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President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

In my last message, I mentioned the commonality of interests leading to cooperative research. Now, I'd like to turn that around and look at one kind of payoff from such cooperation (specifically, from the ever-expanding ERA database). The recent initiation of the mtDNA project has emphasized that it isn't just males who can make use of DNA testing to further their genealogical research, but I'd like to go beyond that and point out that it isn't just people whose male or female lines go back to the Sudbury area, either.

Let's suppose you have researched your ancestry back to Edmund Rice and submitted your research to the database. Your male line runs back in the database either to Edmund Rice himself or to some male who appears in the database as a spouse of a descendant of Edmund. By the same token, your female line runs back to a female who similarly appears in the database as a spouse. (For the purposes of this discussion, the male line of a female begins with her father, and the female line of a male begins with his mother.) The further back in time this male or female lineal ancestor is, the more likely that he or she will have other lineal descendants in the database who should match your Y-DNA or mtDNA, as the case may be. Moreover, if this ancestor is far enough back, then it will be of interest to get an independent verification of the conventional genealogy by testing and comparing the DNA that should match. Therefore, our ERA database is, in effect, dotted with signposts pointing to possible DNA testing experiments, and many of us should be able to take advantage of these.

I'll take myself as an example, though it turns out my lines don't go quite far enough to be useful. First, my female line: my mother is the end of the line, since she is not a descendant of Edmund Rice, but rather the spouse of a descendant. In the database, my male line goes back to my great-grandfather, Leonard B. Chandler, who was not a Rice descendant, but who married one. Unfortunately, LBC is only three generations back from me, and (as it happens) his only descendants in the database are the ones that I myself submitted.

Nonetheless, I have tested my Y-DNA and compared it with that of other Chandlers descended from my immigrant Chandler ancestor (and it matches). The Y-DNA comparison was made easier by the existence of a Chandler surname DNA project, analogous to the Rice project. I have also tested my mtDNA and compared it with everybody I could, but I don't match anyone.

For another example, let's pull out the lineage of Bill Drury, published in the spring 1998 issue of this newsletter. His male line goes back 11 generations to Hugh Drury, who married a daughter of Edmund Rice. Indeed, Bill has recently tested his Y-DNA and joined the Drury surname DNA project. Unfortunately, that project is still very small, and Bill found no DNA match there. This is where the ERA database rides to the rescue! A quick scan reveals four male Drurys in the database born since 1920 and not in Bill's immediate family. A more careful scan shows that these Drurys also trace their male lines back to Hugh Drury. Very likely, at least one of these Drurys is still living and would be a suitable test subject for a DNA comparison. Maybe we can locate one. Stay tuned.

--John Chandler

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The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors, of at least five members, elected at the annual reunion and meeting, usually held on a weekend in September.

Descendants of Edmund Rice were holding reunions as early as 1851, but it was not until 1912 that the Association was formed and officers elected. Incorporation under Massachusetts law took place in 1934.

Membership is open to anyone who claims to be a lineal descendant of Edmund Rice. Rigorous proof is not required and many members have been able to ascertain their pedigree only after access to the books and files of other members. Spouses are also eligible for membership.

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Editor's Column

Greetings from Massachusetts!

Where the forsythia is just going by, the tulips are in bloom, and the bleeding-heart is climbing the fence.

Spring has sprung... finally!

– Perry Lowell Bent

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Consider donating to the Edmund Rice Association in memory of a loved one.

In Memory

Robert W. Luce, II, died December 23, 2007.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We want to welcome all of our new members!

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Website Update

You may have noticed that we've updated the look of the ERA website. We think that the new navigation makes it easier to find your way around the site and locate the information you need. We'll be adding content and information over time, and your suggestions are always welcome.

Please let us know if there are any problems with the website during this re-construction phase at era1638@hotmail.com

The ERA Database

Our computer database has been and will continue to be essential for DNA studies for Edmund Rice descendants and the descendants of other early Sudbury families. We need your continuing support. If you have not submitted your family line to us, why wait any longer?

Questions? Contact our Historian at: [gking5 @ cox.net](mailto:gking5@cox.net)

Nine-Generation Rice Database Available on CD

Your Board of Directors (BoD) agreed that we would offer the nine-generation report and database to our members. The BoD approved a charge of \$10 postpaid for a CD-ROM containing both documents. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a check or money order for \$10 to him with a request for the CD-ROM.

The BoD placed three caveats on the distribution of these documents:

- 1) The information is copyrighted by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association and is restricted to the personal use of association members.
- 2) The CDs will be available only to Association members who agree to its terms of use.
- 3) The Association master database is an ongoing effort. This CD-ROM represents our database effort as of September 2007. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

Research and Submit Your “Umbilical Lineage”

The women whom Rice men married have contributed to our genetic heritage in equal proportion, and also have a very special set of genetic markers passed down to us today.

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) is passed solely by mothers to their children, both to males and females. However, only mothers can pass mtDNA: fathers only pass their YDNA to their sons.

Research your lineage through your mother->grandmother->great-grandmother and onward, and submit it to the ERA.

Consider having your mtDNA tested, too!

Contact the DNA Project coordinator at [rvrbarre @ verizon.net](mailto:rvrbarre@verizon.net) for more information.

BOOKS

The ERA offers many Rice books at reasonable prices. Buy one, get another of the same title for up to 75% off list price! (If you've purchased a book in the past, you qualify for additional copies!) Pick up extra books for holiday presents, your local library, or your local genealogical or historical society. Contact the Book Custodian.

Rice Books Available

The Rice Family, by Andrew Henshaw Ward [**\$5**] 110 pages

Hard-cover reprint. New, unused. A genealogical history of descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice who came from Berkhamstead, England, and settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1638. 379 pages. Includes a soft-cover supplement (1967) containing additions and corrections.

The Rice Family, Supplement 2 (Part 1) [**\$7**] 224 pages

Supplement Number 2 (Part 1) to *The Rice Family*, compiled by Margaret S. Rice (1983). Hard-cover reprint. New, unused. Additional lines of descent through the first eight generations, which were unknown at the time of publication of *The Rice Family* and the 1967 supplement.

The Rice Family, Supplement 2 (Part 2) [**\$8**] 720 pages

Supplement Number 2 (Part 1) to *The Rice Family*, compiled by Margaret S. Rice (1985). Hard-cover reprint. New, unused. A continuation of *The Rice Family Supplement 2 (Part 1)* from the ninth generation to the present (1985).

Edmund Rice and His Family and We Sought the Wilderness [**\$5**] 357 pages

Two manuscripts in one binding. Hard-cover reprint. 1986. New, unused.

Edmund Rice and His Family, by Elsie Hawes Smith (1938) An historical narrative about the early days of the Rices. Contains much genealogical information, as well as being a charming story.

We Sought the Wilderness, by Rev. Claton Rice (1949) An historical narrative based on those Rices who pushed Westward to the prairies after short stays in New Hampshire and Vermont.

More Books... by our cousins

Peggy Jo Brown is the author of **Hometown Soldiers: Civil War Veterans of Assabet Village and Maynard, Massachusetts**, a collection of short biographies of 125 Civil War veterans who lived in Assabet Village (later called Maynard) either before, during, or after the war. The histories of each soldier and their families were researched over a period of four years. Data was collected from federal and state census records, cemetery files, headstones, newspaper death notices, state vital records, and pension files from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. 512 pp., soft-cover, indexed, illustrated, footnotes. \$19.95 plus shipping. The book can be purchased from the author at: PO Box 3, Maynard, MA 01754 or through the website at www.hometownsoldiers.com. See the excerpt "Francis A. Rice, Company A 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry" in the 2006 Fall issue of the ERA Newsletter (Vol. 79, No. 4).

Frederic A. Wallace is the author of "**Ancestors and Descendants of the Rice Brothers of Springfield, Mass.: David Rice, William Marsh Rice, Caleb Hall Rice, Frederick Allyn Rice, Seven Generations – 1704 to 2004**". This is a serious genealogy and history of the family descended from David Rice, who first appeared in the records of Milton and Weymouth, Mass., around 1725. Special attention is given to four brothers, born in Springfield, Mass., who went to Texas in the early to mid-1800's to seek their fortunes. One, William Marsh Rice, became the founder of Rice University in Houston. Their story is a classic example of a family torn apart by the Civil War. DNA evidence, obtained through the ERA's Rice Family DNA Project, is presented to resolve longstanding questions about the origins of this line. From the author, \$30 (includes postage to the continental US): Frederic A. Wallace, 53 Eaton Road, Framingham, MA 01701.

Peggy Rice Grosser is the author of "**Grains of Rice—with an occasional dash of salt, a Rice family chronicle from 1847-1947**"—a compilation of family letters and photos and documents which would be of interest to Vermonters and history buffs of that time period, in general. Contains 338 pages, 68 illustrations, 30 photos. This book is available from her at 333 Water Street, Apt. D5, Kerrville, TX 78028-5232 for \$24.00 (\$20 book plus \$4 postage). You can order by telephone at 1-830-896-3270, also.

Mildred L. Henschel is the author of **Lickiss Families and English Ancestors** consists of 292 pages and is spiral-bound with laminated covers. It consists of 3 parts: the first is English Ancestors, which includes Rice, Towne, Ball, Boland, Bullard, Mellen, Southworth, Whale, French, Fox, Frost, Moore, and Hancock. The second part starts with Hancock-- Sarah Jane who married the first John Lickiss to come to America and their descendants. The 3rd part consists of other Lickiss families, and includes a Table of Contents and Index. Price is \$45, postage and handling included. Mailing address is: 835 Valentine Dr., Dubuque, IA. 52003-0211.

MEET THE ANCESTORS

Joel Taylor Rice (aka Joel Ryce-Menuhin) 1933-1998

By Michael A. Rice

Joel Taylor Rice was born in Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois on 11 January 1933 to Joseph Kenneth Rice (1901-1998) and Emily Bours Thompson Rice (1898-1982). Joel distinguished himself early in life as a gifted pianist who traveled to England in the 1950s to study with the famed virtuoso pianist Dame Myra Hess in London. In 1959 at a piano festival in Bath, England he was introduced to fellow American pianist, Yaltah Menuhin, was born on 7 Oct 1921 in San Francisco to Moshe Menuhin (1893-1982) and Marutha Sher Menuhin (1896-1996). Yaltah was the younger sister of famed violin virtuoso Yehudi Menuhin (1916-1999). After a year of courtship, Joel and Yaltah were married on his 27th birthday (11 Jan 1960) in Los Gatos, California.

Beginning with a June 1960 piano festival in California, Joel and Yalta regularly performed as a duet piano team. In 1962, the duo won the coveted Harriet Cohen International Music Award for their London debut. During the 1960s, Ryce/Menuhin duo performed in many venues throughout America and Europe, famously performing in 1966 the Mozart Double Piano Concerto under the baton of Yehudi Menuhin in Gstaad. During that time, they became citizens of Switzerland. In 1967, they recorded the entire duet repertoire of Mozart for Everest Records, a first for a single team of artists.

