland C. E. convention.

The weather continues hot.

Monday, July 30

Helped Kate wash this forenoon.

Winnie is staying with her and they are fixing dresses for the wedding.

I spent the afternoon in making prints.

Jay McCall was up & took supper with us.

Winnie came after me this evening.

Tuesday, July 31

It continues very hot.

I rode Miss West's wheel up to Dexter this evening.

Winnie is at Geo. Phelps' and as I got some letters for her I took them down, & Mrs. Phelps gave me some ice cream.

Wednesday, August 1

Fearful hot again today.

Geo. Merrill & wife brought their two youngest children up to be photographed this afternoon.

This evening we went to the wedding of Mary Blodgett to Walter Moore. There was a big crowd there, & a nice time.

The young couple started for Niagara & the St. Lawrence river.

Thursday, August 2

Jay McCall was up this forenoon & I rode back home with him on the wheel.

I went after some huckleberries this afternoon.

Developed some plates tonight.

Friday, August 3

Mr. & Mrs. Baumgardner, Winnie, Ida Kenny, Miss West, Kate, Dor & myself went out to Henry's & had a little picnic on Strawberry Lake.

It was almost a cold day, but we had a fine time.

Saturday, August 4

Went down to Wheelers blacksmith shop this morning to clean some bearings on Miss West's wheel & got into such trouble with it that I had to go to Ann Arbor this afternoon & have some machine work done.

Willie went with me. I called at McAllasters & aunt Hannah's.

Sunday, August 5

Went to church this forenoon, & to the house services of Fred Litchfields funeral this afternoon.

Clare Hubbell was up from Detroit to see Winnie again today.

Went to the evening meeting tonight.

Monday, August 6

Helped Kate wash & then went to the huckleberry swamp for a while this forenoon. Uncle Robert was there, too.

We went again this afternoon but the picking is getting very thin.

Ma is sick tonight.

It has got quite hot again.

Tuesday, August 7

Ma was better today, though not well.

Wednesday, August 8

I printed up a batch of photographs today.

Went to the swamp again for huckleberries.

Thursday, August 9

Took Winnie down to McCall's this morning & then went to the train at Delhi & met aunt Susan & Lizzie.

Ralph came this afternoon.

I finished the photos I had printed.

Friday, August 10

Burnished pictures this morning & then Ralph & I went to the swamp & got huckleberries & blackberries.

This afternoon aunt Hannah, Claude & Mrs. Walker came for a visit. Lottie Latson was also here to see Vida.

Saturday, August 11

Edwin Ball & Steve Jones came with a team & helped us get up out oats today. It looked very much like rain & did sprinkle this afternoon, but all passed off tonight.

Aunt Susan, Lizzie & ma visited Kate this afternoon & Ralph & I went over there for supper.

Sunday, August 12

It has been a hot day.

Went to church this forenoon.

Horace Sayles & his cousin Miss Richmond were here.

Mrs. Cushman took dinner also & with two boys who stopped for something to eat ma fed 16 people for dinner.

Monday, August 13

After helping Kate wash this morning I took the wheel and took the group pictures over to Cransons, then came around by Mr. Baumgardners.

Ralph & I took a ride with Mr. B. down to Wheelers & back.

This afternoon Ralph & I went to Ball's & helped thresh because they were short for help.

I rode the wheel over to Kates as soon as we got back & found Henry & family there.

Tuesday, August 14

Ralph & I continued our threshing at Ball's this forenoon.

It threatened again to rain but failed.

This afternoon we went to Mrs. Kenny's and stayed to supper.

I tried again tonight to develop some film for Mr. Newkirk but got nothing, and so will not try any more.

Wednesday, August 15

I sent an order to Rouse, Hazard & Co., Peoria, Ill., for a Cresent wheel to cost \$40. Willie & I are going to get it together.

Ralph & Lizzie went home this afternoon. His father came out for them.

Rebecca Tubbs was up to have me do some lettering on prize badges that are to be give at the S.S. picnic.

Thursday, August 16

I took Miss Wests wheel & rode out to Geo. Merrill's this morning to carry proofs of photos. It is pretty hard wheeling.

Went huckleberrying this afternoon.

It is quite cool & very dry & dusty.

Friday, August 17

I went after huckleberries both forenoon & afternoon today, getting quite a few.

Staying at home tonight to get ready for the S.S. picnic tomorrow.

Saturday, August 18

Kate & I went to the picnic in the carriage today. The young people most of them went in loads.

There was a good attendance & a good time was had. Kate & I came away early as Winnie & Clare Hubbell came to stay with us tonight.

There was a light shower at the lake but none down here.

Sunday, August 19

Went to church as usual.

Took some music books over to Dor's & Winnie & I had a sing after dinner.

Mr. Sleator & wife of Dexter came down to see us about Florida this afternoon.

We are staying at pa Scadin's tonight so I can take Clare's photo before he leaves in the morning.

Monday, August 20

I took photos this morning of Clare & Winnie, then they went to Ann Arbor & I went over to help Kate finish washing, then we went to Ann Arbor, too, taking dinner with Ralph & Lizzie doing some trading & bringing Winnie home with us.

