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Diaries of Lucinda Lenore Merriss - Flyleaves 1855

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Description: Measurements 2.5" high x 3.5" wide x .25" deep, gold edged pages, black leather bound with flap lock. Brief handwritten entries, usually in pencil and in sentence fragments.

Contents: Fourteen pages of different calendars in table form. Located in the front of the diaries, these calendars include those which show the moon phases, sun phases, and one that shows the number of days from any day in one month to that same day in any other month throughout the year.

Memorandum 1855:

page one

L.L. Merriss possesses traits of character peculiar to herself alone. Firm and unyielding in her own notions of etiquette [unreadable erasures].

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Original [Title?]

When you reflect on absent friends or those you dearly prize
Let her who does the trifles send
Upon your memory rise
When bosom thoughts delight to move
And barely wander free
To those you like to those you love
Oh then remember me
When sleep has closed your weary eyes
Come may your slumber be
When visions of the night arise
Fail not to dream of me
Let friendship gain a sacred name
A place within your breast
And there permit the sacred flame
To burn a welcome guest.
Miss A. Wells, esq.

When I consider life its all a chest
but fooled with hope men favor
the deceit. Strange cozenage [sic]
Love would live past years
again. Bet all hopes pleasure on what remains.
And from the dregs of [sic]
think to receive

the first sprightly
running could not give

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2 quarts of flour
A piece of lard as large as a hen egg
Roll this piece of lard in the flour
till it is in a dust
2 teaspoons of cream of tartar
1 of soda

page three

[Code]

a e i o u y l m n r
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Oh speak love one and tell me true
Have I caused distress to you
And if I have why don't you speak
That I your pardon now may seek

MCM

We've had some happy hours together
But joy must often change its wing
And spring would be but gloomy weather
If we had nothing else but spring.

Cinda

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Love and Flattery

Men admire, respect, and adore, but never flatter in love. That is reserved for the benefit of those for whom they have but little feeling and regard and with whom they can afford to make free, whose esteem is not felt and valued and whose love is neither appreciated nor deserved.

L.L.M.

(written sideways on bottom of page)

Bureau 18

Table 4

Bedstead '02) 8 ½

Chairs 6

Stand 2 ½

Rocker 3 ½

42 ¼

page five

Oliver W. Lord(?) [the rest has been scribbled over and is un-readable]
(on bottom of page)

Woman lost paradise to make man happy. He deserves purgatory if he makes her wretched.

Back Cover

(written sideways)

Nancy & Leslie

L.L. Merriss

THE DIARIES OF MRS. LUCINDA CORNELL

1855

JANUARY 1855

1 At home after attending a watch meeting slept till 8 o'clock breakfast with a friend lined my home made two bead /sic/ drapes Company came K? presented a gift a book went Wells party

2 At home making a dress Ellery went to Columbus went to Anna Brown's party Mary Sells had just returned from Columbus Had company to and from the party

3 At home all day & very lonely but trying to work. Received of Jerrome \$5 of loned money

4 At home finished mothers dress "Providence and judgement shall be my guide (This entry and following one crossed out with pencil)

5 (Crossed out) (She slept until 9 then breakfast and bought groceries and went to a school and going somewhere on Wednesday)

6 Went to Abbies done her washing returned home, Read and proffited by good lesson on Independence of mind

7 It snows today, have made preparations for company and am now waiting their arrival, Jerrome pacts? seal hateful sick is br o 2? (This and later entries may refer to a code in rear of volume given as follows:)

(a e i o u y l m n 4
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0)
/sic/

8 At home, done a large washing sewed some at my dress expect Mrs. Well this afternoon but was disappointed

9 At home finished my dress Mary Sells here we are making preparations to go to Aunt Marys

10 Left home at 4 o'clock took the cars at Shrimers? & 9 1/2 for Columbus arrived in London 4 met Uncle Wm. at the depot Met Aunt really delighted went to church in the evening with Victoria and Mary Jane

11 At Uncle Wms. took a walk with Aunt O.S.V went down street to to uncles new building called on to Mr. Shaws store got weighed (124) saw there a very handsome young Yankee clerk who passed several remarks after we left (Mr. Bridgman) went to school with Victor

12 In London started for Columbus got home at 12 & Mr. Canny took supper here, he & Jerrome went to a debate to Josh Sells

13 At home, Jerrome and Mc have gone to Columbus, Ell has come home with them, Mcstays all night

14 Went to church met Mc going from church went from church to Abbys, Billy & Paris are there lost Frank's ring, 8c (McCanny) came to spend the evening with us, Ell went to Columbus

15 At Abbies done a large washing Mr. and Mrs. Stephens & Dr. Hard & ladyMr. G Haliway also Mr. Wm. Boggs spent the evening with us

16 At Abbies & Mrs. Stephens breakfast with us, called p.m. on Mrs. Hood & Mrs. Holaway also Rebecca Smileys school and Mr. McCannys school, went to spelling school with Kate Fisher, Josh Armstrong Linda Wells