In 1971, Joel was forced to leave music due to a physical illness, forcing a dramatic change of career. In 1972 and 1973 with the strong support of Yaltah he studied clinical psychology at Bedford College, London, earning a M. Phil. degree. He also studied in Switzerland under famed Jung disciple and founder of Sandplay Therapy, Dora Kalff. Afterwards, he established a thriving practice in clinical psychology in London and became a prolific author and British subject. He served as the editor of the Jungian psychological journal, *Harvest* for nine years. His major works advancing the field of psychology included: *The Self in Early Childhood* (1988), *Jungian Sandplay: the Wonderful Therapy* (1992), and *Jung and the Monotheisms: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (1994). He served as the chairman of the Guild of Pastoral Psychology and the C.G. Jung Analytical Psychology Club of London. Following an extended struggle with cancer, Joel Ryce-Menuhin died on 31 March 1998. Yaltah continued to live in their home at Canfield Gardens, Hampstead, London where she died on 9 June 2001.

The male line ascendancy of Joel Ryce-Menuhin to Deacon Edmund Rice is as follows: Joel Ryce-Menuhin (1933-1998) > Joseph Kenneth Rice (1901-1998) > John Samuel Rice (1879-1955) > Samuel Gardner Rice (1840-1893) > Gardner Rice (1804-1878) > Samuel Rice (1772-1853) > Nathaniel Rice (1745-1777) > Phineas Rice (1724-1777) > Perez Rice (1698-1782) > Thomas Rice (1654-1747) > Thomas Rice (1626-1681) > Deacon Edmund Rice (1594-1663).

MEET THE ANCESTORS

Descendants of Levi Rice

I am researching the Rice family of Levi Rice. If you know of anyone else researching this family, I would appreciate hearing from them. I do have more information on others in this family.

Thank you, **Margie Hinton** (marhinton @ earthlink.net)

Generation No. 1

1. Levi¹ Rice was born Abt. 1800 in possibly New York. He married **Georginna Beach** Bef. 1826, daughter of J. Beach and Elizabeth Benedict. She was born Abt. 1800.

Children of Levi Rice and Georginna Beach are:

+ 2 i. Thaddeus Norman² Rice, born 03 August 1826 in St. Albans, Franklin County, Vermont; died 05 May 1904.

+ 3 ii. Charles Benedict Rice, born 06 November 1832 in prob. Orwell, Addison, Vermont or Canada; died 28 September 1906 in Trinity County, California.

Generation No. 2

2. Thaddeus Norman² Rice (Levi¹) was born 03 August 1826 in St. Albans, Franklin County, Vermont, and died 05 May 1904. He married **Rebecca Ann Newton** 1849, daughter of Isaac Newton and Mary Merritt. She was born 15 January 1832 in Georgia, Franklin County, Vermont, and died 23 March 1901 in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California.

Children of Thaddeus Rice and Rebecca Newton are:

4 i. Isabella Georginna³ Rice, born 09 August 1855 in Georgia, Franklin County, Vermont. She married Alexander Dove Flemington Abt. 1856 in Wisconsin.

5 ii. Arthur Newton Rice, born 1860 in Sparta, Wisconsin; died 17 June 1927 in Chester, Spokane County, Washington. He married Pauline Susan Kucher Bef. 1889 in Prob Wisconsin; born Abt. 1863 in Austria; died Aft. 1920.

6 iii. Minnie Eliza Rice, born 10 April 1862 in Sparta, Wisconsin; died 02 December 1926 in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California. She married Alberto Mellen Divol 08 March 1880 in Sparta, Wisconsin; born 01 September 1855 in Black River Falls, Vermont; died 17 November 1937 in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California.

3. Charles Benedict² Rice (Levi¹) was born 06 November 1832 in prob. Orwell, Addison, Vermont, and died 28 September 1906 in Trinity County, California. He married **(1) Clarissa A. Colton** 15 December 1856 in West Bolton, Chittenden, Vermont, daughter of Moses Colton and Susan Pond. She was born 21 March 1835 in Bolton, Chittenden, Vermont, and died 14 January 1862 in probably Michigan Bluffs, Placer County, California. He married **(2) Jennie Picket Hinton** 29 May 1870 in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California, daughter of Oscar Hinton and Frances Picket. She was born 21 March 1851 in Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio, and died 03 May 1930 in Quincy, Plumas County, California.

Children of Charles Rice and Clarissa Colton are:

7 i. Minnie Gertrude³ Rice, born 14 September 1857 in Michigan Bluffs, Placer County, California; died Bef. 1860 in Michigan Bluffs, Placer County, California.

8 ii. Clara Eugenie Rice, born 01 December 1861 in Michigan Bluffs, Placer County, California; died 08 July 1946 in Trinity County, California. She married John C. Wright 23 December 1885 in San Francisco, San Francisco, California; born 1851 in New York; died 22 July 1922 in Mountain View, Santa Clara, California.

Children of Charles Rice and Jennie Hinton are:

9 i. Charles Albert³ Rice, born 16 June 1871 in Probably Petaluma, Sonoma County, California; died 10 February 1946 in Humboldt County, California. He married Hattie Murphy Abt. 1899 in Trinity County, California.

10 ii. (Catherine) Alma Rice, born 18 April 1874 in Prob. Petaluma, Sonoma County, California; died 10 October 1931 in Humboldt County, California. She married Leonard C. Bean in Trinity County, California; born 16 May 1869 in Trinity County, California; died 09 August 1940 in Trinity County, California.

11 iii. Norman Earl Rice, born December 1875 in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California; died 27 August 1957 in San Mateo County, California.

12 iv. Ethel Rice, born 12 March 1879 in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California; died 12 May 1960 in Alameda County, California. She married John A. Gray in Trinity County, California; born 05 March 1879 in Missouri; died 26 January 1974 in Placer County, California.

THE FAMILY THICKET, PART XIII

by John Chandler

This is the latest in a series of articles highlighting the complex relationships among the descendants of Edmund Rice. Each article focuses on one early Massachusetts immigrant and his wife (or wives) and offspring and uncovers some of the ways in which the offspring are connected by marriage to the extended Rice family within a few generations. Many of the people mentioned here are included in our Association's database, but some of those are omitted even so from the on-line 6-generation descendency report because the latter concentrates on Edmund Rice's descendants and ventures only as far afield as their spouses and spouses' parents.

The subject of this article is a subject of confusion. His name was Thomas King, but there were at least three different Thomas Kings who were early settlers in Massachusetts: one in Scituate (actually in the Plymouth Colony, rather than Massachusetts Bay, but we nowadays tend to think of Plymouth as part of Massachusetts), one in Sudbury, and one in Watertown. Savage's Genealogical Dictionary asserts that the Thomas King of Sudbury died about 1644, since his estate inventory was taken in 1645. However, the two assessors were both men of Watertown, and, as Savage himself points out, and the vital records confirm, Thomas of Watertown died in 1644. Thus, it seems clear that Savage had mixed up two of the Thomases. In any case, one of the signers of the Sudbury petition to form the plantation of Marlborough in 1656 was, in fact, Thomas King. Since the only entries regarding Thomas King in the early vital records of Sudbury are the birth and death of a son Thomas in 1642/3 and the death of his wife in between those two events, there is a faint possibility that the petition signer was not the same as the early father. On the other hand, the petitioner obviously did have a family (mostly born well before 1656), and it seems likely that there were indeed only three early Thomases. Of course, there were also three Thomas Jrs born in the 1640s, but that's another story. Note that a Thomas King was also a pioneer in the founding of what became the town of Lancaster in the 1650s. Nourse's History of Lancaster assigns that Thomas to Watertown, again contradicting Savage, who says it was Thomas of Sudbury.

Then, too, there is the matter of his wife Anne. For many years, it has been frequently asserted that her maiden name was Collins, based on a will made in 1660 by a woman in Hambledon, Surrey, mentioning a sister Anne (Collins) King married to Thomas King and living in New England. Of course, Anne King, the wife of Thomas of Sudbury, had died in 1642, and it seems likely the news would have reached England well before 1660. More recently, another will has been found, made in 1649 in Shaftesbury, Dorset, by William Tyce, mentioning a sister Anne, wife of Thomas King, and her children. Since Thomas is believed to be from Dorset, this possibility is more credible, but the anachronism is still a stretch.

Despite having some presumably young children at the time of his wife Anne's death, Thomas did not immediately remarry, but did eventually marry Bridget Davis, who survived him.

So the question arises: aside from the son Thomas who died in infancy, what other children did Thomas have? This can be answered, thanks in part to Thomas' own will, made in 1676, mentioning wife Bridget, son Peter, son-in-law] William Kerly [and his wife], daughter Anna, son[-in-law] Nathaniel Joslin [and his wife], daughter Sarah, grandsons Thomas and Joshua Rice, daughter Mary Rice, and [step]son[-in-law] Jonathan Brigham. We turn now to the children and observe their contributions to the entanglement of the family, as well as the confusion. Part of the confusion lies in the uncertainty of the proper order of the children.

1. **Peter** (c1620?-1704) is known to have had a wife, but no children are recorded. This may be the reason why Peter's brother-in-law Samuel² Rice gave his son Samuel³ to Peter to raise as his

own. Samuel³ became known as "Samuel King, alias Rice" thus beginning a long saga of Rices going by the name King.

2. **Sarah** (c1620?-1706) married Nathaniel Joslin and had a sizable family. Three of their children are tied into the family thicket: (A) their daughter Rebecca had two relevant children, namely, Hannah Howe, who married Jacob⁴ Rice (Jacob³, Edward², Edmund¹), and Elizabeth Howe, who married Matthias⁵ How (Deliverance⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹); (B) their son Nathaniel had a son Thomas Joslin who married Lucy⁵ Forbush (Aaron⁴, Dorcas³ Rice, Edward², Edmund¹); (C) their daughter Martha had two grandchildren, sisters Lydia and Martha Sherman, who married, respectively, two brothers, Luke⁵ and Manoah⁵ Drury (Thomas⁴, Rachel³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). I should mention that the two Drury brothers have an alternate lineage: (Thomas⁵, Thomas⁴, John³, Lydia² Rice, Edmund¹), since Thomas⁴ Drury had married his cousin Rachel³ Rice. Obviously, the generation numbers do not line up, and so Thomas⁴ of the first lineage is the same person as Thomas⁵ of the second. I'll say more on cousin marriages in a moment.

3. **Hannah** (c1625?-1697) married William Kerley, but died without issue. She did, however, manage to build the confusion level in this story by being known by two variants of her name: Hannah and Anna. Such irresolution was not uncommon in her day, but modern genealogists often get hung up on discrepancies like this.

