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Mercury
this morn 80

January 1858.

Tuesday 1st

For four months I have written none in my Journal which I very much regret as during that time many & varied events have transpired among our friends & now cannot be recorded as I would wish to be as to former events which have been noted down in sheer profusion.

On the 2nd of last Sept. our Aunt Carpenter was taken sick on the 4th of Sept. she died & on the 6th her funeral took place from Mr Barnes Meeting house.

Uncle was then very nervous & continued so sleeping none nights & his sight failing rapidly & before the close of the that month was totally blind - the last week in Sept Oct. the middle toe of his left foot became sore & poultices were applied it continued to spread & become more painful till three toes were sore & very painful - but for that think he would have rested tolerably well nights for the past three weeks - a letter received last Eve from Sister S. her husband directed us to buy wool for Uncles foot & this

When we put the entire foot in a thick
bat of wool & he has been more comfort-
-able than for a long time

This has been a pleasant Wednesday
& people appear disposed to improve the
good sleighing which ^{came} last Sat. night

A. O. B. & Ellen have this P. M. been
to the Village & made several calls Mrs
Mary is sick again - overdone I presume

This Eve A. O. B. & lady with Lizzie B.
Pierce & W. W. B. & two sisters & Mary Allen
went to Sackville to meeting - and a good
number were out & several from our town

Today Luther & Esther presented a
large family Bible to A. O. B. & his wife
& Lizzie, Sarah & self presented W. W. B.
with a Family Bible - one a very nice one
has also been obtained for Mr R. Bowen
Our Bookstore man having sold out the
Bibles were obtained at very low prices

this Morn^g

Mercury

Wednes. Jan^y 2nd 1858

Still good Winter weather but somewhat cloudy & some think we will have snow again & others prophesy rain at hand

Uncle had an excellent rest last night took perogone in the Eve & his toe did not pain him as it has done & he rested very quietly from 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. till this Morn & I was only up twice after 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. this A. M. Uncle slept some & this P. M. he has been very calm & listened to reading but more nervous this Eve -

Ches A. M. Father went into Prov - & Mother went with him to Edmund Carpenter & visited they returned just at dark - Mother went to meeting this P. M. at Seekonk with Mrs Carpenter says a good number were out some from our town

W. W. B. & A. O. B. went to the Village this Morn but found nothing for us in the P. M. Sophie has this P. M. been sewing for E. M. P. Now 9 A. it has commenced storming Sarah has been busy with the laundry today

Thurs. Jan'y. 3rd. 1856-

The storm of last Eve became
a heavy rain during the last part
of the night & the spouts being frozen
up the water came in badly to one
of the windows in the parlor chamber

& the window in the room below it, doing
some injury to Books &c on the table but
in the chamber little but to make work
was done - in came into the upper front
porch also wetting some things there

Uncle took Perazone again last Eve
but did not rest as well as the previous
night - has slept some this Morn but
when awake has been more nervous than
yesterday - he has just had his dinner
sent him from Cousin E. M. P. - it is roast
goose & all the etc. it came from Addison N.Y.
Henry sends Nook all his turkeys & geese -

Uncle ate some - it was cooked very nicely
Mother as usual caring for the family &
preparing the meals - Father, Wm & Sarah
are busy with the lard & pork - Ellen &
Lebbe are making vests - H. O. B. has gone
to see his patients

I took my little birds from the old ones today
Uncle Ben seems brighter today than for
some time

Mercury this
Morn. 25°

Mon 190

Monday this

Friday Jan. 4th 1856-

Before midnight the clouds had passed away & the wind was blowing quite strong from the North West but this Morn is very pleasant no wind & a bright sun & the day has been the same the sleighing continues good though it is not smooth like it was before the rain.

We have got the rooms & articles wet by the Wed night rain dried & in their place.

Uncle slept very little last night yet his foot was not very painful & he took perogone in the Evening, but today he has appeared unusually heavy & sleepy his foot was dressed this A.M. & looks decidedly better & so we applied another batt of wool -

William was at the P.O. this Morn & obtained two Newspapers - after which Mr Goff came & dressed his beef.

Ellen & Sarah have gone to their Music lesson this P.M. went with sleigh & red Tom Sarah drove. - I don't want their ride.

Mary Allen called in this Morn to get L. to go over there & cut Mrs Lee a dress.

Mercury this
Morning at 7

Sat. Jan. 5th. 1855-

A cold cloudy Morning & a little snow flying all day but about 4 o'clock this P.M. it commenced snowing fast with Mercury at 13° & wind blowing quite strong & a real storm is anticipated.

Uncle slept none last night - he did not take any persone last Eve - today he has slept a good deal & his foot has not pained him but little comparatively. I much regret his sleeping none nights & so much days it makes night a weariness.

Soon after breakfast this Morn. Williams & Ben started for Providence. Eben Lane had them to take in a load of sheep & William with Father in the sleigh & dolly soon started to carry in the beef & load corn - past which Eben Lane will drive out - & A.C.B. soon was off to visit his patients & then to Seekonk to get his sleigh fixed - but soon after the snow set in all got home as usual as well as men & here we all are comfortable & happy sheltered from the storm but my thoughts turn to shivering poor little pit. This A.M. Sophie sat with Uncle while I assisted Sarah to fill the sausages & this P.M. Sarah has baked & I have put Uncles room in order. No letters from either P.O. today.

Sabbath Jan. 8th. 1858.

The past night has been unusual
stormy - snow with a high wind & it
continued unabated till about noon.

Today when the clouds dispersed & the
Sun is very pleasant & calm but cold - the
snow is badly drifted so none of the cattle
could be let out only by much shoveling
& so it was put off till tomorrow still the
men have been obliged to be out much
in taking care of the animals - one of
the hogs had to be gotten out of her pen she
was almost perished the snow filled her pen.

Uncle has passed another sleepless night
but has been sleeping today & just as others
feel like sleeping Uncle feels like talking -
I feel very sorry for him so hurried about
his foot has been some painful today -

There has been no meetings today I pre-
sume either at our Church or at Seckonk
A. O. B. has visited none of his patients today

Mussey this
Mon. 30 Feb 56

Monday Jan 7th. 1856-

A clear cold morning but no wind
& the day has been pleasant & this P.M.
is really quite soft the sun shines so
brightly

Uncle still sleeps none nights but
has had a good sleep during the day &
but little pain in his foot Sister Lephie
has sat with him today -

Brothers Wm. & A. O. B. with John & the
open were off betimes this morn to break truck
but found the snow so much drifted they
only got through with the open without any
thing attached to them & had to shovel to do that
they went through to the village so A. O. B.
visited his sick & also got the mail - several
newspapers & one letter for Sister E. from
Esther Ellis

Philad. Jan -
the letter being Sisters we know not its contents
this P.M. Wm. has broken to the Seekonk line
the milk man has been through today so
far as to get milk from Mr. Hortens & have
preparatory to going to the City tomorrow morn.
A. O. B. found his patients much as when
he last saw them -

Mather has prepared the meals for the
family today & I have assisted Sarah some-
about the washing & this Eve all look tired
Sister L. has a pain in her side this Eve -

Mercury this morn
at 8 A.M. 26° above 0

Tuesday Jan. 8th 1858

We had another snow storm last night an inch of snow fell perfectly level so no injury was done to the track made yesterday - the day has been very pleasant clear & mild but this Eve to gross cold & a strong wind & now 10 A. P.M. it is again cloudy -

Uncle slept none last night till after 3 A.M. but has slept considerably this forenoon - about 11 A.M. I got the coal can & dressed his foot it looks decidedly better but still has spells of being very painful

William has again been out breaking track all day - had quite a team of cattle & men this A.M. but this P.M. has been making track so Mrs Henry Allyn could get out she could in no way get any where but to her barn, - only six men & two yokes of oxen & those were all he could get out this P.M.

Father has been to mill this P.M. with a sleigh & red team but says traveling is very bad. H.O.B. has been to see all his patients but walked found them much as yesterday

Gilbert called to see Uncle this P.M. & when he left Uncle gave him Aunt Wessenters carpet bag as present for Sarah Frances his daughter aged seven years & Mother gave him the Book & pictures sent by her from Cousin Maria Weedon to Sarah Frances. Wm has gone this Eve to Mrs Allyns to get his

overalls

Wednesday Jan 9th 1858-

A rather clear day & extremely cold but no wind blowing so it is less severe than last night when it either snowed or the wind blew the old snow about very much & in some places drifted

Uncle slept no more last night than the previous one & has appeared to sleep less today but now 5 P.M. is dozing

William was out again this morn breaking track & I hope he will not be obliged to go out again for he feels pretty well wearied out & has open the same if I may judge for them

Father has been at home & very busy today & this P.M. with Williams & St. O. B. as assistance has cut up the beef & put down the hams for which I have made time to put them in ~~the~~

Mother has as usual prepared the meals today while Ellen & Sarah have ironed

No one has been to the Village today so no letters from the Office - I have finished reading the St. Joseph's News to Uncle this P.M.

Sophie went to Courain E.M. Pierces yesterday & has not yet come hence Anna came over today after my Opera House pattern Although the track is very poor yet, several persons have tried the sleighing today

Mercury this Morn 110 below zero at 10 A.M. 20 above zero at sunset 40 below zero

Thursday Jan. 10th. 1856-

Mercury this
Morn 11° below 0

The past night has been extremely cold the Mercury at 9 o'clock last Eve being 13° below 0 but rose before Morn to 11° the same as yesterday Morn. but the day has been clear but very cold tho. but little wind blowing - this Eve it is warmer - Mercury now 9 o'clock P.M. 8° above 0 - Uncle slept very little last night but has been sleeping a great deal today & heard no reading till Evening - his foot has been quite painful at times so Uncle thinks

It has been too cold for sleigh riding today & not a sleigh has passed. I think excepting Brother Wm who went to the Village this Morn & after he came home took Sister L. over to Mrs. Higgins - this Eve he went over & walked home with her -

Father has been busy about home today & finds he froze one ear yesterday Morn going over to Mr. Hunt's for his oxen -

This was the day for our people to take their music lesson but it is so cold they will not go till tomorrow.

William obtained from the P. Office today three ledgers & one Intelligence -

Mary's this
Morn 14 above 0

Friday Jan. 11th. 1856-

A fine Wednesday dear & but for
the weather of yesterday we would call
it cold but it seems quite mild -

Uncle was less nervous last Eve than
the previous Eve but slept very little
towards Morning & today has slept less
than yesterday - I dressed his foot today &
as far as I am judge it continues to improve

Father went this Morn to Providence as we
began to get short of some of our necessaries
Sephie has gone again to Mr Perce's - she carried
over two of my birds to teach Lizzie to sing -

A. C. B. went up with Ellen & Sarah to drive
for them as they have gone for their Music lesson
Mar & John are getting in a slack of hay

Mother is preparing the meals &c &c -

A. C. B. with the young ladies returned
from their music lesson soon after 5 o'clock -
they report she sleeping not very good up
the North road - They met Ann E. Shorey
at Mr Bournes

Father returned from the City before dark
he fell on the ice when in the City we can
not be sufficiently thankful he was not
much hurt - he did not see Sister E -
neither did he get any thing from the P.O.

Monday this
Morn.

Saturday June 12th 1856-

We have had another cold night & the Morn was rimy every twig & branch was covered with fine spikes of frost which looked beautifully - the sun was clear but soon passed into a haze & this P. M. the clouds have gathered quite thick & a snow storm is anticipated. A hand

Uncle passed another sleepless night last night but has slept nearly all the day & fear he will consequently get no rest the coming night - his foot has pained him severely but little since he had it dressed yesterday.