17 At home sewing carpting, Mr. McCanny has a spelling school, he went home with Fisher, Jerrome with Anna, I spent the evening with Mrs. Wells. We took candy from Mack's pocket

18 At home still at the work above mentioned, Aunt Katy spent the afternoon here, Jerrome went to church this evening, we expected company was disappointed

19 At home went to the grocery stopped at the school house, at noon Jerrome went with me Betta's Bean was there, went to Howards party with Mr. McCanny, Sarah Debs was there, we enjoyed it well

20 At home and real lonesome, Father has gone to town, Jerrome to school, he returned and says there will be a grammar school? today

21 At home all day, Jerrome has returned from church with company Basil Sells returned from church in the evening and as usual found Mc here

22 At home nothing of importance transpired verry cold, Jerrome & I are writing verses

23 Spent the day at Mr. Wells got an introduction to Mrs. A. Wells returned home at 9 oclock with Mack

24 At home Jerome and Mcwent to school done a large washing fixed my black dress went to Wells party, Sarah Deems and Mrs A. Wells were there

25 Made a pair of drawers at home, fine prospects for sleighing I heeard so much to day that I intend to go to town next week to start on to Aunt Marys

26 At home meditating on the past two months with sorrow, worked a pair of drawer bottoms Jerrome went to the debate to Josh Sells

27 At home finished a pair of drawers, Mother is making preparations for Jerome to take some provisions to Ell and Mart. Paris and I went to Mr. Wells went to Vanhors returned found Mc here, Mr. and Mrs. Wells spent the evening here

28 At home all day Abbie & Mart are here, also Sarah and James Vanhorn, Mr. McCanny came here about one retired at 10 Ash leaved trumpet flower: separation Wrote a letter to George

29 At home went to Columbus with Jerrome, Jim and Anna Brown, Mary Bromley went to Martins Mary returned with us we went to town also in the evening went to Ells office, got an introduction to a young Doctor, then went to the Buckeye, then to Abbies

30 Done Abbies washing, Mr. William Boggs came over in the evening staid till 10 o'clock, I was tired and sleepy and retired at 7 1/2

31 At Abbies all day, Mr. Boggs called in the morning, A company of sleighers passed Abbies in the evening on the way to Keims spelling school

FEBRUARY, 1855

1 At Abbies, started home at 11, called at Mrs. Smiths went to the funeral of Jim Read called at the school with Ellen Runkles came up to Mr. Wells and from there home, Mack gave me my miniature

2 At home finished a stocking Mr. Wells was here for supper, Bill Scringer & Mad Elliott was here on a sleighing spree a crowd went to Columbus to the Buckeye, I went to Wells for yeast, at home in the evening

3 At home done a large ironing wrote in Macks album carried it up to Wells with the intention of going from there to Dr. Hoods sleighing with Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Mr. McCanny came home with his subject was a different one twas that of respect and said he was going away

4 At home all day and verry lonely read some pieces inmybook Mack gave me, wrote an acrostic on his name, wrote a letter to Aunt Mary

5 Took up the carpet and cleaned house, went to Dr. Hoods with Mr. and Mrs. Wells also Mr. McCanny in a sleigh, had a good visit, Mack came home with me from the Wells, We had a lengthy conversation

6 At home done a large washing sewed some for myself and studied some. James Van was here cutting saw logs, Mart and Jerrome have gone to Sells this evening

7 At home quilted a comforter Jerome and Jim are taking logs to the mill, Mr. Daisey hurt his arm, crushed it in the wheel at the mill, a party last night to Richards, I did not go

8 At home went to Wells done a large ironing, Mack spent all night here, sewed on my tape trimming in the evening

9 Went up to Mr. Wells, engaged a ride, Mrs. Well and I for evening we went, Doctor Hood and lady went with us also Mr. Boggs & Mr. McCanny went to the Buckeye, the show actors were boarding there (Saw Bill Green did not get an introduction). Returned home staid at Mr. Wells the night

10 Spent the day at Mr. Wells sewed some at Welcomes dress Mc went over to Mr. Armstrongs, returned with Kate Fisher and boys for Columbus takeing Margaret Scringer with us, went to the Buckeye from thence to the Ambos Hall to a circus

11 Went to church from home & got an introduction to Mr. Wagoner received a valentine Mr. and Mrs. Davis was here for dinner Mr. McCanny spent the evening here

12 At home sewed at my tape trimming all day, went to Smileys at 4 o'clock and from there to temperance meeting with Anna Brown Nor Field and Becca Smiley Jerrome and Mc went to town, Mc staid all night

13 At home all day, Mr. McCanny breakfasted here, Mr. Wells called this afternoon, Mrs. Heart spent the evening with me Jerrome went to Mr. Latimers Mack returned with him

14 At home wrote some valentines sewed some at my tape trimming went to Smileys received a valentine went to spelling school, Mack returned with me

15 At home sewed for myself went to church in the evening stopped at the grocery got a spool of thread and candy, Mr. 8c 186 returned with me

16 At home done a washing this afternoon sewed in the forenoon Jerrome went to school this afternoon returned and says he is bound for Oregon and that Mack is going also

17 At home cleaned house baked a cake, Jerrome has gone to Columbus and says he has started for Oregon, Father made five brooms

18 At home all day. Mr. & Mrs. Vanhorn was here. Father went to Bromleys 80 8 c186 /sic/ evening here

19 At home 8lc breakfasted with us. Jerrome returned from Columbus. he then went to school. Mr. McCarry returned with him. I wrote a letter for 8c, Father and Jerrome went to temperance meeting.

