

This 1897 diary of Mary Flora Ware was among the items given to the Ware Family Association by the estate of Joyce Busby in 2014. Joyce's grandmother was Amy Ware Busby, Mary's sister. The two sisters, Mary, age 34, and Amy, age 24, took the train from Hillsboro, Illinois to Marlboro, New Hampshire for a four month's visit with their relatives "back East". One can follow their travels as they go from one New England town to another to visit different branches of their extended Ware and Brigham families.

The comments within the parentheses were written by Marilyn Mullins Maccanelli who transcribed the diary. The sentence structure and spelling were left exactly as written. Marilyn is working on the transcription of the diary of Amy Ware Busby, covering the same period as the diary of her sister, Mary. Amy was not married at the time these diaries were written.

Mary Ware Diary beginning the end of Sept. 1897

(written @ 35, born 11/29/1862-died 12/6 1939)

We began talking of going east Sept 13th and Tuesday night Sept 28th we left H. at 10.29. Our route was by the Lake Shore NY Central and Fitchburg R.R. Had expected to make no change till we reached Cleaveland but had to make our first change at Indianapolis at four o'clock Wed. morning only 10 min stop between trains We did not sleep much during the night. Six oclock were at Muncie. Between six and seven ate our breakfast We travelled all forenoon not seeing much but dried corn cut up & wheat fields mostly (can't decipher the word) us the wheat nearly as dry as ILL, the fields were in better condition. Reached Cleaveland about one P.M. where we saw the beautiful Lake Erie. At Erie, Pa, the fields began to look greener, and after leaving Cleaveland there were so many vine yards all the way to Buffalo. We reached Buffalo after six eastern time which is one hour different from Cen. Time. It was about dark. Only about ten min between trains. We ate our supper soon after getting on the train. Slept most of the night till we reached Albany at 3 A.M. where we waited till six Amy and I went to the Ladies' private waiting room and had a nap on one of the benches. About five went to the dining room and had a cup of coffee which made us feel better. Left for Troy 6 got there at 6:30 left 7:45 From there to Greenfield passed through a beautiful country. The high hills or mountains covered with autumn foliage and clear running streams and rich green grass all combined to make a beautiful panorama for our eyes. Instead of going into Fitchburg we changed cars at Gardner Mass. waited from one til 4.54 when we took the train going to Winchendon changed cars there without any stop. Reached Marlboro about six. Found Uncle John waiting for us and got her 6:30. Trunk and clothing came all right unpacked some before going to bed.

Friday, Uncle John & Aunt Eveline took us up to the granite Quarry in the P.M. also drove through some pleasant roads and to the cemeteries. It was lovely, a pleasant day

quite warm and the foliage. and ferns by the road side were like a picture. Belle and Uncle Proctor surprised us by coming to see us in the evening.

Saturday, Toward noon Uncle John took us out to Keene On our way out there we stopped to see Belle, and promised to stop as we returned which we did. Uncl (Yes, spelled this way) Proctor bringing us after supper.

Sun.Oct 3rd. A white frost in the morning, but grew warmer. We all attended the Cong. Church. They had a new minister. He took as his text "We see thro' a glass darkly but then face to face." At night Uncle P. took us to the M.E. church.

Mon. Oct 4th. We washed. Amy and I. and ironed our clothes as we are going to E. Jaffry tomorrow to visit Carrie Towne Pleasant day.

Wed. Oct 5th. We came to Mr. Townes yesterday. The day was perfect, rather cool when we left Marlboro at 8 A.M. but grew warmer all the time. Reached here about noon. We had a long drive over beautiful country, it was up hill and down all the way. They call this road "over the mountain" as we cross the foot of Mount Monadoch(K). The foliage is still lovely and saw one beautiful lake on the road not very far from here. This morning Amy has been in the woods gathering ferns evergreen. (I can't decipher) Uncle John and Aunt Eveline went over to E. Jaffrey village to see his sister, Mrs. White. Looked like rain but only sprinkled.

Friday, 8th. Uncle John & Aunt Eveline came back from the village yesterday before noon and stayed till this morning. Was a beautiful day.

Monday 11, A gloomy day just sprinkled a little Carrie washed but could not dry her clothes. Saturday night had a slight freeze. Went to a Husking at night didn't get back till after one o'clock.

