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Diaries of Lucinda Lenore Merriss Cornell - Flyleaves 1867

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**careful when opening! Leather is very stiff and brittle.**

Description: Measurements 3"wide x 4 3/4"high x 1/2"deep, black leatherette with closing flap, brief handwritten entries in pencil, Title: Dairy for 1867. Published annually by J.G. Shaw and Co., 48 & 60 Walker St.

Contents: Calendar for 1867, local time table, a table of stamp duties, rates of postage, eclipses, notable church days, almanac, and useful memoranda.

**Memoranda**

page one

How to make good Ginger Snaps

Take 3/4 cup molasses, 2 1/4 Sugar, 4 1/4 Buttermilk, 1 teaspoon saleratus [baking soda], 1 egg, 1/3 c. butter, 2 or 3 tablespoons of ginger

Roll out thin as pie crust and bake rather slowly till brown. Stir milk, molasses, and saluratus together till it foams.

page two

Harry [her first born who died]

My Boy [Title - with decorations]

He flourished like the morning flower

In beauty's pride arrayed

But long the night, cut down it lies

All withered and decayed

Chords that vibrate sweetest pleasure

Thrill the deepest notes of woe

The Righteous Dead

It matters little at what hour of the day

The righteous fall asleep - death cannot come

To him untimely who is fit to die

The less of this cold world the more [sic] of the

The briefer life, the earlier immortality

page three

2 cups powdered sugar

1 cup of butter

whites of ten eggs

[sic] yolks

1 teaspoon cream of tartar

1/2 teaspoon of soda  
flavoring

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-pudding -  
[sic] cups ground rice  
[sic] sugar  
3 eggs  
Pint and half milk  
flavoring

pages four and five

Son of J.B. and L.L. Cornell  
Died  
March 29, 1867 -  
Age 1 yr. 16 days  
[two pages - written three times]

Little Harry - born March 13, 1866  
The Loved One  
We'll meet thee in Heaven

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Mountain Cake  
2 c. sugar  
1 c. butter  
1/2 c. sweet milk  
whites of 10 eggs  
1 teaspoon soda  
1 teaspoon cream of tartar  
3 1/2 cups flour  
flavor to taste  
July 1st 1867

Corn Rusk

Take 1 pt. corn meal and scald it with 1 qt of milk and 1/2 cup warm lard or butter, a little salt, 3 eggs, and just enough to make it raise. Then stiffen it with wheat flour. Let it stand and raise about 3 hours then roll and rise again. Bake it and eat warm.

Cash Account;

January

18th for hood

Merino	.58
thread	.50
for making wadding	.10

Cash Account;

March

7th 10 yards calico for dress	\$2
elastic tape – garters	.18
gaiter shoes for boy	\$1.
30th Black gloves	.75

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stocking white for baby	.25
[for funeral of Harry]	
white ribbon to trim little black	
dress shroud of his little cloak	.50
little coffin	8.
Doctors bill	\$7.

Cash Account;

April

13th John got 6 yds check skirting	\$2.
1 yd. muslin	.20

Cash Account;

May

13th Fixing over crafe bonnet [sic]	.80
and house	
15th for hat trim in black ribbon	\$3.90
[for funeral of Lucinda's brother, Paris]	

Cash Account;

June

1st Black dotted calico dress pattern	\$1.62
table cloth	\$4.37
salt cups	.37
Nap [sic] shells for Em. Himmer	.30
Knives and forks	\$3.50
Pictures framed	\$3.75
Pay for Harry's pictures	\$1.00
Whiskey	\$1.00
19th Linen table cloth	.70
teapot	.75
calico dress and trimming	\$1.50

Cash Account;

August

10th Black delain dress fixed wer.	.80
calico dress	

Cash Account;

September

20th	a little shawl	\$2.00
	1 white flannel skirt	\$2.00
	1 do. Buff	\$1.20
	1 1/2 yds flannel for a skirt for self	
	Abbie gave \$1.00	\$1.1 1/2 cts

Cash Account;

October

	5 yds muslin for self [sic]	
	two chemise	.80

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Cash Account; November

7th	2 3/4 yds muslin	.50
	9 yds calico	\$1.50
	1 brown veil	\$1.00
21st	pink chanbra	.75

Cash account;

December

Rec 18	Barred Muslin	\$1.12 1/2 cts
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JANUARY, 1867

1 At home W--Miss Thurber in to wish us happy New year--Alice & her Ma have company--Hester & family Ingalls & family & the Headington family all here to dinner had nice time--I'm knitting on Harrys little red stocking he not very well John up street

2 At home W--finished ironing & regulating things generally tearing carpet rags doing housework & tending Harry John up street eve

3 At home W--doing housework & care of boy he not well- I think of dear Parie so much & his afflictions would to God he could be healed John up street every evening

4 At home W--not doing much of anything but a little housework no milk to take care of & no one staying with me my boy not very well, dont know what can ail him unless he has brain disease-- John up street eve

5 At home W-- did up Saturdays work & taking care of my little boy he isn't well I fear his head hurts him may the Lord bless & take care of him & help us to train him up for Heaven--my darling little pet--John to lodge as usual eve

6 At home W--all to church but boy Harry & I--I washed & dressed boy & myself read some got dinner John took boy & I down street a little way sleigh riding--returned--he to Church eve left boy & I O how I hate to have him leave me so much--how can he

7 At home W--Perseus & Baker visited us--I cooking for supper eve made nice cake baked biscuit & turkey went eve to Masonic installation with John & Alice at the Presbyterian Church music fine supper at hall & it was excellent & everything went off nicely--home at 11 boy bad worried-Miss Thurber & Ma C has cared for him

8 At home W--did my housework & took care of sick boy & partly did my washing--ironed some & made Harry a little red flannel nightgown Emma & Ned Hinman gone to Mothers wanted me to go with them but John didn't tell me in time to get ready nor at all & wont take me himself

9 At home W--washed--Harry & I went out east with John in sleigh returned John & Alice to Worthington I ironed p.m. Harry not very well John up street eve--(Hinmans at mother Merriss--Parie went off with Ned took fresh cold)

10 At home @--did up morning housework got boy & self ready for trip in sleigh to Mothers started at 10 stoped Worthington got boy blue calico dress & soothing syrup home at 3 Sallie Smiley & two little boys called--Parie is very poorly got fresh cold

11 At Mothers home Parie not so well Poor boy coughs awfully got fresh cold--John & I to Abbies Mantie there--Abbie gave me a nice spoon stand glass we took dinner there nice time Mantie rode up to our lane then we came on home at dark nice sleighing John up street

12 At home W-- Ruth and Frank Powell came with their little girl baby only 4 months old--staid dinner I made 7 pies went at 4 p.m. up to Hinman's with Frank & Ruth with Harry--staid few minutes got my new linen apron Abbie braided & sent over by Emma I not well eve got rheumatism John up street

13 At home W--quarterly meeting all going church but Harry & I. I have lame shoulder rheumatism took little sleigh ride up street p.m.--intended going see Miss Philipps who is low consumption but John thought it too much trouble & would him late to church perhaps so we returned he up street church as usual

14 At home W-- at housework & care of boy made his little blue calico dress & read some eve John up street

15 At home W-- did up my work thought of going up street but gave it up fixed over Harrys nightgown sleeves--called Hester Bonebrakes p.m carried boy returned--after supper called Headington few minutes--Miss Thurber & Alice washed

16 At home W--went up street got merino for a hood 1/3 yd 58¢ 1 spool black silk 25¢ 2 sheets of wadding 10¢ the /this?/ making 75¢--left it for Mrs. Alexander to stitch & make called Hinmans Clayton sick spent eve to Sammis Miss Thurber Alice John Harry & I

17 At home W--baked bread washed some ironed care of boy Miss Thurber boarding with Alice & Ma C

18 At home W--baked 10 pies--went up street (boy with me) got my hood Mrs. Alexander quilted & made it I called Hinmans then home--Hester called Alice Mother C & Miss Thurber gone up to J. Ingalls to stay night

19 At home W--Alice Ma C & Miss Thurber to Jo Ingalls John Harry & I to Columbus in sleigh got Harrys photographs taken for \$2 got 5 pie dishes 50¢, came up to Abbies Parie & Sack Walton called in sleigh she going to mothers Mrs. Wms. & Mat Williams & Mrs. Conant came Abbie spent eve had oysters Abbie tired out tho

20 At Abbies--we had a pleasant visit (morning) & came home through a hard snow storm tho I didn't suffer with cold much but John did Harry tired riding came so slowly & home 3 Alice & Miss Thurber to town with Sammis--I got supper ate it & retired early tired enough

21 At home W-- regulating things generally--began & pieced at a diamond cushion for Abbie Gilbert McWhirk & wife & baby spent eve with Alice Harry & I took tea with them & Miss Thurber--John to lodge

22 At home W--peacing at a chair cushion for Abbie & doing housework & care of Harry boy Alice MA C & Miss Thurber spent eve at Hester Bonebrakes

23 At home W-- I put out large washing--John & Alice to Columbus in sleigh John got raisins citron coffee hominy sugar & oysters-- I had supper waiting--sewed some on Abbies chair cushion eve-- John up street eve care of my baby boy

24 At home W-- browned coffee did large ironing made sponge --John & his Ma took Harry with them to Ingalls in sleigh I sewed some on Abbies chair cushion--John up street eve got Harrys photographs they're so pretty--I baked nice fruit cake p.m.

25 At home W-- baked 3 pies fried cakes baked 2 loaves bread-- Lizzie Stephens took dinner with us I finished Abbies chair cushion am expecting Abbie Mart & little May tomorrow--rec'd a present of nice shell hanging basket from Emma Sybel & her Mother Mrs. Goodsped--John up street

26 At home W--regulated & fixed up things generally looked for Abbie & Mart had everything nice, oysters, fruit cake, pies & lots of good things, but was so disappointed & couldn't help crying-- I have an awful cold my baby is well and sweet John up to Lodge

27 At home W-- John & Alice to church--I got dinner for all Miss Thurber enjoyed my oyster pie so much--am feeling so disappointed about Abbies not coming I made such nice preparations-- & anticipated too much pleasure Emma & Ned Hinman called p.m.