A. C. B. & Ellen have been to the Post Office today but obtained only newspapers - five of them -

Father has been busy at various jobs & William has been to the woods & hauled home a sled load of wood - John has not been here today - has worked at home -

Mother has prepared the meals &c. & so has assisted Sarah to bake meat pies &c. & I have done my usual Saturdays work -

This P. M. H. C. B. has been to see Aunt Blanding - who had an ill turn last Tues. & has been very feeble since though H. C. B. was not called in till this afternoon - -

Morning 11^o
Munday this

Tuesday Jan. 15th 1855—

The clouds passed off during the past night after a very light snow & today has been clear & calm but quite cold—a pleasant Wankers day—

Uncle passed another sleepless night but today has been sleeping but not as soundly as yesterday—his foot was dressed again to day & A. O. B. thinks it has vastly improved this is the fifth time the dressing of wool has been applied the first application was just two weeks since

As soon as we could get the Mornings work done all hands set to picking fowls & in about three hours had dressed off sixteen fine fat chickens—I picked only two & that was no more than Ellen picked & she never picked a chicken before—Father cared for Uncle while I picked—

Chas P. M. Mother prepared the dinner supper as there were too many feathers this Morning for cooking—

Ellen & Sarah have been expecting their music teacher this P. M. but he does not come A. O. B. has been to see Mrs E. Bowen found her not quite so well

W. W. B. has this P. M. been to Cousin W. R. Bullocks—had to go through the Village on account of the track

Monday Jan'y 14th. 1856-

There was a light fall of snow last night & there has been several falls of snow today but not an inch in all & it still continues cloudy though some indications of clearing ^{as} it draws towards sunset

Uncle had no sleep again last night but today has slept finely - his foot pained him but very little last night & I think not today

B - last night about midnight quite free ly & without medicine - Sister L. has sat with him today while I have assisted Sarah some about washing

Mother as usual has prepared the meals - Father has been very busy putting things in order in doors & out

William went this Morn to Mr Hortons & had his sled shod and - A. D. B. visited his patients this Morn found them much as yesterday - this P. M. he is making some Book boxes for Sister E. B. Plympton

Galtst was here this P. M. & Uncle presented him with large family Bible - it was intended for his fears but could not be obtained till last week - it was nice & very handsome & cost \$4.00

Mercury this Morn. 22°

Mon. 110

Monday this

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Morn. 80

Nursing this

Wednesday June 16th. 1855

Another fine Wintersday but very pleasant for so cold a morning there has been no wind & a bright sun -

Another night has passed & Uncle got no sleep but today has slept some but has complained of a sick stomach more than usual today & took his dinner in bed -

Father went to Providence today with checkers & cabbage for Market & by him I sent my letter to the Office for Mrs S. C. Hox

West Bascawen N. H.

also Cousin Esthers letter to Sister Elizabeth

A. O. B. & Ellen have also been in the City today & brought Maria Plimpton home with them -

This Eve all our young people have gone to spend the Eve at Mr Ruben Bowers - they did not get home till 11 o'c. - say they had a good time though Mr B. was absent gone to Brighton

Sister Pierce was in this P. M. she appears quite like herself now - they call her better

Father brought from the Post Office a letter for Uncle from Mr

Mr G. M. Justice

Philadelphia 12th inst

B - again freely
without medicine }

Mercury this
Morn 29°

Thursday Jan 17th 1858

Much warmer & a gentle snow storm
till nearly noon but came so light
it was of very little account in making
sleighing - this P. M. it is clear & pleasant
Uncle slept none again last night & not as
soundly today as yesterday but got some good
sleep both in the morning & afternoon

Uncle Ben Smith (so called) died just be-
fore noon & today it is nearly six weeks
since he fell & broke his hip & has gradually
failed since - he lived longer than it seemed
possible for one in his feeble state when hurt

Batther was up to Mr. Nashes a large part of this
P. M. & again this Eve - the funeral takes place
next Monday - Mr. Nashes family have had
a serious time taking care of their aged relative

This P. M. A. O. B. has been into Seekonk mak-
ing medical & business calls

W. W. B. went & hauled home wood this
A. M. & this P. M. took Sisters Ellen & Sarah
to their Music lesson as it was very pleasant
to sleigh ride Maria Plimpton went with
them for the ride

Nursing this
Mon 19th

Sunday June 18th 1858.

The Mon was clear & very sunny & the day has been unusually pleasant for a winters day with good sleighing.

Uncle slept none last night but today has had a long quiet & sound sleep but about my bed time (10 P.M.) Uncle seemed quite nervous - thinking of Mr. Murrays family.

Father went to Providence today - carried three barrels of apples & brought home grain owing to the drifts the sleighing is very bad in some places & ~~the~~ Father broke his sleigh quite badly with such a heavy load or bulkey one.

A. O. B. carried Mother & Ellen this P.M. to call on Aunt. Planding & Mrs. Chas. Lina Drown the former is very feeble the latter quite smart & making things as ever.

This Eve. A. O. B. & Ellen went to meeting at the Village they brought several newspapers from the P.M. & a letter for me from

Mrs. A. O. Murray Mobile

W. W. B. has been hauling home wood today & this Eve. he has gone to Seekonk to meeting carried Sarah, Lephie, & Maria Plimpton - Lizzie went with A. O. B. & Ellen this Eve. to meeting.

Morning this
Morn. 19^o

Saturday June. 19th 1858-

Another lovely Morn but colder than yesterday still it has been thawing a considerable till 8 o'clock after which the clouds gathered & it looks like it might storm soon & the wind is North East

After another sleepless night Uncle did not get to sleeping this Morn till nearly 9 o'clock since which time he has slept soundly most of the time & has taken no dinner but corn

Starch pudding with milk & sugar - I made some of the pudding for Aunt Abundant & sent by H. O. B. this Morn when he visited her, she much the same as yesterday - was restless the last part of the night

W. W. B. & John have been to Thorneys gutter today & hauled home fire wood

Miss H. M. Peabody came out & brought Laura Plimpton & carried home Maria I have dressed Uncles foot again today & H. O. B. says it is doing nicely this is the sixth word dressing

A. O. B. went to the Village this P. M. to visit his patients & carried Laura P. & Sister L. to Mr Grosvenors where they made a call -

Father has been at home all day & busy as usual - Mother as usual has cared for the meals & Sarah has baked - Lephie assisting her some in the Morn

Mercy this
Morn 30

Sabbath Jan'y 21st. 1855.

Another cold cloudy Morning &
and a snow storm was prophesied
but as the day wore on the clouds dis-
persed & the Eve is very calm & clear
& with a fine moon looks pleasant but cold
Uncle rested none last night after I re-
tired at 2 1/4 o. this Morn. - soon after break-
fast he was shaved for the first time in
two weeks & has slept much during the day

B - this Eve freely without medicine -
Father & self have kept house today as
A. O. B. - Ellen, Mother, & Laura have been
to our meeting & William with Sophie &
Sarah have ^{been} to Seekonk all day & Evening
none of our people at our meeting this Eve
but they say Mr Grosvenor gave them two
excellent sermons today - & those attending
at Seekonk say they have had an excellent
meeting - they took tea at Mr Case's

John Hall's Brother-in-law Car came
down today & brought one of his daughters
& left her at Johns for A. O. B. to doctor this
week & wishes him to come out to Lonsdale
& visit another daughter that is sick

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Mercury etc
Thom. at

Monday Jan. 21st. 1856

Another cold Morning but not quite as severe as yesterday -

Uncle slept none last night & today has slept less soundly than some times but later this Eve than for a long time his toes have been somewhat painful today B - again freely without medicine -

At 7 1/2 o. the Mom William started for Providence with Laura Plimpton so she would not be late to her School - he returned at 10 1/2 o. - brought out Dec. Plimpton & Sister E - to take their turn visiting At 11 o. the funeral of Mr Benjamin Smith took place all our people attended but Mother Ellen & self. it is six weeks yesterday since he fell & broke his hip.

Bro. P. M. W. W. B. has been hauling home wood & feels too weary to go to meeting this Eve & as H. O. B. has gone to visit a patient this Eve none of our family attend tonight.

Owing to the funeral we have not washed today as is usual on Mondays

Mercury this
Morn 80

Tuesday Jan. 22nd 1856-

The weather continues clear & cold but as there has been no wind for a few days it looks very pleasant

Uncle slept none last night but had a sound sleep all through the day. Old Mrs. Horton died last night about midnight & they came for Brother H. O. B. to assist in laying her out as she could not straighten her limbs - she has lain curled up for a long time - she died suddenly & it made Uncle feel quite nervous.

Thes Morn. Father with Dea Plimpton & Sister E. went to see Aunt Carpenter & found her more comfortable than they expected - they stopped but a short time. Soon after dinner H. O. B. & lady started for Lenoxdale & Pawtucket - Mr. Corrschild H. O. B. thinks has a consumption & he will not go again. They spent this Eve at Dr. Penning's & arrived at home at 11 o'clock -

William has hauled home wood today & this Eve with Dea Plimpton & Sisters E. & L. have attended meeting in the school house by Capt. Asaph Bliss & very good meeting & quite fully attended.

Sarah washed today & L. she prepared dinner

Mercury this
Morn 40 below

Wednesday Jan'y 23rd 1858

Still clear & cold - the past was a beautiful moonlight night & morn appeared to improve the sleighing last Evening I think they went to Seckenk to meeting

Uncle had no sleep again last night but has been sleeping soundly today - dressed his ice again today it continues to improve in looks **B** - again early this Morn without medicine E. M. Pierce called this Morn just in time to see me dress Uncles foot

A. O. B. went to the City this Morn & Mr Plimpton went home with him -

W. W. B. & John dressed two nice pigs this Morn for sale & this P. M. has been hauling home wood -

A horse run past here this P. M. having cleared the sleigh somewhere on the river meadows & was stopped on Mr Hewitts hill & taken back but has since passed in a sleigh

This Eve W. W. B. E. P. P. L. H. B. S. M. B. & M. B. H. - went in one sleigh to Seckenk to meet and A. O. B. & E. A. B. & L. B. P. went in another they say the house was so full all could not get seats - tomorrow the meetings close - just as they went on to the Common Wm. load was turned over but no one seriously hurt - Sister E. the mast so as she was under the others the sleigh was some injured - John Ramer called this Eve & Ann & Mary Carr this Afternoon

Mercury this
morning so cold

Thursday June 24th 1858

Another clear cold morning & quite
merry but looked pleasant & the day
has been softer than yesterday -

Uncle took peragoine last night & got
slept none at all & did not get to sleep
untill 10 o'clock & was awake this P.M. while
but this Evening has been sleeping soundly -

This has been the day for old Mrs Hortons
funeral which took place at W.B. H.B. -

Father, William, & Labrah have been today
at Mr Hortons & assisted them all that was needed

This P.M. W.W.B. has taken home the
sleigh he borrowed last Evening & brought the
his own home it having been repaired -

A.O.B. was called early to Mr E. Bowens
this Morn Mrs Bowen appears more well
he then went to Mr Richards where he had
been invited to attend a Post Mortem exam-
ination - Mr Richards died night before last
as Dr came home he called at Aunt Blandings
she is very feeble & will probably continue but
a short time - A.O.B. brought from the P.O.
three newspapers & a letter for me from

S. C. Forey West Boscawen

I one for Uncle from Dr Hullwell

This Eve A.O.B. & lady & W.W.B. & two sisters
are out to call at Mr Hunt & John Shelly
Mrs ^{Elizabeth} ~~the~~ ^{forever} ~~had~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} Mrs Dags ^{proper} &
before it called here & spent the Evening as
they returned from Seekonk -

Friday June 25th 1856.

