86.13.2 *Candace Beach Diary, Receipt book, LeRoy, NY, 1815-1816*

The Joys of Grief

1st
Sweet the hour of tribulation
When the heart can freely sigh
And the tear of resignation
Twinkles in the mournful eye
Have you felt no kind emotion
Tremble through your troubled breast
Soft as evening ore the Ocean
When she charms the wave to rest.

2d
Have you lost a friend a brother
Heard a ~~dear dead~~ Fathers ~~pat~~ parting breath
Gazed upon a lifeless Mother.
Till she seemed to wake from death
Have you felt a spouse expiring
In your arms before your view
And the lovely soul retiring
From those eyes that woke on you

3d
Did not grief then grow romantic,
Leaving one remembered bliss.
Did you not with fervor frantic
Kiss those lips that felt no kiss

1st
On yonders high mountain a castel doth stand
All dect with fine ivory from the top to the strand,
Five arches, five porches, and the limestone so white,
It's a pilot for sailors in a dark stormy night.

2d
It's a landscape of pleasure it is a verdure of green
It's the finest of mountains that ever was seen
For fishing for fowling and for gaming also,
And the finest of roses on this mountain doth grow.

3d
Beneath this high mountain the Ocean doth flow
Where ships from America to the East indies go,
With the red flag a flying and the beating of the drums
Sweet instrumental musick and the firing of its guns.

4th
If polly proved loyal I'd made her my bride
But her mind being inconstant it ebs like the tide
Her eyes they do invite me but her tongue tells me no
(illegible) Angel direct me or where shall I go—

Candace Beach LeRoy

Yes but when you had resigned her
Life and you were reconciled
Anna left she left behind her
(illegible) one dear one only Child

4th
But before the green moss peeping
Its poor mothers grave arrayed
In that grave the infant sleeping
On its mothers lap was laid

Sorrow then your heart congealing
Chilled you with intense despair.
Can you recollect the feeling.
No there was no feeling there

5th
From that gloomy trance of sorrow
Whence you woke to pangs unknown
How unwelcome was the morrow
For it rose on you alone
Sunk in soft consuming anguish
Can the poor heart always ache
No the tortured nerve will languish
Or the strings of life must break

6th
Ore the yielding brow of sadness
One faint smile of comfort shone
One soft pang of tender anguish
Exquisitely thrilled your soul,
Wile the wounds of woe are healing
While the heart is all resigned
Tis the solemn feast of feeling
Tis the sabbath of the mind

7th
Pensive memory then retraces
Senes (sic) of bliss forever fled
Lives in former times and places,
Holds communion with the dead

And when nights prophetic slumbers
(illegible) the veil to mortal eyes
From their tombs the scanted numbers
Of our lost companions rise.

8th
You have seen a friend a brother
Heard a dear dead Father speak
Proved the fondness of a Mother
Felt her tears upon your cheek
Dreams of love your grief beguiling
You have clasped a consorts charms
And received your infant smiling
From its mothers sacred arms.

9th
Trembling pale and agonizing
When you woke to pangs unknown
Bright the morning star arising
Opened heaven from whence it shone.
Thither all your wishes bending
(illegible) in ecstacy sublime
Thither all your hope ascending
Triumph over death and time.

Thus affected bruised and broken
Have you known such sweet relief
Yes my friend and by this token
You have felt the joys of grief.

(New poem)

Night and day the anxious lover
Is attentive to his fair
Until the doubtful Courtships over
Is she then so much his fair.

Warm as summer his addresses,
Hope and ardor in his eyes,
Cold as Winter his caresses
When she yields a Captive prize

Now the owner of her beauty
Sees no more an angels face,
Half is love the rest is duty
Pleasures fatten in a Chace.

Hard Times

Come listen a while and I'll sing you a song
Concerning the times and it shall not be long
How everyone is contriving to bite
And cheating each other they think they do right
It is hard times—

From Father to Mother, from Sister to Brother
From Cousin to Cousin they all cheat one another
Since biting and Cheating are so much in fashion
Im afraid it will spread quite over the Nation
It is hard times—

The Blacksmith gets bread by the sweat of his brow
And likewise the farmer by following his plough
Between these two honest men through their conceit.
They will cheat one another in measure and weight
It is hard times

The Baker he'll cheat in the bread that we eat
The butcher likewise in the weight of our meats
They will tip up the Stillyards to make it weigh down
And swear it is weight if it lacks half a pound
It is hard times

The Tailor he'll cut to save all he can
To cheat his employer if he is a poor man
And when the Tailor goes after the pay
The employer cries out no money to day
It is hard times

O there is the Lawyer from him you keep free,
He will say anything for to get a large fee,
He will swear that your case tis just tis right,
And when he's got all your money calls you a bite,
It is hard times

O there is the Doctor I like to forgot,
He is the very worst bite among the whole flock.
He will swear he will cure you for half you possess
And when you are dead he will take all the rest
It is hard times

O there is the Priest hes the worst of them all
He is always complaining his Salary is small,
To us he will preach, to us he will talk
Cares more for the fleece than he does for the flock
It is hard times

So now to conclude the end of my song
I have told you the truth and it cannot be wrong
So we must prepare to go at the call,
The Lord wont get part the Devil take all
It is hard times

The Banks of Champlain

Twas autumn around me the leaves were decending (sic)
And lonely the Drumming Bird tapt on each tree
While thousands their freedom and rights were defending
The din of their arms sounded dismal to me
For William my love was engeed (sic) in the action
His death mout (sic) have ended my life in distraction
Without him I valued this world not a fraction
Twas mournful I strayed on the Banks of Champlain