28 At home W-- began a nice little chair cushion for Harry-- & wrote a letter to Johns cousin Retta Bishop & sent her Harrys picture--it is still nice sleighing Oh Im so worried about dear Paries health--he's no better

29 At home W-- sewing at Harrys little chair cushion--Mr. & Mrs. Pyle took dinner with Ma C & Alice, they also invited John & I & Harry I called Headingtons eve

30 At home W-- baked some & sewed at patch work Lizzie Stephens called--Miss Thurber chatted a while

31 At home w-- spent the day with Emma Hinman nice time good dinner John came for me in sleigh--read some eve our long sleighing is fast disappearing froze my plants last night the coldest we have had

## FEBRUARY

1 At home W-- spent day at Hester Bonebrakes had a splendid dinner a nice turkey & everything I sewed on patchwork for chair cushion narrowed of stocking eve

2 AT home W-- it rains & our nice sleighing fast disappearing-- went Harry & I with John to his Uncle Jo Ingalls to dinner had quails so nice-- I peaced on chair cushion for Abbie (diamone) home with load of corn?--John up street eve

3 At home W-- Alice & Miss Thurber to church John staid home-- I got dinner he did not eat any--I don't know why--he acts strangely toward me sometimes--Harry & I called Headingtons-- John got his own supper & ate heartily--I wish I were home or could hear from Parie

4 At home W-- Washed clothes thro one water p.m. Elisa Cornell & Wm. Bishop of Worthing came, also James Cornell of Columbus to see about the Trinity Church affair--they all staid night (Hester called) we took dinner together--I helped Alice dress & cook turkey eve

5 At home had turkey for breakfast--All ate together in Ma C room Elias & Jimmy Cornell & Wm. Bishop Miss Thurber John & I--nice breakfast & pleasant time--John to Columbus got Harry rocking chair \$1.50 I washed & partly ironed cloathes John up street

6 At home finished ironing got 3 meals tended boy & worked some at his little chair cushion John up street so late--I wish he'd spend his evenings at home with me more he knows not of loneliness & sorrow

7 At home W-- they talk of our getting something from this Trinity Church affair--O I hope we will then John would not have to work so hard--Alice had company Elzie Bull Lennie Stebbins Miss Emma Heroon Mattie Sammis, Miss Thurber still here

8 At home W-- finished Harrys little chair cushion & fixed it on chair tis real pretty Miss Thurber likes it--made sponge mended drawers--expecting Johns cousin from Columbus tomorrow Jimmie & Annie Cornell & her children

9 At home Elizabeth Ingalls & children Pearl & Persus spent day here, also sent for Hess

Bonebrake Miss Thurber here All got dinner together good time generally tho it snowed hard all day long & blowed some

10 At home W-- went to church sermon good by McClintock--O that we all might proffit by it & especially poor unworthy erring me--Miss Thurber took care of Harry--After dinner he & I went out east with John--All to church eve--

11 At home W--did housework--care of boy & sewed 1 lb of carpet rags O how much Id like to hear from home I wonder how poor Parie is by this time--Methodist revival meeting progress--Mrs Headington called

12 At home W-- sewed carpet rags all day John went to Galena on lodge business boy & I alone-- I'm thinking of my dear sick brother Parie O if I could but fly to him Y stay by his side while he lives

13 At home W--my boy Harry is 11 months old this evening 7 oclock --he does not walk yet he is so fearful but says O pretty & Mamma & papa--& seems to know a great many sweet things--has 7 teeth Im sewing carpet rags

14 At home W--sewing carept rags doing my housework & care of my boy he is so cross Miss Thurber reading Tried and True Love & Loyalty a tale of the rebellion She reads it to us evenings

15 At home W--finished sewing carpet rags evening having sewed 13 lbs this week baked 5 pies & made sponge John got sick headache eve Miss Thurber read Tried & True to us eve

16 At home W-- baked bread & cake washed & dressed Harry all clean went with him up to Aunt Hesters, she was not at home so we returned I sewed eve on a little gingham bonnet for boy while Miss Thurber read Tried & True, or Love & Loyalty

17 At home W-- All to church but boy & I got dinner--went Hinmans few minutes Miss Thurber & Ma C took care of Harry--returned-- went with Miss Thurber & John to meeting evening--

McClintock preached & called mourners two little boys forward--Alice took care of Harry

18 AT home W-- washed & ironed & did my housework as usual-- Ma C paid \$20 for 3½ yds of black cloth of 2 pedlers--Miss T & Alice to meeting evening John to the Lodge I knit some on mitten & am so tired

19 AT home W-- At housework & doing up little jobs of mending this that & the other generally & taking care of my boy who is all in all to me as John hardly ever notices me at all except to find fault with me--poor fellow, he does not know what he is doing. How can I long bear it.

20 At home W-- baked 6 mince pies & made preparations for company, then came eve Sammis & wife Bonebrake & wife Park & wife, Alice & I set table in my room had a nice turkey & good supper which all seemed to enjoy Miss Thurber with us yet--I got a letter from Natie boys full of mischief eve

21 At home W--at housework as usual & taking care of Harry--he is all the company I have John isn't pleasant & sociable at all he never says a word to me only when I speak to him hard work then

22 At home W--Miss Thurber reads aloud to us evenings from interesting books-- shall be so sorry & lonely when she goes away she is so pleasant to me & we have such nice little chats & plays with my boy

23 At home W-- baked bread & fried cakes--boiled meat & corn changed Harry & I & read p.m. knit on a mitten & heard Miss Thurber read eve

24 At home W-- All to church but boy & I I got dinner did up work wrote a letter to Mantie read in Jurse & Spy Miss Thurber sat while with me--Mrs Lucretia Phillip (wife of Ed P) Johns cousin died at 11 a.m.

25 At home W--tis a beautiful day--Mrs. Ed Phillips lying a corpse I finished reading the Nurse & Spy of the Union Army John gone up to Shrooms with Harry in his arms--he is so well & sweet to us both O how happy we are with such a nice child

26 At home W-- Ed Phillips wife buried John & Alice went to the funeral I doing housework as usual & care of Harry--am so sad & lonely O how is poor Parie

27 At home W-- Emma Hinman spent p.m. with me Miss Thurber Alice & her Ma took supper with us--Im very tired Harry is well & played & crowed so loud & sweet

28 At home W-- done up work & went up to Libbie Kings a while had a nice call--called Hinmans-- then home got supper--a letter from Mantie for Abbie (written April) the last time I took Harry up street in his little carriage

#### MARCH

1 At home W-- baked 6 pies mince & apple broke a platter John went for sassafras had nice tea of it--I called Sarrah Sammis see about getting Abbies carpet wove wrote letter to Abbie eve--Harry fell out of chair

2 At home W-- done up Saturday work & went Harry & I Headingtons took tea with them Hester Bonebrake there--Georgia got piano John came over to help unload it--we home at 8½ eve--Miss Thurber & Alice just got home from Brights

3 At home W--Alice to church John staid home took a general wash up--I got dinner & read some in prison life--it is a long day protracted meeting going on & none of us attending or seeming to care for it--Miss Thurber here

4 At home not doing much of anything but housework & taking care of Harry knitting a little reading some O how is dear Parie I hope he is better & will get well if it is only Gods will but O if not may I only be prepared to submit. The Lord loveth whom he chasteneth.

5 At home W--,a C Alice & Miss Thurber gone Hesters I called Headingtons to hear Georgia play Harry with me--Ingalls folks here to supper ate with Alice I helped her--Hester called eve--I spent eve pleasantly with Thurber & Alice

6 At home W--Miss Thurber left us this morning we are sorry to part with her we think her a very fine good woman. John & Alice took her to Columbus--John got me a very pretty calico dress 10 yds 20 cts per yd & a pair of shoes for Harry \$1 & some elastic garters coffee tea & ginger & nutmegs &c

7 At home W--washed & am reading Life & Death in rebel prisons the book belongs to Mart Rogers I tore out the skirt of my dress a commenced making it I often think of home & would like to be there & with dear Parie poor lonely sick child

8 At home--W--ironed read & sewed seams of new calico dress & took care of boy & done my housework as usual--John up street eve--I alone finished reading Life & death in Rebel Prisons

9 At home, W--baked bread 2 loaves 8 pies & 52 crackers—swept & regulated things generally, had beef soup for dinner O am so tired patched some eve how I wish I could hear from home--poor Parie wonder how he is

10 At home W-- John & I at home all day Harry not very well-- vomiting & is fretful--Mr. and Mrs. Headington called I read some John wrote a letter to Sam'l Peters at Lancaster (Harrys death sickness beginn today O little did I think so then--April 7)

11 At home W-- Edwin Phillips & his son Willie too dinner with us all--Alice & I doing the work together--today Mrs. Shrum & Hester Bonebrake spent day with Alice & her mother John & I took tea with them. Harry not well John up street eve

12 AT home W-- taking care of my little sick boy, he is teething I guess--sewed some at skirt of new calico dress & did my work as usual--O how is Dear Parie he never writes me more I'd be so glad to hear often from him & home

13 At home w--cut out the waist of new calico dress-Emma Hinman called to see Harry he is not well, is teething I suppose or is troubled with worms is pretty cross & worrison Emma tells me Abbie & Mart are coming over Saturday I'm so glad

14 AT home W--baked cookies & crackers washed out a woolen blanket a pair of pants babys night gown & stockings, made a gallon of apple sauce & took care of boy he is sick--Alice & her Ma cleaned their kitchen (whitewashed)

15 At home W-- washed & ironed got 3 meals as usual & took care of my sick baby though he's some better today--made light bread-- & sewed eye on dress--John up street

16 At home, W-- baked some & care of my sick boy--am looking for Abbie & Mart they came at 1 p.m. Ellwood & Mag with /them/ O it is so cold & they have suffered with cold they brought carpet rags & chain for to get wove at Mrs. Sammis & staid all night I took Mag to Headingtons to hear piano

17 At home W-- Mart, John & Ellwood went church--I got dinner visited with Abbie & Mag--they returned from church--they ate dinner then they all went home thro the severe cold O how I pity them-- Harry is still sick

18 At home W--called see Mrs. Headington few minutes she not well--Celia Westervelt called for milk & butter of us--I taking care of sick baby got my 3 meals as usual & sat up a little striped stocking for Harry red & white John to Lodge eve--

