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Diary kept by Mr. C. H. Nickerson

Commencing Jan. 1st 1861

1st I C. H. Nickerson do resolve on this the 1st day of Jan. 1861 Not to use Tobacco in any form as a habit.

2nd That I will use no intoxicating Liquors as a beverage.

3rd That I will use no profane language.

4th I will talk less & think more.

5th I will not say anything against any one without a just cause.

6 Resolved that I will not indulge in any bad habits whatever.

These six 6 resolves I do hereby say I will keep to the best of my ability.

Mr. C. H. Nickerson

January 1st 1861

told by Mr. Henderson. We was entertained in different ways until 3.40 A.M. Wednesday.

Jan 2nd Wednesday.

Left Bronson 3.40 A.M. Arrived at home 8 O clock A.M. Took breakfast with N. Fetterly & Wife Henrietta H & T.R. Hamlin also. Went to my school at 8.30 A.M. built a fire swept & commenced writing a Diary for 1861. The schollers commenced coming in I felt rather sleepy this forenoon. In the after noon ____ 2 Boys & had 2 Visitors. Closed school 4 O clock P.M. Went home did the chores & went to the P. O. Got a letter from E. W. Cunningham. Then went to N. Fetterlys and stayed in the evening had a pleasant time. H. Hamlin was not there. She was not very well had a head cold I went home went to bed. Went to sleep as quick as I struck the bed. Jan. 3rd Thursday

Uncle called me to breakfast. Went to the school School went off well to day. 22 schollers

but mine he used more _____ than all the rest combined . I expect to be compeled to submit to more of his visits before the close of my term. So let it be it cannot be remedied. ____ Rice Hamlin (The above was composed by T.R. Hamlin)

Jan 4th Friday

Got up felt well eat my breakfast. At 8 ½ Oclk A.M. Went to my school found one [scholler?] there. School went off well to day. In the afternoon had a visitor Mr. B ____ C ____ school was some [noisy?] Closed at 4 ½ Oclk P.M. Went home got my supper. Went to the P.O. Got no letters. Came back stoped

to D. Fetterly's & Co. stayed a few minutes then ~~went home~~ D. Fetterly E. Fetterly George M_____ (a school teacher in Branch) came home with me. We had a talk & some cider & apples. Then went to singing school I felt like enjoying myself but [dare?] not singing school closed 9 Ock P.M. Went home Uncles folks had not got home They went to T.R. Hamlins on an evening visit. Henriettas cold was a little better to day. Hope it may be better by tomorrow 9 Ock P.M.

Jan 5th Saturday

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Got up built a fire for Uncle. Got to school 15 minutes before 9. A.M. School went very well to day. Closed 4 P.M. Went home did the chores Uncle's folks being away to _____ meeting held at _____. I went to N. Fetterlys took supper then we went over to T.K. Hamlins E. Hamlin Mary and Henrietta were at home. E. Hamlin went away soon after we got there We had a good visit. Henrietta's hoarseness was a little better. Went home at 9 P.M. to go to bed.

Jan. 6th Sunday.

Got up this morning 8 ½ A.M. took breakfast chatted a while then went home did the chores. Uncle not being at home yet. It is raining to day but purges as fast as it comes. Wrote a letter to E.W. Cummings Laid down on the floor went to sleep slept until 4 P.M. did the chores went to N. Fetterlys took the team went to church in My school house. After church went home with a lady. Which I did not intend to do without going to church with her. It was H.H. Uncles folks got home about dark. Jan 7th Monday. Went to my school to day nothing of interest to day In the evening went to the P.O. got nothing. Had company Mr. Mimsey this even.

Jan. 8th Tuesday 1861

Went through the operation

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of teeching to day. Mr. T.K. Hamlin called on me in the afternoon. Gave me an invitation to take a ride in the evening with him and Mary Davis. Matilda Beebe. Jeny Lind. John Lynd. Eben Hamlin. Olie Davis. & Myself. Went to singing school At this place we had an invitation to a surprise party held at Mr. Thilonber Spragues. Broke up at 1 oclk A.M. Had a good time. Got home at two ock A.M. and went to bed. Jan 9th 1861

Got up this morning all right. School went off well to day. In the afternoon Mrs. Hill called in to my school in the afternoon. School closed 4.30 P.M. In the evening Uncles folks N. Fetterlys. Dave. Joe. & Lib. & myself went to Mr. Richards on an evening visit. Jan 10th 1861.

Started from Mr. Richards at 1 oclk A.M. Got home 2 ock A.M. Went to bed slept until 8 ock A.M. Eat my breakfast 8.45 A.M. Got Lorin Armstrong to build a fire for me at the school house. school went off well

to day. closed at 4 oclck P.M. Went to Mr. Hills and took Tea. Visited until 7 oclck P.M. Then I went home and was happily surprised to find Great Uncle & Aunt Julie

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and Uncle Mark. I never had seen them before Went to bed at 11 oclck P.M. Jan 11th 1861 Friday

Went to school. Went home to dinner. Closed school at 4 oclck P.M. In the evening Lib. Joe. & Dave Fetterly are here E. Fetterly. G. Mc casty have just called in.

P.O. Address of Uncle Mark ____ is St Joseph. Berien Co. Mich. or Lake Mills. Went to singing school. got there at recess Miss Mary Davis handed me two letters one from home one from Cousin Will. Went home got up the team took Lib and the boys home. Got home all right.

Jan 12th Saturday. In the morning Uncle Marks folks started on their visit to Ohio. After they went away Mr. May and I took the saw and sawed logs all day which was new business for me. But I stood it well. My school did not keep to day Felt somewhat tired. went to bed early.

Jan 13th 1861 Sunday.

Got up felt better than I expect to build a fire. Got ready and went to Coldwater to church on foot. stoped to Jacob Fetterlys until time to ____ 11 oclck exercises. Sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Day at the M.E. Church. Got a chance to ride home with Mr. E. Hamlin. I saw Miss H. Hamlin (she was well) Wrote a letter home to

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day. D. Fetterly carried it to the office for me. I went down to N. Fetterlys in the evening a little while.

Jan. 14th Monday

Nothing of interest to day. School was some noisy. Went to Tea. Rice Hamlins at noon. School closed as usual 4 ½ oclck. D. Fetterly was up to our house this even.

Jan. 15th Tuesday.

Stormed all day rain. Nothing of interest to day. In the even went to the P.O. and Joe Fetterlys.

Jan 16th Wednesday 1861

Nothing particular to day. School closed as usual 4 ½ oclck P.M. In the even N. Fetterly & Wife Grand Ma Fetterly were to our house. After supper took Uncles Horse and went to town on horse back in company with J.R. Hamlin I went to the Copers where Henrietta H was boarding. She got ready and we went to a concert given in Crippens Hall by O.E. Dodge of Cleveland Ohio. Got home at 11 oclck P.M.

Jan. 17th Thursday 1861. Things went on as usual. T.R. Hamlin was to the school house at noon. In the afternoon Miss Hannah Hamlin called in a few moments. After school studied the debating question. Went

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to T.R. Hamlins and took supper and went to debating school. After I got there J. Lind came along with a sleigh and company invited me to go to meeting with them held at Frank Cooks school house. Got back in time to take part in the debate In the morning went to the P.O. Got a letter from E.W. Cunningham. Got home at 11 oclk P.M. Jan 18th Friday. Nothing particular to day. School closed as usual 4 ½ oclk P.M. Went to the P.O. Went to singing school. Went from s. school to Uncles in company with Mr. Mc carty. Mr. Henry Georgies. and E.M. Fetterly. Visited a few moments. Then went back to s. school stayed until it was out. Went to J.R. Hamlins after s. school. stayed until 10 oclk P.M. and then went home.

Jan. 19th 1861 Saturday

School went well to day. Had visitors in the afternoon Mrs. Woodard & Ms. Chas Kenyen. Miss Matilda Beebe. Miss Mary Lynd. Went to N. Fetterlys in the even. Went in to Mr. Kinseys a few moments.