Then turning to listen to the Canons loud Thunder
My elbow I leaned on a rack near the shore
The sound nearly parted my heart strings asunder
I thought I should see my dear William no more
But soon an express all my sorrow suspended
My thanks to the Father of mercies ascended
My Shepherd was safe and my Country Defended
By freedoms brave sons on the banks of Champlain

I wiped from my eyes the big tears that had started
And hastened the news to my parents to hear
Who sighed for the loss of relations departed
And wept for the tidings that banished their care
The Cannon ceased roaring the drums still were beating
The foes of our Country to the north were retreating
The neighbouring damsels each other were greeting
With songs of delight on the banks of Champlain

They sung of our heroes whose valor had made them
No nation on earth so independent and free
That so we remain with kind heaven to aid us
In spite of invaders by land or by sea

Newyork (sic) the green mountain boy McComb & McDonald
The farmer the soldier the sailor and gunner
All parties united had plighted their honour
To conquer or die on the banks of Champlain

Our squadrons triumphant our army victorious
With laurels unfading our patent returned
My eyes never dwelt on a scene half so glorious

My heart with such raptures before never burned
For William my darling that moment appearing
His presence to every countenance cheering
Was rendered to me more than doubly endearing
By defeats he performed on the Banks of Champlain

But should smiling peace with her blessing & treasure
Ever visit the plains of Columbia again
No pen can describe the enrapturing pleasure
That I shall experience through life with my swain
For there is no wild savage shall come to alarm us
Nor wars British foe send their nations to harm us
But nature and art will continue to charm us
While happy we live on the banks of Champlain

Finis

A Receipt for Loaf Cake
To nine pounds of flour, nine eggs three pounds of butter three sugar one pint emptins

Hard Biscuit
To a pound of flour two ounces of butter one egg a spoonful of emptins

Puce Pies
Boil one pint of (illegible) add two quarts of milk half a pound of butter and eggs spice and sugar to your taste A teacup of butter two of sugar as much flour as the above will wet bake it ten minutes Two teacups of Cream one of sugar one egg two of flour half a teaspoonful of perlash

Mrs Nancy Wright Dr
To 7 pounds and eleven ounces Lard 10 Cnts Pound
To 66 ounces Pork 4 Cents pound

Mrs. Ford Dr to eight pounds ~~two ounces~~ butter

Mrs Wright one bushel of apples 3 shillings

Hartland August 14th 1815

Monday Morn

This day I shall leave the place where I spent my youthful days, to go amongst Strangers. May we be prospered in our journey, and be contented with our new home. ___ ___ ___

Monday Eve, Our Friends have been very kind to day, they shewed themselvs Friends They accompanied us about eight miles on our journey, and then bade us adieu perhaps forever.__ We have rode 27 miles today and put up at Bards Tavern in Becket.

Tuesday 15th Rode 10 Miles this morning and arrived at Burnhams Tavern in Lenox, here we shall have Breakfast, Sister Nancy and myself have walked 4 miles to day, we have had a good journey so far there has not been any trouble on the road as yet, we are now 59 miles from Hartland in Union Village at Griffiths Inn all in good ~~11 miles from Albany~~ health seven miles from Albany.____

Wednesday August 16th rode 6 miles this Morning, now called at Herricks Tavern in Green Bush, there we expect breakfast, a rainy day, it is bad for the horses, but we ride very comfortable.____

Arrived this evening at Water Vliet rode only 20 miles to day, we crossed the North River and spent about two hours with John Case, and then Capt Spencer broke his waggon which has hindered us some time, we are now at Lansings Tavern in Water Vliet shall stay here over Night._____

Thursday 17th Get along slowly to day left Lansings eleven miles beyond Albany, went through Schenectady, took the south road of the Mohawk River rode five miles and then found the road so very poor that we crossed the river and took the North road traveled three miles father (sic) and put up at Groats Tavern in Amsterdam._____

Valentine Fryday (sic) 18th get along very slow roads very bad, we have had a great share of wet weather we are now 31 miles from Utica, we shall not get to the Oneida Saturday, Capt Spencer has had some hindrance, the hind Axeltree to his waggon has broke and that hindered us about half a day,____Platts load has troubled him some, the ropes that it was bound with, broke and let his load loose, we have not had any trouble with our load yet._____

Saturday 19th day of August. This day I have seen some of the beauties of the Western World,____ we came through the little Falls a butiful (sic) Village and Herkermer, the most beautiful Village that ever I beheld, the Houses principally white; and most beautiful shade trees; which made it very pleasant. Farmington is nothing compared to this place for beauty, we came two miles and half out of the Village and put up to stay over the sabbath._____ My Father has a bad swelling on his hand, it first came on the thumb of his right hand and is swollen very bad, he cannot use it but a very little, it swells up into his ~~hard~~ arm this evening, he has gone to bed sick; cold chills run over him we are quite alarmed about him

Sabbath Morn August 20th My Fathers health is better but his hand continues swelling, Capt Spencer and my Brother are trying to prevail on him to ride to Vernon which is about 26 miles, but he absolutely refuses, we are now at a place where we could have no accommodations for any one that was sick; Capt S told him he must ride,-They accordingly went and put his horses into his waggon and persuaded him to go, and we got ready and went with them_____and we rode to Vernon before Night, and it was well we did for he has not been able to use his hand any since_____we found our Friends all well here and very glad to see us; what a happy thing it is that we have Friends on the road where we can call and rest us .