19 At home W--Fich Hart staid night with John from Lodge--I taking care of sick boy & knit some on his little red & white stocking Ed Phillips called

20 At home W-- John & Alice attended the funeral of Benj Hanby-- I baked crackers & made some apple sauce called Headingtons--wrote to Abbie & parie & care of sick boy

21 At home W- taking care of sick baby sewing some

22 At home W-- care of Harry he is quite sick teething I suppose has been sick so long

23 At home W--baked pies & did housework as usual called Mrs. Headingtons with Harry then took him up for Dr. Andress to see he cut his gums thinks he's only teething & will be better soon but I think he's very sick child

24 At home W--it rains Harry quite unwell & worrismatic John staid home from church & took care of baby with me (He is sleeping & drowsy all day & screamed in the eve then I think the disease went to the brain May 11)

25 At home W-- did my housework as usual. Our dear little Harry is quite sick--John went for Dr. Andress he came & says Harry's disease has went to the brain O how much I fear & fear that he will not get well he is teething

26 At home W-- My dear little Harry has spasms at 4 a.m. I sat up all night alone with the sick little boy--O how it did hurt me when he grew so much worse. I havent much expectation that he will get well--he sank away at 5 p.m. but rallied again we thought him dead

27 At home W doing all we know how for our dear little Harry he is just alive O his brain how he suffers he is in fits all the time nearly the Dr. comes 3 times a day to see him he's so low Mrs. Brinkerhoff ssat up all night Emma Hinman & Mrs. Pyle also

28 At home W--My dear little boy is in fits nearly all the time--I fear we can't save him we are doing all we can for him but O how he suffers & suffers he dont know me now. The Dr. came but once O he is dying surely he can't get well My god what shall I do

29 At home W--My dear little Harry died 1 a.m. he was teething & was all the time very costive & it went to his poor little brain & swept him away in 3 days--& O what suffering he passed through he is lying a corpse in his little crib, looking so sweet & natural

30 At home W-- Emma Hinman brought my little pets little blue delain dress & sack trimmed with white ribbon, dressed him & she & Mr. Sammis put him in his little coffin Abbie & I looked on, Mr.

McClintock read the psalm & a hymn & talked some, we took our leave of my own little pet boy Harry & buried him about 3 p.m. returned Abbie & Mart & Mag & Mantie here-- staid all night  
31 At home W--Mart & Abbie & little Mag went home Mantie John & I visited my little boys grave O My God. how sad indeed is this, how great the bereavement teach me O teach me why it has come upon us--O help us so to live that we meet him where Sorrow is no more

#### APRIL

1 At home W-- Mantie & I done out a very large washing it took us nearly all day the wind blew hard had such a bad time hanging out & drying cloathes O my soul! how awful lonely it is how I do miss my dear little boy we washed out all his little cloathes

2 At home W--Mantie & I ironed a.m. & put away all of Harrys little cloathes O what a hard what a very sad days work how I long to press my darling to my breast I yearn for his sweet presence as I never yearned before

3 At home, W--went alone to visit little Harrys grave O how sad! what an awful sight the little mound of clay compared to the dear little warm & healthy body I used to press so closely to my bosom-- Mantie & I spent p.m. at Emma Hinmans John called for us eve

4 At home W--Mantie & all of us went up to Aunt Libbie Ingalls where we spent the day I knit 2 yards of edging for Emma Hinman-- we returned in the rain--O how lonely & sad everything appears O God prepare me for a better a happier Home!

5 At home W--churned for the first since winter & did work Mantie still here O how lonesome it is without my pet boy I miss his little prattle how I miss him at my breast how can I live without him

6 At home W-- regulated things & did my work as usual washed myself dressed & went to Hesters staid 2 hours returned O how lonely without my own little pet baby

7 At home W-- a very pretty day--I went with John to church sermon good by McClintock--Matnie kept house we returned--I got dinner we washed dishes--Emma Hinn1an & little Clayton Ed &

Lizzie came spent an hour or two--John not well. O how lonely this evening-- My dear little pet gone so long

8 At home W--Mantie & I put out a small washing--Lizzie Stephens spent the day here (& staid night) John & I visited little Harry's grave--O God! what a sorrowful visit--yet if we trust in God we shall see him again

9 At home W--Mantie ironed--Emma sent for Lizzie she went home Clayton sick--Mantie & I went up there p.m. Clayton seems quite smart I guess there's no dangerbut what he will get along well enough Mantie staid night at Emmas O how lonely & desolate without my idol boy

10 At home W-- Pyles folks staid night with Ma C & Alice & started for the west this morning Mantie staid night at Hinmans returned--she & I went eve up to see little Clayton who is quite sick he has iitation of lungs & bowels

11 At home W--Mantie went home on the hack--I went up street with Hester she trading some I called Hinmans to see Clayton he sick home eve O how lonesome it is without my baby he went away nearly two weeks ago

12 At home W--baked cakes & bread Mrs. Headington called Laura Mattoon called I called Mrs. Headingtons hemmed 2 hkfs--Ceil Westervelt called here ate supper--I went up to Office & to Emma Hinmans. Clayton still sick John called for me

13 At home W did up my work & ripped up old green wool delain dress--went with Mrs. Headington to the graveyard & planted myrtle on my lambs grave O my God how can I believe it how can it be my babe dead? At Hinmans p.m. & eve--Clayton sick--John called for me

14 At home W--a beautiful day O how I wish for the company of my boy today I am so lonely, lonely, lonely--John & Alice to church I to Hinmans Clayton not well--returned with John--spent day as best I could considering my awful bereavement

15 At home W--churned & did my work & began some blue check shirts for John--It rains--wrote 3 letters--I went Hinmans Clayton still sick Dr. Guerin tending him--John to Lodge he called for me got home 10½--O how sad & lonely we both feel without our pet boy. O God help us to live that we may meet him again

16 At home W--sewing on Johns check shirts & thinking of my dear departed Pet all the time & longing for his sweet presence--he was the light & joy of the household--we loved him too well & God saw best to take him to his own bosom away from trouble to come

17 At home W--sewing on Johns shirts & reading a book, title Cora & the Doctor--called Hinmans eve Clayton getting better--I'm thinking of the sickness & death of my sweet child constantly, my dear little Harry my first born child is no more, he's washed in the blood of Jesus purified & sanctified by his spirit & his infant voice is now singing worthy the Lamb that was slain for our sins

18 At home W-- finished shirts--Emma Hinman called with her Clayton--O my God I inwardly exclaim where O where is my boy--lost! lost! O no not lost but gone before--enjoying that sweet rest in Heaven

19 At home W--baked pies a cake & churned--& have come across lots to the graveyard--Here I sit by my darlings grave all alone-- O here I feel at home altho I cannot see his face I feel that he is near me & that his little spirit is hovering over me beckoning me to the skies I'll come soon dear face thee well for a while

20 At home W-- finished reading book of Cora & the Doctor or the Revelations of a Physicians wife--Johns cousin Mrs. Elizabeth Bullfinch here Quarterly meeting--I went 2 p.m. service by the Elder Jamison--I called Emma Hinmans p.m. returned home went with John to church eve sermon by McClintock

21 At home W--O my baby my baby if I could but press you to my breast this beautiful morning how my heart longs for thy sweet presence & to hear thy lips after that sweet Mama & O pretty O pretty O help me God to be resigned & say the Lord giveth & the Lord hat taken away & Blessed be his holy name went church morning meeting 11 oclock

22 At home churned--& helped clean cellar & kitchen moved stove out in old brick am so tired--& want my baby so--the Lamb is singing in the choir above Worthy the Lamb that was slain for our sins

23 At home W--Washed & ironed & am so tired tho I'm so lonely & I walked eve up to post-office hoping to hear from home but was disappointed Dear Parie low is he tonight--called Emma;s talked as usual about my lost baby--O God how can it be so

24 At home W--John & I making soap Alice & Ma C gone up to Ingalls thinking of going east John says--I called Headingtons few minutes Ceil Westervelt there sewing I went eve to Office & to Hinmans

25 At home working some at soap, called Headingtons Mrs. Brinkerhoff there, also Aunt Sallie Westervelt & Ceil, I heming ruffling to Claytons bonnet, returned got supper O how lonely I am without my pet boy who has been gone 4 weeks today O how can I stand it how do I live without him my sweet one got some more pictures of my boy

26 At home W--had a regular tare up this morning about 3 eggs I cooked that they claimed--I told her just what I thought of her & she threw up everything she could think of to me--O what a life this is to me. My little Peacemaker is gone, th light of my life & ambition is buried with him.

27 At home W--made my silk & wool delain shorter & did my work as usual--Mrs. Headington called also Georgiana & Rena Brinkerhoff I am constantly thinking of dear little Harry & longing for his sweet company which I am never to enjoy more on earth--I spent evening at Hinmans John to Lodge, home at 10

28 At home W--Staid home all day excepting a few minutes I spent at Headingtons John to church & to Ingalls--Oh! Oh! how very lonely I am, how long the day seems to me, how lost how sad what inexpressible anguish I feel over the loss of my tender babe my idol my first born pet my Harry

29 At home, just one month today since I lost my darling When the breath left the body of my treasure all my ambition all my hope for happiness here went with it I am left dreary & wandering seemingly in search of something I know not what, O God wilt thou be my Guide in thee alone may I trust for strength, & a better home above, Mart Rogers came

30 At home W--Mart went with John out east to see our other place returned & went right on home--John & I went up street sold hams & butter, got sugar, starch, mop, letter paper & flour 1 sack --I went p.m. to Headingtons--My boy my sweet babe is gone--O how lonesome, went to creek round the road to meet John but did not meet him.