Jan 20th Sunday. Got up and built a fire. did the chores. In the afternoon went ever north to meeting. In the even went to meeting in my s. house. Went to J.R. Hamlins a few moments after meeting went home with N. Fetterly

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Jan. 21st Monday 1861

Took breakfast with N. Fetterly's Went to my school. closed 4 ½ oclk P.M. Went to s. school held in the Union s. house Ms. Hill Teacher. Had an invitation to a surprise party went but did not enjoy myself very well. Got home 12 ½ oclk P.M.

Jan 22nd Tuesday 1861 School went middling to day. At noon I took a stroll in the woods. After school went shoting 30 minutes. Nothing of consequence today. Jan. 23rd Wednesday 1861

Closed school 4 ½ oclk P.M. Stayed at home this even. The following lines were composed by J.R. Hamlin. Run the farming mill through 9 bushels of shelled corn. and then put the granery into 5 ½ bushels of the same. In the afternoon my brother Eben and myself sawed with a cross saw eight hard beech logs. to be sawed into lumber for fencing purposes The timber most of it at least 2 feet through it in diameter not in circumference mind. J.R. Hamlin.

Jan. 24th Thursday 1861 Went to school as usual. J.R. Hamlin came in a few moments. closed 4 ½ oclk P.M. Went home then to the P.O. Then to the debate held in Branch. Appointed J.R. Hamlin and C.H. Nickerson Chief disputents for the next even or meeting Question resolved that a good Education is

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preferable to riches J.R. Hamlin Agetive. Went to Mr. Davises in company with J.R. Hamlin and Miss Sencinda Bonner. Got home 10 oclk P.M.

Jan 25th Friday 1861

School went well to day. In the P.M. had company Miss Sarah Sanford. Miss Mary Chap. closed school as usual. Adjourned to J.R. Hamlin and went to s school.

Jan. 26th Saturday. 1861

No school to day hacked off some wood to day. Broke Uncles ax. went to the Grist Mill and ground it. At 4 oclk P.M. Went to N. Fetterlys supper. Then he took his team and went up to Mr. Mays. got home 10 ½ oclk P.M. went to bed at 12 oclk.

Jan. 27th Sunday 1861

Got up this morning at 9 ½ A.M. stayed at home all day. eat apples. Wrote a letter to our folks & Just at night went down to Dave Fetterlys. He not being at home I came back.

Jan. 28th Monday 1861

School went well to day. Stayed at home to night and read several stories. Title of the Book Berthas christmas present.

Jan. 29th Tuesday 1861

Went to school as usual. This noon commenced writing an essay about a young man leaving home. Title the D--d black Republican. schoolmaster or eastern Greeny. Went to bed 11 ½ oclk P.M.

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Jan. 30th Wednesday 1861

School went as usual to day. Went to the P.O. stoped to Joe Fetterlys Got home 10 ½ P.M.

Jan 31st Thursday 1861

Went to school as usual. closed at 3 ½ P.M. fixed the stovepipe put in some window lights Got a new broom. Went to Coldwater with J.R. Hamlin Got Henrietta & Hattie Renyan. Cornelia Sprague. Chas Hanyan. John Renyan. went to the Branch debating club. Education gained the question Riches lost. Went back to Coldwater after the debate Stopped at Mr Coopers Just at midnight in company with Miss C. Sprague. Mr. J.R. Hamlin. I told Henrietta my love for her to night. Asked permission to pay my best respects to Sir, which she said she would answer in the future. Henrietta was boarding there and going to school in Coldwater City. stayed here 60 minutes and then went home. The court house was lit up at 11.25 P.M. when we went by.

Feb 1st Friday 1861

Went from Mr Coopers 12 ½ oclk A.M. 1.30 minutes A.M. went to bed. Went to school as usual. In the afternoon Hamilton Collier called in to see my school. Went to s. school I did not stay long. Went to the P.O. got a letter from E.W. Cunningham. Stopped to Joes a few minutes & to N. Fetterlys a few moments then went home & went to bed. 9 ½ oclk P.M.

Feb. 2nd Saturday 1861

School went as usual did not feel very well

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In the afternoon Mrs Hamlin and Henrietta called in to see the school. In the even Mr. Mays folks came down and stayed. Went to bed at 11 oclk P.M.

Feb. 3rd Sunday 1861

Sunday went as usual to day. Wrote a letter to Uncle Abram. and to E.W. Cunningham. Went down to N. Fetterlys a little while. Then went to meeting so ended Sunday.

Feb. 4th Monday 1861

Went to my school. it closed as usual Went to Mr Warrens and took Tea. Visited a while and then went home. Uncle brought me a letter from the P.O. It had been opened by a man by the name of Nixson. The letter was from home. so it did not make much difference.

Feb. 5th Tuesday 1861

Went to school as usual. at noon went to J.R. Hamlins. In the even went to town stopped to J.R. Hamlins Had an introduction to Mr Atchison and Wife. J.R. Hamlin went to town I went to Mr Coopers. Then Miss Henrietta Hamlin and myself went to the society named the social. Got acquainted with several of the young people of Coldwater enjoyed myself well. Henrietta consented to my paying my best respects to her. A question I asked her on Jan 31st 1861 Thursday Which she said she would answer in the future. Those transactions in the above parenthesis was at Mr Coopers after we came from the social.

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Come back to Mr Coopers enjoyed myself fine two persons only in the company. Henrietta and myself. J.R. Hamlin called in there 30 minutes past midnight. Then we started home. Got home 1.30 minutes A.M. (Got up 7 ½ oclk A.M. Went to school as usual this was Feb 6th Wednesday In the even went to N. Fetterlys had some molases candy stayed all night.

Thursday Feb 7th 1861

It blowed and snowed this morning was colder than 40 dg. Went to school. In the even stayed at home.

Feb. 8th Friday 1861

Went to school as usual. Went to the P.O. got a letter from Abbie King Stoped and took supper. with Joe & Dave & Leib Went to s. school. Went to J.R. Hamlins from S.S. in company with C. Renyan stayed a few moments then went back to s. school Then went home and went to bed.

Feb. 9th Saturday 1861

Went to school as usual. In the even went to N. Fetterlys. Had an introduction to S. Willet and Mr Jackson. It turned warm to day.

Feb. 10th Sunday 1861

Went to J.R. Hamlins to go to meeting to Coldwater but they did not go so I came back. and went to N. Fetterlys stayed and took supper then went home and went to meeting in my school house. It rained.

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Feb. 11th. Monday 1861

Went to school as usual Nothing of consequence to day. Stayed at home in the even.

Tuesday 12th Feb 1861

Called in to J.R. Hamlins this noon. In the even went to N. Fetterlys & Mr Lynds. Went home 8 oclk P.M. I had an invitation to a party to Mr Lockwoods on Wednesday even declined the invitation.

Wednesday 13th Feb 1861

Nothing particular to day. In the even went to Coldwater With Uncles team. J.R. Hamlin got Cornelia Sprague and Maggie Crittendon and Miss Henrietta Hamlin. Went to a donation party held at Mr Lanteys. Enjoyed myself well. Eben Hamlin took us back to coldwater. Got home Thursday morning 2 ½ oclk.

Feb. Thursday 14th 1861

Went to my school nothing particular to day.

Friday 15th Feb. 1861

Nothing particular to day. In the even went to s school delivered a declaration.

Saturday 16th Feb 1861

Went to school. Had visitors in the afternoon Mr Collier. Mr Mccarty. Elmore Fetterly. J Lynd. Miss Jenny Lind. Miss Mary Davis. Miss Jennie Warren. Miss Matilda Beebe. Miss Martha Beebe.

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Sunday 17th Feb. 1861

Stayed at home all day In the even went to meeting.

Monday 18th Feb. 1861

Went to school as usual. Was fixing a stick of wood in the stove and strained my back so that I was not able to get out of my chair in the forenoon. in the afternoon felt better the logs cut what wood we burnt In the even. went to N. Fetterlys

Tuesday 19th Feb 1861

Went to school as usual. No Wood so I had to dismiss.