4. **Mary** (c1630?-1714/15) married Thomas² Rice (Edmund¹). Ordinarily, I stop the discussion at each cross-connection, but this family has a few points worth noting. In particular, their son Thomas³ was one of the grandchildren mentioned in Thomas King's will, and he went on to make his own special contribution to the interconnectedness of the family thicket by marrying his first cousin Anna³ Rice (Edward², Edmund¹).

5. **Elizabeth** (c1635?-1667) married Samuel² Rice (Edmund¹), thus representing another example of a pair of sisters marrying a pair of brothers. (But I hope you know there is more on the way!) Incidentally, their son Joshua³ was the other grandchild mentioned in Thomas King's will, and Joshua's sister Mary³ added her own piece to the puzzle by marrying her cousin Benjamin³ Rice (Edward², Edmund¹), brother of the above-mentioned Anna³. I have to confess that Mary³ was only a half-sister and not the daughter of Elizabeth King, but this seemed like the ideal time to mention this extra cross-connection.

6. **Mercy** (c1638?-1668/9) married Joseph² Rice (Edmund¹). You guessed it: we have here a trio of sisters who married a trio of brothers. Like her sister Elizabeth, Mercy died before their father and was not mentioned in Thomas' will. Mercy finds her own way of adding to the confusion, along the lines set down by Hannah: Immediately after her marriage to Joseph², she apparently became known as "Martha" and was listed as such in the birth record's of Joseph's first four children, as well as in her death record. Although these two names are not ordinarily considered variants, there are other cases where the same switch was made. Of course, it is also possible that she actually died within a year of marriage and that Joseph then immediately married a Martha, but such a scenario would require both events to go unrecorded.

7. **Thomas** (1642-1642/3) obviously had no issue.

As usual, we see many connections, but this is certainly the closest intertwining yet seen in this series. Half of Thomas' known children married children of Edmund Rice! Indeed, because these second-generation marriages were all King daughters paired with Rice sons, we have a unique opportunity to test the genealogy by comparing the DNA of descendants. We have in the database four female-line

descendants of Elizabeth born in the 20th Century, plus many descendants of Mary born as recently as 1838. It would be especially interesting to do a three-way comparison, but, alas, we have much less coverage for descendants of Mercy.

The Diary of Mary W. Rice

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Read about a young Rice woman of Des Moines, Iowa, embarking on her new life as a soon-to-be bride in the year 1870—where we left off...

July Thursday, 7 1870

Ironed almost all the morning and got pretty tired too! In the afternoon went out and bought my hat for best. Called on Miss Savage. Came home and in the evening cousin Lizzie had some company. Played Authors and one thing and another. Had ice cream and cake. After company had gone cousin L. and I trimmed my black hat. Did not go to bed till 1 o'clock.

July Friday, 8 1870

Started out early in the morning although it was rainy thinking perhaps the excursion would go to town but we were the only ones at the depot! and we came home quite wet follow M.L. carrying her cake under her arm. They laughed at us a good deal at us. Went into Mrs. Cushman's room for a little while in the morning. Ironed my skirt and spent the rest of the morning in packing. In the afternoon went up to the "arsenal". Called at M. Lizzie's aunt's. Got caught in a thundershower and ran on the piazza of a house for shelter. Mr. Cutler came and sat in the parlor a while. Mr. Curtis came up with his flute.

July Saturday, 9 1870

Started bright and early for the depot again. Found the company there this time and we started in good spirits for Vernon. I took Albert's parcel along hoping to see him at Greenfield but he was not there. I felt disappointed. Had a nice time at the picnic and coming home found that the cars would stop some time at Greenfield so Frank Savage kindly volunteered to go for Albert. He came and we had a ten minute chat. Oh how happy I was to see him! He told me he had written to me today and in getting home I found the letter. So I was doubly pleased. Was dreadfully tired but felt repayed. Had a dear letter from Frank.

July Sunday, 10 1870

Went with cousin Lizzie to the Methodist church. Heard a sermon on detection of criminals referring to the scamp, "Frank Whitcomb," by whom that congregation has been "taken in." In the afternoon went up to Olivet church. Stopped at Mrs. Spooner's came home and in the evening wrote to Frank and Rosa Lee. In writing Rosa's letter I tipped the ___ ink all over my Japanese poplin. What I shall do I don't know. Shall have to defer my trip to Northampton until noon. Felt a little worried about my dress but did not borrow? trouble. Hope I can match it.

July Monday, 11 1870

In the morning went out and bought a new breadth for my dress. Got a fan too. Came home and locked my trunk, then after dinner started for the depot going to the post office first. Did not get any letter however. Got up to Northampton about 3. Did not find anyone at the depot so came up to the house. Aunt Mary met me at the door and soon after saw Harry. In the evening sat out on the piazza. Miss Julie Clark one of the "kind of cousins" called. Miss Fannie Damon and her aunt, also Mrs. Benjamin and Miss Carrie Huggeford. I felt very tired and, Oh dear, a little lonely too.

July Tuesday, 12 1870

In the morning took my dress in hand to fix and got it all done by noon. In the afternoon put on my white swiss. Miss Sara Clark called and Mrs. Huggeford. In the evening went to ride with Harry over to Old Hadley, Florence, etc. Did not get home until very late. Went to bed soon after. Had a dear letter from my dear cousin Albert which I read and reread in the morning.

July Wednesday, 13 1870

Went to drive in the morning. Did not get home until 1-1/2 o'clock. In the afternoon lay down for a while. Harry went to Springfield to Mrs. Sara Todd and I went to the Clarke's to tea. Had everything very nice, but everything, house and all is after good old fashioned way. In the evening Harry came home and came down there and we had a very pleasant time and played and sang some.

July Thursday, 14 1870

Went to drive over to Easthampton. Got very sleepy before I got home and it was very warm. Called on Mrs. Stoddard, my old principal at South Hadley. She seemed quite glad to see me. Took a nap before dinner. After dinner wrote two letters, then a shower came up. After the shower went over to Miss Damon's and played some. After tea went out with Aunt Mary and made some calls at Mr. Hibbins, Mrs. Huggefords and Miss Clarke's. Feel pretty tired.

July Friday, 15 1870

Early in the morning Harry took the buggy and we drove over to Mt. Holyoke. Left the horse at the foot of the mountain there. Then walked up to the "half way" house. There took the car and went up to the top of the mountain. I enjoyed it ever so much but could not help thinking of the last time I went up three years ago with my dear cousin Albert. I looked in the book of '67 and there found our names just as we left them. I made two crosses and wrote "Mary and Albert" at the side of it. We got home to dinner. Lay down and slept almost all the afternoon. In the evening Auntie had quite a company, mostly of relatives. Had a letter from my Frank at noon and one from Albert at night. Was thankful for so much.

July Saturday, 16 1870

Went down to the post office with Harry then came home and went to Miss Clarke's and played croquet. I came home and practiced a while then ironed out my dress and wrote in my diary. Harry came up in my room a few minutes then the dinner bell rang. After dinner came up in my room and rested and fixed my dress for evening. Went up to Miss Clarke's and played croquet in the afternoon. Mr. Warriner? and I playing against Harry and Miss Heart. A pleasant croquet party I thought. In the evening went to Miss Damon's to tea and spent the evening. Had a pleasant time but felt very tired.

July Sunday, 17 1870

Went to church in the morning with Harry. The Unitarian church. It was intensely warm. Got home and pulled off my dress and wrote and slipped on a sacone? and slippers. Lay down and took quite a nap before dinner. After dinner Harry and I had a nice little chat together. We talked of my Frank and Albert too. Harry promised me not to touch tobacco for a year from this day at any rate. I hope he may not break his promise.

July Monday, 18 1870

A terrible fire last night and I got up to look at it consequently do not feel as well today as sometimes. Went down to look at the fire and came home and took some whiskey and lay down for a nap before dinner. After dinner sat down in the sitting room and had a cozy little chat with Harry. After dressing went up to Mr. William Todd's and called. Then down to Mrs. Huggefords to tea. Harry came soon after Mr. Hazen called in the evening. Went home and sat out on the steps until pretty late. Harry gave me a beautiful gold thimble.

July Tuesday, 19 1870

At 8-1/2 took the cars for Greenfield. Quite a number at the depot to see me off. Reached G. at about nine thirty. Met Albert there and we both went immediately to his boarding house and sat down in the parlor. Had a dear delightful little talk until dinner time! Was then introduced to Mr. Pomford? his roommate. Soon after dinner had to start for the depot. Stopped in to Mr. M.'s for a minute. Took the cars at 2-1/2 and reached Boston about 7. Met S & E there and went out to Cambridge with them. Felt very tired and retired in good season. A letter from Frank was waiting for me. Dear Frank!

July Wednesday, 20 1870

Felt very lonely somehow. Wrote two letters to Frank and Albert then did a few little things until dinner time. My trunk did not come until after dinner so I felt completely lost. After my trunk came I employed myself in unpacking and arranging things as I wanted them. Then walked down town to the post office and put in my letters. Came home feeling very tired. Lay down and took a little nap before tea. After tea sat out on the steps awhile, then some callers came and staid until bedtime. Am very tired again tonight.

July Thursday, 21 1870

Received two letters this morning, one from Harry and the other from Frank. Wrote two also then lay down and took a nap until dinner. After dinner read some, then worked on my slippers. Took a bath and had Annie bore my ears. I've taken a notion at this period of my existence to wear earrings. Then I sewed on my muslin dress making it shorter. Sent in my chignon by Sara this morning to be braided over.

July Friday, 22 1870

Went to Boston early in the morning and went all round shopping. Went intending to go to Chelsea, but Uncle D. said his wife was not at home so we spent the day in going round. Got home about 8-1/2 in the afternoon then took a donkey ride to the "port". Came home dreadfully tired. Walked round the square in the evening. Felt very, very tired and retired early.

July Saturday, 23 1870

Got up feeling badly and sewed my two dresses. Then gave up and went to bed. Was dreadfully sick all day and suffered so much too. The day has seemed very long.

July Sunday, 24 1870

A terribly warm day. Did not go to church in the morning. But intended to go in the afternoon, when Annie was taken sick so I staid with her. And soon after was taken sick myself, vomiting and so nauseated. We think we all must have been poisoned, either by meat or something at dinner. Had a letter from Albert which I answered immediately. Wrote a long letter to my darling Frank.

July Monday, 25 1870

Started in an early train and went to Hingham. Had a delightful sail down there. Took our dinner and ate it on a rock under the trees where we could get a good breeze. Came home about seven feeling very tired and dreadfully sun-burnt. Still I enjoyed it ever so much. So many common kind of people go on such excursions that it takes away some pleasure that one otherwise might have. Sarah has company downstairs.