Last Eve was quite mild but about midnight the wind rose & the day is the most severe of the season the Mercury has fallen steadily since 6 A.M. this Morn when it was 100° above Zero —

Uncle had a short nap about 3 P.M. this Morn & a bad nightmare so I sat up almost an hour with him, but today he has been sleeping quietly & soundly.

At 11 A.M. this Morn Father started for the City — he carried in Sister E. & Mary Ann who cannot be persuaded to stay longer from her sick Sister. A. O. B. thinks she ought to stay. I fear they will suffer as it is growing increasingly cold with a high wind —

Immediately after dinner A. O. B. & Lady & Sister S. started for Mr Bourne to take their music lesson. I fear for them also — since they have been gone the Dr has had a call to Mr Gurnethy Bullock's — I am sorry for it.

W. W. B. is hauling home wood today, Mother has & is preparing meals for the family —

A. O. B. visited his patients this Morn — Mr Richards funeral is today at the meeting house at 11 A.M. —

Mercury this Morn 110°
at 7 P.M. this Morn 80°
at 1 P.M. 40° above
& at sunset 30° above

Mercury this
Morn at 7
at 10 at 18 above

Saturday Jan. 26th 1856

Another clear cold day but not
as severe as yesterday - indeed this
P.M. seems comparatively mild

Uncle got another nap towards

Morning & had the nightmare again
excepting these little naps for a night or two
he has not slept any nights since his foot was
so painful the last of December -

B - again this Eve without medicine

Father has been into the City again
today to carry the pigs William dressed Wednes.
I did not feel as anxious about him as yester-
day on account of the cold he got home some
time before night & brought from the Post Office
a Prov. a letter for Uncle from his old friend

Mr G. M. Justice

Phila. Jan.

A. O. B. was out this Morn & again this P.M.
visiting his patients found all more comfort-
able but Aunt Blinding she continues very
feeble tomorrow her 95th birthday -

W. W. B. has been hauling home wood today
Sarah has baked & Mother has taken care of our
daily wants - Ellen has called at Mrs Wilmarth's
this afternoon

Ellen & Maria Bowen come home with
A. O. B. this Eve for the sleigh ride -

Mercury this
Morn. 8° above
at sunset 22°

Sabbath (any 27th 1856-

The weather continues clear & cold
though much milder this Evening
Uncle rested none again last night
& breakfasted late this Morn & then was
shaved after which he had a good sleep till
nearly 7^o. this Evening after which time he
changed his linen & at 9^o. this Morn went to see

father

W. W. Blanding

A. O. Blanding

E. A. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding attended

meeting all day - Ellen & Fannie Bowen went
to meeting with them & from there went home
with their father - their mother does not go out yet

Our people say there was a good number out
to meeting today & that Mr G. Massenor preached
unusually well - they brought from the P. Office
seven Newspapers.

A. O. B. has visited none of his patients
today but Aunt Blanding - she is very feeble
& may not last till tomorrow

at dinner

Monday June 28th 1850

The past night has been cloudy
about 4 o'clock it snowed very fast & since
light began to snow again & has snowed
considerable today & this P.M. the wind
has blown & they think there must be some
bunks - this Eve it is bright star light -

Uncle slept none last night & was quite
nervous but this A.M. ~~inter-~~ he listened to a
little reading & then went to sleep & continued
to get nap after nap till 8 o'clock this Eve -

A. C. B. visited all his patients today but
found Aunt Blandings dead about 12 o'clock today I
made a mistake in my journal of Saturday
this is Aunt's birthday & her ninety sixth one &
had she lived till next April she would have
lived forty eight years a widow

W. W. B. has this P.M. been up to Gilberts after
a load of hoops to carry onto the City for him
this Eve he has been to Mr Christopher Blandings

Mother has prepared the meals today - Sepsie
has sat with Uncle & Sarah has washed -

Ellen has a heavy cold as has Sisters L. & S.

Mrs Walmarth has a heavy cold & called in the Dr today

at church

Mon. 16

Monday this

Wednesday July 29th 1856

The last part of the past night was cloudy as has been today but no snow since last Evening. It is also quite mild.

Uncle had another restless sleepless night & this A.M. slept none but I read to him till time for dinner since taking which he has got to sleep.

B- again last night without medicine.

W. W. B. started at 8 o'clock this Morn with the load of hoops for market takes them in for G. D. Pearce - he got home just at dark - brought out a load of compost.

A. O. B. & Ellen went to Mr Grosvenors this afternoon & this Evening when A. O. B. went for Ellen he carried Sephe down for a call today was the day set for all to go to Pawtucket to the dentists but as some had colds it was given up by all till another time.

Sephe has a severe cold in her head Ellen also has one - Sarah has been practicing several hours today.

Father has been at home all day & very busy at various jobs about the barn & cellar - Mother has as usual prepared our meals.

Wednesday July 30th 1858

Mercury this
Morn.

A dull cloudy Morning & much warmer but this P.M. the clouds have dispersed & the Evening closes in cooler. Uncle slept none last night but this Morn dictated a letter to Mr Justice & this P.M. has been sleeping quietly also this Eve Sister S. has had the care of him since noon as I have had one of my old sick burns & could not even sit up to get Uncle to bed & Sarah has been up with him tonight in my stead.

B - just before going to bed -

Father & H. C. B. went to the City today but were home early they went in for grain & as we were afraid to let Father go alone with Dolly H. C. B. went with him to drive -

W. W. B. has today been nearly over to Gauntton after a load of timber for Mr Horton

Thursday July 31st 1856-

Another clear cold day & as there is considerable wind blowing it makes it very tedious to be out in - this P.M. there are indications of dull weather

Uncle got no sleep again last night & this Morn was comfortable I read to him from Oehlmanns Haggare & prepared dinner so far as to keep the pot boiling -

At 11 o'clock this A.M. our aged Aunt Blundings funeral took place - all of our family but Uncle & self went a very large number of connexions were assembled with others the services were very short H. O. B. & Lady with I were here at 12 1/2 o'clock & the others at 1 o'clock -

So soon as dinner was over H. O. B. & Lady with Sarah started for their music lesson

Mr Warham was over this Morn & assisted John to get in the oats preparatory to threshing -

The Evening closes in clear & cooler - our music learners got home just as tea was ready

Monday the

Morn 80 & 60

at noon 89°

at sunset 76°

No 2 }

February 1858

Friday 1st.

A little snow fell towards morning & the day has been cloudy & a light snow has been falling considerable of the day - as the Eve closes in the appearances indicate clear weather again -

Uncle slept none last night & did not go to sleep this P. M. till after 106. I thus had a long sleep this Eve. retired at 12 1/2 o'clock

Mrs H. M. Dea R. H. King & lady & daughter came from Providence & passed the day with us. Mr King had a headache the others were well - a very pleasant visit -

This P. M. at being Church meeting A. C. B. & lady & W. W. B. went a large number out - Mrs Bowen for the first time since she was sick - the articles of Church Faith were discussed preparatory to changing them somewhat - but see no need of a change. Four persons gave in their experience preparatory to joining the Church - Sephus cold is too severe today to let her venture out & I have a continued headache & Sarah is needed at home -

John has been thrashing today Wm. worked with him this A. M. Mr Nash had our oxen today -

Memory this
Morning & Evening

at H. C. P. H. 52 above
Thurs. 29th
Thurs. 29th

Saturday Feby 2nd 1856-

The past was a cloudy night with some wind & a little snow fell but today has been very mild & pleasant. I think Uncle got a little sleep last

night but was very nervous this Morn. but since 2 o. this P. M. he has been sleeping quietly excepting when I was dressing his foot

B- without medicine this P. M.

Uncles appetite is quite good now. Father went to the City this A. M. & by him I sent Uncles letter to Mr G. M. Justice

Philadelphia & mine to Mrs M. H. Weeden - Providence

A. O. B. & Lady have also gone to the City today this P. M. Lephie has gone to Mr Pures - her cold is better today - Sarah has baked &

mother has as usual prepared the meals & Wm & John have got in a ^{stack} of hay & since that Wm has been to the woods & brought a load

Father returned from the City about 5 o. P. M. brought nothing from the P. Office.

A. O. B. & Lady came just at dark & Lephie soon after so our usual number is once more gathered around our own fire side

As our milk men did not come this P. M. we took milk enough to have porridge for our supper tonight & it tasted just as good as ever -

Feb 3rd 1856

Monday Feb 3rd

Monday Feb 3rd

Sabbath Feb 3rd 1856-

A very cold day with strong Wester-
ly wind which makes it a most severe
day to be out in though the sun has
shone brightly all day.

I think Uncle got a little stup after 10 last
night because he had a nightmare but this
morn he has been more nervous than for a
long time. I have read to him till now 2 1/2 P.M.
when our people returned from meeting
they brought from the Post Office several news-
papers & a package for Father & a letter for Uncle
from Mr J. M. Douglass
Camden S. C.

Father has a lame side & did not venture
out to meeting this cold windy day but

A. O. Blanding

E. H. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding attended meet-

ing all day & say there was a good number out
& that Mr Grosvenor preached excellent sermons.
There is a meeting this Eve but none of our people
went. A. O. B. has been out this Eve visiting
his patients.

Mrs Mrs Horton have been to Providence to-
day - report says their daughter Harriet has a baby

Monday 30th Feb -
at Huron 30 above
at 9th. P.M. 60 above

Monday Feb 30th 1858

Another very cold day but the sun
shines so brightly & no wind blowing
it seems milder than yesterday though
the Mercury was lower this Morn
Uncle usually rests better after being shue-
red & changing his linen Sabbath day but
it did not have that effect yesterday or last
night for he slept none & is less nervous today
than yesterday

B - this Eve slightly without medicine
Father has been to Providence with Mr.
Christopher Blundings about Aunt Blundings
will. Father is named as Executor - they got home
about 4 o'clock -

W. W. B. - started at 8 P.M. this Morn with a load
for the City for Mr. Perkins - he returned about
5 o'clock with a load of compost for himself -

Matters with us no better today & she has applied a
green plaster but she has assisted to do the work
in the basement

Sarah has crashed today & Ephie has assisted
her as well as she could

A. O. B. - called at Mr. E. Bowens this P.M.
& when he came his horse ran & came near
throwing him out but he regained his seat in the
saddle & stopped him -

At W. C. P. H. 11 o'clock.

Mercury 42 above
Thermometer 42 above

Tuesday Feby. 5th 1856

Still clear & cold though the Mercury did not fall as low last night as the previous one but a strong wind today makes it a severe day to be out. Uncle slept less yesterday P. M. & last Eve. than for sometime & after W. C. slept some more than usual but had the nightmare badly & was very nervous indeed as he still continued this Morn this P. M. he is sleeping again but still has nightmare.

B- again last night without medicine. Father has a cold & is quite hoarse today. Mother thinks if there is any change her side is better but it is still very lame. Sophe is sick today from headache & A. O. B- went to the Village this P. M. & when he returned brought one Newspaper & a letter for me from Cousin Esther Ellis Philad. 31st. ult.

W. W. B- started at 9 o'clock this Morn with another load for Providence & to bring out corn. He did not get home till nearly 10 P. M.

Elough Clark got stuck this P. M. on his way towards Johns with a load of coal & leave his load for another trial tomorrow.

Monday this
Morn & above
at Morn 25°
at Sunset 14°
at 4 P.M. P.M. 10°

Wednesday Geby. 6th 1858-

Another clear & cold morning
but the day has been compar-
atively mild & the snow has thaw-
ed a little in some places.