20 At home done a washing. The last day of Mr. McCarry's school. Mart Bromley spent the evening here

21 At home mopped the floor, Ellery come home from Columbus (Mack came at 9 & went away at 11) 8c took supper with me. Mart Bromely was here in the evening

22 At home done an ironing MR. McCarry stopped in awhile this forenoon. Ellery went back to Columbus. Jerrome went to church. Father went to Wells in the evening. Mr. McCarry staid all night with us.

23 At home Mc took breakfast with us. Jerrome and *c went to Mr. Richardsons school. Mother & I called on Mrs. Leber. We went from there to Mrs. Geo. Howards not at home. I spent the afternoon at Howards with Rebecca, mother came home

24 At home cleaned house & baked cake. Went to Vanhorns Rebecca Lucy and I went from there to the tavern, Anna went with us to Howards we went to hear Mr. Richardson lecture he went home with Rebecca *c went took me, Hart with Anna

25 At home went to church Ross preached, Mart & Abbie came home. Margy Brown returned from church with me, Mart Brom. & McCarry home with Jerrome at 4 oclock they took dinner at Mr. Wells. Margy & I went to church in the evening with Jerrome and 8c

26 At home fixed my velvet bonnet, Mc took breakfast with us went away at 10 a.m. Father & Jerrome went to temperance meeting returned at 11

27 At home all knitting, Father went to Mr. Lehews in the evening sick went to 73ck29c456 /sic/

28 At home, done a large washing, Mrs. Vanhorn spent the afternoon with us. Father went to Mr. A. Sells in the evening. Jerrome went to Bromleys

MARCH

1 At home done an ironing. Jerrome, Father & the little boys went to prayer meeting. Jerrome spoke in church

2 At home Went to A. Sells with Mary Sells, spent the afternoon and evening there, Meg & Betta & Bill Scringer & For. Michel spent the evening staid all night & went home in the morning

3 Went to D. Smileys with T. Vanhorn saw little Tommy (was dead) come to Columbus in Howards little wagon, intended to come on the cars arrived here at 3 o'clock, spent a very pleasant evening

4 At Mrs. Nairs spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Nair pleasantly. took a walk with Frank in the evening went to Ell's office, Ell called in the evening

5 At Frank's went up street bought a pair of morocco boots and dimity ruffling, called at Martins had a chat with Mary Sells, returned spent the afternoon sewing for myself

6 At Mrs. Mains The Misses Pattersons of Worthington called. Hannah & I took a walk. Returned & found 8c had called to see me. Went with him to the church. Ellery got his diploma returned with 8c. the girls staid at night retired at 12

7 At Mrs. Mains took the cars at 10 went to Abbies, back at 3. Elle & Han went to Worthington. 8c & I returned to Franks and he spent the evening with us

8 At Mrs. Mains sewed for myself forenoon Spent the lft209449. /sic/ spent the evening in very conversation with Frank

9 At Mrs. Mains went up street in the forenoon bought Ell some shirts and Alice some apron stuff. Made Alice an apron in the afternoon retired to rest rather low spirited

10 At Mrs. Mains made Alice an apron went up street with Frank and Alice. Downs? bought us some nice taffy we eat all the way home spent the evening verry pleasantly with Frank

11 At Mrs. Mains spent the day verry pleaantly with Frank and Rufus read a piece about Grace Elinore, Mr. George Foster called here in the evening, Frank called on Mrs. Brown

12 At Mrs. Mains made one shirt bosom, it rained all day, Mrs. Nain saw George F. at the store and invited him out but he said he had not time and that he was going away, did not tell where

13 At Mrs. Mains finished two shirt bosoms, began to work a pair of ristbands retired at 9 ½. Little Alice is fifteen months old today

14 At Mrs. Mains worked a ristband, McCanny came in the evening

15 At Mrs. Mains finished a ristband began to piece a quilt for Frank Jerrome called in the forenoon and started in the afternoon for Central College

16 At Mrs. Mains cut out the blocks for two quilts, Ell took dinner with us

17 At Mrs. Mains pieced 5 quilt blocks for Frank, went down street intended to go home but the cars were gone bought a looking glass

18 At Mrs. Mains, Read a novel, Mr. Andrews L.L.D. all afternoon

19 At Mrs. Mains pieced some quilt blocks, Rufus brought me to the depot, I came to Abbies staid all night

20 At Abbies partly set my quilt together went over with Abbie and made Mrs. Hood a visit, Mrs. Rogers staid all night

21 At Abbies Mrs. Rogers took breakfast with us her and Laura Ann went to Jimmy Brittons returned home Ell went below Columbus Mrs. Hart and Mercy spent the afternoon here