July Tuesday, 26 1870

Staid at home and worked on my slippers in the morning and wrote a letter to Lizzie and one to my dear Frank. I am so worried because I have not received last Wednesday's letter. I do trust he is not sick. Later – A letter came this noon and I was delighted. In the afternoon dressed up in my white Swiss to see cousin Harry who called and spent the evening on his way to the sea shore. Enjoyed the evening ever so much and it seemed as if I had known him for years. Had 3 letters this morning beside Frank's.

July Wednesday, 27 1870

Went to Brighton early in the morning. Found Fronie? at home and glad enough to see me. In the afternoon went out and called on Mrs. Taylor. Ella and her married brother, Mrs. Davis, too. I felt almost homesick to go back there where I used to be so much in my childhood. The places have not changed a great deal. Went back to Fronie and arranged my flowers that Ella gave me, then played a game of croquet and started for Cambridge. Got to C. about 8 o'clock feeling very tired and retired in good season.

July Thursday, 28 1870

Got up pretty early and went in to Boston and down to India Wharf and took the boat for Nahant. There again I was reminded of the many times I had been there and been happy in my childhood. There were about 1,000 on the boat and we were very much frightened, it rolled so much from side to side. A great many were sick. We went to Maolis Gardens and in the afternoon Fronie and I wandered off about two miles on the beach. I had a wretched head ache. I picked up some little shells just about where I used to play. In the afternoon coming home it was very rough a part of the way and I was almost sea sick. I got home dreadfully tired and my face burned almost to a blister.

July Friday, 29 1870

Got up and sprinkled my clothes before breakfast, then after breakfast ironed until twelve. Came upstairs and sat down a little while thoroughly tired out. How I long to see Frank! I can hardly wait. After dinner I worked on my slippers and took a nap, by the way, just before dinner. In the afternoon something came up that made me feel real homesick and I had accordingly, a tremendous cry. In the evening sat down and poured out my heart to Frank in a way to relieve myself. Oh if I could only really see him and look into his dear eyes again. It seems as if I should be happy. Had a nice letter from Albert.

July Saturday, 30 1870

Ironed almost all the morning then worked on my slipper for a while. Dressed and worked again until the girls came home, then went out and had a game of croquet. Annie and Mary went down the harbor on a picnic.

July Sunday, 31 1870

Went to church in the morning to hear Mr. McKenzie. A very warm day so wore my white swiss dress. Saw Mrs. Morey? of Brookfield there and was quite surprised to meet her. Wrote a letter to Frank after dinner then went to the Episcopal church in the afternoon. Came home and changed my dress. Eat supper then walked out on the sidewalk a while with Ella. Came up and wrote in my diary then retired.

August Monday, 1 1870

Did not feel very well all day. So lay down in the morning and took a nap. Worked on my slipper until dinner time. After dinner worked on my slipper. Took another nap then dressed and got ready for tea. All the children older ones were in Boston so I had a quiet day. After tea played croquet. parlor croquet for a while then retired. Had a nice letter from Aunt Mattie.

August Tuesday, 2 1870

After breakfast wrote two letters. One to Albert and the other to Frank's dear mother. I wonder she has not written. Worked on my slipper after dinner until the girls came home. In the evening went with the girls to Mr. Beaman's and to my surprise met Mr. Charles Beaman there who I met in Washington. Had quite a pleasant evening there singing and etc. and they escorted me home.

August Wednesday, 3 1870

Went to Boston early in the morning. Went up to Mrs. Marsh's and called. Katie is in the country. I did not see her. Went round shopping some then came home about 5-1/2 in the afternoon. In the evening one of Annie's friends called and we played croquet. I got tired and came in. Annie expected to take a donkey ride but was disappointed. I commenced a letter to Frank.

August Thursday, 4 1870

Slept quite a little while in the morning then worked on my slipper. Slept a good while after dinner too but did not feel very much refreshed. Oh it is so excessively warm. After Sarah came home I commenced a letter to M.L. but was interrupted by callers. We spent a very pleasant evening playing parlor croquet. We engaged to go to Mr. Beaman's next Saturday evening. Sarah and I talked this evening until very late.

August Friday, 5 1870

Sat at home all day worked on my slipper, etc. Napped two or three times and in the evening went out on the croquet ground a little while then Ella and I went to prayer meeting up at Mr. Mear's church. Enjoyed it very much. Came home and went to bed early.

August Saturday,6 1870

At home again all day. In the evening went with the girls up to Mr. Beaman's and played croquet. Our side victorious. Afterward came in the house and I played and sang some. Got home very late, but enjoyed the evening very much. Had a letter from Lizzie Mann. Hope I shall get one from Frank tomorrow. Am very tired and do not feel very well.

August Sunday, 7 1870

Went to Mr. McKensie's in the morning. In the afternoon wrote to Frank and to Harry. After tea, Mary and I went up to Mr. Mear's to prayer meeting. Had a dear letter from Frank and a letter and picture of Albert. The picture was splendid. As perfect as could be. Went to bed as soon as we got home from church.

August Monday, 8 1870

In the morning went to Boston and shopped some. Had some picture taken, some of which are very good. Did not get home until about 4 o'clock. At 5 we had the carriage and Sarah drove me over to Brighton to Fronie. Played croquet in the evening. Was very tired.

August Tuesday, 9 1870

In the morning Fronie and I lay outdoors under the trees and tried hard to keep cool. In the afternoon I took a long nap. In the evening we went to the young people's meeting. I felt strange enough here in this place which once was home. Oh how many changes in these 4 years! The warmest day I ever felt it seems to me.

August Wednesday, 10 1870

Sewed some in the morning. In the afternoon went to ride through Watertown, Newton Corner, etc. getting home to Brighton in time for tea. After tea, played croquet a little while. Looked some like rain.

August Thursday, 11 1870

Wrote two letters to Frank and Albert sending them each one of my pictures. In the afternoon Sarah and Ella came over from Cambridge and spent the afternoon. We played croquet in which our side beat, in two games. Had a very pleasant time with them. In the evening Fronie and I went up to the school house and brought away some of her things left there when she was school ma'am. Was dreadfully tired some way. Had a dear splendid letter from Frank.

August Friday, 12 1870

Went to Boston with Fronie in the morning and was shopping all day. Bought writing paper, flannel, etc. and got my ninettes? which were good. Did not get home until almost night. Then after supper went to meeting. Saw Mr. Strong? and walked past my home with him. He thought I has changed some. Very tired again today. Got my ticket for home! Only about 3 weeks more and I shall be with my own Frank!

August Saturday, 13 1870

Washed out my white swiss dress and ironed it thinking I might want it. After dinner did not feel well at all so laid down and took a long nap and woke up feeling real badly. Sat down in Mrs. C.'s room and fixed my tatten? collar. After tea Fronie and Miss Stevens went up town and I went in Mrs. C.'s room and wrote in my diary. Three weeks from tonight I shall be at home with my Frank! Feel almost sick with headache and sore throat.

August Sunday, 14 1870

Went to church in the morning with Fronie and Mrs. C. Heard Mr. Means of Cambridge in the afternoon. Went to the Baptist church and heard Mr. Earl the Evangelist. A sermon on the Judgment Day. In the evening went to hear Mr. Packard. Left Ella and her husband at home and when we came back had a nice sing.

August Monday, 15 1870

In the morning went to the P.O. and got a letter from Frank. Then went to Ella's and sang a while. After dinner, dressed, and Mr. Upton a fine "basso" from Boston came and we had a nice time in music and croquet. Enjoyed the day very much. Mrs. Davis called in the afternoon. Wrote to Frank and Mrs. Waterman too.

August Tuesday, 16 1870

In the morning trimmed Mrs. C.'s hat. Fred was quite sick so sat with him. Ironed my clothes. In the afternoon dressed and went out and played croquet with Ella and her husband. We beat the other side. In the evening went to meeting, but did not enjoy it very much. I have no very pleasant recollections of the Brighton people in general, felt rather blue and long, oh so much, to see my dearest one again. Only two weeks from next Saturday!

August Wednesday, 17 1870

In the morning wrote 3 letters which took nearly all the time until dinner. After dinner and dressed and went down to Union Square. Called on Anna (Kingsley) Dickerman. Had a very pleasant call indeed. Their little boy is two years old. It hardly seems possible. From there Fronie and I went down to Allston and hunted a good while for a lace woman but could not find her so took the cars and came home. Played croquet a while with Ella and Mr. Beaman. Went to bed but lay awake a long time talking. Had a nice letter from Harry W.

August Thursday, 18 1870

Did not feel very well but packed up some of my things expecting to stay till the afternoon only. After dinner took a nap then dressed. Miss Stevens away all the afternoon so Fronie and I felt quite lonely. Mrs. C. was busy packing her things to go to Martha's Vineyard. Played two games of croquet in the evening then retired after a little walk up town.

August Friday, 19 1870

Felt real miserably in the morning. Went uptown with Mrs. Collins then came back and lay down until about 11 when Sarah and Ella came for me in the carriage. I had my things all ready so Fronie and I both rode home with them and went out near Fresh Pond on a little picnic by ourselves. Had a splendid time. Went in bathing in the afternoon to the ruination of my hair almost, for got it filled with sand. Came home in time for tea, then went with Fronie to the cars. Afterward Sarah and I took a little walk. They brought me two letters from my dearest, best loved one.

August Saturday, 20 1870

In the morning unpacked what I had brought home from Brighton and cleaned up generally. In the afternoon played croquet a little while, then came up stairs and commenced to pack up to go home. Got only a little way when Mr. W. came home with some peaches so I helped peel them, then came back and finished packing as I expect to be very busy next week. Had a letter from Albert in the morning and one from Lizzie, with one enclosed from Laura W. Had quite a long talk with Mr. W. in the evening.

August Sunday, 21 1870

Went to Mr. McKensie's in the morning. At noon wrote to Frank and Harry W. In the afternoon went to an Episcopal church. Enjoyed it very much though the music was not good. Kept thinking only two weeks more and I shall be with my Frank at home. A delightful day. One of the pleasantest of the year.

August Monday, 22 1870

Washed in the morning some of my own things and got wretchedly tired. In the afternoon Aunt Mattie came down from Hopkinton and we spent a very pleasant evening playing parlor croquet, etc. Retired in good season for we all seemed tired.

August Tuesday, 23 1870

Slept with Auntie. Early in the morning Aunt E., Aunt Mattie and I went into Boston and selected Mother's carpet. Did some shopping for Lizzie and Auntie herself, then went to Parker's to lunch. Had a splendid lunch and enjoyed it hugely. Afterward Aunt M. went to Shreve, Crump and Lowe's and bought me a beautiful silver pie knife and gravy ladle. I was delighted but did not expect anything at all. Then went to the Worcester Depot with Auntie where she met Annie H., then Aunt E. and I came home. In the evening we girls went to ride over to Brookline. Came home and wrote a business letter.