It is fearful dusty.

I developed some negatives tonight.

Tuesday, August 21

Took Winnie to Hamburg this morning and she started homeward going to Sheridan.

We went to Dexter this afternoon thinking the wheel would be there but it wasn't.

I stopped at Kate's as we came back. Dor's man has gone away.

Wednesday, August 22

I came home early this morning as pa & ma went on an excursion to Detroit & Port Huron.

I picked some pears and took over to Kate.

Developed a couple of negatives tonight.

The folks did not come home till very late.

Thursday, August 23

Willie & I went to Dexter this forenoon to see about the wheel but it was not there.

Vida & Miss West spent the day with Kate. I took them back this evening.

Pa has had a back headache all day.

Had a letter from the steamboat Co. at New York & I think we may go that way to Florida.

Friday, August 24

Helped Kate some this morning & then came home & did retouching & printing.

The threshers came to Dor's tonight.

It is very hot again.

Saturday, August 25

Dor threshed today.

Vida came over & helped Kate about the wool.

Willie & I went to Dexter to see if the wheel had come, but it hadn't & so I wrote to the firm.

Mr. Mrs. Burkhart came here (Scadins) from the great farmers picnic at Whitmore Lake.

The threshing machine moved here from Dor's.

Sunday, August 26

Went to church as usual this forenoon.

The new cousin, Mrs. Kenny, Ossian & Ida took dinner with us at Dor's today.

Monday, August 27

Pa did his threshing today.

I worked some but not all of the time.

Took a photo of the engine & of the whole outfit while they were at John Williams' this afternoon.

Kate was there today to help ma & Vida.

I am going over there to stay tonight.

Tuesday, August 28

Helped ma & Vida a little about the washing after I got home this morning. Then I toned some pictures & mounted them after dinner.

Went up to Dexter this afternoon but heard nothing from the Bicycle. We are beginning to get out of patience.

Developed the threshing negatives tonight.

Mr. Palmer paid me today for the pictures I made of him.

Wednesday, August 29

Burnished photos this morning.

Went to Dexter this afternoon & took photos of John Thompson's children.

Kate & I had a letter from cousin Lou Connett of Ohio. She is thinking of learning the photograph business & wrote to me for some advise.

Jay McCall visited us & after supper at Dor's he & I came home & silvered some paper.

Thursday, August 30

Took some cans over to Kate this morning. She is putting up some peaches.

Jay came up & we did some printing & finishing of photos.

Ma & Vida went to Mrs. Ira Backers' to a Missionary tea this afternoon.

Am going over to Kate's to stay tonight. Her cousin from New York is there & he starts back tomorrow.

Friday, August 31

I printed & finished the few pictures of the Farmers Club which I wish to take to the meeting tomorrow.

Katie Phelps was over & had her photo taken this afternoon.

I did a lot of developing tonight.

Saturday, September 1

It has turned hot again.

I went to the meeting of the Farmers Club at John Mast's today. No one went with me. I sold 8 more of the group pictures.

Took supper at Martins as I came back & George gave me some melons.

Sunday, September 2

Did not feel at all well today so did not go to church.

It has been very hot.

Monday, September 3

Helped Kate wash this morning, then she went to Dexter & after picking some peaches for her I came home.

Miss West packed up & went back to Ann Arbor this afternoon.

Jay McCall came up & I made a portrait negative of him for him.

Kate had a card from her father saying her mother was very sick. She thought she might be called to Florida in a day or two.

Tuesday, September 4

Retouched one of Jay's negatives & picked some pears this forenoon.

Ma, Vida & Willie went to Ann Arbor this afternoon & took fruit to the McAllasters.

Uncle Robert & I went to Dexter. I found our bicycle had come but no draft yet so we can't get it.

I am going to Ann Arbor in the morning on Miss West's wheel.

There was a little shower at Dor's this morning.

Wednesday, September 5

We had quite a nice rain early this morning.

I took Miss West's wheel down to Ann Arbor for her this forenoon & walked home this afternoon. Took dinner with Cushman.

Mr. & Mrs. Baumgardner were here to supper & Kate came over. We went home with them & spent the evening.

It is cool weather.

Thursday, September 6

I retouched a negative of Jay McCall this morning & he rode his wheel up & got them.

Willie & I went to Dexter & got the wheel out of the freight office & paid the draft so we now have a bicycle of our own. We put it together this afternoon & had some rides. We think we have a good wheel.

Willie, Vida, Dor, Kate & myself were at Geo. Phelps' this evening & played some on the guitars.

A heavy thunder storm came up just as we got home.

Friday, September 7

We had rain again this forenoon.

I rode the new wheel to Dexter this afternoon & got the mail. It runs very fine & I think we will like it very much.

I came home to stay tonight.

Kate had another card from her father. Her mother is some better but far from well & Kate begins to think she will have to go soon.

Saturday, September 8

Rode the wheel to Ann Arbor this forenoon in just an hour going by Osborne Mills. Got home by 11 o'clock.

We had a rain storm this afternoon. After it was over Kate & I went out to Henry's & in the evening went to Hamburg to an entertainment. I sang with Irvin Ball.