22 At home finished peachy? my quilts set them both together & put one in the frames they are for Frank

23 At home Mr. Lebern took dinner with us I spent the day quilting, Mc came at 5 o'clock, staid all night and says Jerrome likes Central College

24 At home spent the day quilting 8c C186 /sic/ went away at 9 o'clock for C--Ell returned home from below C--

25 At home went to church with Ellerry Ross preached Harriet Bromley returned with us I went home with her and staid all night

26 At home spent the day quilting and thinking of the conversation Rit and I had the evening before

27 At home Rit and I started calling went to Crums, Rit went to Warrens we both took supper to Latimers, staid all night, George and Nancy came in the evening

28 At Mr. D. Latimers, Ritt & I breakfasted there and then returned home, Edwin Warren and Kesiah Scofield married today

30 At home, finished Frank's quilts went down to Abbies went to market with Milton, Abbie gave me \$8

31 Got a letter from Bona & Mack, too breakfast at Franks. bought my carpet \$16 window curtains \$3, Parry & Billy's coats & pants. Saw Ed W & wife, wished them much joy

APRIL

1 At Abbies, returned home with Abbie & Martin, found John Skeels & Mr. & Mrs. Bromley here helped get dinner went to Browns with John. John came back at 12 o'clock at night

2 At home John Skeels took breakfast here, father went to the election, I finished two pair of shirt sleeves

3 At home Mother went to Henrys & staid about two hours I finished a shirt for Ellery and read some in the even

4 At home finished a shirt for Ell fixed a pair of undersleeves made a collar that Frank gave me

5 At home helped mother do a large washing made the carpet in the afternoon and evening Mr. G. Reed died at 2 o'clock

6 At home I went up to Mr Reeds with Mrs. Wells returend, then went to the funeral, saw Mr. Markey, went to Abbies, staid all night, saw Crin Hinchman, bought a tablecloth at 3 1/2

7 At Abbies got disappointed about going to town returned home at 11 oclock went to Katys for the plats don a large ironing. afternoon hemed a table cloth evening

8 At home went to church got disappointed about the preaching returned, Rit went to her school in Whetsone I went to Lewys and Scringers then home Mag came most home with me

9 At home done a large washing & washed two bed quilts & cleaned yard

10 At home, I staid all night with May Brown, planted a pint? of pears, ironed some & went to a quilting at A. Sells, staid to the party in the evening preacher Hall was married to a lady from Ailford

11 At home Sold \$9 worth of trees, cleaned yard worked some on Franky's handkerchief went up to Mrs. Wells cut and basted for her silk dress, Mr. Warren & Mr. Heizer took dinner with us

12 At home went down to Browns, Mrs. Brown came home with me, Jerome & Mr. Camel came home bought \$23 worth of trees staid all night

13 At home Jerome and Mr. Camel went home this morning, wrote a letter to 8lc, Mother went to Katys

14 At home made Bill a shirt collar, mopped the floor went down to the grave yard planted two rosebushes at Lacy's grave planted one at home a white rose

15 At home went down to Vans returned home wrote some made some flowers out of paper, Ell came home from Cabletown

16 At home done a washing Eell took sick with the chill & fever. Lucy & Lizzie Latimer & Hart spent the afternoon here, I went to Marts in the evening & to market.

17 In Columbus this morning, bought some things for Abbie, began to work Charley a sack, I rode home with Father in the waggon Frank came with us

18 At home working at Charley's sack. Spent about 2 hours at Mrs. Wells in the afternoon, Mrs. Wells told me news

19 At home went up to Latimers and Brittons to see about their school was disappointed returned finished Charley's sack

20 At home, whitewashed two rooms Aunt Katy called and told us that Miss J. McHenry was dead & Bill Kent was here with Mr. Snoffer to get apple trees \$4 worth

21 At home put down the carpet Miss McHemsey was buried sermon preached by Ross Mother & Ell went, I went to Marts took Frank home staid all night

22 At Abbies staid with Charley while her and Mart went to church come home met Marg Scringer who came with us, I went to church in the eve

23 At home done a large washing whitewashed the poarch and kitchen in the afternoon also the cherry trees. Ell & Father took away the old crib, varnished the stand

24 At home whitewashed the fence & swept the yard

25 At home swept the yard put down the carpet in the back room painted the stand

26 At home went down to Abbies, Mart & A-- to town bought me a pair of shoes, Char. a bat some trimming for cape returned called at Armstrongs

27 At home hemmed Ells handkerchief

28 (nothing)

29 At home Abbie and Hart spent the day here

30 At home Wm. Boggs called in the morning baked three cakes went with Ell in the cars to Columbus, staid all night to Franks

MAY

1 At Mrs. Mains, went to Ells wedding returned stopped to Franks then to Marts returned home in the evening, E & H went to London

2 At home went down to Abbies early & brought her up in the buggy, Aunt and Uncle Strain & Eell & Han came also, Abb & Mart