August Wednesday, 24 1870

Ironed some in the morning, then went to ride over to East Cambridge to the glass factory, etc. Came home and got an express man who came at noon and took my trunk to the Depot Porter's station. Then finished packing my satchel, etc. Lay down a little while but could not seem to get rested. Sarah and Ella very busy getting ready to go to Stonington tomorrow. Ought to write to Frank but hardly saw how I can possibly today. My darling!

August Thursday, 25 1870

Started early in the morning for Boston. Took the 7-1/2 train from the Fitchburg Depot for Montpelier. When I got about back to Cambridge, found that I was coming on a wrong ticket. The Lowell and Nashua line instead of Fitchburg. But an ex Gov Heale of N.H. pleaded for me so well that I was passed through on it. Reached Montpelier about 5 and arrived at Williamstown about 10 o'clock. Rode by days 12 miles. Some of my first experience. Met Mrs. Waterman and Carrie. Think them very sweet and good. Oh dear, how tired!

August Friday, 26 1870

In the morning played croquet. In the afternoon Mrs. W., Carrie and I went out to ride to the gulf. A delightful drive but it grew very cold before we got back. Went to bed in good season for we all seemed very tired. Am extremely well pleased with my dear Frank's friends.

August Saturday, 27 1870

In the morning played croquet again. Did not feel very well. In the afternoon went to walk down to the grave yard. On the way home stopped at the store and looked around. Went up stairs and had a _____. Little Mary enjoyed that her little ring fits her finger nicely. Came home and in the evening Mr. Lynde's sister Clara came over and we all sat by the kitchen fire, so cozy?

August Sunday, 28 1870

Went to church in the morning with dear Mrs. W., Carrie, little Mary and Willie. Heard what seemed to me rather a queer sermon. In the afternoon, staid at home and had a dear little talk with Mother to be. Then we read the newspapers a while and after tea talked a while. Fred Ainsworth came in for a little while. Miss White was there at noon too. Wrote a letter to Lizzie and one to my dear Frank too. Have not felt very well all day.

August Monday, 29 1870

Was sick all the morning in bed, but Mrs. Waterman was really kind and did everything in her power. Toward noon I felt better but tried in vain several times to get up. At last got my things ready and took some brandy and started. How I dreaded to leave that dear woman. She is so sweet and good. Mr. Ainsworth took me over to Montpelier. Went to the depot while I looked for my trunk. Then took me to the hotel and settled everything for me very nicely. How kind they all are! Met a Mrs. Davis there who said she was a relative of the Ainsworth's so claimed me looking ahead a little. I went directly to bed, but felt very tired and lonely.

August Tuesday, 30 1870

Awaked just before two o'clock and got up and dressed as fast as possible. Went down to the train and had to wait at the junction some time. Found a seat and slept some until about 6 when we changed cars at St. Albans. Then took the Lake Champlain Ogden'ing? Road and went to Pottsdam Junction. Then changed cars and checks checking? my trunk to Chicago. Changed cars again at the DeKalb Junction and arrived at Rome at 8 o'clock. Waited there 2 hours. Went over to an eating house and got supper. At 10 the cars arrived from Albany and I met Phronie. She had the sleeping car berth engaged and we went directly to bed. On my way home!

August Wednesday, 31 1870

Awaked quite early but took another little nap and just got dressed in time before we reached ___ Bridge. There we stopped and went over to the Western Hotel. I wrote to Mrs. W., Phronie to her mother. At 9-1/2 we went to the Falls. First we went to the Rapids. There it is perfectly grand. Then we went near the new bridge and eat lunch. Then to a store and each bought a fan. Then to Goat Island and the tower. Oh how perfectly elegant! I was enraptured. We went down under the Falls. Then we came back to the bridge, engaged our berth for the night and came over to the hotel again. Arranged our bags, then wrote in our diaries. At 6 went to supper and then heard the bells ringing so went to church. A nice meeting. At 9:45 took our sleeping car and went directly to bed.

September Thursday, 1 1870

Got up feeling splendidly and had a good rest. Soon after we got dressed arrived at the ferry. Then took the boat and went across. Waited about half an hour, then took a splendid car for Chicago at about 7-1/2. Arrived at Chicago at almost 4-1/2 and had to wait until 11-1/2 when we took a car for Burlington and soon went to sleep, making a pillow of our bags, baskets, etc. I took an old lady under my care and she seemed very grateful.

September Friday, 2 1870

At about 9-1/2 we reached Burlington where we changed cars, taking the Burlington & Missouri R.R. for Ottumwa which place we reached about 4 in the afternoon. There we waited until 7 when we took the D.V.R.R. for home. How splendid! We reached home about 11-1/2 meeting Father and Lizzie at the depot. Were completely tired out, both of us, and went to bed as soon as we got home.

September Saturday, 3 1870

In the morning we were busy unpacking our trunks. Mrs. Huntington called just after dinner. Miss Kellogg came in for a few moments. In the evening we went down to Mrs. Luse's for a sing but laughed and talked more. At about 10 Frank came and was I not happy! We talked a little, then retired to get rested for Sunday.

September Sunday, 4 1870

In the morning we all went to church. Phronie, Liz, Frank and I came home at noon, Lizzie going back to S. School. In the afternoon we talked a while, Phronie upstairs writing. In the evening we all talked until about 10-1/2 when the rest went to bed and Frank and I sat up for a little private tete-a-tete. Oh what a dear evening we had! I love him more and more every time, but we both must try and turn over a new leaf in some things. Did not retire until 1 o'clock.

September Monday, 5 1870

In the morning it rained very hard. Frank wanted to go down town but did not get started until almost 11. Then he took the black horse and rode horse back and Phronie and I sewed until he got back at about 5 in the afternoon. After

tea we all went in the parlor and laughed and talked a little while. Then Phron and Lizzie went to bed and Frank and I had the floor until two o'clock when he left for Avoca. I was very tired and sleepy.

September Tuesday, 6 1870

Sewed all the morning as fast as possible. After dinner took a little nap, then sewed again. Father, Mother and Lizzie went down town and left Phronie and I at home. Just before dark Jake Kennedy rode out on horse back and staid a few moments. Went to bed so late last night that we both retired quite early, as were very tired.

September Wednesday, 7 1870

All very busy getting Lizzie ready for school so we sewed in the morning, all of us, for a while, then I came upstairs and took a little nap. After dinner I sewed again and at night hoped I could go to meeting, but it commenced raining so we gave it up. Came up to bed in good season, but I wrote first a little letter to Frank.

September Thursday, 8 1870

Sewed and helped a little generally in the morning. After dinner, wiped the dishes and ironed Father's coat, then arranged some old letters. In the evening sat up a little while and chatted, then retired quite early. Feel very tired ever since I got home somehow. Wrote two letters, one to Albert and another to dear Mrs. W.

September Friday, 9 1870

Went over to Mrs. H's in the morning a little while. Then came home and sewed about almost all day. Was very busy. In the evening Phronie and I intended to go to the social, but it rained, so we had to give it up. Went to bed in good season.

September Saturday, 10 1870

Was busy all day, in the morning at home sewing, and in the afternoon went to town. Shopped some and got a letter from my Frank. Bought him some envelopes and paper according to his direction. In the evening the neighborhood (younger ones) came in for a sing. I enjoyed it very much but was glad to get to sleep.

September Sunday, 11 1870

Went to church in the morning and to S. School. Took my old class. It seemed good to see all the familiar faces once more. After S. School came home and changed my dress. Lay down until supper, then afterward wrote a letter to Frank. The time is nearer every day when I shall have him for my very own!

September Monday, 12 1870

Mrs. Luse, Susie and Jessie came in the morning a little while. Sewed quite busily. After dinner starched some clothing, then lay down a little while. Played croquet a little while and beat Phronie 5 games. In the evening, went down to the young people's meeting and came home feeling oh so sad. Had two letters from Frank. In one of which he tells me something which makes me very unhappy. Came home and cried ever so long and sobbed myself to sleep. Oh my darling, how I dream of you and long for you all the time! How can I bear a long separation!

September Tuesday, 13 1870

Got up feeling real miserably for had not slept as much as usual. The first thing I did was to sit down and write Frank a long, long letter in which I put my whole soul and longings. I can hardly bear the suspense. It seems so terrible to me. Trimmed Lizzie's hat and helped some after dinner. Then went upstairs and lay down a little while. I dread to think at all.

September Wednesday, 14 1870

In the morning, came upstairs and marked some clothes. After dinner, ironed until nearly tea time, then marked some more. After tea went down to the depot with Lizzie to see her off for Monticello. After the cars started went round to the stores, then up to meeting. Had a good meeting. Had a letter or rather my minutes from Sarah Whipple.

September Thursday, 15 1870

After breakfast, washed the dishes, then skinned grapes until dinner time. Set the table and after dinner, wiped the dishes. Came up stairs and lay down and tried to sleep, but could not. Got up and Phron and I dressed for tea. After tea, Jake and Harry came out and spent the evening. Had a real pleasant time but wanted a letter from my darling. Had one from Dr. Payne in Boston enclosing our medicine.

September Friday, 16 1870

In the morning we were very busy moving into my room from the front chamber and getting everything in order once more. I was wretchedly tired and after dinner lay down and took a nap. Dressed and got ready for tea. then practiced for a little while. After tea Phronie and I played back-gammon. Then Father brought me home a letter from my darling. Oh how I wish everything was settled. Still I live in hope that all will yet be bright and as we long for.

September Saturday, 17 1870

Wrote a letter to Aunt E. in the morning then was just as busy as a bee churning and making myself maid of all work. After dinner, wiped the dishes, then came up and dressed, set the table for tea, then played croquet and after tea drove into town and carried the hymns. Bought some little things and got home about 8-1/2. Went to bed soon after I got home.

September Sunday, 18 1870

Went to church in the morning. Drove home at noon. Went to Sunday School and took my class. Not a very interesting lesson. After S.S. brought Susie Luse home then stopped at our little country S. S. School. Mr. Lee came out too. Came home before S. School was dismissed. Staid at home in the evening to let Mary go to church. Wrote a long letter to my Frank, then went downstairs and played on the piano a while. Have felt that I could not get along all winter without my darling and yet I dread to think of an uncertainty even, but it must be all right, I feel sure.

September Monday, 19 1870

In the morning Mary washed and I helped until I was completely tired out. In the afternoon, lay down and slept until real late. Was very tired and went to bed early. Expect there is a letter from Frank in the office, but was too tired to go down town.

September Tuesday, 20 1870

In the morning was busy about little nothings which tire anyone nevertheless. In the afternoon did a big ironing and felt pretty well tired. Played croquet a while and after supper went to town. Got four letters. One from Lizzie, another from Flora M., another from Laura Hall and the last from my dear Frank. Oh how I do long and pray that this cloud which seems to hang over us may soon pass away, and that all may be bright once more. It seems as if it must and I live in strong hope.