Tuesday Uncle Levi and Carrie brought us back to Marlboro. When about half way it began to rain and continued to rain after we reached Marlboro.

Wed. Uncle Levi and Carrie went back home in the P.M.

Thursday 14. Uncle John Tina Amy and I went out to Keene in the afternoon. Was quite warm for the time of year.

Friday 15. Aunt Eveline went with us girls in the P.M. to call on Mrs. White (family Liza Temple) who lives in Lowelville. It was quite a warm walk and we wore no wraps either.

Saturday 18. We washed in forenoon and as we had been invited to Mr. Byron Knights to tea Uncle John took us there and Mr. K. brought us back. had a pleasant visit. Very warm.

Sunday 19 Uncle Proctor was at Aunt Eveline's to dinner. We all attended the Congregational church in the morning and at night all went but Aunt E.

Monday 18 (date are not correct, I think) We ironed clothes washed Sat. Called with Tina at Mr. Matthews in P.M. We are intending to go to Surry Tues. but had a letter from Aunt B. saying her daughter was not at home so we had to change our plans.

Tuesday 19 18 (date are not correct, I think) Here we are at Chester. Uncle J. and Tina brought us to Keene where we to the 11.14 train this forenoon. They were not expecting us so we walked up to the house and took a round about way , we afterward learned is it is not but about ½ mile from the station. Has been somewhat cloudy.

Friday, 22. Yesterday afternoon Frank took us for a drive went up and over a high hill. The scenery is not as attractive as when we first reached the east as the trees are brown and some are leafless. It seems more hilly around here than Marlboro. At night we went with Frank to the Baptist church to prayer meeting. The subject was The Holy Spirit.

Tuesday, 26. We are still here enjoying our visit very much. Sunday we attended church in the forenoon both preaching and sunday school. At night went to the C.E at 6.30. Sermon afterward. Yesterday Stella & I washed Amy was about sick. Wesley took me for a short drive over the village. Today is very pleasant. was foggy early but soon cleared away.

Wednesday 27 Stella Amy and I went up in the village in the afternoon. Went to the town library and thro' the cemetery which is a very old one. some of the stones being erected in 1780 & 90. They were of a slate color. Saw Charlies grave and Uncle Enochs and wife.

Thursday 28 In the afternoon Frank went with us to one of the hills near us to one of the hills near the village. We had a good view of the village from the hill top. It was a lovely day quite warm and clear. We received a short letter from Ma saying they thought of leaving Cedar Rapids Friday and come home by way of Castleton also stop in Decatur. Wrote a letter to our folks Rec'd a letter from Aunt E. she and Uncle John are going down to keep house at Uncle Levis while he & Carrie visit Amherst who will go Sat.

Saturday 30. Cooler today Wesley said the ground was frozen where it was wet enough.

Tuesday Nov, 2nd. Yesterday morning we washed and hung out the clothes tho' it rained some It drizzled along in the forenoon but toward night increased some and rained most of the night. This morning since day light has been a steady rain. This will surely soon raise the river. We had intended to go to Geo. W's about today, but don't know now when we shall.

Friday 5th Wed forenoon it quit raining and about eleven we went up street as they say here to make a few purchases. Soon after dinner we began to get ready to go to George's. Started about two and reached here at six. is about 22 miles. Found Mrs. W and baby alone as the men and boys were attending a trial in Brookline did not get here till eight. Yesterday was a beautiful day clear and warm. In the forenoon Amy & the boys climbed a hill near here Frank started home about two and Cousin Stella and we girls went as far as Townshend village with him then we came back by another road call it the river road as the West River runs by the road It must be a lovely drive in the summer When we went over we over we travelled most of the way by the railroad – such a dangerous road as the rail road is on one side and the banks on the other.

Sat .6th. Yesterday Mrs. W. took us for a drive: it was warm and pleasant and we enjoyed it. This morning seemed so warm when we got up but soon turned cooler.

Sun. 7th. We attended church in the forenoon. After dinner we climbed a hill back of the house. Was not very cool.

Tuesday 9th. Rained all day and blew hard at night.

Wed. 10. Was a beautiful day. The men met at the Bap. Church to work and the ladies went to carry dinner. We went with them.