Wednesday 20th Feb 1861

Went to school found some wood. In the even went to town and got presents for the schollars.

Thursday 21st Feb 1861

Went to school as usual. to day is my last day. In the afternoon had company. 28 in No School closed for good to day I had to leave some schollars which I thought a great deal of Julie Packer & Dora Chafer & Sara Bridge. These were my pets in school.

Friday 22nd Feb 1861

Took the ax and chopped and grabed some for Uncle to day. In the even went to town with J.R. Hamlin after Henrietta. Got her and Maggie Crittenden and came home I stayed to J.R. Hamlins until 10 oclk P.M.

Saturday 23rd Feb. 1861

It rained all the forenoon. in the afternoon went to the Tamarack swamp the first one I was ever in. In the even

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went to J.R. Hamlins stayed until 10 oclk P.M.

Sunday 24th Feb 1861

Went to meeting to the Union House. from there to Mr Spragues. and took supper. then to meeting again. P.O. address Maggie Sprague Batavia Branch Co. Mich.

Monday 25th Feb 1861

Went town this morning stayed all day Purchased a coat \$7 75/100 collar &c Got Uncles & Aunts & Cousins likeness to day Got mine taken 3 times I walked home. Went down to N. Fetterlys in the even stayed all night.

Tuesday 26th Feb. 1861

Went to town with N. Fetterly When I came back I stoped to Mr Carnwright to see Julie & Dora. took supper with them & then went as far as J.R. Hamlins stayed all night with him.

Wednesday 27th Feb 1861

Got home 6 oclk A.M. Helped uncle open his sugar bush. 10 ½ oclk started for town in company with J.R. Hamlin Went to the high school this afternoon. Went away 3 oclk went away in company with Miss Henrietta Hamlin & Maggie Crittenden We went to the daguerion office & got Netties & Maggies likeness. Went to elder Crittenden and took supper. Then went to ____ but there was not any. Went back to Mr Crittendens stayed until 10 ½ oclk. then I saw Henrietta safe home (by Ma remember to accepted she which ring a her Gave)

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Went back to Mr Crittendens called for J.R. Hamlin Got home 11 oclk P.M.

Thursday Feb 28th 1861

Stayed in the sugar bush &c to day boiled sap so as to have a sugar cap in the even. N. Fetterly & Wife Joe Dave Leib & Mrs Hamlin & Mary Hamlin & J.R.H. were here in the even. stayed until 12 oclk.

Friday March 1st 1861

Went to Mr Mays this morning and Mrs Hammuses. took dinner with Mr Mays. Had some warm sugar. In the even went to J.R. Hamlins. Henrietta walked home from Coldwater 3 miles. From there I went to Mr Renyans in company with J.R.H. stayed until 12 oclk P.M.

Saturday March 2nd 1861

I forgot to fill out this day and I have forgotten every incident. I fill it March 28

I went to N. Fetterlys & to Branch. pitched quoits some bought a rails and ginde of G. Mccarty. In the even went to N. Fetterlys again Henrietta H. Mary Ha & Adline Bonner and Mr J.R. Hamlin were there We went to Mr Linds to s. school a little while. stayed to N.F until 10 oclk P.M. Then went home with Nettie it rained quite hard. Got home 11.30 minutes.

Sunday March 3rd 1861.

In the morning fixed up and went to church to coldwater with J.R. Hamlin. Henrietta Hamlin

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Mrs Hamlin. Mrs. Skinner. Mrs Cummings. Elder Crittenden preached. Stayed to s. school It snowed and rained and was some muddy. Stayed to Mrs Hamlins and took tea went home 5 oclk P.M. In the even. Went to meeting in the old school house for the last time I expect.

Monday March 4th 1861

To day Henrietta is 18 years old. got her likeness taken to day. Abraham Lincoln takes the Presidents chair to day. The first Republican President. In the morning packed up some of my things. N. Fetterly and Wife come along and I went to town with them.

Got Nettie and took her to town to her school Then I went down to Mr Coopers with her Nettie From there I went back to Uncle Cyrises. Got a letter for Uncle to day from home. Went to Mrs. Hamlins and bid them good bye Had a social chat with Uncles folks Then packed up the rest of my things. Started for the Depot 6 ½ oclk N. Fetterly & Wife Dave and Leib went with us. I got to Mr Coopers where Nettie was about 8 oclk P.M. Nettie got ready & went to the depot or hotel with me where the rest of them were. Likeness case.....

Stayed to the hotel until the cars arrived or until 12 oclk P.M. then went to the depot at 12.50 I bid them all good bye & stepped aboard the

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the cars. stood upon the platform until they started. Waved my cap & hollored good bye to Nettie and turned around and saw them for the last time for a while and may be forever But if the Lord is willing I hope not.

March 5th Tuesday 1861

Saw Nettie for the last time for awhile I hope not long. Started for Ohio 12.54 minutes A.M. Got on the cars thought I could sleep some but could not. I could think of nothing but one I had left behind. Arrived at Toledo 4.20 A.M. changed cars. Got to Clyde 6 oclk A.M. 33. took breakfast in Clyde. Wrote a letter to Nettie while staying here. Started for Tiffin 11 oclk A.M. Got Lincolns inaugural address on the cars. Reached Tiffin 12 oclk A.M. Uncle Henry was waiting for me. Got to Ft. Sumner 10 oclk P.M. They were all well. Uncle got a letter from Uncle J. Nickerson this even. they were all well. In the even we went to church. Rev Mr Borver preached.

March 6th Wednesday 1861

Nothing particular to day went to church in the even Uncle preached.

March 7th Thursday 1861

Nothing particular to day. Wrote a letter to Nettie and to Uncle Abram. Rev E.H. Bush took Netties letter to Tiffin and deposited it in the office for me. Rev. E.H. Bush preached to night.

March 8th Friday 1861

Left Uncle Henrys at noon. went

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Tiffin. took a trip around the village. Started for home from Tiffin 5 oclk P.M. Reached Clyde 6.40. changed cars. got to Wakeman. 7 oclk P.M. Started for home on foot found it rather muddy going stoped to Mr Bailys and stayed all night.

March Saturday the 9th 1861.

It snowed last night. started for home again found it hard walking. got home 8 ½ oclk A.M. found our folks all well. E.W. Cunningham came up to see me. to day had not seen each other for most one year. I went home with him and took supper. came back to the P.O. Then went home.

Sunday the 10th 1861

Wrote a letter to Henrietta 1 to Uncle Cyrns 1 to Abbie King. 1 to Cousin Will N. It snowed to day. had a hard cold to day.

March Monday 11th 1861

Called on Clark Barber this morning Father went by Wakeman after my trunk to day. I went up to Uncle Josephs Opened my trunk and found all right.

Tuesday March 12th 1861

My 19th birth day is to day. Commenced going to school to day to Gib. Clark. It is quite muddy. Read a letter from Henrietta Hamlin to night. It is the first one from her. I have not been very well to day. had a hard cold.

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March 13th Wednesday 1861

To day is Cousin Alice's 13th birth day. Went to school to day. Wrote a letter to Maggie Crittenden. Rucny Barber was here to day. E.W. Cunningham went to B___ to day.

Thursday March 14th 1861

Went up to Uncle Joseph's this morning. Went to school to day. In the evening went to meeting to the school house. Read a letter from Cousin Will.

Friday March 15th 1861

Went to school. Wrote a letter to Uncle Henry. Then went to Ms Barber's with the girls. Got home 10 ½ P.M.

Saturday March 16th 1861

Went to school to day. Father is digging a drain to the well. Went to the Hollow to singing school. D. Rosenland rode with us. I drove the colts for the first time. Got home 10 ½ Oclk

Sunday 17th. March 1861

Went down to Uncle Louis Got back 4 ½ P.M. Wrote 5 letters 1 to Henrietta Hamlin. 1 to Cousin Mary Jane Barnum. 1 to J.R. Hamlin. 1 to N. Fetterly 1 to Julia Packer. & to Dorra Shaffa. Went to bed 11 O'clock

Monday March 18th 1861

Went to school, to day

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Lost my gold pen & holder to day. the holder or case was silver. Went up to the school house this evening to see about building a church. Got home 9 ½ P.M.