September Wednesday, 21 1870

In the morning was busy about general duties. Wrote to my Frank, etc. Had a call from Mr. Stuart inviting Miss Rice and her friend to a company Thursday eve. Got out my dress and saw that it needed nothing to complete the toilet? Then after dinner had two calls from Mrs. Stratton and Mrs. D____. Went out and played croquet a little while. After supper practiced some then retired. First murdering ourselves with crimping irons?

September Thursday, 22 1870

In the morning it looked quite threatening and all day showered often. Sewed and got my clothes ready for the party. After tea Phron and I came upstairs and dressed. Got all ready even to our waterproofs when Father came in and said another shower was coming up we should spoil our dresses so we gave it up and after a little while went to bed and disrobed our fine clothes. Practiced considerably today. So rainy that we can not go to the office to get Frank's letter.

September Friday, 23 1870

In the morning busied myself in crocheting, tatting? etc. Practiced quite a good while. Want to learn some new pieces for Frank when he comes. In the afternoon Phron and I played backgammon for a while. I had two letters in the evening. One from Rosa Lee, dear little midgett, and the other from my dear Frank. His letter seems more cheerful and I only hope and pray all may be bright and happy for us this fall.

September Saturday, 24 1870

Helped in the morning for some time, then came upstairs and wrote, or commenced, rather a letter to Frank. In the afternoon Father and Mother went to town, but I had not finished my letter. In the afternoon practiced, etc. and went to bed very early. A damp disagreeable day. Phronie is sick and have not had much of her company all day.

September Sunday, 25 1870

Flew round just as fast as possible before church. Finished Frank's letter, put up Father's lunch, etc. Went to church in the morning, but Flora Morgan sent for me so I went down there and staid with her. Poor girl! She feels Linkie's?

death so much. Went to Mr. Lee's to dinner and from there up to the funeral. Sat with my class. Mary Sypher? and Aggie Newton were there today. Went up to the grave in a carriage with Susie W. and Mrs. McClay. Came home in our own. No service in the evening. Gave Labe my letter to take to the office.

September Monday, 26 1870

A wretchedly rainy lonely day. Mother was hurrying to get Lizzie's clothes done so if possible to send them by Flora so Phronie and I worked all day. I put on ruffles, etc. until I was very tired. How I wish we could get to the office for my letter from Frank tonight! But it is fearfully muddy. Played backgammon with Phron and stand 14 out of 20.

September Tuesday, 27 1870

Sewed on Lizzie's dress all the morning. In the afternoon, baked pies and worked over some butter. Played backgammon a while then went to bed quite early not feeling very well. No going to town today. I can't wait much longer for Frank's letter.

September Wednesday, 28 1870

Was busy all day pretty much as usual. Sewed on the rest of Lizzie's trimming to her dress. In the afternoon wrote a letter to Frank. Dear precious Frank! In the evening lay down on the lounge, not feeling very well. Got two letters. One from M. Lizzie and the other from my darling. He thinks I meant to be sarcastic from something I wrote, but it was only that I loved him so much that, as he says, I was careless of what I wrote. How can I hope and pray that our sky can once more be bright and pleasant.

September Thursday, 29 1870

Was sick all last night and all day. Mrs. H. came in to see me and came upstairs. I suffered considerably today. Got up and dressed about tea time. Mrs. M. came up for a little while. Went to bed very early not being at all well. A long day.

September Friday, 30 1870

Sewed on Mary's dress all the morning. Came upstairs and dressed, then Phronie, Mary and I went out and played croquet for a while. In the evening had two letters besides one from my darling. Oh how happy I am. God has heard and answered our prayers. He is coming tomorrow night and I shall be happy. Coz. Harry sent only his picture as a reminder that I owe him a letter. Lay awake very late thinking and planning for our future, Frank's and mine.

October Saturday, 1 1870

Was busy as usual in the morning. In the afternoon went out to walk and make calls. Saw so much company at Mrs. Moulton's that we did not go in. Called at Mrs. Phillips, but she was not at home. Then went to Mrs. Huntington's and staid until tea time. After supper Phronie, Mary and I went up to the Beatty's. They had all gone to bed, but Nettie got up to see us. Got home about 9-1/2 and I sat up until nearly 11 when my darling Frank came. Oh, how glad I was to see him! We sat up until nearly one, then retired.

October Sunday, 2 1870

Father, Frank, Phronie and I went to church in the morning. After church, Frank went down to Mr. Hatch's and Phron and I drove out. Went to S. School and afterward came directly home. Sat and talked a little while before supper. After supper sat in the parlor and had such a sweet evening together. Did not retire until very late.

October Monday, 3 1870

In the morning we all played croquet, Frank, Phron and I. In the afternoon we, Frank and I, went downtown. I made some calls at Mary Sypher's, etc., then Frank and I went up to Mrs. Lynde to call, then to a furniture store. Then after one or two more little stops we went to Mr. Lee's for tea. After tea went to young people's meeting. Enjoyed it so very much. My darling took charge this evening. After meeting we came home and sat up till 1-1/2 when Frank left for Avoca.

October Tuesday, 4 1870

In the morning Mother, Phronie and I went downtown. I did some shopping bought 3 dresses, wrapped in anticipation of the December event. Met the Taylor's downtown and they came out just before us. Took Mary down and brought her home. They all staid to dinner. The Taylor's taking Phronie home with them for a visit. In the afternoon Mother and I went over to Mrs. Huntington's and made a call. After supper practiced a while and then went to bed thoroughly tired out and sleepy enough.

October Wednesday, 5 1870

Ironed skirts and baked squash pies in the morning and seemed to get immensely tired over it. After dinner got out some of my white sewing and commenced on it. There seems a mountain of work to be done. Wrote a letter to Frank and sent it to the office. Then wrote to Laura Hall, F. M., and Aunt Mattie. Sewed a little on my white cloth. Retired early. Had a letter from Lizzie and one from Albert.

October Thursday, 6 1870

Mary washed in the morning although it was rainy so I helped and sewed between times. Am trying to get my white sewing along some. In the evening wrote a little letter to Lizzie. Wish she was here for I miss her more than ever since Phronie has been gone. A dreadful dull rainy dreary day. Wish I could get my letter from Frank which I suppose is in the office.

October Friday, 7 1870

Still rainy again today. Sewed almost all day and got along very well. Finished one article and hope I may get along as well every day. In the evening wrote a letter to M. Lizzie. Mr. Williams came out to ask Father to attend his baby's funeral tomorrow at 2 o'clock. I have 5 letters ready to send to the office now. Hope they will start some time.

October Saturday, 8 1870

This is the 8th. Two months from this very evening! Well this is a changing world. This morning I was busy in the kitchen most of the time. This afternoon I sewed as fast as possible and accomplished something. This evening wrote to my Frank. Had a letter from him and one from his dear mother and one from Sarah Whipple. Phronie's clothes got home tonight and I picked out what I thought she would want next week. Am going out to Mr. Taylor's tomorrow if it does not rain.

October Sunday, 9 1870

Went to church in the morning although very muddy. Half expected the Taylors in from the country with Phronie but suppose they could not get in. Came home at noon and not feeling very well did not go to S. School. Wrote a letter to Miss Ramsay and played on the piano a while. In the evening, Mother and I staid at home together. Talked over "the event" that is to be soon.

October Monday, 10 1870

Another rainy dreary day. I have been busy almost all day sewing as fast as possible on my white cloth. So did not mind the weather as much as I should. Am sorry that poor Phronie cannot get her letters. She will get disgusted with Iowa weather. Wish I could have my Frank's letter tonight! but will try to be patient. Feel that I have accomplished something today though I do not get along as fast as I would like.

October Tuesday, 11 1870

Mother and I set out in the morning to make two wrappers but although we worked the rest of the day did not hardly accomplish it, but still I feel quite encouraged. Nothing of importance happened today. Still very wet underfoot, though for a wonder the sun is shining today.

October Wednesday, 12 1870

In the morning Mother and I went to town. Bought about \$20 worth of little things which worry one more than larger ones. Did not get home until one o'clock. In the afternoon Mrs. H. came over with her sewing. I showed her my presents. Mother canned rhubarb in the afternoon and I made and worked over some butter. Sewed Mrs. H's waterproof on the machine. Had a dear sweet letter from my darling this morning. Am tired, wretchedly tired tonight.

October Thursday, 13 1870

Sewed this morning on my white cloth as fast as I could and finished my calico wrapper. In the afternoon ironed for a good while. Cleaned up the sitting room. At about 5 got ready for town. Mother and I went in and bought 3 dresses, a calico, a garnet for a suit and a beautiful black silk. Did not get home until 9 o'clock and then had eaten no supper, so eat some and showed Mary the new things. Warmed my feet.

Talked a while with Mother about the event and then came up to my room where I now am. Am disappointed that I had no letter from my Frank.

October Friday, 14 1870

Sewed almost all day and accomplished considerable. One article at least. In the evening the Beatty girls came for Mary to go to the sing. I went to bed before she got home. Early in the evening, the sky looked beautifully. The northern lights shone out in all their glory and the whole heavens seemed lighted up. I thought of Dr. Kane's description of them at the North Sea and imagined how lovely it must have been. No letter from Frank. Miss Jane Reince? a Quaker, came to our house soliciting subscribers for the Advocate of Peace.

October Saturday, 15 1870

Had a good many things to do about the house so did not sew as much as I should. However, tucked a good deal on one article and got it almost finished. In the evening had a letter from Phronie saying that she would come in after me tomorrow and expected me out to Mrs. Taylor's so packed up the things I needed and went to bed.

October Sunday, 16 1870

Went to church in the morning. Met Phronie there and afterwards rode out to Mrs. Taylor's. It seemed quite cold riding across the prairie. Found Mrs. T. and dinner all waiting for us and it seemed real good. Talked in the afternoon and for sometime after tea then retired for the night.

October Monday, 17 1870

Got my sewing and sat down in the kitchen and sewed almost all day. Accomplished considerable. Only sat up for a little while after tea. A real cold frosty night. If I could only have my Frank's letter.

October Tuesday, 18 1870

Did not get up until they were almost through breakfast, but that was pretty early. Helped Mrs. Taylor wash and hang out the clothes. Made the beds and wiped the dinner dishes with Phron. In the afternoon we all went up to Mrs. Bacon's that is, Mr. T. Mrs. T. Phronie and I. We enjoyed it ever so much. Came home and had supper. After supper Phron and I wiped the tea dishes then commenced my diary which had been sadly neglected. If I only could see my Frank or have a letter from him!

October Wednesday, 19 1870

We were very busy all day. In the morning I helped Mrs. T. and fixed the overskirt to her black alpacca. In the afternoon I sewed on my own work while Mrs. T. and Phron ironed. In the evening I wrote a letter to Frank and did not go to bed until after all the others had gone. In the afternoon we went out and looked at Mr. T.'s cattle as they were eating, and up to the log cabin, etc.