#### MAY

1 At home, W--12 years ago today I attended Ellerys wedding, O how happy I was then, I was only 22 years old, since that time I have seen worlds of trouble I have heard the clods fall on 7 coffins holding the forms of loved ones near & dear to me & last & hardest of all I buried my own little Harry! 1 Month today & now my heart is borken--I shall find no rest but in the blessed promises of my saviour

2 At home, W--baked some & did my cooking & eating as usual, but have no little dear Harry to wash & dress & pet as I used to-- O how lonely & lost--how dreary the long long days that drag by now without my baby--I read dayly in the bible hoping to get some comfort thereby--Clint Hart & wife & 2 children came

3 At home W-- churned & my work as usual--Clin & family took dinner at Hesters--called Headingtons--Emma & Clatyon came few minutes gave her milk--John & Clint went Worthington--I got supper for Clint & family am thinking of my darling little boy that died 5 weeks today

4 AT home W--Clint & family to Ingalls also Johns Ma & Alice I am alone & O how my heart aches for my darling lost boy 5 weeks today we buried him--O how have I lived how have I stood it so long without him I can almost see his dear little white face & hear his little voice crow & call me

5 At home, All day long--O I'm feeling so awfully I have heard that Em Hinman is so deceitful she pretended to be such a good friend of mine & right when my boy was not expected to live she talked awfully about me to Johns mother--Mant is no better than she is--I got dinner for Clint & family read p.m.

6 At home, churnec & did up my work & read p.m. Becklards & the Testament--Mrs. Brinkerhoff called I gave her some plants & helped her carry them home I called Stephen Brinkerhoffs saw Mrs. Whitehead & Mrs. Thayer, John to Lodge eve--I to Mrs. Brinkerhoffs

7 At home washed cloathes thro one suds & put them out to bleach-- got dinner fixed over sleeves of Johns check shirt--read some in testament am thinking all the time of my dear lost boy O how I miss him yet I cannot think him gone forever from me

8 At home--put out a two weeks washing--Emma & Clayton Hinman spent p.m. here for first since dear little Harry went away--how we talk & talk of him! how we miss him! How nicely they would have playd together today

9 At home, W--did my ironing & went over to Headingtons John came over & we took dinner with them--Mrs. Headington Georgia & I went to miliners left my bonnet--then called on Mrs. Price returned Georgia H--staid eve with me John on Jury--O how lonely

10 At home churned this the 9th time. O my baby how I mourn your loss! how I still miss my petling--got dinner--went Headingtons Rebecca Lawson was there I staid to tea--John carried butter to grocery--I went as far as Brinkerhoffs with him--I heard Parie is very poorly

11 At home W--baked cakes pies & bread & went up street got my bonnet John & I got Abbies carpet from the weavers--& went to Abbies for first time without our Darling--O how said it is to have to leave him in his little grave & go without him--staid Abbies night

12 At Abbies--went up to mothers--found Parie failing very fast under that dreadful heart & lung disease. O how grieved he seemed to be over the death of Harry. He wept O he is so low. We think he will never be any better--O God prepare us all for that great change--home dark

13 At home--W--I went up street paid for Abbies carpet took my bonnet back to get it fixed over--called Hinmans to straighten up Mants tattling. home at noon, got dinner--took a nap read Bible--called Headingtons Mrs. H now well (my boy would have been 14 months old today)

14 At home, W--tore out carpet rags--baked some, got my meals went up street got my bonnet again it suits me some better--called Hinmans & Brinkerhoffs--am thinking of my lost baby & sick brother at home O how said this world is, not the same to me--I'm lonely lonely & exceeding sorrowful

15 At home W--George Powell came for me & said Parie died this morning at 5½ o'clock O what awful news--John & I went right over got there at dark saw the dear one lying a corpse O what aching hearts we all have--we staid night Abbie & family went home

16 At home, Mothers Dear Parie lying a corpse in our neat little parlor O how sweet & natural he looks what a sweet smiling countenance--Vananda preached funeral was buried up in the cold ground at 3 p.m., we all Mother Mantie John & I came to Abbies & staid all night

17 At Abbies--John went hom, Mother Mantie & I went up home & brought load of bedding & things down to Abbies also dishes pictures hooks &c--we regulated things generally--Abbie Mother Mant & I talking over our bereavement--Abbie slept with me.

18 At Abbies I made over Abbies black crape bonnet Jerrome came down & persuaded Mother & Mant to go back home to that lonely place-- he stands in his own light & interest--Mother & Mant went up home afoot & alone--Mart is so troubled

19 At Abbies--it rains spent the day talking to Abbie & the children & Mart--regulated some letters & read some in the bible one week today the last I saw Parie alive & sitting up-- O I could not realize it then--but he is gone so quick

20 At Abbies--helping her with the housework some & talking over our bereavement & trouble some Mart to town on business for the estate I often think of dear little lost Harry boy--Little May & Ellwood & Charlotte & Charley to school to Charlotte Howard

21 AT Abbies--helped her bake cakes & crackers--Johns Ma & Alice started for New York on cars-- John took them to town then came up for me to Abbies. I packed up few things & came home after dinner--got home night milked 7 cows & care of milk talked of boy & retired early

22 At home, W--am not well have such a bad cold & am so tired--I regulated some churned & care of milk Elijah Culp took dinner with us Em Sybel & Maria Skims called for milk & cream--we did not attend donation though they say it was a nice affair

23 At home churned tended milk made bread & regulated things some am so lonesome & think all the time of that darling little head that used to nestle on my bosom & the blue eyes that looked up in mine00& those pretty dimpled hands that are mouldering in the dust

24 At home, W churned as usual & did some baking have a bad cold & am feeling quite unwell Clara Shrock called--I took nap--Mrs. Headington called few minutes evening

25 At home churned--& did up work Ida Brinkerhoff called to change a setting of eggs we put them under the old hen-- I called Headingtons p.m. they moving their barn--Have an awful cold & cough--I miss my baby so

26 At home--did up work John to church I did not feel able to go I am all alone no baby to pet & dress Oh how I miss him & mourn his loss--After dinner Georgia Headington called-- John & I walked to the crick--talked & thought of our lost one

27 At home W--churned I washed it rained did not hang out cloathes--took nap p.m. have such a cold & cough a.m. nearly sick thinking all time of my lost darling. O could I but press him once more to my breast! could I look into those eyes of blue once more! Alas! Alas!

28 At home hung out cloathes churned & tended milk as usual baked currant & tart pies Joun & Brink-- washed sheep

29 At home W--churned & did my work as usual called Mrs. Brinkerhoff with Georgia H. a little while got an introduction to Mrs. Wagoner, like her appearance & home again--did up my work eve & went again to Brinkerhoffs--John up street

30 Athome--W Emma Hinman & Clayton spent the day here Georgia H here--I cooked for 3 boys, John finished putting in corn --I went Mrs. Brinkerhoffs eve--John up street

31 At home W John working on the road--churned & did my work as usual & went p.m. to Headingtons & fixed Georgias news basket O if I only had Harry here!

#### JUNE, 1867

1 AT home churned & did up the work went with John to Columbus --got a new calico dress black figured 18 cts per yd table line \$4.37, knives & forks six. ½ doz salt cups 37½ cts, Nip cup for Em H 37 whiskey \$1 saw Mart & Charley Rogers home 7 did up work Mrs. Brink called for butter I went to her house eve

2 At home It rains John & I did up mornings work & took a nap a.m. dinner at 3 Albert Bonebrake called O how lonely we are we talked of our lost pet & of how we miss him today O he is ever present in my mind we home all day

3 At home churned & did my work as usual Georgia Headington came, over & staid all night John to Lodge

4 At home churned & at housework as usual called Mrs. Brinkerhoff got her to stitch my tablecloth hem eve John up street My baby! My Baby!! the loss! the loss!!

5 AT home did work as usual ravling napkin edges Georgia H called a.m. John to Columbus got his California picture & Volunteer service papers framed brought home I making preparations for company all day

6 At home Made preparations for a big company but was very much disappointed only a few came Aunt Sally & Uncle Bill Westervelt Rebecca Lawson Mr. & Mrs. Headington & Georgia Mrs. Burgess & little daughter from Wisconsin were here to dinner I worked very hard & it seemed hardly to pay it is so warm--I miss my pet boy.

7 At home W--I did up work & called Headingtons a.m. John at work in garden, Rena Brinkerhoff & Georgia Headington called eve-- I feeling so badly I miss my pet so & so deeply grieve his loss I could see beyond

8 AT home churned & packed butter as usual spent most the day lying down feel so discouraged poorly & sorrowful Nelly Park called evening

9 At home Mr. & Mrs. Headington called at 10a.m. I went Emma Hinmans at 3 p.m. took her glass shells John to church at 3 returned we went Headingtons eve & had such nice long chat

10 AT home, Churned as usual did over preserves John & Mr. Brinkerhoff shearing sheep 'tis a beautiful day--I am trying to make myself cheer up & not to grieve & lament my loss so much it is hurting & wearing upon me

11 At home churning & washing some it rains Jim Cornell & wife & 3 children came to attend commencement he as musician Orchestra music they came on hack & staid night

12 At home Jim Cornell & wife & children visiting here Jim playing for commencement. Aunt Lib & Uncle Jo Ingalls & little Perses spent p.m. here & took tea with us making in all ten of us--I'm not feeling well in mind & body & with all my hard work got along some way all off to concert I staid with children night home after 11

13 AT home John to Columbus to take his Cousin & family home--I alone & have so much hard work to do washing churning &c & feel so badly had my dear little boy have lived he would have been 15 months old O God help me to give him up to thee wholly

14 AT home--Washed churned & cooked supper for Brinkerhoff who is spading in the garden Hester Bonebrake called Georgia Headington & Evs little Lily called we retired early thinking of our darling lost child our loneliness & sorrow

15 At home baked bread & did a very large ironing--one month ago this morning my darling brother Parie died O can it be! can it be so! must I loose everything & everyone I love so soon. God only can help & be my friend.

16 At home did up work John & I went up to Jo Ingalls had nice time & good visit returned stopped at graveyard & looked agin upon the grave of our first born peeting our darling Harry Oh how sad our heart to be thus bereaved

17 At home doing work as usual put up a can of strawberries & picked gooseberries for caning

18 At home W churned tended milk & did my work as usual & put up six cans of gooseberries Mrs. Headington & Georgia Mrs. Brinkerhoff & Mary spent p.m. with me Goergia helped me get supper

19 AT home Jouhn & I to Columbus on business for our estate--we got \$160 Saw Mart & Jerrome but did not speak with them. I got a teapot 75¢ a small tablecloth 70 cts a piece of dried beef \$1.40 had long talk with Abbie she got carpet & paper

20 At home, washed our clothes & 4 bed quilts & a tick put up 2 cans of strawberries (hemmed tablecloth morning) Georgia H called a.m. got 3 meals worked over butter scrubbed & mopped sold butter 4 lbs 0 am so tired. O if I had my boy I could be happy. 2 months

21 At home, made bread & pies skimmed milk & washed crocks churned & tended butter & ironed called Headingtons Cil there Picked sage awful hot day 0-went Hs again p.m. returned--got supper helped milk as usual & retired sad hearted as usual

22 At home W--did up work & cleaned up things generally--John & I picked strawberries put up 2 cans 1 for his mother--John plowing corn O how lonesome!