Tuesday 19th March 1861

Went to school to day. Dorinda G ____ came home with me from school Celestia Scranton was here. We all went to the Hollow to singing school with Henry Fish. We broke down just as we got back to our house. Got home 11 O clock P.M. Recd a letter from Henrietta Hamlin

Wednesday March 20th 1861.

Went to school to day. Was troubled with neurology so I could scolarly study. Went to Uncle Gileses & stayed all night

Thursday 21st March 1861

Went to school to day. Was not very well. Recd a letter E.W. Cunningham.

Friday 22nd March 1861.

Went after a load of tile to Penfield. Got home 6 O clock P.M. After our folks went to bed I wrote a letter to Henrietta Hamlin.

Saturday 23rd March 1861

Took a letter to the office this morning. Laid some tile in drain today. Went to the Hollow with Curt Barnes. I went to the select school.

Sunday 24th March 1861

Redd the news &c in the A.M.

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Went to Meeting in the P.M. sermon was delivered by Rev Mr Jones. of the M.E. Church. His text 2 Corinthians. 2, 4th verse. Wrote a letter to E.W. Cunningham.

Monday 25th March 1861

In the morning fixed the kettle to boil sap. Helped dig some in the drain Went and got an auger. Went to the Hollow after a waggon moved. Took Hat & Mary down to Cousin Emas & Mary Barnums. In the evening commenced a letter to Henrietta Hamlin.

Tuesday 26th March 1861

Worked some in the shop. Hauled 1 load of lumber from the mill. Got a letter from Cousin Cecelia Myers Wrote part of a letter to Nettie Hamlin.

Wednesday 27th March 1861

Worked some in the shop. Went to the Hollow after the girls Hat & Mary. Emma said she would come and make us a good long visit in the summer. Emona & I weighed 126 lbs each. Saturday the 2nd day of March I weighed 120 Henrietta Hamlin 109 or 119. It is very muddy.

Thursday 28th March 1861.

Worked in the shop in A.M. Took the corn from one bern to another.

Friday 29th March 1861.

I fixed up around some to day. Boiled sap in the afternoon.

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Saturday March 30th 1861

Worked in the shop. In the afternoon went up Oren Carpenters with Elias Scott.

Sunday March 31st 1861

Wrote a letter to Nettie Hamlin. & wrote off my diary. Went over to Mr Fopes in the even.

Monday Apr 1st 1861

To day is Cousin Emmas 19th birth day. Worked in the shop. some. Made a lounge for Ma. At noon George Whitney & Brother & Miss Abbie King came along and took dinner with us.

Tuesday Apr 2nd 1861

Took Hett down to Uncle Levis. Came back worked some in the shop. Finished ironing our waggon. Bought a calf of Oren Carpenter. Father sold our oxen to day for \$93:00 Got a letter from Nettie Hamlin & one from Mr J.R. Hamlin.

Wednesday Apr 3rd 1861

Went up to Uncle Josephs this morning he commenced one kitchen to day.

Thursday Apr 4th 1861

Worked on the kitchen & fixed up the fence in front of the house. Hung the gate &c.

Friday Apr 5th 1861

Hauled 1 load of lumber from the mill.

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Worked on the house. &c.

Saturday Apr 6th 1861

Hauled 1 load of lumber from the mill Worked on the house. &c. Went down to Uncle Lewis after Harriett. Went to the P.O. Went to bed 10 O. clock.

Sunday Apr 7th 1861.

Observed of my diary finished it to day Went meeting in the afternoon Rev Mr Hill delivered the address. Wrote a letter to Nettie Hamlin in the evening Went to bed a 10 O clock P.M.

Monday Apr 8th 1861

The first thing almost was to hitch the oxen on to Mr Cunninghams waggon and break the tung out. The next thing to go and get a new one. Went to the Hollow Got Cousin & Mary Barnum. and brought her home with me. Went to Brighton on foot carried 2 calf skins out got 95/100 dolls. for both. Went to school meeting. Mr W.H. Randall was elected director for 3 years.

Tuesday Apr 9th 1861 (In the right hand margin reads: sent a letter to Etti_ Hamlin to day)

Worked in the shop. Got a letter from Miss Maggie Crittenden of Coldwater Mich. Also received a letter from E.W. Cunningham

Wednesday Apr. 10th 1861

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Worked in the shop. In the even read the book Title The Curses Endeiled Subject Slavery.

Thursday Apr 11th 1861

Took E.W. Cunninghams waggon home. Hauled rails & fixed power. In the afternoon plowed some. Went and took Cousin Mary Barnum home. Went to the P.O.

Friday Apr 12th 1861

Plowed some in the A.M. Went to Hayses sawmill and got 1 load of fence boards. Worked some in the shop. Silas A. Barnes cut my hair. Went a fishing in the even. caught nary fish. The select school closes to day in Coldwater Mich. Netties second term of attendance.

Saturday Apr 13th 1861

Went out to W Gillets in the morning. Went to the hollow & got my boots mended. Recd a letter from Wilkie H. to night and 1 from Cousin Mary J. Barnum of MI.

Sunday Apr 14th 1861

Wrote a letter to J.R. Hamlin & to Uncle Cyrus, & to Nettie H.

Monday Apr 15th 1861

Hauled 2 loads of timber from Hayses Sawmill. Worked in the shop in the P.M.

Tuesday Apr 16th 1861

Plowed some in the A.M.

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Went down to Mr Fische's to see about some logs for rails. In the P.M. took Mother & Aunt Elvira down to Uncle Giles'. Went to Mr Augustus Barretts. came home in a snow storm. Went to the P.O. Great excitement about war Ft Sumpter Was taken by the southerners Apr 12th 1861 from Major Anderson.

Wednesday Apr 17th 1861

Went down to Mr Fishes' and split the logs I got into rails. Mr Henry Moon helped me. The first work of that kind I ever did. In the P.M. split fence posts & fixed fence. Went to the P.O. I sent a Tri Weekly paper to J.R. Hamlin. The first account of the first battle was in that. in the civil war of America. I feel some lame to night. To night I would ask for nothing more

Thursday Apr 18th 1861

Went to Mr Barrets and got 5 maple trees. to set around the house. Set them out. Fixed posts to hitch horses by. Went to the P.O.

Friday Apr 19th 1861

Got Mr D. Miner scraper & helped scrape dirt into a drain. Forwarded a Tri Weekly paper to J.R. Hamlin.

Saturday Apr 20th 1861

Worked at farming this A.M. In the P.M. Hauled 3 loads of wood for Uncle Joseph. Got the news of Harpers Ferry being burnt

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by the Northern men to keep it out of the Southerners hands. also 30,000 stand of arms. Also that they had a fight in Baltimore Virginia. 18th Apr 1861.

The Tri Weekly did not come to night. the call was so great they could not supply the demand.

Sunday Apr 21st 1861

Went to choir meeting Wrote a letter Henrietta. one to Maggie Crittenden. 1 to E.W. Cun Went to Brighton Heard a political sermon.

Monday Apr 22nd 1861

Harrowed some ground. In the P.M. Worked on the farm. In the evening Went to the Red school house. to a meeting for the purpose of enlisting Volunteers to protect the Union. Mr David Tyler & Hirem Ward volunteered. One of them D. Tyler. was not of age. The other was. L.A. Lyons Captain.

Tuesday Apr 23rd 1861.

Went to Rochester Depot too take Uncle Joseph up there. While there 180 Volunteers went through. to Cleveland I mailed Netties & Maggies letters there this morning. Plowed this P.M. with the colts. We had our first thunder shower this evening for

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this year here. Went to the P.O. did not get a letter to night.