Teusday (sic) 22d Fathers hand is getting better. I hope we can set out on our journey tomorrow we shall if nothing prevents _____

Wednesday 23d This morning we shall set out on our journey. I shall drive my Fathers horses until his hand gets better Wednesday Eve, we have got along as well as could have expected today; we have rode 23 miles rode through the Indian Village today which was pleasing to me not being use (sic) to seeing them, some of them were dressed very handsome in their fashion, and some of them were almost naked._____

We have now put up at Sythmers Inn, in Sullivan and a poor one I believe; I do not like the looks of them much._____

Thursday 24th We have rode 32 miles to day, through the woods and by Log houses; and now put up at Wards Tavern in Camilus, I do not know but I shall have time to write a volume, before we shall get to our home; I sometimes get most discouraged._____

Fryday (sic) August 25th Rode eight miles this morning and called at Goodriches Inn 9 miles from Cayuga bridge; here we shall get breakfast._____

Fryday (sic) P.M. this day we crossed the Cayuga bridge which is quite a curiosity being one Mile and a half in length._____My spirits very low this Evening being very much troubled with the tooth ache, we have now put up at Dobbins Tavern in Junius Seneca County._____

Saturday Morn we rode about two miles this morning and came into Geneva at the Seneca Lake, a most beautiful Village, eleven years ago there was not a Framed house in this place, we rode from Geneva to Canadagua (sic); a very handsome Village we went into Jacobs Tavern and Father went to Mr Clevelands to carry letters; Cousin Mary would insist upon our going over to dine with them we accordingly did, and had an excellent dinner and good visit; we are not eight miles from Uncle Stanleys in Bloomfield._____

Saturday Eve arrived at Uncles about 5 oClock P M. found our friends well and glad to see us, here we shall stay until Monday Morn_____ Capt S and my Brother agreed they would ride a few miles father (sic) this Evening; and tomorrow I go to Le-Roy, Bloomfield is a pleasant place, we could not attend meeting on account of our Clothes they were packed so that we could not get to them conveniently_____

Monday August 28th This day we expect to get to our home in LeRoy, we have rode eight miles this morning and are now at Stephen Tinkers in West Bloomfield, nine miles from Genosee (sic) River._____

Caladona (sic) 10 oclock, when we was crossing the river, there was a Gentleman came into the boat, and spoke to my father called him by name. Father enquired how he cam to know him; he said his Son had described him, and sent word that he must not cross such such (sic) a bridge in the dark._____We are now at a very elegant Log house; at Hosmers Tavern, here we have called for a dinner the first meat we have bought since we left Hartland I now despair of getting home to Night the roads are very bad,_____Monday Eve we have got within four miles of home and put up for the night

Tuesday the 29th day of August This morning we arrived at our home, about 9 c clock and a good one I believe, the family that we bought of have not moved out of the house yet Mrs. Ganson has a young babe, she is not able to move out of the house yet._____

We have found some Cousins here I believe I shall like very well; I have seen some of them. Cousin Elisha Stanley has been at our house and I have ~~agreed~~ engaged to go and teach the School in the district where he lives, for seven or eight weeks._____

I feel very lonesome ~~here~~ not being acquainted here, I hope I shall enjoy myself better when I go to live with my Cousins._____

LeRoy Teusday (sic) Sept 12th 1815

This day I commence my School, may I give good satisfaction to the Parents, and good instruction to the Scholars _____ had but a small school to day only eleven scholars.

Wednesday 13th. This day had 20 Scholars and I believe good ones.

Fryday (sic) 15th get along very well with my School as yet, good scholars very attentive to their studies and pleasing in their maners (sic), do not keep school this P.M. being detained by company.

Saturday Morn. A rainy day I do not expect many scholars, I think I never had the care of a school that I was more pleased with than I am with this. I wish that I may give as good satisfaction to the Parents of the little Children as the Children do to me. _____ Monday Sept 18th my scholars increase very fast I had 27 today, I spent Sabbath Elisha Stanleys did not attend Meeting, which would have been

my choice. I spent the day in idleness. After tea we walked out to see the Falls which are quite a curiosity._____

There has 27 as big Rogues (?) as ever lived just scrabbled out of the School House, rejoicing I suppose to get away from their confinement. I hope that I shall do my duty towards these little ones they seem very dear to me, and I hope they may improve in learning so as to satisfy their Parents, and Instructor: _____

Thursday Sept 21st this Morn I came to my School House, found 18 scholars here with books in their hands waiting for me, they are very much engaged with their books as yet. I hope they will continue to do so_____Last Evening I attended a dance at Mr. Tufts, there was but a ~~few~~ small collection, I spent the evening very agreably (sic)_____

Fryday (sic) 22d had but a few scholars today, there being a Funeral in this Neighbourhood, a Parent of three of my scholars is to be buried this P.M. I pity Children that are left without a mother to take care of them in the days of their Childhood; for then they want their care._____ Happy are those children who in their youthful days have the quieting hand of a fond Parent, to fill their minds with sound instruction; that prunes the faults of childhood with the tenderest care.

Saturday Sept 23d very wet this morning, I have got here with some difficulty, but only one scholar, he came to accompany me, it looks gloomy and lonesome, I do not like retirement so well as to stay here alone. I believe I shall quit and go home _____

Thursday 28th I have been so engaged the week past, I hardly have had time to write my name; I visited my Fathers on Teausday (sic), Cousin Amanda & I myself went up and stayed all night.

Wednesday P.M. I heard a rap at the door; I went and opened it and who should I see? But an old acquaintance from Connecticut, guess my surprise and joy on seeing him, the first of my acquaintance that I have seen since I left the place, he went with me to my Cousins; and staid (sic) all night and went from there this morning.