23 At home staid home all day--O so lonely I cannot find rest & peace for my troubled mind

24 At home doing my housework as usual churning & taking care of butter & milk & cooking O how lonesome No baby no Parrie brother.

25 At home as usual at my work tho not feeling well mind & body How dreary & long the days are took ride p.m. with John over creek saw Mrs. Glassby

26 At home at housework baked some had pies for first for dinner-- am reading Randles works How time drags cant I do something to make time fly more swiftly?

27 At home at my work as usual & thinking of the loved & lost ones

28 At home cleaned cellar a.m. so sad & lonely that dear little white face blue eyes & flaxen head is always before me--O how I miss him I called Hesters & Xrinkerhoffs p.m.

29 At home baked 2 cherry pies called Headingtons Hess Bonebrake spent p.m. and took tea with us Georgia H here too--I Mrs. H & Georgia at Brinkerhoffs eve John up street I tired out

30 At home John & I rode up to church returned at 12½ dinner read some O how we think & talk of Harry our little darling boy & wonder why he was not spared to comfort us the world seems so dark without him

JULY, 1867

- 1 At home doing our work as usual, Johns Ma & Alice are still in N.Y--I called Headingtons Mrs. Brinkerhoff & Hester Bonebrake there I had long talk with Mrs. Brink---at the gate
- 2 At home made bread pies & cake--& got dinner Ceilia Westervelt spent day here she cut out my black calico dress & we began sewing up the breadths it is dreadful warm
- 3 At home put up 4 cans of cherries 2 we preserved & two I caned--am so tired--it is so very warm
- 4 At home did up work Hester & Frank & Willie, John & I went up to Libbie Ingalls & spent p.m. all is very warm but we had quite a pleasant visit considering our bereavement--not so unlike last 4th--then our boy was here
- 5 At home John to Columbus it rains nicely I cleaned cistern & took nap John brought home sugar \$9 worth a keg for wine 1 doz glass quart cans--a 4 gal jar & some tea--Hester Bonebrake here to supper
- 6 At home John & two of Bonebrakes boys & myself picked currants & made 6 gals of wine--preserved 3 qts & canned 3 qts of cherries for Alice & her mother--Hester here & helping some--Mrs. Park called eve Mrs. Headington Georgia & I went Mrs. Brinks eve John to Lodge
- 7 AT home We did not attend church it rained at noon called Headingtons p.m. returned went down to creek with John for horse-- Pearl Ingalls called
- 8 At home churned & tended milk & did out my washing & caned fruit
- 9 At home ironed & did housework
- 10 At home packed butter Mrs. Brrink & Mary called she took my bird home with her I & John took dinner to Hesters I got supper for Brinkerhooff he & John haying--My boy O my boy!
- 11 At home baked pies & got dinner for men haying but they didn't come in--John got letter from Alice wanting money--Mrs. Headington called

12 At home John haying--I looked over cherries & drying them--Mrs. Shrum & Hester Bonebrake here to tea--John to Columbus p.m. sent his ma & Alice money to come home on he got cans & sugar

13 At home Chruning & baking put up 10 glass cans of cherries Wanda Shrum called Little Little Lewis Bonebrake helping me-- I don't think I was ever as near tired out in my life--I went to bed early

14 At home not feeling well at all--John to church I all alone-- it is such a pleasant day--O if I felt well & happy how I could enjoy myself--O if I could only have kept my little boy O God help me to submit to thy will--I wrote 3 letters 1 to Abbie 1 to Zidana 1 to Sheldon called Hesters evening

15 At home John working at hay it rained

16 At home Charley Bonebrake came to help me work--Mrs. Brink & Mary called--I went with them up street--I called Hinmans & Lawsons --went store got 7 yds calico for common dress--some buttons & thread home eve

17 At home made cherry preserves 3½ qts--Libbie King & Molly called at the gate they going Sammis--I called Headingtons Mrs. Brink there She called here & Mary

18 At home at work & caning fruit as usual thinking of my little Lost one at this time--cook dinner at Beck Lawsons nice time

19 At home made preparations for & expected Lib King Mollie Lib Brink & Mary here p.m. but was disappointed--Amanda Shrum spent 2 or 3 hours with me p.m. she is pleasant

20 At home did up the /work/ & went quarterly meeting 2 p.m. with Mrs. Headington returned--took short nap--O am not a bit well--got letter from Abbie--Georgia H staid all night--her Ma & Pa to meeting

21 At home (3 months) am not feeling well at all--mind nor body the loss of my dear baby & Parie sorely grieve me Hester & Willie spent part of p.m. here quarterly meeting today but we didn't go

22 At home washed & ironed churned & tended milk went up street with Hester Bonebrake to see about hiring a girl returned 3 made a galon grape jelly got 3 meals helped milk sold \$1 worth butter to Eloise Bull

23 At home, churned & cleaned at cellar baked bread & pie Georgia called I scoured pans & called Headingtons Alice & her Ma returned from the east on the hack eve I got supper--they had several calls

24 At home did up work & spent day at Old Uncle Bill Westervelts had good diner John took Mrs. Headington & I up in waggon then returned to dinner--Becca Lawson Mrs. Lib Brinkerhoff Mrs. Mary Westervelt were there John came for us evening got supper tended milk & retired early

25 At home W--churned & baked some--at Headingtons 2 or 3 hours p.m. finished dark calico rapper dress

26 At home--it rains Mrs. Brinkerhoff & I & little Mary went out to Mrs. Gardeners to see her flowers returned called Ingalls home again John picking cherries to take to Abbie

27 At home I churned we to town John paid revenue tax 15¢ I got morocco shoes \$3 & a little mug for May & tumbler for Ellwood--went up to Abbies at 2 p.m. found them well--it is very warm--I am so tired--Abbie had good supper

28 At Abbies--visiting with Abbie & Mart & the children--talking over estate affairs & how Mother & Jerrome have acted--O I am so sorry about it--I took nap--Abbie made her cherries we took her up in preserves--we got home W at sunset--it rained hard on our way--am tired & sick

29 At home (100 days) put out my two weeks washing am feeling so poorly--took nap put up 2 cans blackberries--Alice at work at her blackberries & cherries 4 months ago today our darling little boy died

30 At home baked & ironed went p.m. up street called see little Clayton Hinman he is quite sick from the effects of a rat bite--six weeks since I fear he will not get well--we buried our loved little one 4 weeks ago today pm

31 At home O how said & lonely I feel

## AUGUST

1 At home did up work too nap--Hester Bonebrake came she with Alice & her Ma to dinner John & I ate with them had pineapple Alice brought home in can from the east--she also had cherry pudding boiled in bag

2 At home went p;m to Hinmans got an introduction to Mrs. Fovre--Clayton quite sick from rat bite fof six weeks ago--I staid to tea--have eve sore & sorrowful

3 At home churned & BAKED L PIE\_\_SCOURED TABLE & cupbord & scrubbed kitchen--got dinner pm. took nap--called Hesters & Brinkerhoofs returned Mrs. Headington & Goergia here--lonely lonely without my Harry boy

4 At home Headington called--John & I to church McClintock preached Mrs. Hoovers funeral sermon returned--dinner we took nap--John out east--I to Headingtons--returned reading in Randalls works I so lonesome

5 At home churned baked bread --called Headingtons Mrs. H sick direha--washed & ironed & ripped apart skittc of my black wool delain dress intend to alter it--John got blackberries we took nap p.m. Sarah Nutt came home to Headingtons I went up street took supper with Mrs. Brinkerhoff

6 AT home baked cake & pies & cut out loose wrapper of old black wool delain dress called Headingtons--John with others went fishing caught a great double string--sold 8½ lbs--packed butter--Shroms girls visiting Alice

7 At home went to Methodist Sab. School picnic with John Alice & Charley Bonebrake had a nice time nice ice cream & good dinner & everybody sociable & talkative--often thought of my boy in the grave--home 3

8 At home sewing at fixing over old black wool delain dress-Mrs. Brinkerhoff helping me on machine

9 At home went up to Mrs. Brinkerhoffs & back a.m. also up & back again p.m. sewing on old wool delain dress

10 At home intended to have gone to Abbies according to promise but John wouldn't go I finished fixing over wool delain dress trimed with plaid black & white went up to shop got May a hat \$1-- called Hinmans Clayton very sick

11 At home John & I to church returned--got dinner went out east to water stock returned went office got letter from Abbie \* called to see Clayton Hinman he is yet suffering that that ugly rat bite he got 7 or 8 weeks ago--Libbie Ingalls Pearl & Persus spent 2 or 3 hours here p.m. I called Headingtons few minutes eve

12 At home churned & tended milk washed 2 weeks washing & ironed it took nap--called Headingtons John to Columbus got sack flour & box of sugar

13 At home baked bread & patched sold 4½ lbs butter a.m. John went blackberrying it rained nice shower we so much needed it it hadn't rained for 22 days & was so dry & dusty I carried Mrs. Brinkerhoffs a plate of baked apples Mrs. Campbell was there

14 At home doing housework as usual Lizzie Alexander baby girl born Mrs. Rany's little girls baby died about 1 year old I called Mrs. Brinkerhoff

15 At home 3 months ago this morning as the sun arose Paris spirit left this world of sorrow for the haven of Eternal bliss-John & I attended the funeral of J. Raney's child I called to see Lizzie Alexander & her young babe O they are so happy

16 At home put up 3 cans of pears sewed some at carpet rags--called Em Hinman she & Clayton both sick--went postoffice called Brinkerhoffs--got an introduction to a Miss Evans, a relationship Mrs. Brinks

17 AT home (4 months) churned & did up the work--sewed a carpet rag--a.m. dinner we all went Shrum's to spend p.m. had nice supper & pleasant visit--tho John & I feel the loss of our petting curelly sorely O how unlike 1 year ago when we visited there with him. I went Office called Kings & Brinks Mrs. Brink came home me & got butter

18 At home, walked up to church sermon by Joseph Tremble--Missionary --it is dreadful warm Alice & John went to the church 3 p.m. Trimble preached again a good sermon

19 At home cutting & sewing carpet rags

20 At home sewing carpet rags & regulated rags & tearing rags

21 At home (4 months) Hester Bonebrakes 7 child born this morning a girl after having 5 5 boys they are so pleased I baked 3 loaves of bread 3 pies & a cake went Hesters twice & called Headingtons

22 At home, did up my work & called Hesters Elizabeth Pearl & Persy Ingalls there--I returned got dinner worked some at carpet rags am feeling so lonely & so badly I don't know what to do--called Brinks & Hinmans & post Office

23 At home, cut few carpet rags called Headingtons went up street p.m. called Mrs. Brinks Em Hinmans & Hess Bonebrakes saw Libbie & Tomy King they had just moved in brick house got a letter from Mart & Abbie they want us to come over to see to business of the estate Jerrome is acting so mean

24 At home, did up work early got over to Abbies at dinner time-- John & Mart went up to the old place Abbie & I talking over everything & working we staid night--Abbie getting house fixed up some & painted.