Wednesday Apr 24th 1861

C.H. Nickerson of East Clarksfield Huron. County. Ohio. April 24th 1861.

My thoughts are idle now (but stop let's see.) They are not new. They are turned towards one who is not here. Who can. it be. Ah! don't turn it off so. They are turned towards one. who is to me the most deer. I have wished a thousand times she was here. But patiently I will wait for thee

The best of all: my Henrietta.

But now the thought arises can I tell it NO! it cannot be. What makes me doubt I know she is true. The weakness is with me. All thoughts must subside

I hope I shall be faithful until I die. 10 O'clock P.M. Written Tuesday night Apr 23rd 1861

Fixed our waggon box. Plowed in the P.M. In the even there was a meeting at the hollow for the relief of volunteers families. Read the evening paper 7 O clock P.M.

Thursday Apr 25th 1861.

My thoughts are of thee, Nettie. I wonder if you are thinking of me It seems as if I was answered already. I am! Our nation is traveling at present a rough sea. But my thoughts are traveling with thee. Nettie.

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Plowed & harrowed for oats & sowed some Uncle Giles helped us to day. In the even, went to the P.O.

My thoughts are still of thee Nettie Why is it. I do to believe that nature is so fixed us that we will or ought to be one. Been I never have seen one that seems to me like you A week it seems a month to me while I am absent from thee. Oh! Nettie can I ever meet you & part from she again. The thought has just struck me. I seems as if we should ever meet again that I can never leave you. You cannot tell how hard it was for me to say farewell when I left thee March 4th 1861 thinking that I should be gone some time.

Friday Apr 26th 1861

Finished sowing our oats this A.M. In the P.M. Plowed the garden. Hauled 1 load of sand. 1 load of stone. Miss Sarah Case my old school teacher came & made us a visit this P.M. In the even. Willie & I went a fishing. Willie caught 5 I 1. Got home 10 O clock

Saturday Apr 27th 1861

Fixed flower beds for our folks to day Helped Grand Pa. plow his garden.

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Went to Wellington with E.W. Cunningham We then went to Lib Clarks school. I came home. Went to the P.O. expected a letter from Nettie to night but did not get one.

Sunday Apr 28th 1861

Took a stroll in the woods. Went to choir meeting. Came home & commenced writing a letter Nettie H. Went to the Red Schoolhouse to a Prayer meeting. Got home 10 ½ Oclock P.M. Wrote some to Nettie H.

Monday Apr 29th 1861

Harrowed corn ground in the A.M. In the P.M. Visited Miss Oneals School in company with E.W. Cunningham Miss Deb Rowland. Harriet Bcr. Mrs Rowland. Forwarded Netties letter to night.

Tuesday Apr 30th 1861

Went to the Hollow this morning. Mr. Dorriey commenced painting our house this morning. Recd a letter from Henrietta Hamlin. Recd a letter from one of my schollers Miss Julia Packer.

Wednesday May 1st 1861

It is cold to day snows some rains some. Wrote a letter to Julia Packer. & sent it. Nothing of interest to day. Mr Hubberd came to help paint to day. Folks went to Wellington.

Thursday May 2nd 1861

Hauled manure & fixed up around the yard.

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Went up to Mr. John Barnes and got 10 bushels of corn 22 ½ cts per bushel.

Friday May 3rd 1861

Worked around the house in the A. M.

Went to ____ Bysel's in the P.M.

Saturday May 4th 1861

Went to ____ Bysel's this A.M. and sold a cow for \$20. In the P.M. took Mr. Stephen Doricy to Wakeman. Smoked a cigar and went home.

Sunday May 5th 1861

Took Uncle Joseph up to Ben Timmings. Called to Augustus Patches and went home.

Monday May 6th 1861

Went to Wakeman this A.M. rained most all day.

Tuesday May 7th 1861

Hauled load of lumber today. Read a letter from Nettie.

Wednesday May 8th 1861

Went to the hollow this A.M. and hauled a load of lumber. In the P.M. hauled a load of lumber.

Thursday May 9th 1861

Planted some potatoes today. Read a letter from H.L.N.

May 10th Friday 1861

In the P.M. I went to Rochester. Mr. Doresy and Mr. Hubbard went with me.

Saturday May 11th 1861

Fixed up around the farm today. In the evening I took the horse

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and wagon and took a haul to sing school or choir meeting held at Mr. Rowlands. Called to see Cynthia Fletcher she was very poorly yet has been sick for 9 weeks.

Sunday May 12th 1861

Wrote a letter to Nettie. Went to church Rev Mr. Scovil preached. In the evening went to the red school house to meeting.

Monday May 13th 1861

I went to Rochester this morning could not get what I wanted there and went to Wellington on the cars and got it. Got home at 6 o'clock P.M.

Tuesday May 14th 1861

Did not much of anything today. Read a letter from Emily Packer and E.W. Cunningham.

Wednesday May 15th 1861

Went to John _____ worked in the shop some. Went to singing school.

Thursday May 16th 1861

Went to Uncle Joseph this morning found him quite poorly. Made a lounge and worked in the shop ____.

Friday May 17th 1861

Worked on the farm today.

Saturday May 18th 1861

Went and took Mr Dorsey and Mr. Hubbard to Oberline. Went and stayed with Sam Whitney all night.

Sunday May 19th 1861

Wrote a letter to Nettie and to E.W. Cuning and wrote in Mrs Whitneys Album.

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Started for home at 2 o'clock P.M. Went & heard Prof. Morgan preach today at half past 10 A.M. Got home five and ½ O'clock P.M. Got home found a letter for me from _____. Wrote one to Uncle Henry one to Prof.

Monday May 20th 1861

Went out to kill a fish for Uncle Joseph I Rest did not find one. In the P.M. wrote a letter to Uncle Wm's folks To Cousin Will. Went out to shoot a fish again killed just the same as I did in the A.M. In the even went to Uncle Joseph's again. He was not any better.

Thursday May 21st 1861

Worked on the farm today preparing the ground for corn in the harrowing line. Received a letter from Nettie Hamlin.

Wednesday May 22nd 1861

Marked out corn ground today. H. H.

C. H. Nickerson A specimen of my hand writing today. C. H. Nickerson H. Hamlin

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Thursday May 23

Went to the Hollow this A.M. In the P.M. Hauled soils.

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Friday May 24th 1861

Planted corn today. Wrote a letter to Uncle Henry Nickerson and to Uncle Henry Nickerson.

Saturday May 25th 1861

Went up to Uncle Joseph's this morning at 1 O'clock A.M. He was no better. Went up there again 7 O'clock A.M. He was worse. I started for Ft Sumner? to tell Uncle Henry of Uncle Joseph's sickness Wrote a letter to Henrietta on the way Mailed it at Alyde. Took supper with E.H. ___nsh in Griffin Walked to Ft Sumner 6 ½ miles in 1 hour and 40. Uncle Henry was not at home found Aunt Mary. Stayed there all night.

Sunday May 26th 1861

Sent a man to Fremont where Uncle Henry was to tell him of Uncle J's sickness. Went to S. School. Uncle Joseph died this morning at 8 o'clock A. M. his age was

Monday May 27th 1861

Started for Griffin this morning 6 O'clock AM got there 9 O'clock A.M. Stayed there until 3 O'clock P.M. Took the cars for home. Stayed in Alyde 2 hours. Started for Wakeman got there the conductor would not stop and let me off the cars. Went on to Oberlin. Called on S___ Whitney. Went to the hotel and stayed all night with S. N. Dorsey

Tuesday May 28th 1861

Uncle Joseph was burried today

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Started for home this A.M. at 6 O'clock Got Wakeman 6 ½ O'clock A.M. took breakfast this John Byson. Went home on foot walked home in 1 hour and 30. 6 miles. Found Uncle W. and Uncle Henry there. Went to planting corn. Uncle Henry started for home this P.M. Received a letter from N. Fellerly And EW Cunningham had a letter from her

Wednesday May 29th 1861

Finished planting corn this A.M. In the P.M helped Uncle P ___ S ___ plant corn.