Uncle slept none after 12 1/4 h. last night
when he waked up & had his bed made for
the night which we call his going to bed
his appetite has not been quite as good today

W. W. B. has been to mill this day - He
carried the Bible to Robert which Uncle bought
for him it was like the one he gave Gilbert
- the price was \$5.00 - None of the family
was at home - were gone to the funeral of Mr
Gates. Wm. got home about 10. P.M. -

Mr Weeden came over to Mr Gates funeral
& then came down to see Uncle & brought him
some Pecks & apple jelly - he says Cousin
Nancy is better as are the children

William went over this Morn & helped Hugh
Clark out of his trouble it took a long pull & a
strong pull, & a pull altogether to get the load out
H. C. B. has been out the A.M. & P.M. to visit his
patients

Father has been at home all day - he is
not as house as yesterday - Mother's side is much
the same - Sephe is about as usual today -
Sarah has done a large baking today

Thursday Feb 7th 1856-

This is a comparatively mild day
the night was cloudy & about 8 B.

this Morn it commenced snow-
ing & continued till noon when a
southerly rain set in & mod 4 B. still continues

Uncle slept last Eve & till 2 B. this Morn
pretty well - after that more till this P.M. at
4 B. - he was very nervous when awake last
night & during this day so far - this is his
eighty fifth birthday consequently he is now
eighty four years old

Soon after breakfast Father started
for the City he returned in the rain about
3 B. this P.M. with a load of grain for feed. he
made no stop in the City

W. W. B. & John have dressed Johns last
pig today it was nice fat meat

Sarah & Ellen did not go to take their
Music lesson this afternoon on account
of the storm & hoping for clear weather to
morrow

Sarah has got in her skirt this P.M. to quilt
The snow & ice upon the roof causes the water
to come in all over the back room though
Wm has been out & cleared the roof of snow

The weather keeps our young people from
going to pass the Eve as they had intended at
Mr Henry Perrys

Monday this
Morn 180
at sunset 370

Mercury this
Morn 85°

Friday July 8th 1856

The clouds dispersed before mid-
night & the day has been clear &
very much milder than for a
long time but hazy this Eve again

Uncle slept none last night after 10.6 but
went to sleep this P.M. about 4.06. & has been
sleeping quietly all the Evening yesterday
I commenced reading to Uncle the Life of
John Randolph of Roanoke by Garland

B. slightly this Eve without medicine
H. O. B. has this P.M. taken his lady &
Sarah to Mr Bournes to take their Music
lesson they found some soft places
though the main road continues firm
& not much affected by the thaw

Father has been at home all day his cold
is nearly well — Mother's side is better
& she has usual prepared the meals

William has hauled home wood for
H. O. B. from Mr. St. Carpenters & one load
from the woods for himself

Sephia's cold continues much the same

Saturday Feb 9th 1858

Clouds gathered again last night
& some snow fell before light &
from that time till 10 o'clock. it

snowed considerably but this P.M.
it cleared & the Eve has closed in very clear
& quite cool

Uncle slept none last night after
returning at 11 P.M. & this P.M. had his foot dress-
ed & washed & soon after fell asleep very qui-
etly - but a call from Mrs Pierce & Annie &
Father return from the City aroused him some

Father took to the City this Morn letters
from me to

Mrs. Wm Broadstreet

Gardner. He

& to Anne to Murray

Mobile Alabama

Father brought from the Office a letter from

Mr J. G. Justice

Philadelphia Pa

for Uncle it contained a Draft for \$350.00
which Father got cashed ere he came home

W. L. & S. have been to the City today & came
home through Pawlsey got home at 7 o'clock

W. L. & S. have been to the Village this P.M.
they brought home eight or ten newspapers

Chary Allen & Amelia Blundell called
this Evening -

Humor this
Warm 80°
at Home 80°
at Sunset 90°

Sabbath Eby. 10th 1858

It grew cold fast last Evening
& the night was very cold & the Morn
was clear & cold but the day has
been dull & very pleasant & the Eve
is again milder

Uncle slept more last night after
he went to bed & I had to be up with him
more times than usual for I ached earlier

B in the night slightly - This Morn &
through the day has been very nervous
but since 6 o. this Eve has slept very quietly
he was shaved today but did not change his linen

Matthw

H. O. Blanding

C. H. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

W. W. Blanding attended

meeting all day - the Rev. James O Barney
preached & with his usual acceptance &
our people say a full congregation was out
- several meetings were appointed for this
week but none of our people went this Eve

Two newspapers but no letters from the C. O.
Mrs Bowen was out to meeting today for the
first Sabbath since her extreme illness
Purs Malloy came over here today

Thurs 10th 1858
at Noon
at Noon
at Noon

Morning
Morn.

Monday Geby Wth 1856

A clear cold Winters Morning but not as severe as yesterday Morn but the day has been somewhat cloudy with wind South & prospect of a storm of some kind near - it has showed rapidly today in sheltered situations

Uncle had a little sleep last night after retiring but a nightmare disturbed him so much he slept no more - was quite nervous this Morn but has been comfortable today & now 5 1/2 o. C. M. is sleeping very quietly

Father & Mother started at 10 o. C. this Morn for Maine Widdens to spend the day at the same time W. W. B. - H. O. B. - Lady & J. M. B. started for Pawtucket to meet an appointment at Dentist Gardners they went in one sleigh & Father & Mother in 2 o.

Uncle, self, Sephe & John remained at home I sent a singer to change boxes at Mr Cases the Morn - it was a fine singer I sent

W. W. B. - H. O. B. - Lady & J. M. B. returned from Pawtucket soon after 5 o. C. M. it was so late they gave up their intended visit to Mr Perry this Eve -

Father & Mother got home from Mr Widdens about 8 o. had an excellent visit found all in tolerable health & Sister C. out there spending a couple of days

at 9 A.M. 40 above 0
at 11 A.M. 50°
at 1 P.M. 48°
at 3 P.M. 34°
at 5 P.M. 48°

Tuesday Feby 12th 1856

Some rain fell about midnight
last night & this Morn was warm
& quite foggy & thawing rapidly
but soon after 1 P.M. the wind changed sud-
denly from South to North West & a smart
snow squall passed over since which time
it has grown cold rapidly with a high wind

Uncle slept none last night after 12 O'Clock
but was less nervous than sometimes
though quite nervous this Morn. but this
Even he is sleeping very quietly

Gilbert came in this P.M. & made Uncle
a short call — Sephe & Father have cared
for Uncle today while I have assisted
Sarah some about the washing —

Mother has prepared the meals
A. O. B. visited his patients at the Village
this A.M. & brought home three Newspapers
from the Post Office

Father & William have been mending the
bad places on the road in the district today
Ellery Wilmarth in the Eve to bring home
some books & borrow others

Mercury this
Thurs 20 Feb 58
at Horn 40 below 0
at Horn 30 below 0

Wednesday Feby 19th 1858

A clear & very cold Morning the
wind was very strong indeed last
Eve - but before midnight lulled
a little but still the wind was high
all noon today since which it has
been quiet & comparatively pleasant
but all feel the change must keenly
the Mercury fell 42° after noon yesterday
fell 50. this Morning

Uncle slept more last night than
for a long time at night but was so much
troubled with unpleasant dreams he
was very nervous this Morn but has been
more calm this afternoon - his appetite
is not very good now

As cold as it is Father has been into
the City after grain & got his horse shod at L.
nothing from the Prov. Post Office

Immediately after dinner William
Sephe, Sarah, & Mary Hollyn started for Bar-
rington to attend meeting this P.M. & Eve - Sister
intend spending the remainder of the week
there. I fear they will suffer coming home

Father was home at 5 1/4 o'clock & cold enough.
William returned at 10 3/4 o'clock & says he has not suffered
from the cold but he froze one ear coming home -

A. O. B. attended meeting at the Village this Eve &
brought from the P. O. one paper & a letter from
E. Lane had the
open today

Mrs Caroline M. Barnes
Marionetta Ohio 5th inst

Thursday Feby. 14th 1856

The past has been an extremely cold night but the day has been milder than yesterday & this Eve the wind getting a little southerly & it is somewhat cloudy

Uncle got a good rest till 3 o'clock A.M.

& has slept none today but now 8 o'clock P.M. he is sleeping again - he was very nervous this Morn but this P.M. has been quite calm -

B - again today without medicine but not

freely H. O. B. took Ellen up to her nurse today & Father went with them & then on to see

Priscilla Newman & pay her one hundred & then dollars he owed her & which Uncle gave him to pay with - twelve dollars remainder they got home soon after 5 o'clock

This Morn William & John went to chomney gutter & brought home firewood & this P.M.

William has been hauling home Market wood

H. O. B. since getting home from Mr Brumie's has been to see his patients at Mr George Bliss he was called there first yesterday Mr Bliss & his little grand child are sick

Barrow this

Morn 8 o'clock

at 12 o'clock P.M. 10 o'clock

at 1 o'clock P.M. 10 o'clock

at 2 o'clock P.M. 10 o'clock

at 11 o'clock

Every thing
 from 40 above 0
 at 12.00. N. 150
 at 10.00. N. 150
 at 12.00. N. 150

Mercury Thru

next but it has snowed a little today
 Uncle had the best rest last night he has in
 a long time & was more quiet this Morn but
 very nervous at noon but calm again toward
 ards night & sleeping quietly this Evening
 Father went to Providence again today after
 grain but was home before 4 o. P. M. he brought
 nothing from the Post Office by him. I sent
 my letter to the Office for
 Wm. T. Barnes.

Carroll J. Mills

Marilla Ohio,

This Morn. William & John hauled in a stack of oats & this P.M. have cleared up so that the
wheat were thrashed. I am well & hope to be so tomorrow

Now 150. lbs. the wind is Easterly & bringing
two newspapers from the Village. P. O. today

Saturday Feby. 15th 1856

It snowed a little last night & early this Morn. rained some but before noon cleared & part of this P. M. it has thawed very rapidly the Mercury part of the time being as high as 50° but this Eve it freezes again it is a delightful Evening clear & moonlight

Uncle had a good sleep again last night till 3 o'clock this Morn since which he sleeps none till this Eve & is now sleeping finely still his appetite is poor & he is at times very nervous

Father has been at home all day & has read considerable to Uncle while I was busy with the Saturdays work pulling the house to rights leaving Mother & Ellen in the basement do the work & baking & fear they have both overworked

William hauled on his last stack of oats this Morn the oven kept Wm W.B. from hauling home wood but since it cleared he has hauled home two loads

H. O.B. has another patient of scarlet fever at Mr Bless - this P. M. he & Ellen have been to Mr A. Bowens - were home at 9 o'clock. Suffer Pierce call in this P. M. for a few moments

Mercury this

Morn 32°

at 6 A.M. 40°

at 4 P.M. 32°

at Newmarket 10°
at 9 A. P. M. 40°
Mercury this
Thurs 6°

Monday Feby 18th 1856

The past night has been very cold
with a high wind & that still continues
the day has been clear & must severely cold
not a day yet like it for seventy though
the Mercury has fallen some days

Uncle did not sleep quite as well last night
as the previous one & has been nervous today
to admit of my writing to Mr Justice.

Though it was only eight o'clock when our peo-
ple came home last Eve it was 10 o'clock before Sisters
wounds were dressed so she could go to bed - her
back is injured & quite lame & she slept but very
last night from the pain & a sick stomach.

I sat up till almost 1 o'clock this Morn - her right
eye is entirely closed & her left swollen some &
her head badly bruised - it seems providential
that Mary stood behind if she had been along
some one must have been more seriously
hurt if not killed indeed. Sister narrowly es-
caped with her life - Sarah is very lame in
her arms & William is lame across his chest
& his right shoulder neither of them can do
much today we must put our washing out.