3 At home Aunt & Uncle went home, Hannah is still here, Ell went to Columbus, cut some blocks for my diamond quilt

4 At home Ell went a horseback to Cabal, Hannah & I went to Abbies. Mart took her to Shrums & he then went to Cabal

5 At home went out to Scofields & Carters district & from there to Rogers to find a school, did not get a final answer

6 At home, went to church sermon by the Rev. Hall. Mary Sells returned with me, we took a horseback ride went to Abbies, Mother & Pa went to church in the evening, Mary staid all night

7 At home Mary & I went to Abbies, called first at LEWY"S, Bill Boggs spent the afternoon with us at Abbies, we staid all night

8 Mary & I at Abbies, decided I would not teach their school. we came home called to Browns. I then returned home, Mary remained at her home

9 At home helped mother do a large washing, ironed in the afternoon and fixed my red dress, Laurinda Wells came fro some needles. I cut some blocks for my quilt

10 At home went fishing with Mary Sells. I caught six. Mary none, stopped at Abbies, Bill Boggs came over. We gave our fish to Abbie. At home sewed at my diamond quilt. Mother went to Lewys got some rose moss * spent the afternoon at Mr. Wells quilted some for her with M. Fisher, saw Fisher & P about the school

12 At home spent the day peacing quilt, looked for Fisher in the evening was disappointed

13 At home went down to Bromleys, we went fishing, returned Mr. & Mrs. Wells came to Browns, Mary & I went to Lewys, I get the school

14 Swept the old school house, taught school this day the first

15 At home taught school

16 At home & school

17 At home taught school received a letter from Jerrome

18 At home washed some this morning taught school sprinkled the clothes this evening

- 19 At home ironed the morning taught school concluded to take the school this eve
- 20 At home Mother & Father went to church sermon by the Rev. Hall. Paris & I went down to Abbies horseback brought Franky home with us
- 21 At home taught school went to Abbies in the evening cut out a dress for Delila Paton, staid all night to Abbies
- 22 At Abbies sewing, school, went to Abbies, cut a dress for Nancy Paton
- 23 At Abbies sewing, school, returned home in the evening, Bill Boggs spent the eve here
- 24 At home taught school, went down to Abbies in the evening
- 25 At Abbies sewing taught, Harriet Harriet sick
- 26 At Abbies finished patons dresses got a dollar for it taught school
- 27 At home went up to John Harts saw the baby returned & ciphered all day
- 28 At home taught came home sewed on my star quilt
- 29 At home taught school Mary Hood & Abbie came home, I went down with them & drove the buggy
- 30 At Abbies taught school
- 31 (blank)

JUNE

- 1 (blank)
- 2 At home went to town took my bonnet to Mrs. Jennings went to Martins
- 3 At home went to Lewy's saw Frank Sells- Jerrome came home, we talked till 11 o'clock at night
- 4 At home Jerrome went back to school
- 5 (blank)
- 6 (blank)
- 7 (blank)

8 At home taught school went to town on the cars in the evening went to Franklin staid all night

9 At Mrs. Mains went up street got my bonnet 80¢ bought my plaid silk my mantle \$2.75 cane to Marts with O. Howard

10. At Abbies spent the day without seeing anyone but the family

11 At Abbies tagt /sic/ school went home saw my rose tree cut down also my nicest jasamme two bushes

12 At Abbies taught school

13 At Abbies taught school

14 At Abbies taught school

15 At Abbies taught school Mrs. Dnransaw /sic/ died at six o'clock in the evening

16 At Abbies in school went to Lewys in the evening sat up all night

17 At Lewys staid till 9 o'clock till they stared with the corpse then returned to Abbies, Ross preached the funeral sermon in Dublin

18 At Abbies school Mrs. Rogers spent the day here, Frank had a chill

19 At Abbies school returned home

20 At home fixing my lawn dress received a letter from GHW

21 At home school & sewing Mother went to town took her bonnet brought Frank home

22 At home school Finished the skirt of my striped silk dress

23 At home taught school

24 At home all day studying enigmas great work really

25 At home school Jerrome came home from Central College

26 At home school Mart Brom. staid all night with Bone at home

27 At home Frank is going home this morning Jerrome to town

28 At home taught school

29 At home school

30 At home & school

JULY

1 At home went to church Hall preached William Boggs & George Warren went home with Jerrome & I, took dinner with us George staid the evening Boggs & Jerrome went to church

2 At home at school

3 At home & school Betta Davis was married to James Write at 7 o'clock then went to Cleveland

4 At home school went to the spring Wells children left school I know not for what

5 At home school

6 At home school

7 At home school

8 At home exspected C. Howard was disappointed Jerrome & I went to Scringers from there to Hilliard with Marg

9 At home to school went to Bromleys staid all night with Ritt

10 At home school at Bromleys

11 At home school

12 At home school

13 At home school

14 At home went in the afternoon with Anna Brown to Roy Scringers school received a letter from Mack

15 At home went to church Ross preached lost my veil Mr. Howard spent the afternoon with us

16 At home looked for my veil again did not find it nor hear from it, taught school

17 At home school found my veil

18 At home school

19 At home school

20 At home school

21 At home went to Mr. Armstrong, Jenny & I went to town. in Mr. Rogers buggy. I was examined got my certificate, Mr. Hanchman staid all night at our house