Saturday 30 I have 29 little rogues to school to day, as full of mischief as they could hold and be comfertable (sic), keep school all the day to make up lost time; a great share of my time I loose, or spend foolishly, Time if I could realize it is to (sic) precious to be lost or spent as I do mine. That I might improve it as I ought is the sincere wish of Candace Beach.

Teusday (sic) Oct 3d This day Mr. Tuttle came in to my school house and told me his brother would set our for Connecticut in an hour;; I dismissed my Scholars, and sat down and wrote a line to my brother Maj Williams, with pleasure do I write ~~I~~ to those dear Friends we left in that place; I anticipate the pleasing hope that I shall again see some of them._____

Oct 4th my Scholars are all engaged for training, I begin to think I shall have to stay alone in the school house, a very pleasant day, I hope they will content themselves after today to come to school steadily.

Oct 6th Another death in this Neighbourhood (sic) I think it is a warning to us all to be prepared for death, we know not when it will come upon us._____

A rainy morning Cousin Amanda and myself visited at Mr. McPhersons last evening, had a very agreable (sic) visit, but I think it is time for me to be steady and stay at home, it will not do for School Teachers to visit so much, I fear it will take of my mind from my School to (sic) much_____

Detained from visiting this P.M. by the rain; I do not know but it is a good thing but somewhat of a disappointment to me, I expected to have met my Sister Nancy at Mr. Olmsteds being invited there to get Peaches with some other Friends_____

Fryday (sic) Morn very wet this morning I do not expect many Scholars to day; the weather is so cold, and it is so rainy; it looks gloomy now if it holds such uncomfortable weather I shall not continue my school much longer_____

Saturday 7th continues rainy & cold, but I had not ought to be discourged (sic) as long as the scholars continue to be ambitious, some of them have come a mile this cold rainy morning only for half a day_____

Wednesday Oct 11th I visited at Mr. Taylors last Eve they told me they never knew their children so pleased with going to school as they are now. I am very glad of it, if they are pleased with going to school they will be engaged to learn.

Thursday Oct 12th This morning coming to School I saw about 20 Indians, almost naked they are fixing to encamp here, and make baskets. I met one of sqaws (sic) and a little boy with her ~~at~~ very ragged and dirty, I went to him and gave him a cake which I believe he was very glad to get.

I am very homesick to day I have thought of home a great many times today; if it is possible I will go home Saturday and see my Parents

Cousin Amanda and myself talk of going down to Uncle Elisha Stanleys this P.M. which will seem like going home. Oct 14th Saturday Morn Another week is almost gone; but how have I spent the time, weeks and months roll on and I spend them as if they were never to have an end --- but remember the time will come when I shall wish that I had spent them better than I do now.

Wednesday 19th I shall keep School but half this day, I must go and help Mrs Kelsey (?) quilt this P.M. with the other Ladies; I must play some as well as the rest of them.

Thursday 19th I left my School as I talked of, but I was sorry that I did—There is but little enjoyment to me in such parties; we all expecting great pleasure but how few find it it is all a vanity, not any thing that affords real happiness

Thursday P.M. I have had 20 seven little rogues to day and rogues they were in good earnest, I have had to put the rule onto one of their hands to day; it is with pleasure that I instruct them when they will be obedient but it is hard to punish them I have not had occasion to punish one until today and I hope I shall not be obliged to another, for it is not very pleasing to me and I day say it is not to them; but sometimes necessary.

Saturday 21st I shall not keep school only this A.M. I expect to go home. Cousing Elisha S. says he will go and cary (sic) me home, I have got quite homesick; have staid from home so long I must not complain if I cannot go home so often for I have not any better home there than I have here; neither could
I have any where they are all very kind to me; I ought to be thankful for kind and agreable (sic) Friends, I should be very lonesome without their company in this place

Monday 23d So pass on the weeks, may I spend this week better than I ever spent one before, I went home to my Fathers on Saturday, had an agreable (sic) visit, found our people all well, and returned again Sabbath Evening.

Teusday (sic) Morn 24 day October, very cold this Morning; I shall not continue my School but a short time; it is so uncomfortable for myself and Scholars the greater part of them have no shoes nor stockings and it is to (sic) cold for them

Thursday 26th Continues cold and looks very gloomy; it looks lonesome to me to see the leaves falling from the trees; and Nature stripped of its verdent (sic) robes. We must soon expect to see dreary Winter come upon us. Fryday (sic) 27th This morning it looks like Winter indeed; the snow falls very fast, and it is so cold and tedious weather; I almost wish myself at home; but I am made comfortable here, a good School house and a roaring fire to sit by; and not very busy having only eight Scholars, but if I had Thirty I should ~~like~~ be more contented; I shall feel disagreable (sic) to leave these little Children; they seem very dear to me.

Fryday (sic) PM I have made out only ten Scholars to day; I told them I should not stay more than two or three days more at the longest, if it held such weather; They all affected sorrow on the account, said they could not have me go; promise they would attend school as long as I would come; but it is so cold for their little bare feet; there has not many of them got any shoes to wear.

Monday Morn 30th day October; I have not been to my School since Fryday (sic) until this Morning, on account of the snow; I never saw such a snow at this season before; not many Scholars today; the weather is so unfavourable; (sic) I shall not stay with them only tomorrow, I think not.

Teusday (sic) P.M. the 31st Oct This day I close my School and it would be with regret if it were not on account of the cold weather; I never had the care of a school, where I enjoyed myself better than I have here for seven weeks; agreable (sic) scholars and easy to govern.