25 At Abbies--visiting a pleasant time she & I talking over our troubles did not see Mother--started for home at 3--horse is sick it belongs to Sammis feel quite uneasy about it--little May Rogers came home with us got home after dark--very tired slept with May

26 At home John churned I washed & did some of the ironing took nap feel very tired--called May & I at Headingtons--Mrs. H & Georgia came over evening

27 At home--ironed did up lots of little cloathes for May--she is visiting me this week--she & I spent the p.m. at Mrs. Brinkerhoffs Mrs. Price Mrs. Lawson & Mrs. Headington was there had nice time

28 At home little May & I went up street called Hinmans Mrs. Sammis got calico dress for Abbie--called Bonebrakes--then home--got supper & retired

29 At home (5 months my boy died) making preparations for company this p.m. Mart & Jerrone came unexpectedly settled up the estate--business we are to get \$2,000 apiece Jerrone gets place they staid till after dinner--May went home with them-- Mrs. Lawson Mrs. Price Alice her Ma & 4 children took supper with us O how tired

30 At home Dear little Harry buried 5 months today. O how I miss him yet--cut out sack wrapper dress for Alice & 1 for self--went P.O. called Mrs. Brinks

31 At home baked pies & apples John some nice beef steak & roast looking for Abbie & Mrs. Nedro--they came at 12. I got good dinner we then took Mrs. N carpet to weavers & called Lib Kings & Em Hinmans rode round a little--then home we had good visit evening--talked of my lost Harry boy

#### SEPTEMBER, 1867

1 At home John to church I visited with Abbie & Jane Nedro talked of everything about property affairs& of Jerromes actions--I got nice dinner Aunt Lib Uncle Jo & Persy came for church--Abbie & Jennie went home at 2½ p.m. John & I out east to water stock then rode accross creek--

2 At home put up 3 cans of tomatoes did up work called Headingtons Georgia here--churned p.m. I called Hinmans p.m. to see poor little Clayton who is very low from the effects of a rat bite 2 months since called McClintocks paid missionary money called Brinkerhoffs brought my Frankie bird home--Sarah & Georgia Headington spent eve here John to Lodge

3 At home John gone to Mothers for grain staid all day & night Georgia Headington slept with me-- I made brown loose wrapper all today called Headingtons a.m. took dinner with Alice & her Ma, am lonely lonely, lonely

4 AT home did the milking & care of milk. Alice & her ma rode out--I to Headingtons patched blue cotton pants for John a.m. I sewing carpet rags--John came home from Columbus at 5 having takne the oats he got off the farm at home to C & sold them 50¢ per bu he got 7 bu wheat

5 At home churned doing housework & sewing carpet rags called Headingtons

6 At home sewing at carpet rags--O I am so lonesome & weary--& think so much of my dear lost darling--O God give me grace to bear up Under every trial thro life thro which I may be called to pass

7 At home baked pies & cake & bread & churned & tended milk--& put up 6 cans of tomatoes--got 3 meals am tired. John & I to Hesters at evening--O if I only could have Harry this heart would not so badly ache

8 At home (20 weeks--just half gone by the week) John to church I all alone he returned we got dinner he out east I to Headingtons Georgia H here we had watermelon nice John to meeting eve I alone reading Randalls works & thinking of the departed the departed

9 At home washed & at my housework as usual

10 At home churned ironed & baked a big cake for the ice cream supper this eve--I turned sheet p.m. took supper with Hester & Dan--John & Alice to ice cream supper for McClintock's benefit--I all alone ever--John brought me ice cream at night

11 At home made me aprons of old stuff & knitting on little red stockings for Willie Bonebrake--called Headingtons a.m. John & I spent p.m. at Ingalls I quilted for Elizabeth--good visit talked about my lost Harry Sarah Nutt & Georgia called eve

12 At home churned & regulated--my dear little Harry would have been 18 months old today had he lived I'm knitting for pastime a nice little pair of stockings for Willie Bonebrake--I took dinner with Emma Hinman Ed to Columbus Lizzie Stephens went home to her mothers--John got a nice lot of lambs for \$80--41 of them

13 At home--Mrs. Mrs. McClintock visiting Alice & her Ma. John & I took dinner with them also Mrs. Headington here for dinner--Alice her mother John & I took supper with Mrs. Parks folks we had a good visit

14 At home student died baked some--& finished Willie Bonebrakes stockings Hester & her infant daughter & Willie spent p.m. with Alice & her Ma. I sewed carpet rags have 20 lbs--called at Mrs. Brinkerhoffs eve--John up street

15 At home (4 months this morning Parie died) after breakfast John & I got corn then got ready & went up to church sermon by McClintock the last--we spose as he leaves this station--I read in Radalls hand writing of God--it is very lonesome indeed O my boy!

16 At home churned & sold butter--cut out new calico flat bonnet still I'm lonely lonely am thinking of home & of my dear brother Parie that has passed away so long ago--buried from sight 4 months ago--O how happy we were together

17 At home (150 days)) sewing on my calico bonnet called Mrs. Headingtons a.m. also p.m. she had company strangers Harrisons==John up street eve O I am so lonely impatient restless & uneasy--thinking of my lost Harry & Parie

18 At home baked 2 peach pies & cut two dishes peaches for drying--churned It is dreadful warm--& dry we very much need rain we've not had any of account for six weeks I cannot set myself to work its so warm--I read in Randalls works

19 At home put up 4 cans of peaches John cutting corn

20 At home took Mrs. Headington U Georgiana up to Aunt Sallie Westervelts home again went up for Mrs. H again p.m. called Hinmans Clayton poorly

21 AT home churned & at 9 a.m. started for Abbies there at noon after dinner Abbie John & Ellwood went up to mothers few minutes they got 2 bushels peaches May & I did the work while they gone John & I staid night at Abbies

22 At Abbies--it is awful dry--O we so much needed rain have not had rain for 2 months much--John & Mar to church--returned Abbie & I had dinner ready chicken & sweet potatoes. So nice--home at sunset tended milk so lonesome without Harry

23 At home sold  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu of peaches we brought from Fathers old orchard for 60¢ & I pared  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bu to dry & made 1 gal of peach butter am. very tired John up street eve I returned early lonesome

24 At home got 3 meals & did up work made 1 gal grape jelly put up 5 cans of peaches--besides pared a great many peaches for drying--I am so tired Sarah Nutt & Georgian Headington called eve

25 At home made 3 pies a cake & a pan of biscuit & churned a.m. Pared peaches for drying p.m. Mrs. Brinkerhoff Charley Bonebrake & I went out east to tend stock I gave Mrs. B some apples & peaches

26 At home put out a 2 weeks washing tho it is pretty hard work for me--am drying peaches they are so nice I called Mrs. Headingtons p.m. & spent eve at Mrs. Brinkerhoffs John up street O we are so lonely we don't know what to do

27 At home drying peaches I done a big ironing & mopped poarch tended milk & sewed some p.m. on Mrs. Helston's sun bonnet-- John to Coopers raising

28 At home churned put up 2 cans of peaches made 2 pies of blackberries pared peaches for drying sewed some of Mrs. Mrs. H'dingtons sun bonnet went with John up to Widow Franklins for honey for Abbie didn't get any there engaged some at Sharps John up street eve--I all alone & lonely enough John don't seem to realize it

29 At home 6 months this morning my little pet boy Harry died. O what a lonely sorrowful six months it has been to me John gone to church left me alone he don't seem to think or care

30 At home John & I met Abbie Mart & Jerrome in Columbus & signed deed of our home estate-- Abbie got lots of nice new things & I got a small plaid shawl & some flannels for skirting--home at 8 oclock at night verry tired & went strait to bed

#### OCTOBER

1 At home churned & made 1 gal nice quince preserves & put up 3 cans cling peaches--& pared peaches for drying--called Mrs. Brinkerhoffs & Hesters p.m.