Henry has good water melons & we do justice to them.

Sunday, September 9

There was a good rain during last night again.

Kate & I came home in time to attend church.

Mr. Baumgardner goes to Chicago tomorrow to begin his studies at the Theological Seminary. Mrs. Baumgardner is going to visit her folks while he is there.

Laverne Cushing & Willie took a spin on their wheels this afternoon.

Went to church this evening.

Monday, September 10

We had a heavy rain last night & wind.

Helped Kate wash then rode the wheel over to Mr. Baumgardner's to see if I could help them any.

Took a team & double buggy this afternoon & helped Mr. B. get his things down to Mr. Boydens, then I took them to the train at Delhi.

Tuesday, September 11

Willie & I took J.W. Reavys carriage home with some other things that Mr. Baumgardners had.

I rode the wheel up to Dexter, first going to Birkell & eating dinner with Horace. The roads are good & I had a fine ride.

Got a card from Kates father saying her mother was pretty well again.

Wednesday, September 12

Printed photos this forenoon.

Went to Dexter on the wheel to get the mail this afternoon.

This evening there was a meeting of the social committee at Mrs. Kenny's & Kate & I were there early enough to take supper with them.

It is real cool tonight.

Thursday, September 13

Helped pa pick some plums this morning & then Will & I helped the folks get the new dining room carpet down.

I toned & mounted photos this afternoon.

It is warm again.

Friday, September 14

Burnished photos this morning.

Helped uncle Robert cut corn this afternoon. It was pretty hot work.

Pa & Willie sawed & dragged in wheat on the new ground.

Kate went to Dexter this forenoon & had a tooth filled.

Saturday, September 15

Helped sing at Mrs. Burnett's funeral this forenoon.

Henry Queal came to Dor's early this morning & I took him to the train at Delhi & he went to Detroit to the fair.

It threatened to rain hard but we only had a little shower toward night.

Sunday, September 16

Mr. Baumgardner was here to preach this forenoon.

Kate & I stayed at pa's from morning till evening service.

Will Cooper & wife came up from Ann Arbor this afternoon. They are down from Jackson on a short visit.

Mr. Baumgardner left for Chicago tonight.

Monday, September 17

Helped Kate wash this morning. Will & wife came over for a call.

This afternoon they went back to Ann Arbor & I rode the wheel down. After doing errands there I rode to Dexter & then home making about 25 miles ride.

Tuesday, September 18

I got up early this morning & took Dor & Willie to Delhi for the train to Detroit.

Helped pa cut corn all day.

This being my 33 birthday the folks made me some presents to remember it by.

Went to Delhi & met the boys at 11 o'clock tonight.

Wednesday, September 19

Cut corn all day.

I find it quite easy to run over & back from Kate's now that I have a bicycle.

Thursday, September 20

Cut corn all day again.

I received a lot of nice views from Hiram Glover taken on the St. Johns, Halifax & Indian rivers.

Friday, September 21

We almost finished cutting corn today. I am not going to work at it any more.

I went to Blodgett's tonight to look up & practice some music for the entertainment.

Saturday, September 22

I printed pictures & wrote letters this forenoon.

Went to Dexter with pa & uncle Robert this afternoon. I got some barrells & boxes to pack things in & send south.

Pa got some new kind of seed wheat that he had ordered from Jackson.

A new ground glass for my camera came today & I spent the evening in marking it & mixing fixing bath.

Sunday, September 23

It has been very windy all day & quite cool.

Kate & I went up to Dexter & took dinner with uncle John & aunt Ann.

I rode the wheel down to Loomas' to see Lizzie about sewing for Kate this week.

Willie leads the evening meeting tonight.

Monday, September 24

After helping Kate wash I went down & got Lizzie Burnham to help Kate do up some sewing.

This afternoon I finished a batch of photos.

It is very cool & will frost tonight.

Tuesday, September 25

Rode the wheel to Ann Arbor this forenoon & had Walter Moore fill some teeth. I had dinner at Lizzies.

Ma & Vida came down this afternoon. Vida is going to stay a couple of days. Aunt Susan is coming home with ma.

Came back by Dexter & got the mail.

Wednesday, September 26

Took some of the bicycle apart & cleaned it this forenoon.

Made a background this afternoon & looked over a lot of negatives & packed them away.

Thursday, September 27

Took Lizzie Burnham home this morning & then went to Delhi to meet Vida coming home from Ann Arbor. I went up where the R. R. is putting in a new bridge, to see them work a while. Nettie Latson was here visiting ma today. I rode the wheel out to Henry's this afternoon & came home around by Cransons.

Friday, September 28

Mrs. Merrill brought her children this forenoon to be photographed.

I took pictures of Willie & the wheel & him with his guitar also.

Vida & I went to Dexter this afternoon.

Ralph & Lizzie came out this afternoon to stay all night.

I developed a lot of negatives this evening besides going to Blodgetts to practice singing.

Saturday, September 29

Mrs. Phelps brought Katie over to have her picture taken this morning.

Henry Queal & family were here for a group about noon. They went to Kate's for dinner & I went over too.

Went to Davenports to make a family group this afternoon.