22 At home went over to Mr. Armstrongs, in the morning, Jenny returned with me, Jacob Davis & B. Sells came to see us

23 At home school, trimmed mothers bonnet, made a little hat for Harriet Hart

24 At some school

25 At home school

26 At home school

27 At home school staid all night with Mrs. Elliott

28 At Mrs. Elliotts started for Addison went through Amity Jefferson Somerford took dinner & Brighton Vienna Springfield & Porthampton arrived at Addison at dark found Uncle Wm. sick

29 At Aunt Nancy Kelleys went to church returned saw cousin John D--, Uncle is very sick, Went to Marg Scringers took a ride Uncle is worse this evening

30 At Aunt Nancy's Uncle is yet quite sick the girls washed

31 At Uncles Mart & I went up street trimmed her bonnet Hard did not like it. Hart, Mant & I took awalk in the evening He & Mant took a spark after we returned in the eve

AUGUST

1 At Aunt _Nancy's started for home, came thro Westville /sic/ Urbana then went to Cabletown saw Hannah did not see Ell from thence to Woodstock then Milford & Unionville & pleasant Valy where we staid all night at Mr. Davis house

2 At the Vally saw Chas? & Mr. Woodruff came thro Amity, came past the schoolhouse arrived safely home Mr. Hort staid to dinner and till 5 o'clock, John Doggetts spent the day at Abbies, til evening

3 At home taught school, Jerrome & John D--went to Columbus

4 At home trimmed H. Hart's bonnet 25¢ little hat 12½¢ John D--- went home Jerrome took dinner at Warrens, I finished Hans blanket

5 At home regulating the house some

6 At home school working another blanket for Han & Ell

7 At home school finished the work above mentioned

8 At home put my memory quilt in the frames and began to quilt a little in the morning

9 At home school quilting

10 AT home quilting school Mrs. Hart is quite sick

11 At home all day quilting Jerrome went to Columbus received a letter from Ed Kelley, Mother went to Mrs. Harts she was worse

12 At home went to church with Mother sermon by the Rev. Ross, funeral sermon of Jackson Fisher, Ab & Mart returned with us, Jerrome & I went to hear Boggs in the afternoon called to Bromley's

13 At home quilting taught school went to Mrs. Smiths at noon

14 At home quilting school

15 At home quilting school

16 At home quilting school

17 At home school quilting

18 At home quitting school

19 At home all day mother went to camp meeting I am very lonesome

20 At home & school made a pair of pillow ticks & bolsters of Ell

21 At home school Jerrome went to town, he bought for me a paper of carmine 15¢ and 1 yard of calico, bound my quilt

22 At home & school

23 At home & school camp meeting began today

24 At home & school

25 At home & school Mrs. Bromley called to see mother & Zuly Jerrome went to campmeeting

26 At home did not go to campmeeting, finished the pictures for my scholars & wrote some for my new diary

27 At home & at school

28 At home school

29 At home & at school

30 At home & at school, have not felt very well all week

31 At home Mrs. Mrs. Woodruff came I taught school ½ day and quit, this being the last day, Paris has got the sore throat

SEPTEMBER

1 At home Aunt Katy called in the afternoon John Skeels came at dark, staid all night

2 At home all day John Skeels took breakfast with us, Jerrome & John went to Bromley's

3 At home John & Mart called, John went home about 10 o'clock

4 At home

5 At home

6 At home went over to Mr. Armstrongs, Paris came after me & said that Ellen & Hannah had come from Cable

7 At home enjoying the pleasure of the company of Ell & Han Abbie came up in the afternoon

8 At home, Ellen & Han started for Mr. Pattersons this morn & Ellen has returend says they arrived at her Fathers house in safety Jerrome is sick

9 At home wrote a letter to Zidana & Julia Brakbury & Victoria

10 (blank)

11 (blank)

12 (blank)

13 (blank)

14 (blank)

15 (blank)

16 At home Abbie & Mart came home I wrote a letter to John Doggette & O.W. Hord Wm. Boggs to our house G. Davis died

17 At home went to the funeral Ross preached, Bill Boggs went with us

18 At home went to Abbies with Paris Mrs. Rogers was here

19 At Abbies. They, her & Mart went to the fair with Paris, Wm. Boggs went

20 At Abbies went to the fair, got an introduction to Dr. Dallas & son

21 At abbies, to the fair with Mary the Dr. & Will, saw the Greek Slave

22 At Abbies returned home at 11, washed some, Anna Brown called for peaches mother went to Vanhorns twice she was sick

23 At home Mother & Father went to church twice, Sutton preached at 11 & Hall at 4 o'clock, I wrote verses from Franks book

24 At home went to Wm. Crums for an order, from thence to Mr. Roberts, Mother washed I ironed some

25 At home Frank's baby born last night, finished ironing, Mrs. Smiley came to buy peaches.

Romalia Smith for peaches & butter. Jerrome went to town got home at 10 p.m. it rained very hard