William, Mr Gordon & Eben Lane have been
down where the accident happened last Eve
the blood was all about there - they think the
accident was owing to the bad road & that the
town of S is liable for damages.

Sarah & self have been cleaning the blood from
Sisters dress &c &c there was a great deal upon the

Mercury this
Morn. 10°
at 11 A.M. 18°
at 1 P.M. 18°

Tuesday Feby. 19th 1856

We have had another cold wind
night but is a little milder this
Morn & more so this Eve still the
day has been very blustering & uncomfortable
but as the Eve closes in it is still & pleasant
Uncle slept comfortably again last night
but has been quite nervous today but now
G. B. is sleeping quietly —

B — this Morn again without medicine.
Father has been to Providence today he
did not start till nearly noon & returned at
Sunset. it was very severe for him this Morn
but he got along quite well did not see Sister
C or any of her family — nothing from the P. O.
After mending the plough till so Father
could use it Wm went to the woods & hauled
home two loads of wood — this Eve he has
gone to see Amelia she was the least hurt of
any one — struck her head on one of the bars
Sister D is sicker than yesterday Wm better
Sophie slept some last night but found her
self lame all over today her eye is a little less swollen
Leggie Pierce called this Eve — Mr Hunt this
P. M. Mrs Hunt & Mrs Allen called & sat awhile the
Evening —

Shaver got but little rest Sabbath night but
last night had a good sleep
Sarah & self have today been cleaning blood from
the shawl &c it really is a job to get things clean

Wednesday Feb. 20th 1855

Quite a mild & very still night
it clouded up & has been cloudy all
the day & some fog on west hand
the wind is southerly.

Uncle slept unusually last night never
waked from 12 h. till almost 5 h. this morn.
but owing to bad dreams he did not get much
rested & was nervous but this P.M. is very quiet
& has dictated a letter to Mr. Justice.

B- again this P.M. without medicine
Sister L. got a comparatively good rest last
night & felt so so this morn. but this P.M. has
had a severe headache from seeing too
much company I presume as Cousin
E. M. Prece, Mrs. Horton & Amelia Blan-
ding have all been in to see her - the other
business ones are doing finely.

William has today hauled home three
loads of wood & this Eve. has gone to meeting
Sarah has gone with him.

Father has been at home all day excepting
calls among the neighbors.

Mother as usual has prepared the
meals for the family.

John has been thrashing today besides
the usual chores.

Mercury this
Morn
at 10 A.M. P.M. 34°
at 10 A.M. 34°
at 10 A.M. 34°

Thursday July 21st 1858

A mild cloudy night but the sun caused the clouds soon to disappear & the day has been clear pleasant showing a considerable wind southerly.

Uncle rested pretty well last night but not as well as the previous one was quite nervous this Morn but calm this P.M. while I was reading & sleeping this Eve

B. again today without medicine

Sister L. rested tolerably last night & felt comfortably comparatively till this Eve when she had a bad headache again & presently she sat up too much today she has but a little appetite - it hurts her badly to eat

Wm. has hauled home the last of his wood two loads - immediately after dinner took went after Mr Bourne & Father took the team up to the woods & met him & came home with Mr. B. from there H. O. B. took him home

Bro. Eve Wm. Sarah, M. D. H. M. & A. D. Blundell have gone to Orange to visit S. E. Carpenter - he will call at Mr. Sears Peares

H. O. B. - has visited all his patients today & been to the P. O. but obtained nothing

Father at home excepting going to the woods Mother as usual has prepared the family meals I assisted Wm to complete his highway account this P.M.

Mercury this
Morn
at 1st. P.M. 37
at sunset

Friday Feby. 22nd 1858

A lovely clear day the sun has shone
bright & the snow has thawed rapidly
the wind is cold & from the West

Uncle had quite a good rest last night
& has been quite comfortable today - he has
been in care of Sister Sarah as has Sister L.
who feels miserably stiff & sore, yet & Mrs. Eve
as every Eve since she was hurt her headaches
badly.

At 10 o'clock Mrs. Morn. Luther & self started
for Providence & called at Grandma Hunt's
house then at Mr. Samuel Brown's, then at
Mrs. Burt's after which I did my shopping
then Luther took me up to Sister Es where
we found the house shut up then we start-
ed for home where we arrived soon after sun-
set. Tom ran with us as we came home this
is the first time I have been in a carriage
since Thanksgiving day - & I came home sick
with headache & must off to bed soon & leave
Sarah to get Uncle to bed.

Robert & Lucy Peurse called this Morn
on their way to their Father's place to spend
the day - they say Cousin Dolly Smith is in Bos-
ton where her cancer has been cut off.

William Luther & Sarah have been to Church
meeting this P.M. more have presented them-
selves for Church membership - A. O. B. and
Ellen stood with Uncle & Sephe.

Monday this
Morn 1858

Monday this
Nov 10

Saturday Feb 23rd 1856

Another fine day though somewhat cloudy this P.M. - but clear again this Ev. Uncle returned about 10 o'clock. Last Ev. I had a fine sleep till almost morning & has been so so today considering the contents of

Cousin John R. Bullard letter which Father obtained yesterday in Prov. it makes me feel sick to see Uncle made so wretched by Aunt Rachel's relations. I get wearied out with the worry about money.

Sephe is much as yesterday, if anything improves a little from day to day but I fear she will ever carry a sad mark of the accident.

Father started this Morn for Wm. & then to Providence as he could bring out but little when I came last night. He fears for the traveling next week - he called at Mr. Brown's & gave Mrs. Brown the five dollars Uncle sent her as a present for her kind attentions to his dear departed sister Carpenter.

A. O. B. & Lady have been to the City today but were home again before 3 o'clock. They dined at Sister Es - she was at Fager's meeting when Father & self called there yesterday.

John is gone today which keeps Wm. at home & very busy - Mother & Sarah have baked & prepared the meals today for I am not over my headache yet & have too much to do in Uncle's room.

Monday
Nov 24th 1856

Sabbath Feby. 24th 1856

A fine Morning but the wind rose
before noon & this P.M. has been quite cold
& uncomfortable & this Eve is colder still

Uncle slept but little last night I pre-
sume his restlessness was caused by the
visit A. O. B. made him talking over his
plans of leaving here & going West next day
together with John B. & his letter - he has been
shaved today & this Eve changed his linen

Lephe gains some but still is unable to
sit up all day or to wait upon herself wholly
she has but little appetite - still the wounds
appear to be doing very well

Chapter

A. O. Blanding

E. A. Blanding

S. M. Blanding attended
meeting all day W. W. Blanding this afternoon
only, as John being gone he could not get his
chores done in time to attend meeting this A.M.
our people say a good number were out &
that Mr Grosvenor preached very well
Several papers but no letters from the P.O.
Mr M. Pierce called this Evening to see the
invalides after which our young people here
Lephe went to Mr Pierce to sing

Monday
Nov 25th

Monday Feb 25th 1856-

Another clear morning but soon
the clouds gathered & threatened snow
& the day has been cold & chilly with a
S.W. Wind - but as the Eve-
nings in the clouds have dispersed & it again
looks like clear weather -

Uncle slept unusually well last night
but dreamed too much to rest a great deal
& today has been so so bent for talking about
that letter & the affairs connected with it
since washing I have read a little to him
in the Widow Bedolls papers - & this Eve-
ning has read to him - as Ellen did the
P. M. after dinner -

This Morn Oliver Chaffee & Dr Aspin
will call to see Sister Lephie that there
should be no mistake about her being in-
firmed - they thought she was hurt still
she is the smartest of any day since she
was first hurt - & has knit a little the first
work she has attempted since she was hurt

I have assisted Sarah some today
about the washing & Mother has done the
housework - William has been to the auc-
tion of Joseph Millers farming produce
& implements - A. O. B. has been called to
Mr. C. Owens to see a sick child
Father has been at home all day

Wednesday Feb. 26th 1856

Mercury this
Morn. 40°
at 10 A.M. 21°

Well we have clear weather but to-
day quite a strong wind so it seems
quite cold & the snow goes slowly—

Uncle slept very good again last
but is quite nervous today & will be I pre-
sume till the affair of the bond is settled

B today without medicine

Mr Grosvenor called today & saw Uncle
for the first time this Winter & stayed with him

Gather went to the City today carried two
barrels of apples— he went in the druggon
for the first time in two months— sleighs
are used some still but wheels nearly as
much & they look quite strange

Gather carried in the bond & papers &c &c
for Mr Perkins to compute the amount due
when we shall decide what to do with it— he
did not get home from Prov. till 7 P.M.

This P.M. Mr A. Bowen & lady with two chil-
dren have passed here also this Eve— it is the
first time I have seen Mrs Bowen since her sick-
ness— she is looking quite well as do the chil-
dren— we always have a pleasant visit from them
I have not felt well & only just saw them

Leopie improves some. Has a little better appetite
Wm & John have been learning up stairs today
A. O. B. has visited his patients at Mr Ephraim
Bowens & Mr George Bliss

Monday 15th
Sundays this

Wednesday Feb 27th 1856.

A fine clear Morning but this P.M.
is cloudy & some look for rain & some
think there is more snow at hand

Uncle rested poorly last night compared
with the two previous ones & has been very
nervous today with but little appetite it seems
me to see Uncle so troubled about his affairs
which were settled a long time ago & I
know not but he will be worn out by it
Sophie is still improving - has today taken
her bandage off but the sticking plaster is
fast she has knit a little more today -

William went this Morn to Mill at Perryville
& got H. O. B. horse shed - H. O. B. went with
him to see his patient took Mr. Bliss & this P.M. is
going to Mr. Bowens Thomas Carpenter was
taken sick last night & called in Dr. Aspendall

Mother after doing the house work today has
this P.M. done all the evening but the slunk
ed clothes & a few pieces belong to Ellen

Thursday Feb. 27th 1858

A clear cool morning but the day has
been pleasant & warmer than for some
time & this P. M. has thawed

Uncle did not rest very well last night &
seemed inclined to sleep this morning but has
woused up & listened to reading

B. this P. M. with ^{out} medicine quite freely

This Morn. Mr Goffcarne & assisted Brother
William to dress beef they did st. Mr Hortons
burn. John was thrashing in our burn

Father prepared an early dinner today
& immediately after that Sarah & Ellen
started for their Music lesson they went
with red. Corn & the sleigh & Sarah drove
it is doubtful if they can go as far next
week in a sleigh though people often go in
worse sleighing than this when there is but
little snow in a winter. the banks are wasting
while our people were gone. this P. M. Mrs
Slaney & babe & Lucy Butler called here.
Mrs. Norton has a babe three weeks old.
I was very busy writing & had a bad head
ache & did not go down to see them.
Father has been at home all day. A. A. B.
has visited some patients & since has been
busy at the workbench

Memory this
Thurs 27

Mercury 440

Sunday Feby. 28th 1855

Another clear day & quite pleasant though a little threatening last Eve

Uncle rested somewhat better last night but was dozey some this Morn but has been so so through the day

Sister L. has gained fast for two days & her wounds are healing nicely still there as soreness & weakness that prevents her from using her eyes steadily to do anything

Father off early this A. M. to Providence with the beef came it to Mr Pierce - he said Sister E. but her husband would not let any of the boys come out with him, Lucretia was hourly expecting her Father