Tuesday. 12. We are still here and the way the weather is do not know when we shall go back to Chester. Was cloudy all day yesterday & in the P.M. & evening rained. but when we got up this morning found snow on the ground.

Friday 19. We came back here (Chester) last Saturday afternoon. It was quite muddy-snow had melted enough to be sloppy . Geo C. brought us in covered buggy with two horses, Left there about two or 15 min before and reached here 3.30. Sunday was cold ground frozen, Geo went home in the afternoon. We attended church both morning and evening. Mon. we washed and hung out the clothes but it was too damp for them

to dry and Tuesday it rained, but by Wed. forenoon they were dry enough to iron. Wed. P.M. wrote to Beulah and Tina, and then we went up street. When we got back from Brookline found they were looking for Lilla and she came that evening and stayed till Tuesday night. Yesterday we got letters from Ma & Pa. and they have sent some of their mail to Marlboro. We had expected to leave here this week for Bellow Falls but they want we should stay till after Thanksgiving so think we will do so It is snowing this morning.

Sat. Nov 27th We spent Thanksgiving here. and intend to go to Bellows Falls this afternoon. Frank will go with us. We have had a variety of weather this week. Sun. thawed and Mon. night snowed some again Wed. morning was quite cold about 10 above zero here. Thursday was much warmer and thawed. We had our Thanksgiving dinner just with their own family. In the evening Amy went with Frank to the service in the Cong. Church sermon by Baptist minister. Yesterday was warm and had quite a rain during the night Looks some like clearing off and turning colder.- hope it will rather than rain more Got a letter from home Thursday. Well we went as we intended to Bellows Falls. Frank went with us and when we reached there I took a cab & the boy of age and Amy & Frank walked. The driver stopped at a house to ask where Mr Brigham lived and found they had move to their farm the week before. My spirits sank to zero. We had quite a time to get together and then Frank got a livery team and we started it was getting late and after dark when we reached the place Found them not settled from the moving but yet received a very cordial welcome. Bert was away "on a run". We were glad to have Frank with us for it would have been rather a lonely ride out there with a strange man. The next day Sun. we spent there. Ora's piano helped to while away the time Bert came back about 1 P.M. Frank intended to leave there but Ora asked him to stay till the next day. Monday was cloudy and looked like snow. About 11.30 Ora & Amy took Frank to the train and came home in quite a snow storm but did not make a very deep snow. not enough for sleighing. This was my 35th birthday. How old I'm getting! Tuesday was quite cold & we spent it by the fire. Wed. Dec 1st we left there about noon. Bert took us to the Walpole depot as it is about the same distance as to the Falls. We reached Keene 2.30 found the stage going to Surry left at one, so we waited for the Marlboro stage which was 4.30 Surprised Aunt Eveline Next morning Uncle John proposed as it was a nice day to take us to Keene as we had an early dinner and were in time for the stage that time. Left Keene at 1.30 and reached Surry 3.30. Were rather cold and was afraid we should take cold but Flora dosed us with hot lemonade at night and got up the next morning feeling all right

Friday night we attended a temperance lecture given at the church. Mrs. Barton was the lady's name. It was a very good lecture.

Sat 4th. Mabel Carpenter came up to Aunt's in the afternoon and invited us to spend the night there. It rained during the night had snowed Friday. but was so we went to church – stayed to S.S. After evening service we went back to Aunts.

Monday. 6th Was a lovely winter day. The sun shone brightly but did not thaw any. In the afternoon we went up back of Aunt Betsey's house to see the strange depression in the earth in one of which she had her garden.

Tuesday was cloudy also Wed. Wed P.M. we called at Mrs. Carpenters and also then their (I can't decipher the next word) nearest neighbor and Mrs. Porter & daughter.

Thursday 9th We had intended to come back to Marlboro (Keene written over Marlboro) by stage but. Fred Carpenter kindly brought us in their buggy. Uncle John met us at Keene.

Monday 13th. Yesterday was a rainy day as we could not go to church in the forenoon but partly cleared up before night so we went to the evening service

Today is colder and the ground was frozen. Sunshine part of the time Amy and I did a three weeks washing. We are going to see Aunt Livonia tomorrow. Called at 2 places.