Miss Markenham made ma a visit today.

We had a chorus practice tonight at the church.

Sunday, September 30

Felt pretty tired this morning but managed to go to church.

Mr. Baumgardner came from Chicago last night & went back on the night train after preaching tonight.

Went to Delhi on the wheel to see if I could learn anything about the big storm in Florida in a daily paper but could not.

Monday, October 1

Helped Kate wash this morning & then came home & retouched some negatives & started printing.

Kate & I went to Dexter this afternoon. Her father writes that her mother is sick in bed & we think we must go down there next week if possible.

I took a photo of John Thompson's wife.

Tuesday, October 2

I worked this forenoon at retouching, proofing & printing.

This afternoon I took a heavy run on the wheel going to Dexter & Ann Arbor, & doing considerable running around at each place.

Did a little developing this evening & then was tired so I concluded to stay home tonight.

Wednesday, October 3

I hurried the printing & retouching this forenoon.

Pa took some chickens & veal to Dexter & he got a card for Kate from her father saying he was alarmed about her mother, so we are going right at the packing & go as soon as we can get ready.

Ida Kenny helped Kate today.

Thursday, October 4

I finished 98 photographs today & Kate finished up the packing.

Took my farewell ride on the wheel this afternoon by going to Dexter & getting a draft from the bank for \$100.

Went over to Dor's this evening & strapped up Kate's trunk. We spent all the evening in finishing packing.

Friday, October 5

We got up this morning between 3 & 4, ate our breakfast, said good-bye to the folks & Willie & pa took us to Dexter to the train. The tickets the agent got for us were wrong & so we went into Detroit & got them there right through.

It rained during the morning & forenoon but was clear this afternoon. We got to C... this evening & got sleeper accommodations for Jacksonville & started on our journey south of the Ohio.

Saturday, October 6

We have a very nice car, having a little room all to ourselves.

We got to Chattanooga this morning where we got out & had a little walk.

We got to Atlanta this afternoon where we had a several hours stay & walked about town & looked at the homes of the people. I got a new umbrella & a new tie with the money ma & Vida gave me for my birthday.

I mailed a card home & we are going on south.

Sunday, October 7

We awoke this morning to find it raining.

We had our breakfast on the train & got to Jacksonville about 8:30. We could see some evidences of the big storm here. We came on south by the H.C. & P. & saw some very pretty country about the Lake Harris country.

It was raining hard when we got to Apopka but stopped while we rode over to Clay Spr's. father Queal met us there. They did not expect me to come now.

Monday, October 8

Kate's mother is a little better than she has been but is pretty weak & sick yet.

I went to Apopka with Hiram, did some trading & got my trunk.

Everything came all right.

Kate & I went down & took a look at the spring this afternoon. It has changed a little since we left here.

Father Queal & I called on Dr. Randall's folks at the Hotel this evening. They are just getting their goods.

It is warm so I wear neither coat or vest.

Tuesday, October 9

We had a very heavy rain during last night.

Father Queal & I called at the hotel this forenoon & visited some of the deserted houses near there.

I took a look at Hiram's gallery & work rooms this afternoon. He has everything very handy. He and I took a plunge in the spring this evening. It seemed like old times.

Wednesday, October 10

Father Queal got Hiram's horse & we went to the Merrimack grove today & did some cultivating & looking around. The grove looks fine.

It has been a lovely day.

Thursday, October 11

Kate did some washing this forenoon.

This afternoon we took Hiram's horse & cart & went to Merrimack ridge to look at the grove & pick out a spot to build on. We went on and called on the Campbell's. We came back mostly by moonlight.

Friday, October 12

I went up & called on Col. Stevens & his brother John this forenoon.

The sun was pretty hot & I got a hard headache.

This afternoon I walked over to Apopka to get me some shoes & do some other errands. It did not tire me much.

It is a beautiful moonlight evening. Col. Stevens called on us this evening.

Saturday, October 13

Spent a good deal of today in planning up a house to build up on the Merrimack grove.

It showered a very little this afternoon & is raining gently tonight.

Sunday, October 14

It has been a fine day.

Went to the springs this forenoon with Hiram & assisted at the killing of two rats in his boat house.

The hunters killed a deer yesterday & today Mr. Steinmetz brought us a piece of the venison.

Hiram & I took a ride this afternoon out to an old deserted grove.

Dr. & Mrs. Randall & Geo. Collins' wife called this evening for a few minutes.

Monday, October 15

Got ready this morning & started for Mr. Dora, Lake Co., going on foot by way of Bay Ridge where I got a lunch for my dinner.

I got to Mr. Dora's about 3 pm & liked the looks of the town & the pretty lakes about it very much.

I called on one of the directors of the Chautauqua this afternoon & put in my application for a chance to work or instruct there during the meeting next winter.

I stop at the Bruce House, a very pleasant place.

Tuesday, October 16

This forenoon Dr. Dodge took me out to see the Chautauqua grounds & then he took me for a long ride about town, which I enjoyed very much.

I have decided to come over here & make some views after a few weeks anyway.

This afternoon I walked back by way of Tangerine & Zellwood. It got dark & was slow work the last 4 miles & in one place I had to wade a little stream.