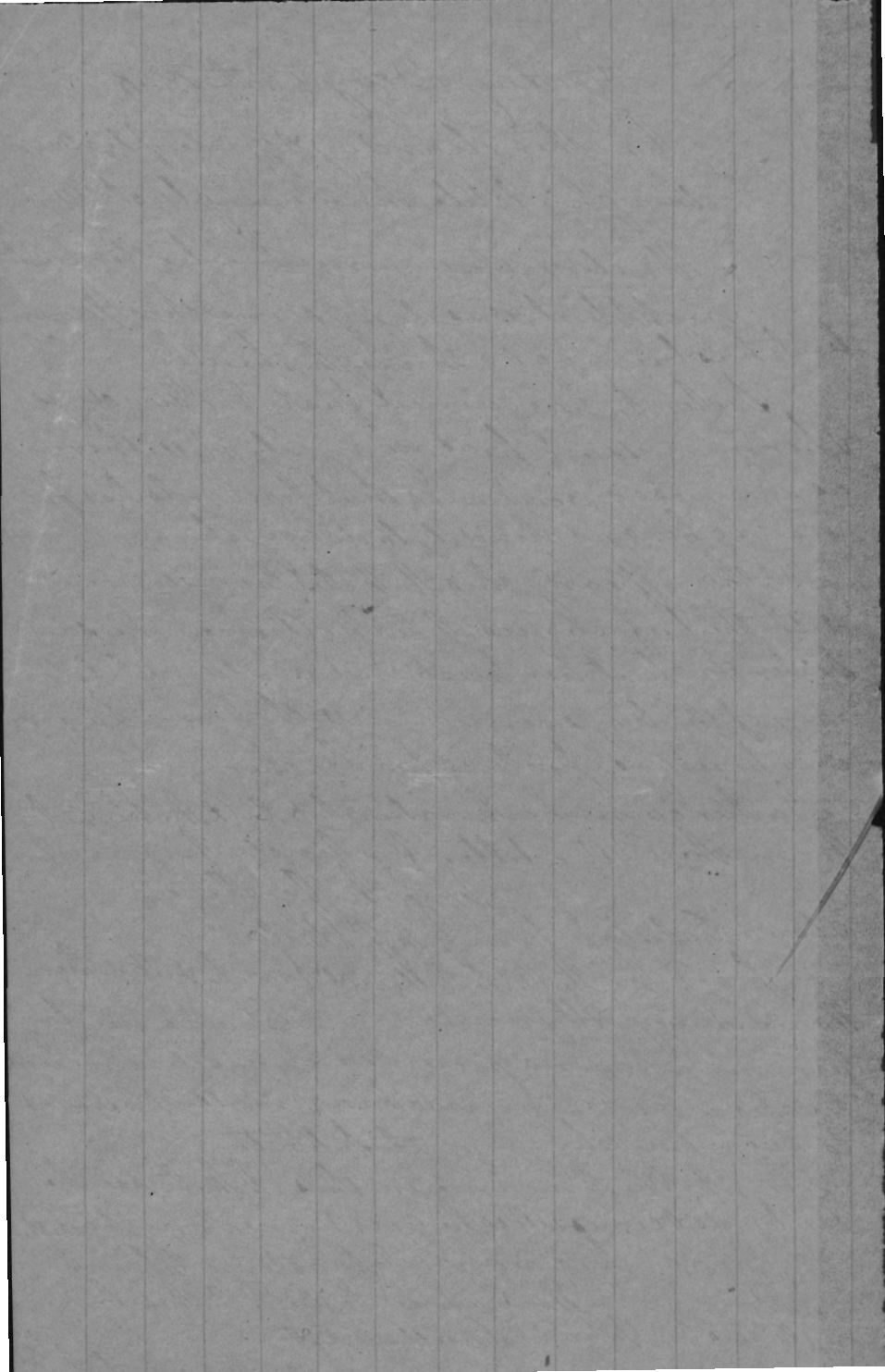
Father came home about 6 P. M. he got from the P. O. a letter for Uncle from

Mr G. M. Justice
also a Catalogue from G. M. J. Phila

Geo P. M. A. C. B. Ellen & Sarah & Mother Wm & Mary Allen attended Church meeting five more persons presented themselves as candidates to the Church making in all 31 persons to form the Church next Sabbath

Frank Weston came in this P. M. to see the the birds & curiosities he goes home tonight with Mr Pierce who came out to attend Church meeting

Wm came to the P. O. this A. M. my letters to John R. Bullard & S. W. A. M. of N. H.



No 3

March 1858

Friday Feb.

Morn.

Morn. & Noon

A fine day Mild & Spring like but this Ev. it has clouded & soon after 9 P. it began to snow fine but fast

Uncle slept so so last night but today has been very sleepy & I fear he will again get to sleeping in the day though I try to prevent it

Sephe is quite smart today & has assisted a little about house though she seems to have taken cold yesterday & is very lame today

Immediately after breakfast William started for Dighton to bring a load for Mr O.B. Boston he got home just before sunset

Father has been at home all day & has assisted John to winnow the oats which are all threshed & put away in the out chamber

It has taken me all day to do my usual Saturdays work & keep Uncle amused so he would not sleep dressed his foot this P. M. found it looking nicely -

Mother has done the housework & prepared the meals while Sarah has baked or made so A. O. B. has visited one or two patients today

Mercury this
Morn.

March
Sabbath Feb. 2nd 1856-

It snowed fast last night till near-
ly morning then changed to rain
which continued till nearly noon &
made it impossible for ladies to go
out till on foot the snow poredge was so deep
since noon the rain has ceased entirely & this
Eve it has cleared but does not look very cold
Uncle rested much as usual last night & was
sleepy this Morn but wished to hear me read
& to be shaved so he slept but very little & this Eve
he has changed his linen & today again fresh B

Owing to the rain our people did not get
started till very late for the Morning services as
they wished to go in the waggon

Mother

S. M. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

C. A. Blanding

A. D. Blanding

L. H. Blanding attended meet-

ing all day - it was communion & 31 joined the
Church & Mother was of the number - the con-
gregation was large for so unpleasant a day

Only a few newspapers from the Office today
as William called last night as he came from
Dighton & got what was then there

Monday this
Morn. 18th

Monday March 3rd 1850

A clear & quite cold Morning - the day has been very unpleasant owing to a strong South West wind a real March day

Uncle had a delightful sleep last night but has been very sleepy today & I fear will get but little sleep - the coming night -

B - slightly without medicine -

As she seems quite smart today her wounds have healed rapidly still she cannot read or sew much her eyes are so weak she has been careful of Uncle today

This has been town meeting day & at W.B. Gathers & Wm went they did not get home till almost sunset - some change in Town Officers

Mother as usual has prepared the meals while Sarah has washed & I have tried to assist her but did not begin till she was nearly done

A. O. B. has used his sleigh again today - to visit his patients at Mr Bowens

This Eve Mr Governor had a meeting at Mr Hortons & A. O. B & Lady & Sarah attended

John. Hunt was in this Eve - the first time in a long time - Wm has been busy preparing to start early in the Morn for Boston (via)

Quinton he goes with Mr Giff

I have been ironing Wms. collars this Eve

Mum.
Mary Ellen

Tuesday March 4th 1850

Another clear still cold Morning
but the day has been much like yester-
day - a strong South west wind

Uncle slept less last night than for
some time past but he has not seemed
so dull & sleepy today as yesterday

Up at 4 A.M. this Morn & prepared break-
fast while Wm milked & while they ate break-
fast I put his things into the valise. Sat 7 A.M.
Father & Wm. were about ready to start for
Baunton. Father goes to attend Probate Court
A.M. & Wm. has been hauling in salt hay
this Morn this P.M. H. O. B. has gone to visit the sick

Jane Carpenter came in socially this
Morn to spend the day a pleasant surprise.
At 4 P.M. Father returned from Baunton
says it is very chilly & is thawing a good deal
they got over in time for the cars Mr Giff went
over with them.

Mary Ellen called in first at tea time
she had company & could not come over to
spend the afternoon - Sarah went part of
the Ev. home with Jane Carpenter

Lephe has a bad headache though her wounds
heal nicely her head is very easily disordered
since the injury any excitement produces
a headache.

The Eve closes in cloudy & windy & the wind
seems to increase as the Eve advances

March 5th Wednes. 1836

Before 10 o'clock last Eve a violent
storm of wind & rain set in the wind
was very violent but before 12 o'clock ^{mid}night
the clouds had dispersed & the stars
were shining brightly & before ^{day} going off
we this Morn find there was a light fall of
snow before it cleared off last night. Today
has been like yesterday chilly & windy but
clear & showing quite fast

Uncle slept but little till midnight
but has been sleeping all through the Morn.
& this P. M. is roused up & talking

Father has today gone to get Dolly
shod & then into the City to pay Williams
note at the Eagle Bank which is now due

I suppose Brother Wm will reach Sister
Susan sometime today

Sister L. is suffering from headache
This Morn found my bird Kelly dead
in her cage. she appeared to have died in
the night & fallen from her perch. I found
her about sunrise - A. C. B. is skinning her
to mount this P. M. I am so sorry she is dead
she was such a beautiful & good bird

Ellen, Lebbe, Sarah & A. C. B. have taken tea
this P. M. at Mrs. Allyn's & this Eve. Mary A. Sarah
& Kate Havant have gone with John to Concert.
Father got home from Prov. about sunset -
brought no letters

Monday this
Morn 24°

Thursday March 6th 1856

A cold cloudy & windy Morn & at 10 A.M. a smart snow storm & continued till about 2 P.M. when the wind subsided & the snow ceased & this P.M. has been clear, mild and pleasant

Uncle got but little sleep last night but has today been sleeping considerable & he is so so **B** again yesterday without medicine. Lefine is sick again today did too much yesterday - must stay in yet longer

Susie Murray came to her aunt Pines yesterday quite unwell & called in Dr. A. C. B. I have been over this Morn she feels some better but is suffering from headache - has sneezed too hard the past Morn & is a little squeesh the Dr. thinks & needs rest. I hope she will soon be well her Mother will be so anxious

Thos P. M. Sarah & Ellen have gone to take their music lesson - went in the sleigh & Sarah drove the new snow makes good sleighing but it will soon be gone the sun is so warm

The young people that attended concert last Eve went to meeting - as they could find only one or two at the concert they came back to the vestry to meeting a good number out

Thos P. M. A. C. B. has finished Betty & since has gone to the Village - he went to Mr. Bowens this Morn - Henry Perry came for a barrel of apples this A.M. - Father has been at home all day

March 190

Memor. this

Friday March 7th 1856.

A clear cold morning but the day has been pleasant & quite wet under foot from thawing. Uncle slept none last night till after midnight but has slept a good deal today & has been so so —

Father started about 10 o'clock. Mrs. Mum for the City carried quite a load of potatoes cabbage &c & brought home a larger one of green & feed for the horse & cattle. Now O. B. & he has just got home.

Lephe seems quite smart today, is able to assist about the house some.

A. C. B. sent his boxes for Camden this into Providence by Father today & has also written Baldwin Starr & Co today & been to the Office with the letter he obtained at the Office two Newspapers.

Mrs. P. K. Susie Murray came over & sat with us & took tea. She is better & Uncle seemed to enjoy her visit.

Dr. A. C. B. has been called today to see Mrs. Moore's child & also to see Mrs. Lee —

420
Merrymouth
March 8th

Saturday March 8th 1858

A fine Spring like day the most
so of any this season, clear & mild
& very wet underfoot but this Eve
it blows up cold & is freezing rapidly
Uncle passed almost a sleepless night
last night but has slept a good deal to
day - this P. M. has had his foot washed &
dressed it looked a little inflamed

B this P. M. without medicine
This Morn. A. O. B. visited
his patients & this P. M. with Dolly & Uncle's
carrage has been to Prov. - carried Ellen
& Sarah they returned about 7 o' - P. M. were
at Sister E's she thinks of coming out next
week with her Plumptions Brother & Sisters

Father has been at home all day with us
John is very busy now & Mom is gone & tries to
do every thing just right we shall miss him
Sarah nearly finished baking before she
started for Prov. Sister L. assisted Mother to
finish it off & then peck over the lumps to have
it ready for boiling Monday -

As usual it has taken me all day
to do my Saturday's work of sweeping & clean-
ing & bathing &c

Sister Murray in a little while this P. M.