26 At home helped Jerrome get ready in the morning. He was married today. I have been regulating the house, Hellen V was here

27 At home worked in the forenoon, George Warren came to see father, staid the afternoon, Jerrome & Mag came at 4 o'clock. Abbie came home staid all night

28 At home Abbie & Mag went home, Jerrome went to Columbus. I mended my gaiter shoes. Leander Warren came & got peaches

29 At home, Mart Bromley took dinner with us, Jerrome wrote to Mag. I done a washing & ironing Jerrome went to Bromleys in the evening, the children had the chills

30 At home Mercy & Ritt called in the afternoon, Marg came up with Bone & staid all night

OCTOBER

1 At home Marge went home, Mary Se-ls to Vanhorns, I went to Columbus, called to see Frank Main, bought Ell & Hars goods

2 At home made a pair of sheets went to Bromleys in the afternoon saw G. Evans & wife also Mrs. Hincer, sewed on Hans pillow slips, staid all night, it rained

3 Returned home before breakfast, finished one pair of pillow cases with the tape trimming, Ellery came home from Cable

4 At home sewing made another pair of pillow cases, Ell & Bone went to Hillard after they returned I went to Armstrongs got 5 letters one from Blck, /sic/ I went for Marg

5 At home Made a bed spread for Han, Marg staid all day & night Jerrome is sick

6 At home quite a cold rainy morn, tied a comforter, Mag is still here, Bone is still sick (my birthday)

7 At home Mag is still here, Mart came here from church, O.W. Hord spent the afternoon with us, Jerrome is still sick

8 At home took Roy home, done a large washing, went to Sells & then to Howards for brandy, Ell returned from Pattersons, Jerrome sick

9 At home, ironed & am writing to 8--, this afternoon, Basail Selld valled in the evening, El-Pa went to the election

10 At home ironed, (Hords birth day, 26), Jerrome is some better, Margaret came in the evening

11 At home Mag is still here, Mart Bromley took dinner here, I went to Abbies in the afternoon, went with Mrs. Smith for water called to see the Dr. & Mary, Margaret staid all night

12 At home wrote some in the forenoon, tied a comforter in the afternoon, Mag went home this morn, Ell went to get a location

13 At home helped mother bake pies went to the station took a letter for 8--

14 At home, Dr. Hamilton came to see Jerrome, pronounced it typhoid, Abbie & Mart came, I went for Mag, Byres & Elliott was buried

15 At home, done a washing, went to Vanhorns, Godown mended my shoes, Ell went to town,

16 At home done an ironing, Jerrome is no better

17 At home, Mrs. Hart spent the afternoon here, Aunt Katy come for pail of water, Mag is here Bona is yet sick

18 At home Mag went home I done a washing, Mag returned in the evening

19 AT home, Bona is not better

20 At home went to Dr. Hood's for medicine, then went to Abbies, Mrs. Bromly spent the afternoon with us, Basil sat up with Bona

21 At home, Abbie & Hart came up Mr. Whitacre & Mr. Godown came to see Bona, We heard that Ross cannot live

22 At home Jenny Armstrong spent the afternoon here, Margaret came in the eve, Ell went to Pattersons at noon, Jerrome is better

23 At home Chag is here, it is snowing this morn, Jerrome is still getting better

24 At home helped mother wash

25 At home came to Columbus with Vanhorns bought a calico dress came to Mrs. Mains cut out my dress

26 At Mrs. Mains making my dress, Mary Foster call this evening

27 At Mrs. Mains finished my dress, Charlotte Foster called, I went up street got a letter from 8--,
Frank got me a pair of gloves

28 At Mrs. Mains spent the forenoon with her & Mrs. Main made Alice a wreath, went in the afternoon to the cemetery, saw on our return, Hay Sells

29 At Mrs. Mains went up street for her dress lining, began to make her dress, wrote a letter to Hord, spent the remainder of the day sewing for Frank

30 At Mrs. Mains sewing at her dress

31 At Mrs. Mains finished her dress and went up street for Mr. Main put on her skirt to quilt

NOVEMBER

1 At Mrs. Mains finished quilting her skirt began Alice's bonnet, Mr. Foster called in the evening

2 At Mrs. Mains finished Alice's hood, went down street bought my quilt lining & stuff for skirts

3 At Mrs. Mains went down street bought Franky's hat

4 At Mrs. Mains wrote a letter to 8 went in the evening to Mrs. Jennings, staid all night had an oyster supper, Mr. & Mrs. Gary are there

5 At Mrs. Jennings returned to Mrs. Mains made Frank's hat went down street got my bonnet triming, Mrs. Jennings trimed it, went to the mine theatre with George

6 At Mrs. Mains sewing on her drawers

7 At Mrs. Mains went to Mrs. Jennings sewed some for Rachel bought a pair of undersleeves \$1½ started for Wheeling got to Cambridge in the morning got acquainted with Mr. Sellman

8 At Cambridge took breakfast & dinner at More's got an introduction to Mrs. Scott, started for Wheeling at 1½, got a nice ride on the steamboat, saw the wire bridge at ± (a cross) goodbye Selman