Wednesday Nov the 1st, I have changed my mind, I thought yesterday I should not keep school any longer; Capt Marsh came here and insisted ~~on~~ that I should stay some time longer, I thought I could not, but he finally prevailed on me to stay this week; The weather looks very favourable (sic) now I do not know how long I shall stay_____I told the Children I would leave the business with them if they choose to come to school I would keep longer, they all said stay._____

A beautiful afternoon, looks favourable (sic) for a pleasant Evening; the youth in this Neighbourhood are calculating to go and warm Capt Marsh,s house._____

Thursday Nov 2d We went to Capt Marsh,s there was a large collection, and no kind of order amongst them. I did not enjoy myself as I used to in Connecticut they certanly(sic) are not so civil, some of them very profane and that I abhor; it is what I am not accustomed to hear. I shall not keep School this PM. Being detained by Company, my Father and Mother have come to visit me and I must leave the School and wait upon them. _____

Two days more I now calculate shall finish my School, I do not know but I shall alter my mind but I think not. Had a good visit from my Parents Yesterday; I was very glad to see them, Parents are a great comfort to Children; we do not know how to prize them unless separated from them at least I think so of mine._____

Saturday Nov 4th Cold and rainy this Morning, and I am sick with a cold myself; I do hardly feel able to stay in the School House. But I have this to comfort me, I have not got to stay here only to day; and I am hartily (sic) glad of it; the weather is so uncomfortable._____

LeRoy Nov 4th 1815

Leroy April the 1st ~~1816~~ 1816

This day I commence my School for the Summer I think it is something of an undertaking I have engaced (sic) for 6 (?) Months the shortest time. If the people are suited with me, and I can suit myself I do not know how long I shall stay

~~Fy~~ Fryday (sic) the 5th very rainy to day hapily (sic) for me I have not far to walk, now boarding at Mr. Lebarrons, ~~near~~ opposite the School houses last Eve I had a very pleasant walk with Mr. H----n and Amanda. It was a butiful (sic) Evening to walk._____

Saturday Morn very rainy to day and quite cold, I have thirteen Scholars but not one that is large enough to build a fire and it is uncomfortable saying (sic) here without; I believe I shall let them read once, and go home._____

Monday the 8th of April very pleasant this morn I went to Elisha Stanlys and stayed over the Sabbath with Amanda_____

Teusday (sic) 9th ~~This day~~ I shall not keep School but half the day being detained by Company, which I was very glad to see, Sally Lemen and my Sister Nancy. We visited Amanda in the P.M.----- I begin to feel more contented with my School than I did at first I thought when I first came here I could not content myself to spend the Summer here in this School house; but the Scholars have gained my love already; if I can be the means of doing them any good I shall be willing to stay with them._____

Fryday (sic) the 12 very unwell to day I hardly feel able to stay in the Schoolhouse; it is a poor place for any one that haves (sic) the head ache as hard as I have got it now,_____

Saturday 13th I have just dismissed my Scholars and they have gone home; Oh what would I give if I could go home this P.M. it appears to me that I cannot content myself to stay over the Sabbath, I know it is foolish for me to give way to such childish feelings, but I cannot help it, it is my disposition and that I cannot alter_____

Monday April 15th had 25 scholars, and they have been very pleasing today; they have endeavored to behave as well as they could; and when they will do that I never will complain, I am this P.M. going to Mr. Nettletons to board; this business I do not like at all, I do not like to change my home so often I had rather hire my board, and live at one place steady_____

Wednesday 17th very cold and snowy looks like winter indeed I rode to school in the sleigh this morning, and it was decent sleighing which I did not expect in April_____

Thursday April 18th very snowy to day I have but a small school ~~today~~ only 15 scholars some are afraid of the snow; and some of them have gone up to the settlement to see the exhibition of the School there, I expect there will be something very noble to be seen there today. I should like to have attended myself, if it had been convenient, but here I have to stay with my little family like some old Mother unknowing and unknown_____

Fryday (sic) 19th dismissed my School until Monday Morn; this Eve I am calculating to go up to the Settlement to meet my Sister Nancy there and trade a little. It is very bad walking at present, so extreme bad I cannot walk from the School house

Monday Morn April 22d I went to the Settlement and talked of (illegible) in dollars 22 cents came back, found Amanda on the bed very sick, I was quite alarmed about her, I stayed there until this Morning and helped her all I could_____

Teusday (sic) Morn – and a beautiful Morning it is the birds sing very merrily among the trees, I went down to Uncle Stanleys and slept with Amanda, had an agreable (sic) visit with them all This noon I received two letters one from my Sister in Leroy the other from a Cousin in Connecticut and a good letter it was she gives me good advice and I hope that I may profit by her good advice. Had 26 Scholars to day and very noisy I think my head aches hard I do not feel like talking to them but I have to very often to keep them still

Wednesday P.M. have Company this afternoon Mr. G.W. called here, I calculate to go to Mr.Stanleys after School to visit with Mrs. Smith and Miss Barrows_____

Had an agreable visit with the Ladies and in the Evening a pleasant walk with G. Wetton (?) and Louise Stanley—I do not feel quite encouraged with my Scholars, I think they learn fast if they will continue to do as well through the Summer I shall be proud of them_____

Fryday (sic) 26th very pleasant this Morn I came from Mr. S__ had a party there last Even and some dancing spent the evening agreably, (sic) had Company in School this A.M. E and H Smiths and Cousin Amanda, I like to have people call at the School-house it makes the Scholars encouraged and try to learn_____

Saturday Morn and a beautiful Morning it is; I calculate to go to my Fathers after School, I have not been at home since I first came here & I have got quite homesick_____ Monday Morn April 29th