There were some light showers this afternoon.

Wednesday, October 17

I took a rest this forenoon.

Kate & I went over to the hotel this afternoon & called on Dr. & Mrs. Randall, also visited one of the deserted houses.

Father Queal went to the Merrimack & is going to stay all night.

Thursday, October 18

I went up to the Merrimack grove this morning. The grass & bushes were so wet with dew I got my feet wet going over.

After our noon lunch I went over & called on Mr. Campbell to talk about house building & also about renting a house over there while we are building.

We walked back this evening.

Friday, October 19

Rested all day & took in the climate.

I went over where they are getting a saw mill ready to move.

We went over to Glovers a little while this evening.

Saturday, October 20

Went over & looked on while Hiram printed & finished up some Aristo prints.

Had quite a hard head-ache all day.

Kate & I went over to Glovers this evening & I pasted while Hiram mounted photos.

Had a letter from ma today & also my leggings by mail.

Sunday, October 21

It has been a very fine day.

Went down to the spring for a while this forenoon.

Took a walk up with Dr. Randall to his grove this afternoon.

Monday, October 22

After getting the water so Kate could wash I went to Merrimack & we began the work of cleaning away & burning old logs & stuff.

I came back tonight & feel pretty tired.

Tuesday, October 23

I went to the Merrimack again this morning & we worked at the clearing during the forenoon.

This afternoon I went to see Mr. Campbell & talk over the building. It rained hard while I was there & we got caught in a hard shower coming home.

It is cooler weather again.

Wednesday, October 24

I went to Starbirds saw mill this forenoon to look up the prices on lumber & see about other things in regards to building. It is going to cost a good deal at the best & I wish we could bet a home with a house on it.

Went from the mill the Apopka to do errands & got back home at supper time.

We called at Glovers this evening & Hiram & I went to the spring for a bath.

Thursday, October 25

Father Queal & I went up to the Merrimack grove again.

We spent what was left of the forenoon in cleaning up the shanty a little.

The fire got the start of us and ran over some of the woods before we could put it out.

I came home alone tonight.

Found a letter from Cushman here.

Friday, October 26

It has been a hot day the wind getting into the south.

I have not felt very well & stayed at home all day.

Went over to Hiram's this afternoon & he tried a photo of Nellie to test some new scenery he has.

Saturday, October 27

I went up to the Merrimack today.

Did not work very hard but visited with Mr. Merrill considerable & talked about growing oranges.

Father Queal came home with me tonight.

I sent an order for a new 5x7 camera to Drew's at Jacksonville.

Had a letter from Willie tonight.

Sunday, October 28

Went for a ride down the river with Hiram this forenoon.

We saw a pretty good sized alligator as we were coming back.

We were down at the spring this afternoon. There was quite a gathering there.

It was cool this morning & is going to be again tonight.

Monday, October 29

After Kate got her washing well under way I went up to Merrimack & saw Mr. Campbell. He had a letter from Mr. Griggs saying we could rent the house there for \$4.00 per month.

I girdled a few pine trees, slept a little in my hammock & then came home.

Father Queal went to Apopka today.

Tuesday, October 30

I went to Merrimack today to see about the house but could not find the darky that looks after things there. I left word for him to clear the hay out of the house tomorrow so Kate & I could go up the next day & clean up the house.

Had word from Apopka that our freight had come so I will get it hauled up to Merrimack from there.

We had a little shower tonight.

Wednesday, October 31

I went to Apopka with Hiram this forenoon to see about getting our freight hauled up to Merrimack & also to put in a bill of groceries.

I left my \$100 draft with Mr. Witherington & he paid me \$50 today the other \$50 I left with him.

It has been a very find day.

Thursday, November 1

I got Hiram's horse today & Kate & I went up to the house at Merrimack to clean up & get in shape to move into. Kate's father went to.

We did a lot of cleaning & think we are going to like the place to live in real well.

A man brought up our freight from Apopka & we opened the most of it finding things all right.

We came back to clay Springs this evening.

Friday, November 2

Got the horse & wagon again today & took two loads of goods up to Merrimack.

Got caught in a hard rain this afternoon.

I simply shoved the good in the house & came back.

The Glover girls called on us this evening.

Saturday, November 3

Father Queal got John Stevens' horse & wagon today & we succeeded in moving up with the folks to our new residence on the Merrimack ridge.

We encountered a shower as we started, but had a good day to move after all. We got the stove up and had dinner, then father & I went to take the horses home. He stayed at Clay Springs tonight but I walked back & got rather wet, too.

Kate has things looking quite cozy all ready.

Sunday, November 4

It rained during last night & has rained about all day.

I called at Campbell's just before dinner & learned that Mr. Griggs wants \$1000 for this house & lot. I can't pay that, so we'll just rent.

I have done considerable writing this afternoon.

Monday, November 5

I cleaned out a spring on Mr. Campbell's adjoining lot, thinking I might want to get water there.

Father Queal brought the last load of goods & his chickens today. He went back to Clay Springs to stay tonight & come home tomorrow after the mail comes. We got a load of wood with the horse & wagon while he was here.