9 Arrived at Columbus at 8 o'clock, got a letter from 8--, saw Ell & Mart B., started for home at 1½, arrived at Abbies at 3, Roy H and Julia Rogers there

10 At Abbies made Charley's hat began Rechels, she staid all night

11 At Abbies went to church with her & the children Jerrome exhorted

12 At Abbies working Abs's skirt

13 At Abbies went over to Dr. Hoods got an introduction to Mrs. Frank Hood & Miss Pickering, still working Rachels skirt

14 At Abbies

15 At Abbies

16 At Abbies finished Rachels skirt, Mrs. Hood called

17 At Abbies ironed some

18 At Abbies, Paris came for me with Old Print, I went home, Mag & Jerrome soon came

19 At home sewing at a Spencer alapacca

20 At home sewing

21 At home put my skirt in the frames

22 At home quilting a skirt making shoes

23 At home

24 At home quilting knit a pair of suspenders for Billy, Mag & Jerrome came, Mag spent the afternoon to Bromleys

25 At home Ell came from Mr. P, He is not very well

26 At home making shoes, Mag went home, I helped mother wash

27 At home making shoes, Ellery is quite sick

28 At home making shoes, Ell is yet quite sick

29 At home, finished my shoes, Ell is yet sick

30 I home Sara Vanhorn visited me, I went down to Abbies

DECEMBER

1 Went to town with Mr. Barnett's staid all day & night, went to the theatre with Mis Dildine & Mrs. Jennings, bought a dress mohair \$2 & a mantle \$5, a letter from Sick /sic/

2 At Mrs. Jennings, Mary Sells called went up street with her

3 AT Mrs. Jennings, went up street got my cloak \$5

4 At Mrs. Jennings returned to Abbies with Mr. Jennings at 9:30

5 At Abbies sewing at my cloak, Mrs. Sherman & Mrs. Mishil also, Mrs. Smith spent the day here

6 At Abbies sewing at my cloak finished it

7 At Abbies sewing at my dress, plaid delain green brown & red in squares

8 At Abbies sewing at my dress

9 At Abbies Father spent the day here, it rained & snowed

10 At Abbies sewing at my dress

11 At Abbies sewing called on Mrs. Hood & Miss Warren at the Walton house

12 At Abbies Dr. Hood called to see Charleys eye, thinks it better, I spent the evening at the Dr.

13 At Abbies sewing still at my mohair dress, called at Mrs. Smiths, Sizzy Bonnett was there, this evening Mart & Ab said nothing? G307bG327? /sic/

14 At Abbie's sewing at My dress, finished it all except the triming, got supper

15 At Abbies, done a washing sewed at the triming of my dress, Ell went to Lockburne, Father to town, I spent the evening at Dr. Hood's playing dominoes

16 At Abbies May Hood called in the afternoon, Nancy & Mary Hood called in the evening

17 At Abbies fixing my black silk dress, Mary Hood called

18 At Abbies finished fixing my black silk, Ell called, Mrs. Hood Nancy Warren & Dr. Hood spent the evening

19 At Abbies took the cars at 12 o'clock came to Columbus, saw Han & Mrs. Bennett, Ell went home I came to Mrs. Jennings

20 At Mrs. Jennings went up street bought Abbie a bonnet to trim \$3, & Frank some toys returned to Abbies 3

21 At Abbies trimmed her bonnet, sewed some at my dress, returned home with Father who was coming from Lockburne

22 At home sewing the velbet on my dress, Julia is quite sick James Vanhorn had a fit about 3 o'clock

23 At home wrote to John Dogette & Victoria, also E & Mr. Kelley & Julia Bradbury

24 At home finished putting velvet on my dress, Mother washed

25 At home Christmas Jerrome put up the stove, I went to Abbies, horseback, Father went to town, Mrs. Britton made a dinner, Mrs. Jenning was there

26 At Abbies made Frank a little red apron, Mrs. & Ada Jennings came, they staid all night

27 At Abbies helping her work, Mrs. Jennings & two children are here, Johny & Eli, Dr. Jennings came at 10, they left at 3

28 At Abbies, Dr. Hood called in the morning, Paris came with a horse for me, I came home, finished my plaid silk apron, Hart Brown was here

29 At home finished a stocking for Paris, went in the evening to Abbies

30 At Abbies went to church with Smith Britton & Abbie, Ross preached I rode home with Harts found Mag here & staid all night,

31 At home done a washing laid off my star quilt, looked for G. H. Warren Jerrome took Mag home
this morning in the sled, Julia is quite sick (G did not come)

NB Verses in back including a partial description of traits of "L.L.Merriss" in a shaky handwriting

(Additional document found loosely inside the binder in October 1856)

1855

Serving, quilting, Columbus, camp meeting

went to Buckeye (we ate?)

wrote Val., spelling school-

church ate taffy visiting,

work - ironing, cooking,

serving, whitewashed

porch of kitchen, fence

Painted along?

taught school - May 14

July 21 - got teaching cert.