

Tuesday Drubury

March 1st / 1864

Stormy-Snow. Received three packages by mail from Geo - old letters & a diary with a line saying that they the 17th Regt had gone to Florida. Widow John Keeler was buried today.

Wednesday March 2nd

On my way to work went to the Jeffersonian Office to notify Ashley that the 17th Regt had gone to Florida. Sergt David Dickson of Co. D. 16th Regt C.V. was found dead in his room this morning ^{at the winter hospital}. A post mortem examination was made and the decision was that he died with the heart disease.

Thursday March 3rd

Pleasant as it was also yesterday. The snow has melted fast today. Gussie & her mother went over to Mrs Cockings today. Hattie Mills came home and got tea ready but before we sat down Gussie came. The Bound Vol of Harpers Weekly for 1863 which I ordered for Geo some time since came today. it cost \$4.00 which I paid from money in my possession belonging to Geo.

Friday March 4th

Pleasant. Mrs. Maury was buried today. I came home in the P.M. with a head ache. I had the Christal to my watch changed on my way home. Bought this book for a Journal \$1.50. Hattie Mills started for Bethel this P.M. to have the remainder of her teeth out. Caroline came up to go down with her. They got left and both came home again and staid all night. Went to market in the eve and to Mr. So. News by the evening paper that Killpatrick has returned from his expedition in the rear of Gen Lee's rebel army and to Richmond. got some medicine of Dr. Buckley of the eve for Billings head ache.

Sat March 5th

The sun rose clear but was soon nearly excluded from view. it rained a while after dinner.

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and again quite hard in the eve. Kattie & Carol's Malls went to Bethel this morning. Kattie intending to have her few remaining teeth out. I met her at the Depot in the eve with a lantern and Umbrella. She brought her teeth back with her in her mouth having concluded to let them remain until she got her supper set in.

I felt rather poorly this forenoon, sick or lazy, a little of both I guess. I felt better in the P.M. Received a letter for Gussie from Cousin Eliza Humphrey from Todd's Valley, Placer Co Cal

Letter from Cousin Eliza

Sunday March 6th 1864

Clear & pleasant this morning. Yesterdays & last evenings rain together with a warm day today has nearly finished the snow, there being only a little here and there to be seen. Gussie and I both went to church in the morning after the service I went with her over to Dr St John's and she had two teeth drawn she then went home and I went to Sunday School and staid in the P.M. Bro Crawford preached as usual, Text in the morning John 4-24 in the P.M. Matt 5-18. After tea I took a nap did not go to meeting in the eve. Gussie wrote to Frank Boughton in Philadelphia and I commenced a letter to Geo. Kattie's Malls cracked some Walnuts just before bed time. John Rooney died this morning, he had been sick about a year, more or less; he lingered and suffered much but was very patient they tell me, he was a strong Catholic though I believe sincere in his faith.

Gussie had teeth out

John Rooney died this morning

Monday March 7th

Cloudy early this morning. Wind clouds, quite windy in the forenoon. Pleasant in the P.M. I have felt quite well today and worked hard and late, it being pay day I dined for my

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two last weeks work \$36.00. After tea I went to market and called at Dr Bulkeley's Office and paid him \$3.38 to bal my Account with him, the same being for attendance during Eddie's sickness. He gave ^{me} some medicine for my bilious difficulty. he charged me nothing for it as I had just settled my old Account.

Tuesday Nov 8th 1864

Pleasant. I have worked hard all day and as late as I could see at night. John Rooney was buried today in the P.M. On my way home work I took two letters from the Office from Geo from Jacksonville Florida - in one of them he demands his Watch from Mother in order that I may have it, put in running order and send it to him the first opportunity I have. he also requested me to find out the truth of the matter of Capt Daniels getting the 25th Company money from Capt Moore's Widow. I did so by calling on her in the eve. She did not demand it as many of the Co supposed, but she requested him to call for it as he was the proper person to receive it. before retiring I wrote more in my letter to Geo telling him of my visit to Mrs Moore &c.

Two letters from Geo

Wednesday Nov 9th

It has been a beautiful day - I came from work very tired at night - On my way home I got my Jeffersonian - The poetry on Eddie's death was in it. In the eve I bought five other copies to send away. I mailed a letter to Geo with Abel's & Father Griswold's pictures inclosed, also the Waverley and a Daily Tribune. Bought a piece of meat for Harriet and came home without going to class. A surprise party for Bro Crawford this eve.

Had to Geo letter in evening the two meetings Tuesday

Thursday Mar 10th 1864

Pleasant in the morning, it soon became cloudy and about 6 P.M. it commenced raining. after tea I went into the street, mailed a letter for Father Griswold, went to the Jeffersonian Office and got a paper to send to Mrs Charters in Brooklyn, got Kettie Mills shoes which had been mended, bought a picture of Gen Gilmore and came home. Burr Bradley told me at the shop that Mother was very sick, or rather that Clark Hoyt said so in class last eve. I intended to go up and see her this eve but when I came home Gussie said that Kearn had been slow and told the circumstances. Mother has a formation of a vein or an accumulation connected with the main artery of the heart which is increasing in size and will in a short time kill her by bursting and bleeding to death.