Tuesday we went up to Lowellville as we expected it snowed when we went but turned into rain and rained all afternoon but we did not get wet as Uncle John came after us. Rained all night and nearly all day Wed. but we did our packing to be ready to go to Amherst Thursday morning.

Friday. Dec. 17. We came yesterday morning. We left Uncle John's about 7 A.M. for the Boston & Maine station which we left about 7.20 & reached Milford 15 min of 9 Mr. Holbrook was there with his milk wagon and bro't ? (I can't decipher) baggage and all. Found them very glad to see us. Amy and I feeling miserable with headache's.

Sat. 18 Last night they had a sing here. Rec'd a long letter from Ma & Minnie We did not go to bed till about twelve.

Sun 19 Went to church in the forenoon and at night attended the Christmas concert which was very good. Quite cold

Wed. 22nd It was cloudy but not very cold and when Geo. came back from Milford he told us he thought it would be a pleasant day for us to go so we- Grandma Tina Amy

and I started about 1 o'clock and did not get back till dark there were so many pretty things for us to look at. We saw Lena and Mrs. Emerson and she invited us to visit her next Tuesday.

Friday night we all attended a Christmas entertainment & tree at the hall in Amherst very good. It was a cold night.

Sat. 25. We spent a very quiet day at Tina's We rec'd some presents and the girls- Bertha and Jennie a great many. Quite a cold morning but grew warmer and Beulah & Amy went skating in the P.M.

Sun. 26. We attended church in forenoon at night only Geo Tina and Amy went.

Mon. 27 Beulah and we girls washed and at night did most of our ironing. Beulah Amy & I called at Mr. Whitings in P.M. Amy took some music along to play on the piano At night Tina & I stayed at home while the rest went to C. E.

Tuesday morning we got up early and at seven o'clock started with George for Milford It was about 14 above zero and that early was quite cold. but when we got at Mr. Emersons found a good coal fire and soon got warm. They live in a very pleasant place and the house is arranged to get all the sun light possible It was a lovely winter day.

Wed.29. Was colder in the morning then yesterday but Beulah came as she had promised was very cold when she got here. But it was a lovely day again It is a change for have sunshine. Mrs E. had invited Walter Ware and his wife and Lena who was visiting them here to dinner. Had a pleasant time and a good dinner.

Thursday. 30. Was warmer and cloudy. and the snow thawed a good deal. We went to the depot at 10 to see Lena off, she is going to Surry and then back to Vt. We went into P.O. and one store to do a little shopping. Got a letter from home.

Friday 31st Beulah went home with Geo. this morning. Was a warm cloudy morning & toward noon it began to snow in earnest and several inches have fallen This is the last of the year 1897. We scarcely dreamed last year that we should be here at this time. but it is a fact that we have spent three months on 1897 very happily in New England.

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Jan 1st We found the ground well covered with snow, toward a foot in depth. Spent the day at Mr. Emersons.

Jan 2nd Sunday A bright cold day We attended the Cong. church with Mr & Mrs Emerson. In the evening Walter Ware came for us and we went to the Baptist church with him and then home with him

Mon. 3rd A cold winter day.

Tuesday 4th. The coldest morning yet, 16 below zero. I wrote Aunt Eveline in the morning. In the afternoon Walter and his wife took us for a sleigh ride over town. It was rather cold as the wind blew some & it was cloudy.

Wed. 5 A very pleasant day. Clear & warmer Amy & I went up town this morning and really enjoyed the walk.

Thursday 6. Rec'd a card from Tina saying she would come after us tomorrow. In the P.M. Mrs W took us over to the primary school near there. Thawed some

Friday 7th. Tina came as she promised, Uncle John had been there and she brought him to the ten o'clock train We have had a very pleasant visit in Milford. Thawed all day and when we went to the sing in the evening, which was at Mr Whitings, found rather poor sleighing as it was bare ground in places.

Sat 8. Felt rather miserable with a headache all day & did not do much

Sun 9. Headached and did not get up till after 9 o'clock. Amy stayed with me while the rest went to church. A bright pleasant day.

Mon. 10. We washed or rather Beulah & Amy did and I hung out all the clothes. A lovely day. Very clear.

Tues pleasant again and Amy and I did most of the ironing.

Wed.12 A foggy damp day but we went as we had promised to Mr. Frank Holbrooks. and had a pleasant visit. Tina and Beulah went with us. George took us over and came after us.