I did not go home as I expected to, very much disappointed indeed, but it was not convenient Fryday (sic) the present I am determined on going home_____going to Mr. McPhersons to board this week, if ever they get me to keep School and board amongst the people again, they will be good fellows_____

Tuesday 31th I saw my Father and Brothers; was glad to see them my Father says they want to see me at home very much but they cannot, more than I do_____

Wednesday May the 1st and very rainy I expect to have to walk towards a mile in the rain—got home well last evening I like to walk it suits me exactly pleasant Evenings_____

Thursday P.M. expect company this Evening at Mr. McPhersons Mr. Huchinson and Cousin Amanda

Fryday (sic) May 3d We all subject to disappointment I was flattering myself with the prospects of going home after School, and Mr. Stanley came down this PM to tell me he could not share his house until tomorrow and by that time I expect it will rain and then I shall give up the idea of even going home; I have been waiting so long I am almost discouraged_____

Monday Morn May 6th I went home on Saturday as I talked of; had a good visit had a party of young people Sabbath Eve and about ten o clock I came back to my summers home_____

Wednesday 8th I shall not keep School but half this day we are going to help Mrs. Olmsted quilt this P.M. Thursday the 9th there was a death in the Neighbourhood (sic) yesterday an infant only three weeks old, and the only child of its Parents which will be a great affliction to them_____had Company this P.M. Miss I Mcpherson and Amanda Stanley, they said they were well pleased with the School; thought the Scholars had made good improvements in Learning_____

Monday May 13, my spirits very low this morning a circumstace (sic) happensd that I was not looking for from that quarter, which gives me great trouble I hope I may not hear any more about it, but if I do it will trouble me much; have company this PM. Miss Nettleton which I was glad to see being lonesome; and it took my mind in some measure of from my troubles_____

Teusday (sic) 14th I have thirty four Scholars to day, and it is very cold; so extreme cold that I have as much fire as I should need in the Winter_____This Evening I shall go to the Widow Wilcoxes to board one mile & half from the School house

Wednesday 15th I have got an excellent place to board, agreable (sic) people, they live quite retired which suits my presant (sic) feelings exactly; I feel very much cast down of late I hardly know the cause---I hope it is without any reason_____

Thursday 15th went down to Uncle Stanleys yesterday and cut some frocks for the Children, and some of the young people came there in the Evening, but there was nothing that afforded me any Comforts. There is no real comfort to be found in such amusements; I wish that I could have my mind placed on nobler object than the fadings things of this changeable World._____

I have thirty six Scholars to day which keep me very busy. It is of the greatest consequence how I instruct these little children, I shall one day have to give account how I instructed their minds._____

Monday May 20th Very rainy this morning I hardly know how I should have got to the School house if it had not been for the politeness of Mr. E Smith—I do not find many Scholars neither can I expect many as long as it is so rainy._____

Wednesday 22d I feel quite discouraged this morning, I hardly know the cause of it, every thing appears gloomy and lonesome, I had an agreable (sic) visit from Mr. Barrows and my Sister Nancy yesterday they came quite unexpected to me. There is to be a preaching here at two O Clock P.M. I shall dismiss my School and attend_____

Thursday Morn and quite rainy, I was quite sick last Night with a cold, Mrs. Wilcox was very kind indeed. I went to bed early, she gave me some medicine which made me feel quit (sic) well this morning, she would not let me walk to School, I think I ought to be very thankful for her goodness._____

Saturday 25th rainy and cold I am quite sick to day a very hard cough I do not feel able to stay in the School house_____

Monday Morn May 27th And a beautiful morning indeed, my health is much better, but my spirits very low, I can hardly account for it. I do not know what is a going to happen to me but it appears to me that something will take place that will give me trouble, but perhaps I am mistaken I hope it may be so._____

Wednesday May 29th One year more of my mortal life is past; and how have I spent the times I am well convinced that I have not improved it as I ought there has been great changes in my circumstances for the year past----what will take place for the year to come, ~~or whether~~ I know not, or whether I shall live to see another year, is very uncertain; it is therefore of the greatest importance that I live so as to be prepared for death whenever it shall come; we have all got to die sooner or later, whether prepared or not prepared_____

Fryday (sic) May 31st pleasant this morning it begins to look more like summer, The Spring has been extremely cold great frosts that I fear will injure the fruit Last evening my Uncle and

his family arrived here from Bloomfield, they have an agreable (sic) family pleasing Children; and no kind Mother to take care of them in their youthful days._____

Monday June 3d yesterday I went up to the settlement to meeting and saw two of my acquaintance from Hartland which I was glad to see, and they brought letters from my Sisters_____

Monday June 10th came from my Fathers this morning had a good visit with them found them all well and in good spirits--- visited at May Lemens last evening had an agreable (sic) visit Sally and other young people that called in_____

June 11th Feel quite unwell this morning I do not know what is the matter, but if I do not get any better I cannot stay in School very long. I am now boarding with Mr. Crockers and I call it a very good home_____

Wednesday morn, pleasant and warm this morning had company yesterday at Elisha S's I did not keep school in the P.M. and after tea I took a ride out to my Fathers and returned back as far as Capt Barrows, and came from there about Sunrise this morning_____

Fryday (sic) 14th this day my Mother came to see me who I was pleased to see, she will go down to my Uncles this P M. Cousin Amanda & myself will go down and visit with her_____

Monday 17th This morning Mr. Crocker came and engaged Elisha to board me eight days I am very glad of it___ I do not like to board around _____

June Saturday 22d I have been so engaged the week past with a large School and some Company that I have not had any time to write, hardly my name_____my health has been poor the past week, but how thankful I ought to be, that I am not confined on a sick bed, but I do not know how soon I may be. Sickness and death we cannot avoid but what we all ought to be looking for_____