I mailed 5^{cts} this morn - to Ohio - Cal - Canton - Essex and

Friday Mar 11th

Stormy - rain. It was rather late when we rose this morning. I have worked as usual in the shop. After tea I went up home to see Mother and to bring a pail of milk, the pail was carried up yesterday by Kearn. I came home about 9 o'clock in a thunder storm the first of the season.

Saturday Mar 12th

Clear and pleasant. The makers had a strike for higher prices today and I believe got their demand. Gussie and Mother Griswold went up to see Mother this P.M. while we were drinking tea Aunt Louisa & Cousin Mary called, Mary came again afterward for Gussie to go down town with her. I went to market and to Robinsons for my watch where it has been to be repaired. Family came home from N. York on the evening

Mailed letter to Jeffersonian on the date of card

The first of the season to see Mother in the eve for the first time of the season

Gen Gilmore's picture

Letter to Geo with his picture

train. she brought some things for Gussie which she sent for. Table cloth - Album and Mrs Hosi's picture &c - I copied extracts from from Geo's last letters for the Jeffersonian before retiring.

Sunday March 13th 1864

Pleasant in the morning, but cloudy before night. I went up this morning to see Mother, did not get back in time for Church, on my way up I left 5 of the Rolls Books from the S. School Library at Edward Barnum for him to read. Communion in the P.M. - Gussie & I attended. After tea I finished Geo's letter for the Jeffersonian. It rained when it was time for evening meeting and I not feeling in a mood for meeting being quite tired did not go. Gussie began a letter to Cousin Elya in the eve.

Monday Mar 14th

Cloudy in the morning with something of the appearance of snow. it came off clear and pleasant before noon. on my way to the shop I took a letter to Ashley from Geo for publication. I came home sick before night, on my way I took from the office two letters from Geo, or rather two envelopes one a letter and the other some old letters for preservation. in the letter he returned Eddie's Carte de Visite that I had copied and sent to him. Before retiring I commenced a letter to Geo. I bought one dollar's worth of stamps to inclose to him he having ordered them. Chas Beach did this afternoon

Tuesday Mar 15th

Pleasant until just at night and then cloudy at times with a little flitting of snow. while we were at tea Mr Cocking called in on his way to the depot he was expecting some of Mr Cypres Folks by the cars. I rode down with him. I did some

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Marketing and called at the P. Office, while in there I saw Saml Wildmans son who had just arrived from Hilton Head. he left on the 11th. he states that on the 10th Navy fighting commenced at Jacksonville Fla and was going on when he left. I walked up with St Bennett and had a talk with him about Mother. he thinks that she imagines herself worse than she really is and lies right down and gives up to it.

Wednesday Mar 16th 1864

Cooler today with such squalls. On my way from work I called at the Express Office and got a box of shells from Geo. they came last evening. he sends them home for safe keeping for his own use if he ever returns. the Expressage was \$1.00 I paid it from his money as he requested. I went to market in the eve. Capt Daniels arrived home on the train. he has resigned.

Thursday Mar 17th

St Patricks day "in the morning" The Irish turned out to the number of 160 with the Brass Band. Father Manna had (the Priest) was in carriage drawn by a pair of Greys at the head of the procession. John Watere was Marshall. he was mounted on a splendid grey horse. I had a dispute with Ezra Wildman & Sam Mauley about taking out work at the shop. I worked quite late. Received a letter from Geo for publication in the Jeff. I finished my letter to him and mailed with \$1.00 Postage stamps inclosed. I mailed also to him two Waverleys, and a N York Times. before retiring I made corrections in his letter for Ashley.

Capt Daniels came home

a letter from Geo for the Jeff and from Mrs. Jones

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Friday March 18th 1864

Cloudy in the morning. but it soon came off clear. not very cold but considerable wind. I had a headache in the P.M. but worked until night. We attended ~~the~~ Temperance Lecture at Concert Hall in the eve.

Saturday Mar 19th

Pleasant. on my way to the shop this morning I went to A. Reynolds and ordered 1/2 Bush Oysters. I worked as long at night as I could see to get up my work. I was the last in the shop and locked the door. A report coming from Saml Brackett that Geo was wounded in the arm and amputation was unavoidable. I do not credit the report. Mr Cocking came back today and they now occupy the rooms. Aunt Abby came to our folks today to take care of Mother. Frank Boughton was expected home this eve but she did not come. I went to market in the eve. walked down with Mr Cocking. I found Aunt An Knop on the street. he came home last eve. is to stay until next Friday. his health is not very good. I saw Ashley at the P. Office. I took back the letter from Geo which I gave him for publication but he could not do it in his next issue as he had one already. I am to make some alterations in it and prepare it for the next week.