2 At home sewing on little May's drawers & drying peaches Baked some p.m. Mrs. H'dington called it is dry dry--we hoped it would rain as it had the appearance of it but was very much disappointed

3 At home did up work called John & I to Jo Ingalls for an apron pattern for May Rogers returned--I called Libbie Kings Hinmans & Brinkerhoffs to see about making her apron--got a letter from Mart wishing me to come home & get the balance of my things John up street eve

4 AT home churned Em Hinman & Clayton spent day here—John & Alice to Columbus John got 1 doz glass cans a suti of steel mix skating & shirting I sewing on Mrs. Hdingtons sun bonnet eve-- John up street Johns mother 60 years old today Alice got her a nice little shawl for a present

5 At home (Andrus little Katie died 6 months old 2 p.m.) had nice rain last night for the first we've had for a long time--John killed a nice pig sent Hester & Mrs. H'dington some--I put up 12 cans of

peaches--made 4 loaves bread & 4 pies & baked some of the fresh meat pared peaches for drying  
John up street to hear Union speech--looked for Abbie disappointed spent eve Brinkerhoffs

6 At home I am 25 years old today--John staid home a.m. but he & I called Headingtons John &  
Alice to Dr. Andrews little girl babe's funeral 3 p.m. then to church eve--I spent eve at Hesters  
Bonebrakes she tells me how Johns mother abuses me the old wretch how little she cares for our  
trouble & sorrow

7 At home put up 1½gal spiced peaches 2/3 gal of spiced pears & tended to things generally--John  
out east getting apples

8 At home little Kate Stock here to help me today I got dinner for Hester & Daviel Bonebrake they  
came had a good visit & good dinner. John to election p.m. I called Hdingtons sewing on my plaid  
underskirt--John up street eve I to Brinkerhoffs Mrs. B not home--I called Hinmans then to Brinks  
then home

9 At home got up before 5 John went to Scioto--O it rains what a pity he started I went  
Brinkerhoffs she helped me cut out 2 little white aprons for May Rogers I took dinner with her  
came home at 4 John returned from Scioto at 5 with a lot of furniture from my old parental home  
which is no more Mrs. Brink & Mary here eve

10 At home sewed at Mays Rogers little white aprons all day--got 1 ready for stitching--called  
Hedingtons p.m. & to Hess Bonebrakes evening John up street

11 At home churned browned coffee & washed some a.m. sewed some went up street got lace &  
buttons for May Rogers apron & left sewing for her to be stitched at Brinkerhoffs home again got  
supper & ironed some

12 At home, baked bread cakes & pies--washed some--finished Mays aprons & drawers--tended  
milk--sold butter-ironed evening John helping me O am so tired & have so much pain & am so  
sorrowful dejected & lonely--looked for Abbie & Mart but they came not

13 At home (25 weeks) did up my work John to church am trying to pass the day as best I can considering my lonesomeness & the circumstances it is cloudy & gloomy out--I bathed & am reading some--dinner--went out east with John--he to church eve--I home alone--reading Randalls works & the Bible

14 At home--sewed all day & made me a chemise to the trimming--spent eve at Mrs. Brinkerhoffs hemmed hkf I found & put ends to a pair a gallowes--McClintock at Brinkerhoffs ¢ talked quite sometime about Ceil Westervelts & George Haniwalts actions--hot it astonishes me--home at 10

15 At home put up bedstead in little bedroom & fixed down carpet (brought bedstead from mothers) am so very tired called Hedingtons sewed carpet rags eve & ran heels to socks John home with me I poorly & sorrowful 5 months now Parrie was lying a corpse

16 AT home baked 6 pies & did up my work sent Mrs. Brink a sweet potato pie by John he gone as jury on a trial--Abbie & Jimmie Nedro came I got supper & milked cows had a pleasant time with Abbie--John home late eve

17 At home (180 days or 6 months) Abbie & Mrs. N went home--John's mother in trouble again with us it nearly sets me crazy I called Mrs. Brink & Hinmans Libbie Ingalls & Persie spent day with Alice & her mother. Sarah Nutt & Jim Haines married eve John & I at the wedding & supper--- also Mrs. Brink & Hester Bonebrake

18 At home called Hdingtons sewing on chemise for self Mrs. H & Georgian called here evening-- we got a note from Elder Vananda he intends stopping with us during quarterly meeting--sewing for self eve

19 At home making preparations for our Elder Vananda--I baked bread & pies & a cake & fixed up some--he came--good dinner--he said he & John to meeting 2 p.m. I did up work & sewed some he & John after supper went meeting evening--I home alone finished chemise Vananda staid night

20 AT home Our first quarterly meeting , Elder Vananda here stopping with John & I, they to 11 oclock service I did up work & am lonely we alone to dinner. John napping p.m. I tried to read some--am thiniing so much of the Lost ones & am sorely grieved & no one on earth to comfort me John to church eve & alone (6 months)

21 At home Vananda came after breakfast I sold him \$1 butter John gave him apples he then went home--I put out a large washing 1 bed quilt also washed crock & swept cellar--mopped kitchen--did all my ironing--milked cows eve. Called Hedingtons--returned some mending--John to Lodge

22At home up early went Abbies on estate business staid to dinner then home--at dark--I helped Abbie sew some while there--she & Frank to Jerromes--Jerromes little Mary very sick and wife also

23 At home churned & baked pies cut out a sheet & shirt for John--called Hinmans & Brinkerhoffs--John went to Mrs. Sharps for honey for Abbie got \$5 worth got a letter from Abbie, Jerromes baby in hard spasms--Jimmie Cornell came to Alices

24 At home I dressed the nice chicken Abbie gave me last tuesday & made preparations for company--they came Persus Baker Lib Brinkerhoff & Libbie King & their little girls--we had nice visit all together--Persy & I talked about the deaths of our sweet babes & wept & sympathized with each other--Georgiana H. spent eve me John up street

25 At home made a shirt for John called Headingtons John to sing eve I to Emma Hinmans sewed on sheet John & I called Brinkerhoffs he got his new coat home at 10--sorry & lonely--Jerromes little Mary Angeline died it 9 mo old.

26 At home bak 2 blackberry pies & two apple pies & a bread pudding--put up a can of spiced pears & 1 of peaches got a boiled inner tunrips cabbage potatoes & meat & a cake of corn bread--cut out 2 check shirts for John & began sewing at them went up street evening to Hinmans & Brinkerhoffs

27 At home (27 weeks) went to church with John heard our new preacher Caroll for first time--like him pretty well--we went up to Libbie Ingalls spent day--went out east to water stock--then home eve--he staid home from church eve with me & it seemed to hurt him dreadfully

28 At home making check shirts for John, Mrs. Brinkerhoff & Mary called she told me that Emma Hinman had a new daughter--Mrs. B & I called Hdingtons then to Hinmans thro the rain we changed Emma & her bed all nicely--she is comfortable & has nice child John & Alice to Columbus p.m. I to Hdingtons eve

29 At home 7 Months ago this morning my first born pet was lying a corpse in this room, O what a drag has life been to me since how little have I cared to live I went Hinmans p.m. home dark (took dinner Headingtons, pot pie)

30 At home spent most of the day at Headingtons I made a check shirt for John he home with me eve reading & shelling corn--I read some in Arthurs magazine

31 At home done up lots of mending & several little jobs of work tore out carpet rags made light bread eve--O how lonesome Mr. Park spent eve here I sewing carpet rags

## NOVEMBER

1 At home, washed, baked bread & ironed--Mrs. Headington called I went up to Hinmans p.m. & to Mrs. Brinkerhoffs evening--John hauling corn, he has bought--I'm very tired & done out--I have so much trouble

2 At home churned baked 6 pies & did up Saturdays work took nap Georgiana Headington called--I went home with her few minutes patched dress, packed butter--John up street--I alone read some am so lonesome & miss my baby so

3 At home (28 weeks) it rained we did not attend church I called Mrs. Headington few minutes read some--& spent another miserably awful day of it Pearl Ingalls called--I wept myself to sleep with none to console or comfort Me

4 At home mending up things generally--John to Lodge evening I called Hinmans little girl 8 days old I came to Brinkerhoffs where John called for me we had a nice chat & a dish of nuts

5 At home churned & packed butter--looked all over my little lambs cloathes & wept & wept over them & began making preparations for another childs clothing--went Headingtons eve ate supper Mrs. Brinkerhoff & little Mary came & ate some too. John also Georgiana came home with us & staid night

6 At home (200 days) Jennie Cornell went home having been up two weeks--I began making my second unborn infants skirts sewing at them all day called Hedingtons eve--John up street--I home & lonely always since my baby died

At home finished little flannel skirts all but stitching went Mrs. Brinks p.m. & Hinamns Mrs. B not home John & Alice to Columbus John got me a calico dress & nice brown veil--he & I went up street I to Mrs. B again she not home evening--John got me muslin 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  yds

8 At home baked 2 loaves of bread 1 pan runks 1 of light biscuit & 5 pies & a pan of bread pudding got dinner--Prof. Allen called paid John some money--I ironed some p.m. Mrs. Brinkerhoff & Mary called eve John staid home & read for me I sewed

9 At home did my housework churned & made butter up printed for packing made a pair of pillow cases--I hemmed nice brown veil sewed carpet rags eve M-s. Sarah Haines spent eve here John to Lodge he brought home boysters Something matter Sarah about 1 month (29 weeks)

10 Athome John off to church Idid up work & read some am so lonely we had oysters for dinner, so nice--we then rode out east Mrs. Brinkerhoff & Mary went with us riding out on new road west of town had nice time O such a beautiful day for time of year

11 At home I went up street got me gingham for apron & spent day with Mrs. Brinkerhoff making pants for John she & Mary came here eve we finished them

12 At home churned my pet boy Harry could have been 20 months old today had he lived but he is with angels today singing O so sweetly so sweetly--little Clayton Hinman is 2 years old today I patched & sewed carpet rags p.m. & eve

13 At home it is storming snowing & blustering the snow is falling on my little Harry's grave O how it grieves me Parie too under the ground a year ago they were both with us to cheer us on our way Alas! Alas! Evening John went to sit up with old Mr. Osborne who is very sick--Georgiana Headington staid all night with me

14 AT home washed & ironed & got two meals & did the milking eve Mrs. Headingtons called p.m. O I am so tired & impatient John up street eve

15 At home (6 months ago today Parie died), patched pants for John & fixed suspenders called Headingtons twice Mrs. Brink there washing Mrs. B. called here p.m. she is making John's mother a cloak black cloth it cost her \$20 I spent eve at Mrs. Brinkerhoffs we had nice time talking & eating nuts--John & Mrs. B singing--home 10

16 At home baked bread & rusks pies & cake 6 months ago we buried Parie I cannot think its so O help me God to realize & to be prepared too myself for the great eternity. I made ma gingham apron eve & hemmed some washclothes John to lodge

17 At home (30 weeks) John to church I called to see Emma Hinman & babies they are all so well & happy--I so downcast & sorrowful--returned got dinner--John & I rode out east to water stock--took a ride round the square then went to Little Harrys grave where we knelt & wept bitterly a long time--John church eve--I alone

18 At home churned & packed butter dressed & went up to Emma Hinmans where I spent the day--sewed for her had rib for dinner--I ate so hearty--returned--Mrs. Headington & Georgiana Mrs. Sarah Haines & Husband called eve--John to Lodge