October Thursday, 20 1870

Early in the morning Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and I started for town leaving Phronie behind because she did not feel well enough to come. We had a nice ride and came directly out home where I left my valise and heard that Phron's father had been here. Then went down to the fair where I spent the rest of the day. In the afternoon rode round the race course with Jake Kennedy. Came home just as tired as could be. Heard that Mata Newton and Louise Bird were both to be married before long. It seems as if we were all going to be married this winter. Had another from my darling.

October Friday, 21 1870

Father and mother started quite early for the fair. Father coming back for Mary and me at about 11 o'clock. I staid there all day, watched the races, dancing, and so on and was glad when it came time for us to start home for it was so cold and blustering. Mary and I started and walked up to Mr. Lee's, just getting there in time not to be left. Met Mrs. Carter on the street and she invited us there for next Thursday eve. When we got home found Louisa Po's invitation for next Tuesday eve. Went over to Mrs. H's in the evening and staid until Mary came from singing school.

October Saturday, 22 1870

Helped a little about the house but spent the greater part of the day in sewing. Finished one article and thought I did pretty well, all things considered. Burnt my face and lips so that they feel miserably today. A week from tonight, Frank comes. Won't I be glad!

October Sunday, 23 1870

Went to church in the morning. Phronie and Mrs. Taylor sat behind us. Came home at noon. Went to Sunday School and to church in the evening. Had congregational singing today. Wrote a short letter to Frank and went to bed very tired.

October Monday, 24 1870

Went down to the depot with Phronie. Did some shopping and came home with Father at noon. In the afternoon sewed on my white cloth and did not sit up very late.

October Tuesday, 25 1870

A rainy, disagreeable kind of a day but this is to be Miss Bird's wedding day. Sewed very busily all day and at night Father thought he had better not go to the wedding so we all staid at home and I accomplished considerable. Alice Beatty came in for a few moments on her way home from singing school, or music lessons rather.

October Wednesday, 26 1870

Sewed all the morning and Mother sewed on her comforter. In the afternoon Mrs. H. sent over for us to come over so I took my sewing and went for a little while. Came home before supper and went to meeting in the evening. Got a dear sweet letter from Frank.

October Thursday, 27 1870

Went to town in the morning and shopped quite extensively. Did not get home until 2 o'clock. Did not have much time before it was time to dress for evening. Went to Mrs. Carter's and spent the evening. Met a very pleasant company and enjoyed it very much. Mate Newton and her gentleman, Mrs. N. and Mrs. McCain called in the afternoon.

October Friday, 28 1870

Cut out my wrapper which took all the morning and part of the afternoon. Got my last wrapper put together, but some fitting to do to it. This evening Mr. Brooks and Labe Bolton spent with me. Had a very pleasant evening myself, but tomorrow my darling Frank comes and won't I be so happy!

October Saturday, 29 1870

Washing all day, sewing on my wrapper and got along nicely. After supper sewed for a while then fixed myself on the lounge for an evening's sleep before Frank came, but I had just got sound asleep when I heard his well known welcome footsteps and jumped up in a hurry. Wasn't I glad to see him though? We only sat up a little while then retired.

October Sunday, 30 1870

We went to church in the morning. Coming home at noon and staying home the rest of the day. How good it seemed to have Frank with me! We all sat in the sitting room until after supper, then I made a fire in the parlor and we sat there. How we did enjoy ourselves chatting, etc. Twelve o'clock came soon but we retired about that time.

October Monday, 31 1870

Early in the morning Phronie and her father came from Perry. We sat and talked a while then Phronie made up her mind not to stay to my wedding, but go home with her father. So Frank rode downtown with Mr. C. and we took Phron to the cars. Frank got there just too late to see her, but I met him there and we went first down to Mrs. Pattie's, then uptown and all round shopping and looking at furniture, etc. Met Father at George McCain's and we all came home. After supper I was too tired to go to meeting so Frank and I took possession of the parlor and had the best evening of our lives!

November Tuesday, 1 1870

Did not get up very early and felt miserably. Sewed and ironed some. In the afternoon Mrs. Miller came for Mother or I to go to Mrs. Hughe's. So I went and we did not get home till quite late. Stopped in to Mrs. M.'s and over at Mrs. H.'s a moment. Came home and sewed until about 9 and retired.

November Wednesday, 2 1870

Sewed on my white wrapper all the morning. After dinner wiped the dishes and dressed. Then returned to my sewing for variety. Have so much to do that I begin to fear lest I shall not get it all finished before the memorable 8th. Father went downtown in the afternoon, consequently we could not go to meeting.

November Thursday, 3 1870

Sewed all the forenoon and in the afternoon Mother, Mary and I went downtown. Got Mary's hat at which Mary turned up her nose in disdain. Was very busy shopping all the afternoon. Did not get home until quite late and sat up

until after 11 o'clock. Got a dear letter from Frank. Am sorry I disappointed him and did not write. Dear fellow. So wrote a short letter tonight.

November Friday, 4 1870

Was at home and busy sewing all day. Worked on my black and white wrapper most of the day and finished it. Hemmed two sheets, wrote to Laura Waterman and Lizzie in the afternoon. Expected to go to preparatory lecture, but Father went horse back so we staid at home and I sewed considerable.

November Saturday, 5 1870

At home in the morning sewing as usual. In the afternoon Mother and I rode down as far as Mrs. Kauffman's and called then up to Mrs. Luse's and then to Mrs. Huntington's. Came home in time for tea. After tea I cut out my 5 aprons and sewed them together. Took some pills and went to bed.

November Sunday, 6 1870

Did not go to church all day. And did not feel at all well either. Wrote to Lizzie Hutchison and to my Frank. Sat up and read awhile, then went to bed before the rest got home. Rather a long day it has seemed to me. In 5 weeks from today I shall probably be in Avoca with my darling. I can hardly realize it.

November Monday, 7 1870

Was sick all day but tried to work a little on my aprons. Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Rutkey? called in the morning. I had to give up and go to bed early in the evening feeling real sick. Mary was real cross too. Had a darling letter from my Frank.

November Tuesday, 8 1870

Mrs. Lee and Alice Whitney came out and sewed on the carpet. We had a very pleasant day indeed. I felt about sick with a headache, but managed to keep up. Went to bed soon after they left.

November Wednesday, 9 1870

Sewed in the morning quite busily and in the afternoon a little while. Susie Luse came up and I went with her over to Mrs. Huntington's, then called a moment at Mrs. Moulton's. They were going to town so did not stay but a moment. Went to meeting in the evening, but first went downtown and did some errands getting up to church quite late.

November Thursday, 10 1870

Went to Mrs. Luse's to spend the day. Met quite a company of married ladies and they carried on most unmercifully. I had a delightful day and came home just before supper. Sewed in the evening.

November Friday, 11 1870

Sewed in the morning. In the afternoon went down to Mrs. Allen's with Mother. Stopped at Mrs. Kauffman's on the way home. In the evening Mr. Sayane? called to say that Mrs. Russell was dying. We went up to Mr. R.'s after Father then he went immediately to town and stopped until after she died.

November Saturday, 12 1870

At home in the morning. In the afternoon went downtown. Stopped at Mrs. R.'s a few moments and saw Cordi? Poor girl! She has no Mother now and feels it so much. I went to Mrs. Pattie's and am afraid she has lost my overskirt. I came home and hunted for it everywhere, but know I never had it. Had 3 letters, one from Lizzie, one from Coz. Liz, and another from my darling.

November Sunday, 13 1870

Went to church in the morning and drove home at noon. In the afternoon went to Mrs. R.'s funeral and then to Mr. Lee's where I staid until evening service. Went to church with Mr. Lee and brought Mary Brown home with me. Am glad to have a bed fellow these cold nights. Mr. Niles, Mrs. North's father preached this evening.

November Monday, 14 1870

Commenced in good earnest to sew on the dresses and having another hand got along very well. In the afternoon got a letter from my darling. Only next week and I shall see him. After supper practiced a little while and then went to bed. It's real cold tonight. Mrs. Pattie sent my two overskirts, but no sign of the missing black silk one. Well I hope the loss of that my worst luck in "getting ready."

November Tuesday, 15 1870

Sewed fast in the morning. In the afternoon Mother, Mary Brown and I went in town down to Mrs. Pattie's, up to Van Lenven's? shopping and did not get home until late. Sewed some in the evening. Felt very tired in the evening.

November Wednesday, 16 1870

Sewing again all day. Wrote a letter to Frank. Went to meeting in the evening. Am so hurried that I feel almost sick. Do hope I shall get along all right. Had a letter from Laura Waterman. Hope she can come.

November Thursday, 17 1870

Again busy all day. In the afternoon, Mrs. K. and Pliny? , Mrs. McCain, Rachel W., Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Welling called. I have been sewing on my drab? dress. Feel so tired and nervous tonight but must have patience.

November Friday, 18 1870

Mother went out to spend the day at Mrs. Winter's. Mary Brown and I left at home sewing. I almost finished my drab? dress. And with Mary's help got it so I wore it to the social at our church. The last I shall attend for some time, probably. Had a very pleasant time. Played blind man's bluff and enjoyed it very much. Saw Mate Newton and we spoke of our approaching weddings.

November Saturday, 19 1870

Sewed all day and finished the garnet dress. Several called in the afternoon. I got real tired and nervous. In the evening went in town and Mary went to Mrs. Pattie's, but she was not home so could not find out about the new skirt. Came home and ironed out my clothes, then went to bed.

November Sunday, 20 1870

Went to church in the morning and home with Mrs. West at noon. She talked over our wedding arrangements and had her own proposals to make. In the afternoon went to Sunday School and then came home and wrote a letter to Frank. Went to church in the evening and brought Mary Brown home.

November Monday, 21 1870

Commenced on the white alapacca. Got along pretty well. In the evening went to Mrs. Pattie's to find out about the new skirt. She is not willing to give but a part of it, so I went to Van Lenvin's and got it for myself. Came home and Mr. Saygur? was here to spend the evening. Had a very pleasant time.

November Tuesday, 22 1870

Still sewing on the white alapacca. In the evening went to rehearsal at the church for Thanksgiving. Stopped in at Mrs. H.'s for a moment and at the Register office. Had a letter from cousin Sarah and my gloves. They think Rosa Lee will be home tonight.

November Wednesday, 23 1870

I do not feel very well today. Guess I have over exerted myself. Sewing on the black silk. Am afraid we shall not get it done tonight. Wrote a letter to Frank this morning.

November Thursday, 24 1870

Went to church and sang with the choir. Saw Rosa for the first time. Went to Mr. Lee's to dinner. Enjoyed it very much. Mother and Father came home, but I staid and am to sleep with Rosa.

November Friday, 25 1870

Rosa got me out in the morning after I had been down town with Mr. Lee. Went right up to Mrs. Beatty's for a little while, then came home and sewed until evening. Then went to town with Mother and did some shopping. Staid at Mr. Lee's until 1/2 past eleven when my darling Frank came and we all went out home together. Went to bed soon after getting home.