I tried putting a barrel in for a spring on this place this afternoon.

Went over to the Merrimack post office tonight to mail some letters & learn the ropes, as it were.

Tuesday, November 6

Kate did a large washing this forenoon. I got the water from the lake.

I began cleaning up around the house & fixing up the rose bushes.

Cleaned the mud wasps nests & spiders off the south porch.

Father Queal came from Clay Springs and brought mail. I had a letter from Vida & ma.

It is cool tonight.

Wednesday, November 7

Continued my cleaning of the yard & the front porch today.

Made a small stand for our room out of a box.

Cut a large dry pine after supper tonight, that will make kindling for all winter I guess.

Father Queal went fishing tonight and got a bullhead which he dressed for his breakfast. He reports the lake full of fish.

Thursday, November 8

I worked on getting out stuff for a dining table this forenoon.

Went up and helped father Queal set some fence posts this afternoon.

Began to write out an order for photo goods this evening.

Friday, November 9

Finished the dining table this forenoon. It makes a pretty good table.

I went to the Bay Ridge store this afternoon to get some groceries. It did not seem like a long walk & I can do it much easier that I used to go to Apopka.

The weather is just about perfect now-a-days.

Saturday, November 10

Went to Apopka this forenoon to get some money on the draft I let Witherington have so I can send for photo supplies. The road from here leads through some of the prettiest of Plymouth & I saw some changes from when I took views there 2 & 3 years ago.

Came over to Clay Springs from Apopka & am going to spend the night at Glover's. Had a letter from ma & one from Mr. Smith of Tennessee.

Sunday, November 11

Hiram & his mother came home with me this forenoon & brought some things for me, too. They stayed to dinner with us.

It has been cool all day & seems almost frosty tonight but I hope it won't come just yet.

Finished writing my order for goods & it amounts to \$45.

Monday, November 12

After getting Kate the wash water from the lake this morning I went to Plymouth to mail some letters & send money to Jacksonville stock house for photo materials. Sent \$45.19.

There was quite a frost this morning.

Fixed some shelves in the pantry this afternoon & went up to the grove to get some sweet potatoes.

I'm picking up pine knots for a fire tonight I got covered with "seed" ticks. It was a job to get them off.

Tuesday, November 13

I wrote some letters this forenoon & took them to the Merrimack post office after dinner.

This afternoon I planted out some tomato plants for our winter garden.

Father Queal went to Clay Springs today & got the mail. I had a letter from Ralph McAllaster saying Will Price had died at Asheville. He & Claudia were in Toledo to meet Gertie & the body.

Had a card from Arthur Lincoln saying they would be in Sanford tomorrow.

Wednesday, November 14

Got at 4:30 this morning & started for Sorrento before daybreak. Got the train there for Sanford & found the Lincoln family all there. Had a really good visit with them. Mr. L. brought a team & surrey & had all their goods shipped. They are going to Avon Park to live.

Thursday, November 15

Father Queal & I used a cross-cut saw today & worked up a lot of stovewood.

It was pretty hot all day.

Friday, November 16

We sawed wood again this forenoon.

This afternoon I went over to Mr. Griggs & payed him the rent up to next February, then I went on to Plymouth & got some mail. I found the goods I had ordered from Jacksonville last Monday along with the new camera had come by freight. I carried the camera home & left the other goods till I can get them hauled.

Had a short letter from ma & a card from John Thompson.

Saturday, November 17

Mr. Campbell brought up my remaining freight from Plymouth this morning. I unpacked all the things & looked them over finding only a few things out of the way.

This afternoon I helped father Queal stretch some barbed wire along his grove.

Have been making trays.

Got the mail at Merrimack this evening. Had a letter from ma.

Sunday, November 18

It has been a very hot day. Looked like rain in the morning but did not.

I went over to Clay Springs & took dinner with Hiram & his folks. He has just got a fine new wide angle lens & I wanted to see it.

Kate, her mother & Nellie went to church at the school house today & report a good time.

Monday, November 19

I worked on making trays & a box for ruby light the most of today.

Went over to the Bay Ridge store this afternoon to get a few things.

Made some exposures with my new camera, but did not get ready for developing tonight.

*******November 20 - 21 are missing*******

Thursday, November 22

Father Queal went to Plymouth this morning & got a mule & wagon. He talks of buying the mule. He drew up the wood we cut & this afternoon he, Kate & Nellie have gone to Bay Ridge to do some trading.

I went up to Campbell's & made some negatives of the children this afternoon.

Saw Mr. Griggs this morning & had a little talk about buying the place, but I don't feel like paying quite what he wants.

Friday, November 23

I made a retouching easle today & a stand to put it on. It is the best rig for the business I ever had.

Went to McDonald this afternoon to get a lamp chimney. It was a warm walk.

Saturday, November 24

I made a bench to tone & wash pictures on this forenoon & then printed some.

This afternoon I tried the toning & manipulating of the Aristo Jr. for the first time & had good success I think.

Had a letter from pa tonight & a note from Willie. They have had a young winter up there & are not through husking yet.

Had a letter from aunt Nancy Stevens with \$5.00 for pictures Geo. sold.