Subbath March 9th 1856-

A clear cold day - severely so which
with a strong wind makes it one
of the severest of the winter it was a
little milder in the middle of the day
but this Eve at 9 o. the mercury was
but the wind has hushed

Uncle passed another wakeful
night but has had a fine sleep today -
this P. M. was shaved & this Eve changed
his linen - & retired at 10 1/2 o

Only A. O. Blanding
E. A. Blanding
S. M. Blanding attended

meeting today it was so very cold & windy
they say a good number were out today &
this Eve. there are meetings at the Village
& at the Orleans Village where there is much
interest - Mr Grosvenor preached well today
Mouks family were all out including Susie

A. O. B. did not get to meeting till this
P. M. had to see patient & put up medicines
From the P. O. today several newspapers
it seems strange to have them gone so long

Mercury this
Thurs day

at 7 P. M. h. 11 o above
at 10 P. M. h. 18 o at Mount Hope at 9 P. M. P. M. h. 10 above

Monday this
Mem at Lunenburg Feb 23
at 12 o'clock. A. M. 5 o'clock
at 9 o'clock. P. M. 10 o'clock

Monday March 10th 1855-

A clear cold day with a high wind
but this Eve the wind is still again
Uncle slept less than ever last
night & I was up more than usual
& slept very late this Morn & Uncle
has slept finely today - Sephe has
cared for him most of the day -

Father has been to the Town Clerks
Office with the other members of the
Committee today to examine the records &
other papers - he walked home & found it very
severe but has since been to Mrs. Holbyns to get
Uncle some tobacco smoking & chewing

Sue Murray came over to dine with us
on clam chowder she spent the P. M. & took
tea she seems getting pretty well again

Ellen has been sick all day a severe head-
ache - has not been down since breakfast

Sarah has washed & I have tried to assist her
a little - got through before 5 o'clock P. M.

Mother as usual has prepared our dinner
& Sephe prepared supper - boiled the tripe

This Eve there is a meeting at Mr. Pierces only
A. O. B. & Sarah went over

A. O. B. visited his parents this Morn
& went to the P. O. Father rode to the village with
him on his way to Col. Wheatons

Wednesday March 11th 1856

The past night was severely cold but no wind today has been warmer but a high wind from the South & West has made it a tedious day to be out in

Uncle slept almost none last night but has had a fine sleep today & heard but little reading Ellen is better & down to her meals Leph's wounds are healed external ly but she cannot lay on that side At 10 o'clock Mrs. Mear Gather & Mr Hunt

started for Gauntown as witnesses at Court. Mr Hunt furnished horse & Father carriage

A. O. B. walked to visit his patients who are doing well but Charlotte Brown she seems to fail - the Dr was also at the P. O. & got two newspapers - we expect Brother Wm home today

Gather returned from Gauntown at 6 o'clock complaining of feeling very cold - but does not have to go again till next Friday

Mary Allen called this Eve for Sister L. to go there tomorrow & fit a dress for Ediga & Susie Murray spent the P.M. with Amelia & came over here to pass the Eve as we expected Brother Wm home but after looking for him till 9 o'clock P.M. think we will not see him tonight - hope no accident has detained him

Barney & John from 6 o'clock 30° above 0

at 10 o'clock. Wind at N. 26° above 0

at 1 o'clock P.M. 30° at sunset 29°

at last time of 9 o'clock P.M. 14° above 0

Monday the
11th 80

Wednesday March 12th 1856

A rather clear cold night & some
wind about midnight - & today
is very tedious cold & windy & this
A.M. some smart snow squalls

Uncle slept very little last night
but has had a nice sleep today

Susie Murray staid with us last night
but soon after breakfast went over to her
Aunt Elizabeths but was in again before
Father started for the City & went back in
the snow etc. she was home Dea Plimpton
& Lady & Col Plimpton & daughter came to
spend the day - soon after their arrival
Mr Weeden passed has come out to lake
in Susie to Mrs Hunts - he called here
just at dinner time, said Uncle - to whom
Cousin Maria sent some nice jelly &
also some quince marmelade also quite
a number of papers & a Book, H. W. B. writing

At 11 1/2 o'clock this A.M. Another Wm arrived
at home left Sister Susans yesterday Morn &
all were well, - spent last night in Boston
he has a severe cold

Susie called a minute this P.M. on her way
to Providence - our other friends did not leave
till 8 o'clock. we had pleasant visit from them
Lepha was at Mrs Allens this Morn seeing for
Eliza Atwoods

The Eve closes in cold & windy

Thursday March 19th

After midnight last night
the wind was quiet but blowing
hard again today & very cold

Uncle slept none last night but
has slept all the Morn very quietly

Sephe has been again this Morn to
Mrs Helyns but was home again before noon
Wm feels so much unwell from his cold
he has given up going to Guendon today

By Dr Forest Brown we learn his
sister died yesterday A.M. sitting in her
chair A.C.B. said when he was there last
he did not think she would live a week

Father is at home today & John is not
here - is cutting wood for his family

Sarah is making cake again this Morn

The P.M. & Eve are comparatively mild &
no wind which makes it seem pleasant

The company expected this P.M. did not
come -

Brother Wm. went to bed before dark feel-
ing sick from severe pain in the head he
has been hauling wood for Mrs Helyns & load-
ing a load for Eben came this P.M.

Father & A.C.B. have cleared the stove
this Eve -

Henry this
Morn at 6 A.M.
at Guendon 1850
at 9 A.M. P.M.

Mercury this
Morn.

Friday March 14th 1856

An unusually mild night & pleasant Morn though the wind has been North West & South.

Uncle slept none last night he got worried about fire & was disturbed also by the Dr. being called for at 11 p.m. he went to Mr W. Johnsons & did not get home till the Morn - he left a little baby boy there much to the delight of its parents but no nurse for Mrs J. but she is quite comfortable.

Uncle has been sleeping finely this Morn. At 8 o'clock Father was off for Queenston with Mr. Chaunt he furnished horse & Father a carriage.

William went at 9 o'clock to the graveyard & assisted to haul a monument up the hill - then came home & at 10 1/4 o'clock has just started for the funeral of Charlotte W. Brown - it is at 11 o'clock.

Mom is one of the bears - Sarah & Sephe went out but returned immediately after services. Sarah & Ellen went to take their music lesson as black turn had to go. H. O. B. went along to drive they returned just at sunset.

Gertrude & Bliss called to see Father this P.M. - Sister L. has been in to Cousin Nobe soon after dark Father got home & he will not be obliged to go again.

William does not feel as well this P.M. as he did in the Morn.

Mercury this
Morn. 85°

Saturday March 15th 1856-

A fine clear Springlike day & the
snow & ice are rapidly melting it
truly seems like Spring as a black bird
came on to the Elms in the front yard
& sang a few notes H. O. B. said him & Wm.
heard the notes of a blue bird but did not
get to see it - I hope robins will come next

Uncle slept none last night but has had
a fine sleep today & slept till I dressed his
foot this P. M. which is now looking nicely
Gather has been to the City today for feed
for the cattle he returned about 5th

William has this P. M. been to meet the
Committee on Accounts at the Almshouse
Sarah has baked as usual & Mother has
prepared the meals while I have done my
Saturday work & as it is mild today I have
tried to do some that has been the go bye for
a few weeks & consequently was not done till
very late & before I had got the wool prepared
to dress Uncle & we were surprised by the
arrival of Mr. Stettenger & ~~Mr. Stettenger~~ Isaac
Murray whom he found at Sister E's & brought
out to spend the Sabbath with us

H. O. B. has been busy in the work shop
all day - Gather brought from the Prov. P. O.
today a letter for Uncle from

Annie A. Murray
Mobile Ala

Black Bird

Blue Bird

Monday 19th
Snowy this

Sabbath March 16th 1858

A fine clear Morn but colder than yesterday yet very pleasant comparatively

Uncle slept more last night or this Morn till after day light but has been sleeping today but not as soundly as yesterday but has been shaved & changed his linen today & since meeting has seen Mr Statterger who has this Eve gone to Mr Perces also W. W. B. Sat Church today

W. Statter
L. H. Blanding
S. M. Blanding
C. H. Blanding
A. O. Blanding
W. W. Blanding
Mr J. E. Statterger

A Mr Richmond preached our people liked him very much & say there is a good congregation in attendance

Sue Murray is still feeling predisposed to the chills & did not go out to meeting but after a good sleep on the sofa she looks quite bright

Father was to have gone to meeting this P.M. but it seemed best for him to remain at home

Monday 18th
Morning like

Monday March 17th 1856-

Another fine day with a warm
sun & southerly wind which makes
the snow & ice melt rapidly & deepens
the mud traveling is getting very muddy

Uncle slept some towards morning but
notwithstanding has had a fine sleep today.
he roused up this morn to bid Mr Hallenger
good bye at which time Mr H. paid Uncle
the semiannual interest which was one
hundred & five dollars

Sarah went with Mr Hallenger & Susan to
Providence. Had Uncle's carriage & red top
they will dine at Dec P. & Mr H. will leave
in the Evening train

William went this morn to the Auction
at Widow Candace Quene & this P.M. has
gone with Father to Societies meeting

Gilbert Pearce called this morn to talk
with Mr Hallenger about going West. Eliza
his wife has the Western fever badly

This P.M. Father & William have been to Socie-
ties meeting & did not get home till almost night
She must have this P.M. been to thornes gutters
chopping & did not get home till sunset
Sarah did not get home till almost dark

Quite a good number out to meetings this
Eve & a very good meeting - I slept with
Uncle

John Marchant
came today

\$105.00

Memory this
Morn 220

Wednesday March 18th 1855 -

The weather continues mild and pleasant with wind southerly

Uncle got no sleep last night but today has slept finely all day but his appetite is always poor when he sleeps so again this Morn without medicine
B - Father & William off this Morn to Providence with a load for market & home with a larger one just at sunset the traveling is so bad. Father walked a long part of the way home - Wm. dined at Dea P. Sizer's wishes to come out next Thursday A.M.

The men have hauled home two loads of wood today from shornegutter

Mother has prepared the dinner as usual while Sophie cared for Uncle & prepared the tea

Sarah has washed today & I have assisted her some it has been the mildest day to wash since last Dec.

Dr. A. O. B. has this P. M. been called to G. W. Bliss - Mrs Johnson is quite unwell yesterday Ellen & A. O. B. called at our Ministers.

Morn at 10 A.M. 24°

Forecast this

Wednesday March 19th 1855

A mild but cloudy Morn & about 10 A.M. the snow began to fall gently & still continues now 4 P.M. much of it melt still it gathers some this afternoon, wind Easterly

Uncle slept more last night but is sleeping finely today & took more dinner than usual of which ^{it} gives & homony -

Father is at home today looking over town papers - Sephe is assisting him

Mother is ironing & Sarah practicing William was off at 10 A.M. this Morn with his subscription paper to have that done with

The men went this Morn to the other farm to culling Alders - this P.M. are culling wood at the door -

I went to Mrs. Cullyns this Morn found the walking worse than I expected & wet my feet - got wet with the snow besides -

The snows still falling now 10 P.M. and Dr. A. C. B. and Mother have just started for Mr. George W. Bliss - the snow & moon make it very light out tonight

Morning.