November Saturday, 26 1870

Went down town in the afternoon directly after dinner and shopped, Frank and I. We looked at furniture, stoves, crockery, etc. until we were just about tired out. Then came home and retired quite early.

November Sunday, 27 1870

Went to church in the morning, to Mr. Lee's to dinner, to Sunday School where I told my class of my wedding and wishing them to stand with me. I have to take it on all sides. Did not go to church in the evening, but Frank and I talked a while, then soon after they got home we retired.

November Monday, 28 1870

Frank and I went to town in the morning. Did some shopping then I came home leaving Frank in town. In the afternoon, made some cake and kept very busy. In the evening some company came and got pretty well tired out. Sat up until nearly 2 o'clock and was so dreadfully tired.

November Tuesday, 29 1870

Lay in bed until 12 o'clock, then got up, dressed and went to Mrs. Allen's to spend the day. Had a splendid time. Mate Newton was there and they teased us both pretty well. Brought Mrs. Luse home and stopped in at Mrs. Huntington's. Spent the evening and came home when Father did. Added some to my list of callers and then wrote in my diary. Then retired.

November Wednesday, 30 1870

Started early in the morning to make calls. Took Mrs. West and with a stable carriage made 15 calls in the morning and 27 in the afternoon, making 42 in all. Took dinner and tea with Mrs. W. and went to church in the evening. My last Wednesday evening meeting. Felt real tired as well I might after such a day's work.

December Thursday, 1 1870

Started early in the morning with our own buggy to call. Made 12 in the morning and 25 in the afternoon, making 37 in all. Took dinner at Mrs. Clighom's? and took Mrs. Hussy? with us in the afternoon. Am dreadfully tired.

December Friday, 2 1870

Went in to town with Father. I stopping to do some shopping and Father going over on the east side after Mrs. North, Mr. N. and her father came out and spent the day. Enjoyed it very much. Went to sociable in the evening and had a splendid time. My last appearance there, I suppose.

December Saturday, 3 1870

At home and sewed in the morning on my white dress. In the afternoon Mother and I made some calls and paid some bills. Came home real tired but went down to Mrs. Phillip's and got her to show me how to roll my hair. Again very tired.

December Sunday, 4 1870

Lay in bed quite late. Got up and eat breakfast, but did not go to church. Busied myself at home cleaning up, etc. almost all the morning. After lunch took a bath and fixed my hair the new way, then came down stairs and wrote a letter to Frank, my last before we are married. Can I realize it!

December Monday, 5 1870

Mrs. Carter came out and baked cake all day. We got along nicely and it all turned out splendid, which she says is a good sign. A terrible blowy, stormy day. Washed too, today and Mary seemed rather slow about getting through.

December Tuesday, 6 1870

Very busy in the morning. In the afternoon, ironed all my clothes up and got real tired. Went to Mate's wedding and enjoyed it very much. Was teased almost to death about my own on Thursday. Went down to the cars and met Frank and drove out after the wedding so saw Mate off. Only two days more!

December Wednesday, 7 1870

Father and Frank went downtown in the morning. Frank drove home in the afternoon. We commenced packing but had to leave off to go down to the church to go through the form of my wedding. All met down there and it went off nicely. Went down to Mrs. McCain, downtown all round and got home quite late, but packed again and I made two cravats for Frank. Went to bed feeling very tired. Only tomorrow.

December Thursday, 8 1870

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What shall be written here?

My wedding day! Early in the morning I got up and busied myself about the house seeing that all things were in readiness. At 11 the carriage came and Father, Mother, Frank and I got in and rode down to the church. Went in the bible classroom and formed. Then the train went upstairs. The service was splendid and all went off well so they tell me. The music seemed soothing and graceful? Afterward quite a number came out to our house where we had lunch, then at 3-1/2 we went to the depot. Took the cars at 4 and reached Avoca at 9. Eat supper and retired after a little chat in the sitting room.

December Friday, 9 1870

After breakfast went uptown with Frank, then down to the office where I spent the greater part of the morning. In the afternoon went up to our house and took a look at it. It is so pleasant and cozy and I know I shall be so very happy there. What a strange happy day. My husband is a treasure, worth all the world besides. Had a little dance here at the hotel this evening and Frank and I went down for a little while. I put on my blue silk as he said to astonish the natives.

December Saturday, 10 1870

Went up to the office and our house again. Got a nice little box from Lizzie. In the afternoon went up to the house and Frank painted outside a while while I sat snugly inside and watched him. Oh how I do love him more and more.

December Sunday, 11 1870

Went to church in the morning, but staid at home and lay down a while in the afternoon. In the evening went again and heard two very good sermons from Mr. Hughes of Atlantic. I shall be glad when our church is done for the school house seems small and dirty and dusty.

December Monday, 12 1870

Walked up to the post office and all round. Then came home and wrote 3 letters. Went over to the office and got my husband, then eat dinner. After dinner, which was after 3 o'clock, I came up and sewed a while, then lay down and took a nap. Went over and got Frank, then had supper. After supper went in the sitting room until about 10-1/2 when we retired after quite a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. Perne?

December Tuesday, 13 1870

Wrote 2 letters and got 3 at the office this morning. Went up to a Mr. Sanders? to look at his house and see how he would have ours finished off. Then down to our house for a little while. Then home. Frank went to the office and I wrote etc. until dinner. After dinner, sat down with my darling a while, then sewed on my gloves. Went in Mrs. Jones room a while, then came back and sat with Frank until tea time. Went down to tea then talked over some of the more sober things of life. When Mr. McClary? came asked him up to our room for a few moments. Frank finished some letters and I retired.

December Wednesday, 14 1870

This morning after breakfast, went over to the office with Frank and fixed his hat. Then posted some bills into a blank book for him. Came home to dinner, then went back for a little while and we looked over a box his mother sent. then we went up to our house and I staid until I was so cold I thought I must come home. Sewed for a little while and wrote in my diary.

December Thursday, 15 1870

Went over to the office after had sorted Frank's and my dirty clothes and sent to the washer woman. Staid there all the morning and helped him some with his books. A good many customers came in and hindered us. In the afternoon Frank went over to the office and I lay down for a little while. Then went up to our house to walk down with Frank. Stopped in at the store and then home. After supper I went directly to bed after bathing my feet and back. My cake came from home by Mr. McClary.

December Friday, 16 1870

Staid at home all the morning, sewing, etc. In the afternoon, sat in the parlor with Mrs. Perne? and Mrs. Jones. After tea, went on a skating expedition and enjoyed it hugely. Went in a lumber wagon about 3 miles to a Mr. Hunt's. After skating we went back and had a splendid supper there. Did not get home until 2 o'clock and did not get to sleep until nearly morning.

December Saturday, 17 1870

Staid in my room almost all the morning. Went over for Frank just before dinner. After dinner went over and staid until he came home with me. Curled my hair over in the morning and made it look very well. Did not sit up late.

December Sunday, 18 1870

Went to church in the morning. Heard a Methodist minister. The singing perfectly outrageous. After dinner, wrote some letters and Frank did too. Just before tea went in the sitting room a few moments then down to tea. After tea went almost directly to bed.

December Monday, 19 1870

Went over to the office just before dinner, but Frank had gone up to the house. After dinner, Frank went right off over to the office again and I sat in the parlor until nearly dark, then came home and waited until Frank got here just before supper.

December Tuesday, 20 1870

In the morning Mrs. Perne? came in and sat with me a while then Frank came home a little while before dinner. After dinner I went over to the office a little while. Then we came home and Frank went up to the house. After supper I helped Frank post his books until about 9-1/2 then we retired.

December Wednesday, 21 1870

Went up to the post office with Frank, then came home and packed some of my clothes. Did some mending, etc. for a little while. After dinner was in my room most of the time. Dr. Knoller came in in the afternoon and staid quite a little while, and again after supper and brought me some medicine.

December Thursday, 22 1870

Invited out to a dinner party with Mrs. Jones. Met Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Stevens, and several others. Sat in the parlor until nearly dark, when I came home. Frank and I went to the "mile society" here and had a terrible stiff time. I have not felt so home-sick before, but the people are so queer and country-fied. But I hope to get used to it after a while. Went directly to bed when I got home.

December Friday, 23 1870

Spent all the morning in the sitting room with Mrs. J. and Mrs. R. Played some on the piano. In the afternoon Frank brought his books up to the room and balanced them, so I sat here and sewed. Enjoyed it very much and thought it quite cozy. Retired quite early.

December Saturday, 24 1870

Went up to the post office with Frank and then up to our house for a few moments. Came home and went in the sitting room and practiced for a little while. Read the paper, then wrote in my diary. A bright day, but still quite cold.
Went to Christmas Tree in the evening. Rather a tame affair. Frank received a rooster!

December Sunday, 25 1870

Went to church in the morning. Mr. Wright preaches a very good sermon. No service in the afternoon or evening. Frank read to me a while. I lay down and took a nap. Went in the parlor and sang a little while.

December Monday, 26 1870

Went over to the office a while in the morning, and up to our house in the afternoon. They had a dance here at the hotel in the evening and Frank and I went down. Quite a nice looking crowd here on the whole.

December Tuesday, 27 1870

Went out early in the morning and came back and sat in Mrs. Jones room a little while. Came home and sewed, read, etc. until nearly noon then went over to the office after Frank. At home in the afternoon. Went up to the house and built a fire in the kitchen and sat by it a little while. I long to get up there so much.

December Wednesday, 28 1870

Wrote a letter to Mother, then went over to the office until dinner. After dinner went in Mrs. Jones room and met there Mrs. Carmichael and had a very pleasant afternoon. In the evening, went in the parlor and sat a while. Came home and retired. Did not feel at all well.

December Thursday, 29 1870

Mrs. Perne? here to spend the day. Sat in the parlor most of the time. Took my sewing in there. Helped Frank with his books in the morning. In the evening went to the Episcopal social at Mrs. Curtis'. Had a very pleasant time indeed. Got home about 10-1/2 and was pretty well tired out.

December Friday, 30 1870

Went over to the office a while in the morning and staid until dinner time. At home in the afternoon. Went up to our house and moved the bed upstairs and cleaned up a little. In the evening, went on a skating party. Had a very nice time, but got pretty cold and tired.

December Saturday, 31 1870

Went over to the office and helped Frank copy his invoice, and again in the afternoon. Went up to our house in the afternoon and Frank painted the thresholds. Went over to Mr. Wright's and looked at our apples. Came home and sat up until the 9 o'clock train, expecting to meet Mrs. McClary and the ___ but none of them came. I was quite disappointed. Mr. McC. brought me a box from Mother and a letter. Came upstairs and opened it. Read the letter, etc. then got ready for bed. Well, this finishes up my "diary" for 1870. I have enjoyed it very much and may all our futures be as pleasant as this year has been!