Thursday 13. In the forenoon we packed our valise again and soon after dinner George and Tina brought us down here to Mr. Peaslee's. They went home in the evening.

Sat. 15. Last night we went to the sing at Mr. Frank Holbrooks. would have enjoyed it much better had I felt well but felt hardly like going at all Ethel & Amy have been skating this morning and it is snowing now & likely is spoil the skating.

Sun. 16. A pleasant cold day. and enough snow to make very good sleighing again. All but Mr. P went to church in the forenoon and Ernest Ethel and Amy at night.

Mon 17 A clear cold day. Mrs. Peaslee washed and we also did our washing.

Tuesday. 18. We went with Mrs Peaslee and Ethel to the church meeting at the town hall. The S.S. was re-organized in the forenoon then had dinner and afterward they attended to church matters. Was a cold day 10. below zero in the morning.

Wed. 19. Was not nearly as cold. Ernest quit work at noon and soon after dinner hitched both horses to the sleigh and took us also Ethel up to Mt Vernon about 5 miles away. It is high in the village but on the very highest point there is built a large summer hotel. Miss Frances Willard was there last summer. We drove up there and went up onto the piazza but could not see very far as it was smoky or hazy. They say with a telescope on a clear day we can see ships coming into Boston harbor 20 miles away. We came back by way of Milford. reached here just before dark had had a 15 or 18 mile drive. It was quite good sleighing.

Thursday 20. Began to snow before day light and snowed a few inches then turned to rain and rained all afternoon making it rather bad for the Grange meeting at night which Ernest and Ethel attended.

Friday 21. When I got up found a letter from home and from Carrie Towne. Warm & cloudy Ethel Amy and I visited the school in their district where Miss Kemp teaches.

Sun 23. It had snowed during night and turned to rain and kept at it most of the day so none of us went to church Read most of the day a book-The Curse Entailed an anti slavery book during the week *read Five little (can't make out the word) Midway and Five little (can't make out the word) Grownup*

Mon 24. Quite a pleasant day At breakfast time Mrs. Peaslee was taken with one of her colic spells and felt bad all day

Wed. 26. When we got up found 6 or 8 inches more of snow had fallen during the night. We thought we ought to go back to Tina's and so Ernest brought us back in the P.M.

Thurs 27 Early in the morning Tina and I started to Milford after Aunt Eveline who came in on the train we did from M. Did not seem so very cold. I intended to order tickets for home but failed to see the agent and think we will go to Boston when we are ready and purchase tickets from there home

Friday 28. Very much colder was only 2 above zero in morning and only went to 12 at noon We rather dreaded going to the sing which was at Mr. Fullers about 2 miles away. Bert took Beulah Amy & I Tina and George did not go. When we got back after eleven found it as 8 below zero Had a very pleasant time at the sing.

Sat. 29 Was two below zero this morning but hardly seemed so cold as yesterday. Wrote a letter home.

Sun. 30. A bright & very cold Sunday. But we went to church. The church not very warm either. And none of us felt like going out at night.

Mon. 31st. We woke up expecting to see a clear day but found it cloudy and it soon began to snow and blow. We washed anyway and hung the clothes around in different places It was about zero when it began to snow.

Tuesday Feb. 1st There was a heavy fall of snow and it had drifted badly. The roads had to be broken and there was no passing of teams except one. Was colder and partly clear.

Wed 2nd. The men started off early in the morning to break roads and worked at it all day. Mrs. Whiting braved the cold & snow and walked down in the afternoon. The snow did much damage in Boston breaking electric wires (some horses killed by live wires) stopping trains and street cars. We are so glad we did not start – tho' in fact we couldn't; but this was the day we intended to start for home.

Thursday. 3rd. Very cold but at night we went up to Mr. Whittings. saw a daily paper describing the storm, said to be the worst for years. Tina and Geo. went to grange.

Friday 4th. Not quite as cold. Ernest came after us about 6 P.M. The sing was there quite a number out.

Sat. 5 Very much warmer but rather cloudy and gloomy

Sun 6th A very pleasant day We went to church and Mr Peaslee's were anxious to have us go back there, so we did so going to evening service with them and then home with George's. A beautiful moon light night and the sleighing fine.