19 At home did my housework as usual--made two common infant skirts-Wands Stock brought Clayton Hinman down p.m. they staid an hour or two--I sewed a few carpet rags read some eve--John staid home eve

20 At home did up seferal little jobs of patching--put feathers back into little pillows got 2 meals John went up street eve--I to Mrs. Brinkerhoffs spent eve Mrs. Connell & two children there I had introduction to them--Meechan & wife parted they say

21 At home churned Sarah Haynes called gave me a big piece of meat--I called Emma Hinmans p.m. she gave me a doll baby head tho it is broken I want to make a Christmas present of it--went to store got 1 5/8 yds shamba for infant wrapper pink & some calico for chair cushion at 12½¢ per yd chambra 45--home milked cows John staid home with me

22 At home washed some made spong stewed pumpking John & Alice to Columbus--I ironed--began fixing doll for Ida Brinkerhoff--milked cows eve--John got chopping knife & 2 fassots & a dust fan--Mrs. Brinkerhoff & Mary spent eve here Mr. B. came for them

23 At home baked 3 loves of bread 7 pies & a galon of ginger snaps--got dinner --I am sewing all dolly for Ida Brinkerhoff when Abbie, Mart Mother & Ellwood came at 4 oclock p.m. O I'm so glad to see them I flew round got supper & visited with them eve--slept with mother

24 (31 weeks) At home got breakfast Abbie helping me did up work John Mart & Ellwood to church a.m. I made a nice cherry pudding & got a good inner talking & visiting all time with Abbie & mother--after dinner Mart & John took a ride I thought they would stay another night but they concluded to go fearing it mightrain so went

25 At home churned & packed the butter it rains we've a bbl of nice fresh rain water I finished making Ida Brinkerhoffs dolly--called Headingtons few minutes evening returned John up street--I began fringing nice little black & white shawl Abbie gave me

26 At home sewing & fixing at Ida Brinks dolly called Headingtons evening returned putting fringe on little flannel shawl Abbie gave me

27 At home got my two meals as usual finished Ida Brinks dolly--made it a pair of shoes putting fringe on little black & white shawl Abbie gave me--it rains--I am lonely without my sweet Harry boy--I deeply mourn his loss though it seems to me he must come back to me I can't realize it

28 At home Alice & her ma made a Thanksgiving dinner & John & I ate with them Our minister was also present, Rev. Mr. Carroll--O how much I thought of Harry he was with us a year ago at this time lively sweet & playing & taking our attention

29 At home washed out a few things & ironed them sewed on infant shamba wrapper it is raining & getting colder John & I called Headingtons few minutes evening

30 At home did hard days work baked bread & pies & fried cakes-- washed the old cupbord all over & helped black the stove & move all into the house -- O Iam so very tired John staid home with me, we talked & thought so much about our lost Lamb

#### DECEMBER

1 (32 weeks) At home John & I home we read some, ate nuts, got dinner & did the best we could considering our deep bereavement --it is snowing & blustering out storming on the little grave that holds my treasure all my ambition & hope--seemingly O we'll meet him up yonder

2 At home churned & made butter out in roll--Clara Shrock called--I'm trying to get things regulated & in place but I feel quite unable to do much we are making preparations for butchering--Mrs. Brink & Mary called eve--I to Headingtons with Mrs. B. Persa Baker called

3 At home up early we are butchering today--I got dinner for Stephen & Uriah Brinkerhoff--expect Lib--Uriah & Mary but they didn't come to dinner--I cleaned & scraped cases for sausages

4 AT home, made a nice cake for Sexton supper, tomorrow, scraped cases over again--Mrs. Brinkerhoff & Mary called p.m. Georgia Headington spent eve here--I strung a few beads

5 At home had a sweet dream of my lost Harry boy last night I saw him as I never had seen him before since his death--O God! help me to live so that I meet my precious babe--we got our lard put away & made & hung up our sausages--John & Alice gone to Sexton supper evening I alone thinking of the past

6 At home cushioned my big rocking chair & sewed some at pink chambra wrapper for 2nd infant got 2 meals called Hdingtons eve--returned--John & Alice went again to Sexton supper I all alone, string some little white beads

7 At home put out a big washing washed up infant clothing got 2 meals --Elijah Culp came at dark he & John to Lodge--he staid night I ironed some eve, baked 5 pies & a gal crock of ginger snaps--& made up saleratus biscuit for breakfast--O how tired I am & I can hardly walk

8 At home (33 weeks) Elijah Culp here, I feeling so poorly so unable to wait on anyone he & John to church did not get work done up til they returned--got dinner they to sing p.m.--& they also to church in the evening I alone as usual sorrowful & miserable enough

9 At home ironed some & regulated Culp gave me \$3 for staying he went away but returned in the eve & staid night again

10 At home ironed 2 little white dresses 1 little white skirt my nice tablecloth & the window curtains mother gave me & cooked for Culp he is in town attending to insurance business

11 At home Culp & John to Columbus, John got him a rubber coat \$5, me a wringer \$10, some sugar & raisins & a little herb strainer--I fried & packed sausage chopped mince meat & prepared them a nice supper against their return which was at 5 Culp staid night

12 At home Culp left us again--I mended a pair of socks, a pair of mittens fixed over little white flannel skirt & finished pink chambra wrapper it snowed & stormed all day awfully--Mr. and Mrs. Brinkerhoff & little Mary spent eve at Mrs. Headingtons had oysters & turkey for supper & a very pleasant visit though it is so snowy & stormy

13 At home, it is splendid day--the bells go ginging by but the have no music now for me--I gored dark flannel skirt John to mill in sleigh--I regulated my drawers & fixed a pair of mittens, read some got dinner & string beads in the evening--John up street got broom & chopping bowl

14 At home it snows & nice sleighing. I churned 3 lbs butter made 5 pies--got dinner John could not eat any he has very bad spell of sick headache--I looked over & took seeds out of raisins for mince pies

15 At home (34 weeks) John didn't go to church; it is such nice sleighing. I took a good bath washed my head. John combed & scraped it for me nicely--I washed him then got dinner had baked potatoes & caned peaches O we are lonesome & sad & dont know what to do without Harry--his grave is covered with snow.

16 At home did up work Georgiana H called I to Hdingtons few minutes--returned little Mary Brink here to play with big dolly I looked over raisins & put some cloathes to bleach John put Ben to sleigh for first time single--I called to Hinmans--then spent p.m. at Brinkerhoffs--John called for me in sleigh--He to Lodge eve I alone

17 At home put out a large washing ironed some--am very tired Georgiana called eve

18 At home John & Alice to Columbus John got citron 1 lb 50¢ 2¼ barred nainsook \$1.12½ he is getting our lost Harry's picture painted at Elliotts the artists--Alice got dolly head for Mrs. Brinks little Mary

19 At home Mrs. Brink here a.m. we sewing at body of her little Marys doll I finished it in the evening & knit some & cut out a doll body for Mandic Stock sent by Em Hinman

20 At home churned baked breadk made a doll body for Mandic Stock who at Hinmans--Mrs. Brinkerhoff & her Mary came we finished dressing up her (Marys) doll I made it a pair of shoes & stockings Mrs. B the dress--I knit some eve & retired early very poorly feeling

21 At home baked with Johns help 18 mince pies tried to color some yarn with a new receipt blue had poor luck it rains all day--our nice sleighing is going off--John to Lodge evening-- I all alone, finished footing striped stocking

22 At home (35 weeks) John staid home from church he not well-- I took a good bath as usual--got dinner--O how lonesome it is to me the sun shines out beautifully but let it shine & shine it can never bring back past pleasures--I read in Bible evening

23 At home At my work as usual, tried to color stocking yarn blue with fancy dye but could not get fast color so took it back--John up street I to Brinkerhoffs, Mrs. B & I to Emma Hinmans few minutes Clayton sick with lung fever John called for me at B home 9½

24 At home colored stocking yarn black had 1 oz extract logwood & 1 oz blue vitriol to 1 lb of yarn got good color made fried cakes--got dinner & scoured out yarn after sweeping all over thoroughly--O am so tired a letter from Abbie & says Mart wants to come here after all thats past-- John up street I knitting for him

25 At home New moon Christmas--John & I both took another season of sorrowing over the loss of our petling Harry we thought of his being with us 1 year ago today & how pretty & sweet he was to us--now this cold rain is beating on his little grave soaking & seeping into the sod--O God help us both to bear the berevement Alice made dinner the friends were invited nice time with them all

26 At home John & I washed out 2 flannel blankets & my star quilt & some colored clothes--Em Hinman & her 2 children & Ruth Powell & little Ethell spent day here I had dinner at 2 & got supper for NED Hinman & Frank Powell in the evening they went home at 8 oclock O how much I've thought of little Harry today

27 At home, churned & finished yestereays washing John helping me it rains p.m. 3 long years ago today we were married O how much sorrow I have passed through since that time--I went Mrs. Headingtons for few minutes eve John up street

28 At home Georgiana Headington spent the day with me she done my ironing while I washed my windows I got our dinner & footed a sock for John before had time & ran the heels to both--John up street--I feeling poorly Alice & her Aunt Sarah Hart went to little Harrys grave

29 At home all to church left me alone as usual-- 9 mo this morning my lovely little Harry lay a corpse in his little crib Oh what a dreary long time it has been to me! John Alice & their Aunt Sarah Hart to meeting in the evening--3 years today we had our infant in this room O how much sorrow I have seen since that time lost Father, Parrie & little Harry

30 At home, did my housework as usual--cut out & basted up a little crossbarred wrapper ready for stitching wen to Mrs. Brinkerhoffs she not home returned--wound yarn & began a pair of socks for John called Hdngtons eve--John up street saw Dr. Andrews

31 At home called Hdntons--cut out news basket for Mrs. Brinks--made it & after dinner carried it up & gave it to her she is quite pleased with it, I staid 3 hours knit on Johns sock--it snows--we got an invitation to Ceil Westervelts wedding

NB. Recipes for ginger snaps, mountain cake , corn rusk and pudding.

Verse on Harry: My Boy

He flourished like the morning flower  
In beautys pride arrayed  
But long the night cut down it lies  
All withered & decayed.

Expenses given at irregular intervals.