Thursday May 30th 1861

Worked for Mr. Miner today planting corn. Received a letter from Cousin Hoyt Nickerson.

Friday May 31st 1861

Worked for Mrs. Brissel today

Saturday June 1st 1861

Worked for Mrs. Brissel today. Received a letter from Henrietta H.

Sunday June 2nd 1861

It is raining this morning. Wrote a letter to Henrietta and Cousin Mary J. Berman & to Mr. May. Went to church.

Monday June 3rd 1861

Went down to Uncle John Hands on a visit.

Tuesday June 4th 1861

Went to Wellington Mr Dongles late candidate for President on the democratic ticket died June 3rd 1861. He was the head leader of the northern democrats and a smart

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men. His death is very much regretted. Went down to Osten Cunninghams a few minutes. Recd a letter from Mr J.R. Hamlin.

Wednesday June 5 1861

A specimen of my hand writing to day C.H. Nickerson. Nothing of consequence to day.

Thursday June 6th 1861

Helped Augustus Morriss plant corn to day.

Friday June 7th 1861

Worked for W. Randall with the horses harrowing this fore noon. Planted some of our corn over this P.M.

Cousin Julie Scott was 8 years old to day.

Saturday June 8th 1861

Worked for Augustus Morriss to day.

Sunday June 9th 1861

Went to Sunday School. came home & wrote a letter to E.W. Cunningham & to N. Fetterly. Went to the red S. House to Sunday School. Went to the Hollow to meeting in the even.

Monday June 10th 1861

Went to the river in the morning. and cleaned off the buggy. In the P.M. Painted it.

Tuesday June 11th 1861

Worked on the road to day Went to the Hollow in the even. to Singing School held at Benji Patches.

Wednesday June 12th 1861

Went to Rochester. Saw S.W. Dorsey Planted our corn in the P.M.

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Went to W. Randalls to Singing School in the even. It has been quite warm for 2 or 3 days past. W Randall paid us 75/110 dolls. to day. for work.

Thursday June 13th 1861

Planted our corn this A.M. In the P.M. plowed corn. A C.H. Nickerson C.H. Nickerson C.H. Hamlin.

Recd a letter from S.W. Dorsey June 10th 1861 I forgot to set it down in the right place.

Friday June 14th 1861

Finished plowing our corn for the first time this morning. Went to Brighton. E.W. Cunningham came home to day from B____. Went down to the Rowlan with Ed Cunningham. The Widdow Barnum died this morning.

Saturday June 15th 1861

Went to the Widdow Barnums funeral to day. She was over 70 years of age when she died. In the evening went to Mrs Radys Starrs to Singing School with E.W. Cunningham. Got Miss D. Rowland & Amelie Fereling & took a ride. Got a letter from Nettie H.

Sunday June 16th 1861

Went to the red S. House to Sunday School. Wrote a letter to Nettie H.

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Monday June 17th 1861

Hauled rails &c

Tuesday June 18th 1861

Fixed fence &c Uncle W came out to Clarksfield to day.

Wednesday June 19th 1861

Our folks went to Norwalk to day. E.W. Cunningham & Myself went & called on Miss Anna Elyza Jones to day at her school in Brighton Center.

Thursday June 20th 1861

Plowed corn to day. Uncle W. Nickerson commenced trying to settle Uncle Joseph G. Nickersons Account with John Barnes to day.

Friday June 21st 1861

Put ashes on our corn. The choir met to sing at our house

Wednesday June 19th 1861

Went & took a ride to night in company with Cousin Emma Berman E.W. Cunningham & Miss Louise Signor.

Saturday June 22nd 1861

Nothing of consequence to day.

Sunday June 23rd 1861

Went to Sunday School. Wrote a letter to Uncle Cyrus Hand.

Monday June 24th 1861

Went to the Hollow in the P.M.

Tuesday June 25th 1861

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Hoed corn to day Summer Converse was tried for Breech of promise to day. Harnessed up a 2 year old colt to day for the first time. S. Converse was not tried to day as supposed.

Wednesday June 26th 1861

Hoed corn to day & finished It is getting very dry. (Is raining some now. a mistake) Went down to Ms Cunninghams to Singing School to night. I Harnessed my colt for the first time single to day.

Thursday June 27th 1861

Hoed corn to day. It is raining this P.M. Which we need very much. Recd a letter from Cousin Will Nickerson.

Friday June 28th 1861

Went to Rochester Depot in the A.M. In the P.M. Went out gunning. Borrowed Henry Fishes rifle.

Saturday June 29

Oiled the harness. Nettie Hamlin went with Father to settle Lewis Hayes.

Sunday June 30th 1861

Went to Sunday School. Wrote a letter to Nettie H. one to David Fetterly. Went to choir meeting. Went over to Augustus Morrisses.

Monday July 1st 1861

Helped Mother wash. In the P.M. Went out

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collecting. Uncle Henrys folks got here about 8 ½ O clock P.M. I saw the comet for the first time Sunday Night in the N. West the tail running to the S. East.

Tuesday July 2nd 1861

Went to the hollow and got Uncle Ger. & Aunt Betsy Barnum. Took Uncle & Aunt home Got Cousin Emma & Louise Signor & E.W. Cunningham & took a ride to Singing School at Mr Norman Furlongs.

Wednesday July 3rd 1861

I started for Uncle W Nickersons & Mary Eliza. got there 1 O clock P.M. found them all well Harriett was there at the time & Miss Mariah Gigler & Miss Sarah Young. About 4 P.M. Cousins Hoyt & John & Lib came there.

Thursday July 4th 1861

This is our 85th anniversary independence day. Congress met to day an extra session to prepare for the war. I went to Centerville Huron Co Ohio to day in company with Cousins John Ashton Will Nick & Hoyt N. went on horseback. 10 miles from Plymouth Mr Kellogg & Uncle W Nickerson delivered the Orations &c.

Friday July 5th 1861

I am at Uncle W(illiam) yet. Had my likeness taken twice to day let Cousin Lib Ashton have one & Harriet the other.

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Saturday July 6th 1861

Cousin Cecelia Myers 17 years old to day & has been married almost 1 year, Mary and I started for home to day [1 ½?] A. M. Got to Uncle David Mead 9 o'clock A.M. Went to Mr. Smiths with Cousin George Mead & Miss Laura M. Harris had an introduction to Miss Smith &c. Laura introduced me as Miss Nickerson to Miss _____ Smith. Went home to Uncle Davids at 11 P.M. Lewis M. _____ is 17 years old next sept.

Sunday July 7th 1861

Started from Uncle Ds this morning 6 ½ A. M. Got home 9 ½ A. M. It is very dusty. Wrote a letter to T. R. Hamlin & Nettie H. Went to the Red S. House to meeting and S. School.

Monday July 8th 1861

We commenced one haying to day.

Tuesday July 9th 1861

Worked at haying to day. E. W. Cunningham mowed for me in the P.M. with their _____ I helped Orton dry 2 loads.

Wednesday July 10th 1861

Went to Brighton and bought some cloth for horse blankets. In the P.M. helped make them cost \$1.15 It rained last night and to day which we needed very much. Got a letter from Uncle Abram Hand last night July 9th.

Thursday July 11th 1861

Commencement of the second copy of my journal or diary. Commencing July 19th 1861

Mr C.H. Nickerson

Friday July 19th 1861

Was not very well to day. Went to the Hollow twice. Uncle William settled with John Barnes to day. John Barnes owing Uncle Joseph \$555.00/00. Uncle William took 6 acres & 7/10 acres of land at \$180.00/00 & recd a deed of the same the same day. We had a fine shower to day.

Saturday July 20th 1861

Commenced cutting Fathers wheat to day. & finished it.

Uncle William started for home this A.M. Mr Frederic Miner & Wife & babe arrived in Clarksfield from Iowa last night.

Sunday July 21st 1861

Went to S. School. & to the Red S. House to Meeting & Sunday School. Went down to Uncle John Hands.