Sunday, November 25

Wrote to Fred Waters this forenoon and puffed this country up in good style.

Went to the Sunday School at the school house this afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Budgin called on us. They are very fine young people & I am sure will make good neighbors.

Wrote a letter to pa tonight & told him what I had thought about buying this place.

It is cooler.

Monday, November 26

Packed up my photo things this forenoon in preparation for a trip to Mr. Dora this afternoon.

Got through to Dora in good season & put up at the Bruce House.

I found two Michigan boys there, one from Detroit & the other from Ludington.

Tuesday, November 27

I went up on the heights of the town this morning & took some views of the lake from the tower of the home of Mr. Cuming.

This afternoon the Ludington boy & I took a boat & went out in the lake where I tried to get a view of the town but the boat was small & the wind a little strong for any certain success.

This evening I took the train to Tavares.

Had a letter from ma at this P.O. and a money order for \$23.

Wednesday, November 28

I spent today in rooking about Tavares. I could find no place to make portraits, but a man who is going to build a store will think about putting in a light for my use.

I met two Michigan men there, one a young man from Benton Harbor being station agent on the St. Johns & Lake Eustis R'y. He & another fellow took me in a boat & we went down a canal for a ways looking for views.

Came to Plymouth on the cars & so on home. Fell tired out.

Thursday, November 29

Thanksgiving today & our folks killed one of the roosters last night & we had quite a big dinner for Florida.

There was quite a rain during the day, but not as much as is really needed. I developed the plates I exposed during my trip & most of them came out pretty well.

Friday, November 30

Did some retouching & wrote a letter to ma this forenoon.

Kate & I walked over to the Bay Ridge store this afternoon to get a few things.

It has been pleasant again today.

Read a couple of stories this evening to pass the time.

Saturday, December 1

I printed & finished up a batch of photos today. Had pretty good luck.

Kate's mother took a walk up to the grove & back this forenoon. She did not tell anyone she was going.

Had a letter from Bert Williams tonight enclosing a draft for \$5.00 for Florida views.

Sunday, December 2

I went to Clay Springs & spent the day.

I called on the Randall's. Arthur has been very sick, but is gaining now.

It has been pretty warm

I learn that Glen is expected soon.

Monday, December 3

Made a background frame & put the ground on the forenoon.

Went over & called on Mr. Trowbridge this afternoon.

Silvered some albumen & plain paper tonight.

Tuesday, December 4

I printed some photos on albumen paper today & finished them.

Had a letter from ma tonight. She writes the going is good there now. Pa had a headache and could not get to Ann Arbor Thanksgiving.

Wednesday, December 5

Miss Emerson came this morning & had some sittings for a fancy photo.

I fixed up some combinations of the little views I brought from home, & photographed them for a souvenir booklet I want to get out.

Did developing tonight & made some blue paper.

Thursday, December 6

Made proofs for Miss Emerson this morning & then made some blue prints to test the paper I made last night. I think the combination pictures I am making of some views are going to be very pretty.

Kate & I went over to call on Mr. & Mrs. Budgon this evening.

It has grown cool.

Friday, December 7

I went to Apopka today to order some groceries & settle with Mr. Witherington on account of the draft.

I sent an order for Munsey's Magazine. There is a circus coming to Apopka which will not doubt be a big affair for that town.

I called at Mr. Herbert Smith's on my way back & had a ride part way home with them as they were just going to Zellwood.

It is warmer.

Saturday, December 8

Went to Sorrento today to see about getting a chance to do portrait work there. Made arrangements to use a porch for a studio & will get ready to go there as soon as possible.

I took dinner with the Emersons & had a pleasant visit there.

Stopped at the Bay Ridge store on my way home and got some sugar.

I developed the negatives I took of Dor just before we left home.

Sunday, December 9

It has been warm today, & pleasant, as usual.

Read papers and magazines this forenoon, & also took a good nap.

This afternoon went to Sunday School & after that Kate & I went home with the Campbell's & stayed to tea & spent the evening.

I wrote a letter to Aunt Nancy Stevens.

Monday, December 10

Been working at retouching & printing all day.

It has been very warm

Tuesday, December 11

Finished printing this forenoon, toned & mounted this afternoon & burnished this evening.

It has been a hot day.

We are having some rain tonight with thunder & lightning.

Wednesday, December 12

I tinkered about today doing nothing much.

Mr. Glover came over & took dinner with us today.

It has been very warm & is raining again tonight.

Thursday, December 13

I helped father Queal today. We had Mr. Merrills horse & wagon and went to the Pirrie place where we got 30 grape fruit trees.

When I came home to dinner I found Dr. Randall & family & Geo. Collins' wife here. Kate had gone to Apopka with Mrs. Campbell.

We got all but 5 of the trees set out this afternoon. It has been cloudy & a good day for the work.

Friday, December 14

I walked to Mr. Dor this afternoon taking my camera & some pictures. I put up a display in the P.O. building & made arrangements to have my views sold there.

The methodist people had an oyster supper at the hotel this evening & as the train to Taveres was late I had a dish with them.

I had to put up at the hotel tonight for the boarding house was full.