Thursday March 20th 1856

The early Morn was dark with clouds but a most beautiful ^{prospect} presented itself against the leaden clouds the trees with every branch & twig laden with the feathery snow looked passingly beautiful not a spray but was crowned with a white tuft. It has been mild & this P.M. is mostly clear and the snow is melting rapidly wind southerly.

Uncle slept none last night but today is having a nice sleep & a better appetite.

Father is at home & still busy looking over the town papers - some are quite ancient. Mother & A. C. B. are not yet home. Sisters Sophe & Sarah have done the work & prepared for company this Morn.

The men are cutting wood at the door. At 10 p.m. H. M. Williams started for the City with Dolly in his carriage to bring out Susie Murray by him sent to the Office my letter for Dr. S. Blanding Columbia N.C.

This P.M. Mr. Bourne & Sister came to tea and spent the Evening - he gave Ellen & Sarah their music lesson & then gave us fine music on both instruments -

William & Susie got home about 4 o'clock. They brought several newspapers - Susie has got recent letters from her Mother -

B - again this Evening

Mum
Mercury this

Friday March 21st 1856

The past night was cloudy & the day has been the same but mild & the snow melting rapidly & thawing but

Uncle slept none last night & did not get to sleep this Morn till after 8 o'clock since which time he has slept finely till about 5 o'clock P.M.

Father is still at home & busy with the old chest & papers he finds some curiosities. Mother prepared the dinner & this P.M. has been sewing - while Sarah prepared tea.

Susie went over to her Aunt Pierses today & also Sephe to assist her with her sewing.

Susie still feels a queerish - she gave me a green gingham dress this Morn - Wm. will take the remainder of her things over to her this Eve.

H. O. B. was this Morn called to dress Eben Sarnes foot which he cut badly in the woods this Morn & as laid by with it, this P.M. H. O. B. has been to Mr E. Bowens & called at Mr Reynolds as he came home for his subscription towards painting the schoolhouse. Wm. has this P.M. been to settle with Mr Drown & this Eve has taken Susies trunk over to her he feels quite unwell tonight sore throat &c

Morning this

Saturday March 22nd 1856

A dull Morn but the day has been tolerably clear but a chilly North East wind blowing still it is thawing very rapidly & traveling very bad -

Uncle slept none again last night & not till after sunrise this Morn - but has had a fine sleep today & aroused now 5 A.M. for the first time to smoke today - he scarcely roused while I dressed his foot this P.M.

Father has spent another day busy with the papers on the old Chest of the towns

Mother has prepared the meals & done a good deal besides to assist Sarah who has baked as usual & then an oven full of mine pies extra - a hard days work for both
Sephie is still at Mr Percies assisting Susan
shedded not come last night

I heard a blue bird again this Morning
Brother William has a troublesome tooth & has gone to Pawtucket to see the dentist & then to Providence, by him was sent to the P.O. a letter with the quarterly payment to John W. Horner

Secty of the Penn M. L. S. Company
A. Q. C. has this P.M. been to Mr Bliss also to see Mrs. Lee

The men have been culling alders at the other farm
Susan came home with Sephie to spend the Sabbath with us she is not well & I am very glad she came over here.

After Dark again today

Morn
Evening this

Sabbath March 23rd 1858

As pleasant Morn but a chilly wind
the ground very wet & traveling very
bad - the snow going rapidly

I have heard a blue bird several times
today & Father says he has seen one & it seems
to be selecting a house to build in -

Uncle got no rest last night & not well
after 8 o'clock this Morn but has slept finely near-
ly all day - took his supper at 5 o'clock

Susie took medicine last Eve & today
it has operated & she feels much better for it
& after meeting was a while & took a little food
this Eve she takes a quinine powder

Father

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

E. A. Blanding

A. O. Blanding attended meet-
ing all day Mr Gossomer preached - he has
a most severe cold & does not go out this Eve
Since meeting I have felt quite unwell & now
at 7 o'clock I take my bed leaving Uncle in
Father's & Sarah's care -

B - this O.K. without medicine

Monday March 24th 1856

A sun shing Morn but this P.M. the clouds have gathered & our people predict rain at hand - probably tomorrow the traveling if possible is getting worse.

Uncle slept none last night & Sarah had to wait upon him as also this Morn when he changed his linen Father shaved him yesterday Uncle has slept nicely today & Tieders & Susie have waited upon him.

Susie feels much better today her medicine has done finely - she goes to her Aunt's to night & Sephe has gone to stay with her & send tomorrow - William, Sephe & A. O. B. & Ellen have gone to the meeting at Mr Porters this Eve.

Mr Chase & Mr Bliss have ~~not~~ been here all day assisting Father in looking over the old papers - Mr P. says as he was on his way here he saw a flock of wild geese going North with the Northern Rivers all frozen over yet I cannot tell where the poor things will find a resting place.

I have been in bed all day with headache tried getting up but found I could not so took the bed again & went at the medicine. With so many invalids & so large a family Sarah has made no attempt at washing today.

William has been to the blacksmith with his oxen to see if it is a nail that causes the lameness. A. O. B. was called to Mr St. Clair this Morn. a case of paralysis.

Monday this Morn.

Old Sam's death

With geese

Monday this
Morn.

Tuesday March 25th 1856-

A dull Morning but this P. M. is clear
& pleasant though the wind continues
Northerly - I have not heard a blue bird today
Uncle had no sleep again last night but
since 9 o'clock this Morn has slept most of the time
excepting when taking his dinner of humor & muck
Father is again busy at the old papers -
Mother has prepared dinner for those at home
both Johns are working today for John Shalloy
Lephe is at Mr Pines & A. O. B. took Ellen
early this Morn to spend the day at Mr Gros-
venors & then visited his patients. Mr Grosvenor
has gone to Cornfret to visit his Father.

William is this P. M. making medicine for
his ox which is better than yesterday -

A. O. B. has decided to leave Ellen to
spend the night with Mrs Grosvenor so we
seem to be very much done -

Wednesday March 26th 1856

A clear & quite cold morning having
frozen considerably during the night
& the day has been cold with a fresh breeze
blowing from the North West still it has
thawed all its froze last night & is only thickening
now - 8 o'clock P.M.

Uncle rested none last night & not
any today till almost noon but has slept
finely since till he took his supper - he
saw Christina Brown this morn for the first
time since he came last to New England

Sarah has cared for Uncle today as I have
been in & spent the day with Sister C. & we were
out sheeping & making calls all the P.M. &
did not get home till 8 o'clock P.M. as to my home
the traveling is very bad indeed William
drove me in - went with Dolly - there is a
good deal of small pox in Providence
Father has spent another day looking over
the old papers in the chest

Mrs Wilmarth & Kate Hunt called today
& this Eve Lephie & Susie have come over to
spend the night we are always glad to see Susie
William obtained from the P.O. letters for
Susie & self mine was from the Penn Mutual
Life Insurance Company
Philadelphia

Another flock of geese have gone North today
& I heard a Robin chirp this morn -
Susie & Lephie have spent today at Gilberts

Running this
Thurs. 28th

W. Laque

Robins.

Thursday March 27th 1858

Another clear & cold day for the last of March have heard no birds today it froze quite hard last night & has not thawed all today—

Uncle was more quiet last night than the previous one but still slept none but after 10 o'clock this Morn he slept most of the time till night his appetite seems better

Father has been busy again all day at the old papers & has completed the job though the men did not come this P.M. to assist him

William has been preparing for frames for hot beds—his men have been cutting down old trees on different parts of the farm—

A.C.D. went early to see the Man who was so bad last night & found him better & has not been to see him since Morning—Ellen is not well today still she has been with Sarah to get her music lesson but does not go out this Eve while Sarah & William have gone to spend the Eve at Mr Pierce's—Susan & Sophie went over there early this Morning

Sarah washed & finished all up before dinner which Mother as usual prepared I have not heard a bird today

Night before last Uncle had a bad rest was troubled with nightmare & palpitation—

March 27th
Morn 24°

Monday this
March 190

Friday March 28th 1858

A bright clear Morn but cold but the
W.B. clouds had gathered & we had quite
a smart snow squall & this P.M. is cloudy
cold & windy & chills but very little.

Uncle slept none after bed time last night
till about 11 O.C. this Morn since which time he
has slept nicely - quite an appetite for dinner

B- again last night without medicine
When A.C.B. went to visit his patient at
the Village this Morn he carried me to Mrs.
Dunons & took me again as he came home

Mrs Dunon is quite unwell but hope she may
soon be better - Mary & Christina are well &
very busy with nigs bed quilts &c &c this P.M.
I have been to Mrs Allens for them & feel very
chilly since getting home - called at Amos
the children are looking healthy again.

Ellen & Sarah have gone to spend this
P.M. at Mr Orenes with Lizzie & Susie.

Father made a chowder for dinner & this
P.M. has been ironing some.

Father has finished off the contents of
the old chest today & all things are gathered up
Wm has used his ox today, his lameness is better

Monday
February 29th

Saturday March 29th 1856

Another dear & quite bright day but still cold for the season & a strong cold wind. Uncle slept none last night but has had a fine sleep today & till quite late this Eve. William started early this Morn intending to be off for the City but his ex. conference so came he left them at home & got Mr. Hunts to go with & did not consequently start till about 8 o'clock & returned with a load of corn about 4 o'clock P.M.

Before 10 o'clock A.M. Father started for Providence carried turnips & potatoes he returned just at dark - brought Susie's bonnet & a letter for me from the Post Office from

John C. Bullard

Well Brook Mch. 16th.

Sarah has baked & Mother prepared our meals while I have only done my usual pot. cleaning. Lephie did not get home till this Eve when Susie came with her & that the Cove she still has some chills but looks better than she did last week. Brother A. O. B. fixed her trunk this Morn so it will not need to be sent to the trunk makers - she goes to her Hunts to spend tomorrow. Susie is much pleased with her bonnet it is very becoming to her now.

Sabbath March 30th 1856

Still cool & quite a Wintery Morning
but as Blackbirds, Robins & Bluebirds

are here I presume we may look for Spring

Uncle slept more last night & this Morn till
after they were off for meeting when Father
awaked him & he has slept finely all the P. M. he
took no dinner till over supper was ready he
got up alone once last night - this Eve. he has
changed his linen -

Mother

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

E. H. Blanding

H. O. Blanding

M. E. Hollyn attended meeting
all day & Susie Murray came home with them
& took supper when Brother Wm walked over
to Mr Percees with her she has no chill today has
taken so much Quinine. she has a severe headache
this Eve. - she leaves us tomorrow -

Sister Sephe went home from meeting with
Mrs Bowen to spend the ~~4th~~ 4th week as Mr B.
has gone to Vermont

Several newspapers from the Post Office
today & some letters for Susie. -

Monday.
Morn.

Monday March 31st 1858-

Another cool but clear day.

Uncle passed another sleepless night last night & this Morn Ellen & Mother read to him while I washed - about noon he went to sleep & has had a fine sleep this P.M.

Took an early start this Morn & immediately after breakfast Father William & Mr Horton started for Providence where the two last named expect to meet Mr W. H. Bullock & proceed to Connecticut in search of oxen - William borrowed of Uncle one hundred & twenty dollars as they went over with dolly Father was home at 9 o'clock & soon after 9 o'clock he started for Nell & Susie Murray with him she will spend the day with her Uncle's family & then go to Providence preparatory to starting for Danvers tomorrow Brother H. C. B. gave her medicines & I hope she will soon be much improved.

Mother has prepared the meals as usual & Sarah washed with a little of my assistance but was done before dinner & this P.M. has been practicing & I have written a reply to

John Bullard's letter
This Evn all have gone to meeting at Mr Purces but Father & self - Uncle is still sleeping -

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March 1858

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