Mon. 7th. We packed our trunk ready for our journey. We are glad to go home though our visit has been very pleasant here: but we have been away over 4 months. Walter Ware wife & boy and Mr. and Mrs Emerson came up and spent the evening. Amy did not enjoy it much for she was sick with head ache.

Tuesday. 8th. Here we are waiting at Ayer Junction for the western express. We came to Milford about ten this morning intending to get tickets just to Fitchburg and from there home but found when we got to the Fitchburg depot there that the agent could ticket us home, that is to St. Louis by the Wabash instead of Big Four – of course we would get off at Litchfield. So we concluded to try that way. We left Milford about 10.30 and got here 11.30 and will have to wait till between 4 & (I can't decipher). While waiting in the depot at Ayer we weighed ourselves, Amy 120 & I 147. We left there at four. We went to Rotterdam Junction instead of Troy & Albany. Then our road was the West Shore till Buffalo, when it was the Wabash the rest of the way. At Greenfield we left the day car and went into the sleeping car and from then on till morning knew very little of our whereabouts as the stations were not called Our berth was 2.00 for both. We reached Buffalo before day light but did not leave there till after light we did not know the right time We went around by Niagara which we did not suppose we should do when we got our tickets had we had an unlimited ticket we could have stopped had we wished but we should have hardly cared to alone. Suppose we crossed the Suspension bridge at least we crossed the Niagara River. The water is so green. When we left Buffalo there was very little snow but thro' Canada there was snow till near Detroit. We crossed the St. Clare River by the train running onto a ferryboat. We had chair cars on the Wabash and rested very well at night reached Litchfield about six A.M. not quite light, aroused Bud's folks. They gave us a good warm breakfast and we felt better for we both had the headache all the way tho' Amy's (word not deciphered) beginning to be better toward the end of Journey. We took the train home found Pa there to give us a glad welcome home called at the girls who we glad to see us

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Some Events of 1899

I am not going to keep an every day journal but write some times when am in the mood or some thing that would be well to be remembered happens.

I think we surely will remember Jan 8th to 14th for one rarely sees as gloomy a week for the sun hardly shone all the week think it did one day an hour or two. On Monday night we had quite a snow about six inches & we might have had some sleighing but it turned so warm that it all went off in two or three days (that is the most of it. Wed it was colder and very good walking so Amy and I spent the day at Dorts. Sunday 13th. In

spite of the bad roads we had quite a large congregation and Mr. Keller preached such a good sermon.

Sunday 22nd Attended the funeral of Robert Scherer son of Mr. David Scherer who died in Los Angeles the 12th. Mr Keller preached the sermon which was at eleven The church was more than full in spite of muddy roads. They had the loveliest flowers a good many came from Cal.

Tues 24. We all spent the day at Arthurs

30th. Monday Saturday toward night began to snow but soon turned very cold so that when we arose yesterday morning found it colder than any time yet. Was 6 or 7 below zero. Was quite cold all day but we had quite a congregation. George Robertson and Marvin and Mark Weller united with the church. Turned warmer bout night and was 16 above zero this morning but soon began growing colder and before night was only 4 above and is cloudy & wind blowing to night

Tues. 31st Seven below zero this morning and only went to seven or eight above tho' the sun shone and seemed rather warm in the sunshine. Ma not feeling quite as well and Pa stayed in the house all day. Has a bad cough

Mon. Feb 6th So far this month has been very cold. Not thawing at all. Looks like snow nearly every day but very little falls. had a little this forenoon Every one is afraid the wheat will be killed by the cold weather. Thursday night I had a touch of grip had fever & ached all night, got up about eleven the next day and managed to sit up part of the rest of the day J.A.B. (My addition - James Busby) came about 1 o'clock and Amy had company to entertain and the work to do besides as Ma was not able to help either. Sat. did not do anything but yesterday worked some and today feel about as well as usual only a little weak. Geo took some of our washing up home for him to do as we are nearly out of cistern water.