Monday July 22nd 1861

Worked at haying to day. E.W. Cunningham mowed for us. I first heard of the battle at Bulls Runn to day there were from 4 to 5 thousand Union forces killed & gone. General Mc Donald lead the Union forces. Bureuguard led the secessions or southern force. there were 45.000 Union

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forces & 90.000 secessions.

Tuesday July 23rd 1861

Worked at haying to day.

Wednesday July 24th 1861

Worked at haying. & hauled in my wheat.

Thursday July 25th 1861

Nothing of concequence to day.

Friday July 26th 1861

Nothing particular to day.

Saturday July 27th 1861

Went to Rochester to day. The Cleveland Artillery company went home to day the term of their 3 months enlistment being up. Not one of the company were killed. They were in the battles at Vienna Big & Little Bethel Alexandria & Laurel Hill where they captured a secession cannon. a rifle on it was carried a 6 lb bell was made of brass. Jenett Jones came home from Rochester with me. Ann E. Jones & Elvira

J__b also came to our house to day. We took a ride in the evening & took Elvira home & called on Eleanor Shank who was unwell.

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Sunday July 28th 1861

Anna E. & Jenett are to our house to day. Wrote a letter to Nettie H. Went to the Red S. House to S School and there was none. Went to meeting Rev Mr Seville preached to day.

Monday July 29th 1861

Went to Rochester & took Anna E. & Jenette Jones home. Brought Anna back to her school in Brighton. Went to the Hollow to mill. Got 3 bush. of wheat of E. & Henry Hays. E.W. Cunningham stayed all night with us. S.W. Dorsey was here to day & Mr Kelly. Wrote a letter to N. Fetterly.

Tuesday July 30th 1861

Nothing particular to day.

Wednesday July 31st 1861

Finished haying to day. The Army Worm are causing such havoc with the crops here & around.

Thursday Aug. 1st 1861

It is very warm this morning. S.W. Dorsey & Mr Wax was here this morn. S.W. Dorsey is getting recruits for the Army.

Friday Aug. 2nd 1861

Went to Deb. Rowlands & Mr Shermens school to day. Debs. first term of teaching

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closed to day E.W. Cunningham went with me.

Saturday Aug. 3rd 1861

Finished cutting our oats to day.

Got a letter from Nettie H.

Sunday Aug 4th 1861

Went to meeting to day Frederick Miner preached. Went to the Red S. House to meeting & S School. Wrote a letter to Henrietta.

Monday Aug 5th 1861

Nothing particular to day.

Went after some black berries.

Tuesday Aug 6th 1861

Hauled in our oats to day. Wrote a letter to Uncle William N. Recd one from Nettie H. Mr David Fetterly was married to Miss Martha Beebe Aug 4th 1861 Went to Mr Cunninghams to choir meeting.

Wednesday Aug 7th 1861

Hauled 1 load of sand. Went to Ashland New London R__ggs in search of a school for Harriet Stoped & took dinner with George Whitney in New London. Did not get Hat a school for certain.

Thursday Aug 8th 1861

Commenced building a chimney in the Wood House. Went out gunning a little while

Friday Aug 9th 1861

Worked in the shop some this A.M.

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Went out gunning a short time

Saturday Aug 10th 1861

Worked on the farm to day.

Went gunning a short time & E.W.C. Went to Singing School to B Patches Went on horse back.

Sunday Aug 11th 1861

Went to ___ meeting at the hollow to have feast &c. Rev John R. Prewett preached. Brought Grand Pa & Grand Ma home & left the girls there until 4 oclock meeting. C.H. Nickerson Went to meeting at 4 O clock P.M. at the Hollow Rev Mr Jones Ba(p)tised 13. 5 by sprinkling Myron Furley & William Waldon Jola Rowland &c 1 by pouring Mr J. Brabish. 1 by immersion Miss Deborah Ann Rowland. Miss Jene Rowland Miss Elvira Oneal Samuel Scott Miss Gelma Caoley Samuel Newman & a baby from Hartland. Went to Cousins John Barnums a few moments. Came home.

Monday Aug 12th 1861

Fixed fence. & then went out gunning with E.W. Cunningham & Richard Randall. It rained a fine shower of about 4 hours in the P.M.

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Tuesday Aug. 13th 1861

Nothing of consequence to day. Went out gunning in the P.M. Recd a letter from Cousin Will Nick. Cousin Hoyt has enlisted in Cap't Fords Reg't of Infantry. Went to N. Woods to S. School to night.

Wednesday Aug. 14th 1861

Commenced plowing for wheat to day.

Thursday Aug. 15th 1861

To day is Harriets 18 birth day.

Worked on the road to day. Went to singing school to night with Hat E.W. Cunningham – Deb Rowland.

Friday Aug. 16th 1861

Plowed for wheat to day.

Saturday Aug. 17th 1861

Went to Brighton. bought cloth for a pair of pants. Finished plowing this A.M. Our Hall built our chimney to day. Went to S. School to Richard Fennings. Hat E.W.C. Deb R. & Esther Hustel Took a ride after S.S. Myron Furlong. & Cousin Emma Barnum.

Sunday Aug. 18th 1861

Wrote a letter to Henrietta & to Uncle Cyrus. Went to the Red S. House to meeting & Sunday School.

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Got Curt Barnes to cut my hair.

Monday Aug. 19th 1861

Nothing particular to day.

Tuesday Aug. 20th 1861

To day is Fathers 44th birth day. Went to Garrett Morrisons. Recd a letter from Nettie H. & J.R.H. Bearing the news of another Cousin Aunt Jene has got a boy. He was born the 13th of Aug. Weighed 11 ½ lbs. Neither thinks she has the whooping cough. Went to Mr Rowlands to S. School.

Wednesday Aug. 21st 1861

Went to the Hollow & got Cousin Emma Barnum. & brought her home with me. Gave Louise Tyler an invitation to take a ride Aug. 22nd which she accepted. Took a load of hay out to Wellington to Mr Ogden. Weight of waggon & hay 2920 lbs. Weight of wagon &c 1020. lbs. being 1900 lbs. of hay.

Thursday Aug 22nd 1861

It rained in the A.M. In the P.M. Went and visited Cornelia Rowlands school in company

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with Larisa Tyler, E.W. Cunningham & Deborah Renford. Samuel Rendord & Gerty Sayer James Renk & Eloise L____ I were there. E.W. C & Deb. R. & myself took supper with Gerty Sayer. Which I think we did ample justice to. Went to Larrisa Tylers & heard her play on her piano & then went to choir meeting to Ms Sayers. After choir meeting went home with Larrisa Tyler & Gerty Sayer after a long talk went home.

Friday Aug 22, 1861

Wakening this morning found two letters for me on the stand from Maggie Crittenden & from Julie Packer & Dora Chaffe. Went & visited Meldvina Parker's school this P. M. in company with Cousin Emma B. & Net & Mary

Saturday Aug 23, 1861

Was sick all day. Went to Brighton. At night took Cousin Emma B home

Hatt & Mary. E.W.C. & Deb R. went with us to Singing School Cousin Emma & I went to Uncle Ger Bar_____.

Sunday Aug 25th 1861

Went to church Rev Mr Jones preached. Was sick to day. Wrote a letter to Nettie H.

Monday Aug 26th 1861

Mr. _____ did some threshing to day. I had 33 bush. of wheat 11 of it belonged to Mr Shiner on 4 ½ acres. Father had 12 ½ bush.

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of wheat 50 bush. of oats. Was not able to work much to day. Wrote some to Nettie.

Tuesday Aug 27th 1861

Went to Mrs Bissels this morn. Started for Berea this morning. Mr Cuning ham took E.W. Cunningham & me to the cars at w____. Stayed there 4 hours before could go. Went as far as Brighton & stayed 5 hours there. Mailed my letters to Nettie here. Bought me a pair of slips &c. Started again for Berea

1. 27 P.M. Reached this 8 o clock P. M. Found Mr. _____ waiting for us. Took the omnibus to our _____ing places with Miss Biffins. Feeling some tired I went to bed 10 ½ P.M.