Monday Morn June 29th _____We have had extreme warm weather for three or four days past, it is uncomfortable for me, the house is very warm indeed----I had a pleasant walk with Mr. Huchinson (sic) and (ineligible) walks out to the falls, the water was low and seated our selves on the rocks, which project over the water; which made it cool and very pleasant where we passed the hours agreably (sic) until the setting of the Sun_____

Thursday 27th I have a large School this week about forty Scholars which ~~keeps~~ makes me very busy I enjoy myself well at present there is two or three that have hired my board at Elisha Stanleys, which suits me well; I like to live with Amanda her company is agreeable (sic) to me, this Summer_____I am homesick indeed, this Morning It appears to me I cannot content myself without going home to day I am invited to visit this PM but I have not one wish to go----I am tired of visits modes and forms <u>And flatteries paid to fellow women</u>

Monday July the 1st very pleasant and warm this morning but I do not know how long it may continue so; last week Fryday (sic) evening there was a severe frost which wholly destroyed large fields of Corn---Spring presented us with lively expectations we watched the progress of Nature, and smile, at her influence; while the man of contemplation walked forth with the evening, amidst the fragrance of flowers. And promises of plenty, anticipating a good harvest; but it appears their expectations will be cut of (sic) in a great measure it looks gloomy now to see such fields of Corn, lie level with the ground from whence it sprang_____

Thursday July 4th The youth are all engaged for keeping Independence to day, or some of them at least but for myself I do not feel very independent, it appears to me if the weather is not more favourable soon, before another July we shall all of us feel, as if we were dependent Cretures; (sic) and if we had a ~~vig~~ propper (sic) sense of our situation we should think so now._____The young Company are calculateing (sic) to dance in this School house, this Evening. I intend to Call in and see them a short time----to see how they perform.

Monday July 8the Cold and likely to rain it looks so gloomy at this present time, the weather appears more like March or April than July what will become of poor people, I do not know if this weather continues, I think they must suffer ~~and~~ greatly I want to go to my Fathers very much, I have not been at home but twice in fourteen weeks_____

Teusday (sic) 9th Pleasant this morning, but at the time sun rose there was a white frost on the ground____I went to Uncle T Stanleys yesterday and stayed all Night with Marana, she is quite lonesome in this place_____

Thursday July 11th I have a large School at present about thirty five scholars; it often makes me tremble to think what care I am entrusted with, I shall one day have to give an account how I have instructed them

Between 30 and 40 of them; which have all immortal souls to save or to loose; (sic) and I know it is my duty to warn them of it but I do not feel myself capable of giving such advice as I ought_____ This day I calculate to go to my Fathers, it is almost five weeks since I have been home, I think I ought to visit them as often as that only five miles from them._____

Thursday 25th Quite unwell this morning my spirits very low, I did not feel like coming down to the school house in the rain, if I was at home I should think myself quit (sic) sick._____

Fryday (sic) 26th pleasant this morning, yesterday PM I went home to my Fathers and staid (sic) all Night they think hard of me that I do not visit them oftener but I cannot conveniently_____

Monday July 29th pleasant this morning but what are the beauties of the morning to a troubled mind? It is true I have affected (illegible) cheerfulness this morning, but it was all affectation---- though the face wears a smile of contentment yet it often conceals a sickning (sic) heart,--- but the business that has troubled my mind is at an end, and I hope I shall soon forget the past, and yet see happy days in the same agreable (sic) company Monday P M Cousin Amanda and myself are calculateing (sic) to visit the Miss Wilcoxes this Eve I expect we hall have an agreable (sic) visit, if not I shall blame an absent mind_____

Teusday (sic) Morn---I did not visit as we talked of yesterday, we had other business to attend to, this is a world of trouble, we shall always have more or less of it as long as we continue here---if ever we enjoy real happiness it must be in another World._____

Where all is joy, where all is peace,
Where love and friendship never cease

Wednesday Morning did not keep School but half the day yesterday my Sisters came to visit me, I had a good visit with them. had a dance last evening at Cousin Elisha's they danced in the Mill Chamber, a good room for dancing, but what are such amusements for me? indeed there is nothing very satisfying to me in such recreations

Monday August 5th Eighteen weeks I have spent with those Scholars and have got along with them better than I expected, they are agreable (sic) Children, easy to govern not one stubborn one amongst them all, and I do think they have Improved in reading and spelling greatly, Six weeks more I calculate shall finish my stay with them----I do not calculate I shall even stay with them so long again_____ Visited at Uncle Stanleys last Evening had an agreable (sic) visit with them. I do not visit much this summer I call myself very Steady._____

Wednesday August 7th There is to be preaching at this School house at 4 oclock P.M. a Minister that is hired to preach by the Female Missonary (sic) Society. What can be more pleasing than to see females engaged in promoting the cause of Religion_____

Thursday August 8th Very warm this morning and faint weather which makes me feel quite unwell and discouraged, There was a very full meeting here yesterday the School house was much crowded, I should say there was a hundred people or more attended---and a good Sermon delivered---The text was in John 3 Chap 3 verse---Verrily Verrily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God_____

Fryday (sic) Morning My spirits very low this morning I have no home, no one that offers to board me, where I shall go this Night I know not, but one thing I know that if I do not have one soon, I shall leave them and go to my own home_____ Fryday (sic) P.M there has been a very hard shower

this PM. I think I never before heard so heavy Thunder the little Children sat trembling, and crying, and all looking to me for protection. But I felt as if they must look to one greater than myself for protection_____