Thursday 9th When we got up yesterday morning we concluded it was the coldest yet for it was 8 below zero but this morning beat that for it was 18 Or 19 below & in some places 21 below We stayed rather close to the fire. It is so cold in the kitchen we staid there only to cook the meals. I started a quilt yesterday and Amy is piecing a comfort of worsted scraps A year ago today we were on our way home from the East. Amy expects her friend Miss Handlin of Lake Fork tomorrow on the seven P.M. train and Ella Burris is coming tomorrow to make a visit

Friday not quite as cold. Amy went over to L to meet Miss H. & came back on the seven. Mr. J went down to meet them Bertha Welge came over on the 3 and came home with them. Ella did not come. Was very cold again Sat. but Sun. morning capped the climax by being 20 below zero some places 23. Not a great many out at church. Bertha went home with Mr. K. Monday some warmer and continues growing warmer so that Wed the (unable to decipher word) Pa, Miss Handlin and Amy went to Hillsboro in P.M. They spent the next day at Graces. Clint Dorts had a valentine in the form of a little daughter. Miss H. went home Wed 22nd. Amy went to L with her to spend a few days.

Sat (23) was a very rainy day which spoilt the good roads but gave us a cistern full of water as it had been dry 3 weeks we were thankful to have plenty of soft water again Amy could not come home as she had intended but came Mon. forenoon Attended SS. In the P.M. but Mr. K did not come on account of bad roads Beulah came home with me to make her farewell visit before going east Beulah stayed Mon night and Tuesday morning we told her good by as she started Wed (March 1st) on the "Knicker bocker" for N.H. Her stay may be long we cannot tell she calls it for 10 yrs.

Sun 5th (March) Had quite a little snow fall during the night which drifted and made it bad walking to the church Alice Elliman was buried funeral preached in Butler at 10.30 a.m.

Mon 6th. Very cold weather for March as it was zero but we washed and got the white clothes partly dried out doors but the wind blew so in the P.M I brought them in the wood house.

Thursday 9th. Pa, Ma, & I spent the day at Robt Grantham. Was very warm & pleasant snow nearly all thawed except drifts.

Friday 10. Ma & Amy went to Lyman's in P.M Warm & muddy.

Wed 15th Mary Fraley spent the day with us Grace Grantham and a friend called Ida Dort and Zella Robertson came from school and stayed all night. George Robertson & May Osborn were married at Hillsboro at 8 P.M by Mr Keller Ella Burris came Friday evening and stayed till Sunday.

Mon 19th (I think she had an incorrect date) We washed in forenoon quite pleasant Went to see Mrs. Ward in P.M.

Wed 22 Arthur & Addie and Mollie Rucker spent the day her (I think she meant here) gloomy & cloudy.

Sat 25. The school children got up a surprise party for Mr. Jordan about 30 here.

Sun. 26. Attended S. S. in forenoon it was preaching day but Mr. Keller had to attend the funeral of Stella Colby so (unable to decipher word) not come. Mr Jordan took Mame Amy & I down to Butler.

Monday 27th We have had the deepest snow today we have had this winter snowed steadily and very fast at times most of the day after ten oclock. It seems winter is slow in leaving us

May

Monday the 1st we began house cleaning, by cleaning parlor and bedrooms and took up sitting room carpet. Tuesday we whitewashed ceiling and put down carpet. Wednesday began on the kitchen - white washed ceiling in forenoon and papered in P.M. but did not get done but all managed to get very tired and went to bed early Thursday morning we finished papering and cleaned windows wood work and floor and put down carpet in P.M. and did not get through much before night as we had callers. Friday washed churned and had company – Uncle David & Aunt Catherine Saturday ironed baked bread and doughnuts altogether we had a week full of work

Sunday 7th Rained a little in forenoon but Lucius and Lena came about eleven. Lucius went back after dinner. Attended S.S. and preaching – a good attendance and a good sermon

Tues 9 Lena's husband Mr DeWitt came back from Kan. And L brought him up in the afternoon

Wed 10 Had quite a rain in night and some in morning Lena and Mr DeWitt went back to H in P.M.

Thursday 11 Washed in forenoon and took up the matting in our room in afternoon.

Friday 12. Finished room & did a little ironing Pa & Ma went to Hillsboro.

Sat 13 Very much cooler than have been for some time Ironed and churned this forenoon. (The end of the writing, then six pages empty in this little book)

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“ Walpole to Keene	.50
Stage from K to Marlboro	25
“ “ K to Surry	40
From Marlboro to Amherst	1.15
Livery team from	
Bellow Falls to Walpole	2.00
Milford to St L	25.56