Wednesday Aug 28th 1861

Having ourselves established. We now preach to business. Went to Chapel. Passed any time in general by visiting other boys &c. Were admitted after Chapel this even. to the Institution I taking up 6 studies Geography. Orthography. Grammer. Algebra & Natural Philosophy. & Penmanship.

Thursday Aug 29th 1861

Every thing goes as normal to day. Wrote a letter to Nettie H.

Friday Aug 30th 1861

Nothing particular to day.

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Saturday Aug 31st 1861

To day E.W. Cunningham is 19 years old. Nothing particular to day.

Sunday Sept 1st 1861

Wrote a letter to our folks to day. & to Uncle Henry N. Went to the chapel & heard Prof. Wheeler deliver a lecture on service musics.

Monday Sept 2nd 1861

Nothing Particular to day.

Tuesday Spt 3rd 1861

Nothing to day. Paid Miss Babbins \$2 on board.

Wednesday Sept 4th 1861

Written by E.W. Cunningham

Every thing the same to day. Except that the _____ is to day and are fetch? hot. I have been wishing all day to see a certain Miss H-H- the dear girl! Oh I wish I was a goose I would take the wings of noosering and " _____ " _____

Thursday Sept 5th 1861

Nothing particular to day. Recived a letter from Nettie.

Friday Sept 6th , Saturday Sept 7th 1861

Nothing particular.

Sunday Sept 8th 1861

Went to church trivia to day. Wrote 2 letters 1 to J.R. Hamlin & Cousin Will.

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Monday Sept 9th 1861

Took a strole down Rocky River in company with Mr. Clagne. Smoked a cigar to day. Received a letter from Uncle Henry N. Wrote a letter to Hennrietta Hamlin.

Sept 10th 1861

Commenced my task of studing Read a letter from home to day with \$5 dollars in money in it.

Wednesday Sept 11th 1861

Nothing particular to day.

Thursday Sept 12th 1861

To day passed of will in recitations.

Friday Sept 13th 1861

Every thing as usual to day.

Saturday Sept 14th 1861

Every thing went on all right to day. Received a letter from Hennrietta H. & Cousin Will. Uncle W Nickerson was appointed Chaplain of the 82nd Regiment of cavalry this week.

Sunday Sept 15th 1861

Went to church this A.M. Rev Mr Raskdall preached. Went to the lecture in

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Chapel delivered by Prof Prince. Wrote a letter to Julie Parker.

Monday Sept 16th 1861

Wrote a letter to Henrietta.

Tuesday Sept 17th 1861

Nothing to day.

Wednesday Sept 18th 1861

Nothing to day.

Thursday Sept 19th 1861

Had a turn of the color was not able to go to recitations.

Friday Sept 20th & Saturday 21st 1861

Nothing particular.

Sunday Sept 22 1861

Went to church. Rev Mr _____ Preached In the P.M. went to the lecture Prof Hartufer lectured. Wrote a letter home.

Monday Sept 23rd 1861

Had my hair cut to day. Mr Young cut it. Wrote a letter to Cousin Emma Besimon. Went to a temperance lecture to night John Williams delivered the discourse.

Tuesday Sept 24th 1861

Nothing to day. Went to a temperance lecture to night John Williams Lecturer.

Wednesday Sept 25th 1861

Read compositions to day.

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E.W. Cunningham went home to day. Went & got a saw to Mr Bibbinses to night. Henrietta Grielly Mary Rogers & Frank Rogers went also.

Thursday Sept 26th

The President appointed this day as a day of fasting & prayer in behalf of our nation. There was not any school to day. Went to church this A.M. Rev Mr Matison delivered the address. Went to chapel in the P.M. Prof Kothuiler delivered a lecture.

Sept 27th & 28th 1861

Nothing particular. Read a letter from home sometime this week.

Sunday Sept 29th 1861

Went to church & to a lecture in the chapel Lecture was delivered by Prof Wheeler. Wrote a letter to Uncle Cyrus Uncle N & Henrietta Hamlin.

Monday Sept 30th 1861

Nothing particular.

Tuesday Oct 1st 1861

Received a letter from Henrietta H.

Wednesday Oct 2nd 1861

Nothing more than usual.

Thursday Oct 3rd 1861 & Friday 4th & Saturday 5th

Went to a war meeting held in this place Berce. Speakers from Elysire & Cleveland. Breckenridge & Coffinberry.

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Sunday Oct 6th 1861

Went to church & to Chapel exercises. Wrote a letter home.

Monday Oct 7th 1861

Tuesday Oct 8th 1861

Wednesday Oct 9th 1861

Thursday Oct 10th 1861

Received a letter from Cousin Em Barmmon.

Friday Oct 11th 1861

Went to a public exhibition to night Given by the Philozition Society. Went with Miss Mary Russel of Bohemian University.

Saturday Oct 12th 1861

Received a letter from home to day.

Sunday Oct 13th 1861

Went to Church and Chappel services to day wrote a letter home and one to Henrietta Hamlin.

Monday Oct 14th 1861

I received a letter from Henrietta H. to day. Went after ____ to day did not get any.

Tuesday Oct 15th 1861

Friday oct 18th 1861

Saturday Oct 19th 1861

Nothing Particular these days.

Sunday oct 20th 1861

Went to church & to chapel. Wrote a letter to Henrietta Hamlin & to Harriet

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Monday Oct 21st 1861

Went after nuts to day in company with E.W. Cunninham. Mr. Hoffman & W.W. Williams. The Philogetion & Phrenocosmion Societies have a party to night in Wallace Hall.

Tuesday Oct 22nd 1861

Wednesday Oct 23rd 1861

Thursday oct 24th Friday Oct 25th 1861

Joseph Welling & myself hired a horse & carriage. Went to find a school. Found one near Royalton Mebine Co. Ohio. Did not get it for exertion. Went to Bennets corners & Albion & Strongsville.

Saturday Oct 26th 1861

Nothing particular to day.

Sunday Oct 27th 1861

Went to church this morning. Pres. Wheeler preached. Wrote a letter to Will Nick

Monday Oct 28th 1861

School work to day for Miss Bibbins.

Tuesday Oct 28th 1861

Nothing particular to day.

Wednesday Oct 29th 1861

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I volunteered to day to go to war in the

Got excused from school & my classes

Wednesday Oct 30th/61

Commenced boarding as a soldier this noon. I left Miss Bribbin's to day. Went to hear Miss Eliza Bell lecture with the company of Miss Emma Jane Stearns.

Thursday Oct 31st 1861

I drilled for the first time to day, under Lieut. Whitten.

Friday Nov 1st

I concluded to go home to morrow & go to a public exhibition to night given by the Phrenocos union society, in company with Miss Emma Jane Sternes expect to have a good time. Miss Sterns was not well so we did not go to the society.

Saturday Nov 2d 1861

I stayed with Wm Wallace Williams last night & E. W. Cavitt C. Hestes. Got up this morning & fixed for home.

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We went to the Depot 5 o'clock A.M. It rained like 4 oclck, Charley Wheeler & Burton Hadley stayed with us also We got to Wakeman about 8 o'clock A.M. Ben Rowland carried us & our trunks to the Hollow. We went to see Deb. Rowland to her school. I went to Uncle Ger Barnums & to Cousin John's B.dm. Sam Emma J.B. & Mary & the rest. Walked home from the Hollow. It rained steady. Got home found our folks all well. Stoped at Uncle Giles Scotts on the way home. Went to the P.O. I found Grand Pa & Grand Ma well as usual.

Sunday, Nov 3rd 1861

I stayed at home nearly all day. Uncle Levi Scott & Aunt Eloise were here It rained nearly all day. Went up & saw Clark Barber a few moments. Had for dinner a chicken well cooked I promised to write to Philip _____ & the rest of the boys at the hall when I got to camp.