Monday Morn August 12th Pleasant and cool this morning, we have fine weather now for Crops that are on the ground_____I attended meeting yesterday heard two excellent Sermons, I think that they pay more attention to religion than they used to in this place; If I am not a Christian myself it is pleasing to me to see people engaged in the duties of religion which is of infinite importance to all of us._____Have Company this PM. Miss Electa Nettleton has call in to see me, and visit Amanda after school

Wednesday Morn I shall not keep School but half the day, I am calculateing (sic) to go to my Fathers this PM. E.S. and St St (?) and Amanda will accompany me home._____

Thursday 15th Went home as we talked of (illegible) found our friends well and had a good visit with them and Mrs. Barrows and Sally Lemen which came to my Fathers _____

Monday Morning August 19th I shall not stay but four weeks longer with these little Children, yet it has been pleasing to me to teach them; they are pleasing scholars, they have done their utmost to gain my affection. There is scarcely one of them that comes to School but what have some little present for me every morning

Monday Morn August 26th I feel very unwell this morning, taken a sudden cold I expect, have a violent head ache_____three weeks more to stay, I have got so now that I almost count the hours, I feel tired of being in School yet I love these little Children; they have gained my affection, they seem very dear to me; they have been under my care so long that I shall have disagreable (sic) feelings when I leave them

Wednesday August 28th I have had an invitation to Mr Mcphersons to help them quilt tomorrow, but I do not think that I can help them conveniently, I have so many calls for visiting lately that if I should go at every call I should not have much time to be in School___. I expect company this P M. Mrs. Olmsted and Marana & Mary Stanley_____

Fryday (sic) 30th I am quite sobered this morning, I did not keep School but half the day yesterday in the P.M. I went to Mr. Mcphersons to quilting, and they danced in the Evening ~~and~~ I have heard about the Scotch balls, but I never attended one before, indeed I never wish to again there was no more regularity among them than there would have been among so many little Children 6 years old I thought sometimes I should be pulled in quarters, if a gentleman asked me to dance there was no excuse would rid me of them but dance I must

Saturday Morn August 31st I am very lonesome to day, my Cousins are all going up to spend the day with Mrs. Barrows, and my Sisters I expect will be there; I had an invitation to go with them, but here I have got to stay with these little Children two weeks longer, and then I intend to go when I please_____

Monday Morning 2d day of September Can it be possible that it has got to be fall? The last Summer appears like a dream to me; how have I spend (sic) the time? I must confess a great part of it has been spent very foolishly—if I could realize the value of time I should not spend it as I have the past year

Wednesday Sept 4th Feel low spirited this Morning. I shall rejoice when I am at liberty again, to do as I please I have been confined a long time, almost six Months I feel as if I should be very willing to be released for certain reasons I wish to go home and spend some time with them, and have my mind more settled, not that I am discontented; instead of that I shall be homesick to come back here, It appears more like home to me here, than It does at my Fathers House____ They have always been very kind to me and I shall always respect them for it. I have spent a great many hours agreably (sic) with my Friends there more, probably than I ever shall again

Thursday 5th Very pleasant for the season beautiful Evenings I walked out last Evening, went as far as Uncles (sic) T Stanley and made them a short visit_____Marana had just received a letter form

her Brother Edwin, he appears by his writing to have great affection for his little Brothers and Sisters, especially for the babe, he wrote a verse which suited me so well that I have taken if off---

Poor Eliot thou Orphan boy
Once you had a Mother dear,
But now she is gone above the sky
And left you to a Sisters love,
Marana take the Orphan boy
Teach him the road above the sky
That he may meet his mother there
And dwell with Christ the Lord on high

I believe the little baby has a kind sister to take care of him which is a great comfort to his Father

Monday Sept 9th I have not been in school Since Fryday (sic) until this morning I stayed at Home and assisted Amanda about quilting Saturday, I did not attend Meeting, not being convenient for Amanda and she would not consent to my going without her, we walked out last evening and made Isabella a short visit._____I have not got to stay with these little Children but eight days longer but that appears like a month to me I have got quite tired o teaching School_____

Wednesday 12th Had Company yesterday Maria W and Cousin Louisa I went home with Louisa and staid all Night, had a pleasant visit with Aunt E-S_____

Thursday Very rainy this Morning, I had to walk from Uncle T Stanleys, and made me very wet, but I have this to comfort me I have not got to come here but four days after this day, and I do not regret leaving it in the (illegible)

Fryday (sic) Morn Sept 14the Cold and very muddy walking this morning I have but nineteen Scholars yet and I shall not expect many on account of the bad weather_____

Monday Morning Sept 17th A very pleasant morning, but I feel rather low spirited, all that gives me any comfort this morning is that I am so soon going home; it is very necessary for me soon to go home; if I was there I should feel quite contented not but that I like the people they have all been very kind to me, have treated me much better than I deserve_____I am expecting Company this P M several of the Parents of these children are coming to see how they have improved the past Summer I for my part am quite proud of them; I do think they have improved greatly in Six months; it seems like a dream when I think how long I have been with those little Children_____

Teusday (sic) Sept 18th Had company yesterday as I expected they appeared to be well suited with the School thought they had made great proficiency in their studies. This will be the last day that I shall spend with these little children, I feel pleased to be released from such confinement yet I cam down the hill this morning with a heavy heart I have spent many pleasing hours with the children, and some with the Parents; I have not lived with the people very much boarded with Mr. Stanley the principle part of the time which suited me better_____

Thursday 19 this day I left my Cousins, and Amanda came with me to my Fathers I now calculate now to stay at home and be steady at my work