Saturday, December 15

I didn't accomplish much at Taveres this trip, but the agent of the J.T.&R.W. is going to see if he can find a place for me to do portrait work.

I came to Zellwood on the train & after visiting & showing pictures to the postmaster I walked on home.

Have been digging up a place for a garden down by the lake this afternoon.

Had letters from Ma, Willie, Vida & Dor tonight.

Sunday, December 16

I did not feel very well today & so just stayed at home all the time & slept and read.

Monday, December 17

Printed & finished up a batch of photos today.

Went to the schoolhouse & practiced with the singers tonight.

Tuesday, December 18

This forenoon as I was working at pictures up in our room I heard a wagon & looking out saw uncle Robert. He came to Plymouth last night & stayed all night there & had Mr. Chapman bring him out this morning. We were glad to see him. Dr. Randall & Arthur were here to dinner. Arthur took a sitting. Miss Harsburger came about noon & had a sitting in graduating dress etc.

My first number of Munseys Magazine came today.

Wednesday, December 19

I finished digging up our little garden this forenoon and got a fence built around it.

Uncle Robert went up to father Queal's grove and around.

I went to the Bay Ridge store to get some groceries this afternoon.

Went to the schoolhouse & practiced singing tonight.

It is quite cool.

Thursday, December 20

Uncle Robert & I went to Clay Springs today. He took dinner at Dr. Randall's & I at Glovers.

"Col." Glen was there & I had a chat with him.

Looked over some of Hiram's photo things & got some reading on the subjects from him.

Hoed father Queal's garden & then we walked back home getting here before dark.

Friday, December 21

I went to Sorrento today & made an appointment to be there for portrait work, Saturday, Dec. 29th.

I visited some rose gardens on Lake Lucy on my way over, but the bloom is not on just now.

Went to practice singing at the schoolhouse tonight.

Saturday, December 22

I helped father Queal some today, carrying water to put on young grape fruit trees and hoeing in fertilizer.

Wrote a letter to pa today noon & Kate & uncle Robert took it to the office.

Kate got the Christmas D... Magazine tonight.

It has moderated & is quite warm.

Sunday, December 23

I read magazines & papers all the forenoon.

Uncle Robert & I took a walk this afternoon over to the Pierce groves. It has been a lovely day.

Monday, December 24

Went to one of our neighbors this morning and photographed a boy riding on a bull.

Printed & finished a batch of photos during the day.

All of us but mother Queal went to the Christmas doings at the schoolhouse this evening. Everything went off well. We all got presents. I had a pair of sleeve buttons come by mail from Willie & Ralph & Lizzie sent their photo's & a pen wiper & shirt studs. I got a lantern from Kate & turnips & a squash from one of the neighbors.

We opened the box from home after we got back. It was full of nice things for us both.

Tuesday, December 25

Had a pair of suspenders & a hankerchief from Kate this morning. I sent for Demorests (?) Magazine for her.

Made a sort of chair for uncle Robert to sit on in his room.

Kate got up a quite a Christmas dinner.

Dug around the rose bushes & did some other odd jobs today.

Wednesday, December 26

Went to Clay Springs today & painted a background with some stuff Hiram had.

I took dinner at Dr. Randall's. They had a patient come to be treated & stay some time at the springs.

I got loaded down with ticks & had to take a bath & pick them off.

Thursday, December 27

Took some pictures & my camera & started before it was light this morning. Went first to Zellwood then to Tangerine where I tried to photograph a large row of nice bannana plants but the wind bothered me. Went on to Mt. Dora where I made two view & got my dinner.

Walked back home this afternoon by way of Bay Ridge. Got home about dusk & found Jay McCall here, he having got here ahead of his letter.

It has been real cool & seems like frost.

Did some developing & Jay changed his plates.

Friday, December 28

I got up early & went to Sorrento this forenoon to arrange for making portraits there tomorrow. Got back at noon.

Visited with Jay this afternoon. This evening I helped him develop the plates he had exposed on his way down here.

There was frost this morning & it is cold out today.

Saturday, December 29

This morning disclosed the fact that a biting cold had fallen on Florida during the night & frozen things stiff.

The thermometer stood at 18 degrees above only & the oranges were like rocks.

Jay went to Sorrento with me but there was nothing to be done, the freeze has paralyzed all business & probably killed all work I might have got to do this winter.

We took dinner at Emersons & then came home. We wore our coats & gloves.

It has frozen all day in the shade. Is cold tonight.

Sunday, December 30

Thermometer was 22 degrees above this morning, just as it was when I went to bed last night. Everybody in the country is blue & I guess we will have to leave in the spring to get a living somewhere else.

We went to church this afternoon but it was not very well attended.

We all want to sit by the fire most of anything.

Monday, December 31

It had moderated this morning & was a little rainy by spells.

Jay & I printed a little.

We went to the Lake Apopka Hammocks in spite of the weather this afternoon. It did not rain very long though. We got down to the saw grass region, & among a big growth of Palmetto's. We were in a 60 acre orange grove.

We came back to Plymouth & took supper with Mr. Chapman & family.

We developed plates after reaching home.

It is growing cold again.