Aunt Abby came home

Sunday Mar 20th

Pleasant but a little cool. very good weather for March. We attended church all day. Mr Baldwin of Bethel (Conn) preached for us. First in the A.M. Psalm 62-1 in the P.M. Luke 14-17. In Sunday School they concluded to do away with the old Hymn Book (S. School) and adopt the Golden Chain & Shower. After tea Katie Mills - Gussie & I went up home to see Mother and Aunt Mary. Fanny came up just after we got

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there. Aunt Mary & Bell came down with us and went with me to meeting in the eve. Mr. Lucas Kelso a ^{Southern} Methodist preacher from Missouri preached. When I returned from meeting I found Gussie and Hattie Malls up stairs in Mrs. Coeking's room. I went up also and had some mine and cake which Mrs. Coeking passed around, while I was at church and before she went up stairs she wrote to Eliza Humphrey in Cal and mailed inclosed with the letter a little book entitled Living footsteps within the Golden Gate

Monday Mar 21st 1864

Pleasant but cold. Before going to the shop I went up to Edgar Trusty's and bargained for a cemetery lot the one in the rear of Father Griswold's. Price \$20.00. Not feeling very well I left my work before night. I got my pay and came by the way of Alden Coe's coal office and paid \$10.00 to Bell my account for coal for Harriet. I attended Mr. Kelso's Lecture at our church in the eve. ~~He~~ he sold 500 copies of his book at \$1.00 each. Gussie went to the depot with Mary Purdy to meet Frank Boughton who as she was expected from Philadelphia, she came and Gussie went home with her. On my way home from the shop I called at Cousin Marble Works to see about a grave stone for Eddie, but decided ~~nothing~~. Before retiring commenced a letter to Geo. Before breakfast this morning I went to the P. office and mailed a letter for Gussie to Cousin Eliza.

Mr. Kelso's Lecture came from Phila bought a lot in the cemetery mailed letter to Cousin Eliza

Tuesday March 22nd

Not feeling well I did not go to the shop. I went down to Coe's Coal Office in the forenoon and talked with John Cosier about making up a purse for a donation to Edith Newman to show our appreciation of her services as Melodion player in the choir. Frank Boughton came over after dinner and

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went up home with Gussie to see Mother. in the mean time I took my Jack plane and went up to Father Griswold's Barn and made a few shavings to kindle fire with. I sawed a little wood and brought in de. I went to Market in the eve. Uncle Jesse came up today to see Mother. Geo. Father & Bell came over and spent the eve with us. I gave them a few apples to take home to Mother. I sent a volume of Harpers Weekly bound up by them, it belongs to Geo which he requested me to buy for him. we think that Mother is gradually failing.

Uncle Jesse came to see Mother

Wednesday Mar 23rd 1864

Cool & windy. Went to the shop and did about a half days work in nearly all day. nearly sick. Bought 8 Rubber Buttons for Over Coat for 15 cents. Went to Market and to Class in the eve and stopped a few moments on my way home at the school meeting in the basement of Concert Hall. Mrs. Coeking came down stairs and spent the eve with us. she is alone at night (as Mrs. Coeking is staying for a while until Mr. Lyman comes from N. York) over there at nights.

Thursday Mar 24th

More pleasant today. Not so cold. Worked all day in the shop. After tea I finished a letter to Geo and mailed it. it was mostly about the transfer of his letters and his affairs left to my care. the trouble Mother is making about it, and her accusing Gussie of reading his letters which he sends home. Mr. Wright Ex Gov of Indiana spoke before the Union Men of this place in the eve. I went and was never more pleased with a public speech than I was with his.

Wrote letter to Geo

Fast day

Friday March 25th 1864

Pleasant. the shop closed. I copied Geo's letter for Ashley and carried it to him. went to the P. Office came home and then went up to see Mother. I copied the family Record in the Life of Christ for Mother. I offered Father that if he would get a team and let us go up on to the Cemetery and take Aunt Mary I would pay for it. But he would not. I then agreed with Aunt Mary that if she would come down to my house after dinner we would go up to the Cemetery with her. I got Beatty's double team and carried her - Harriet - Hattie Mills & Gussie up there, they all strayed away except ~~Hattie~~ Sister Hattie and I. I could not find them and drove home without them, they were all home when we arrived. Aunt Mary staid to tea and I drove up home with Harriet, took Edith in before we got there as she was on her way there to give music lessons to Bell. I went to the P. office in the eve. as I returned I found Geo Bell & Lavinia Mills with a carriage at the door. they spent the eve with us. in the mean time I took the horse and carried Aunt Mary up home. Bell also who came down to go up home with her. The colored folks across the way had a dance in the eve to make merry I suppose before moving as they are about to move out of the neighborhood.

Saturday Mar 26

Stormy all day rain and snow. it cleared off in the eve. We having to wait considerably for work, we concluded to adjourn and let the traces get a few ahead of us. We accordingly stopped when each man finished the dozen he was working on. Lewis Bradley came home on the freight train from Annapolis Md. I bought 4 large Oranges and brought home to Gussie.

Lewis Bradley came home

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Mother Griswold - Fanny & Harriet spent the eve with us. I went to Market for Mother Griswold. I bought a small piece of Canton blanket and made a tick for our large lamp in the eve. Mrs Pine (Colored) moved out of the house across the way today. Richard E Smith having bought it. I had a hoop put on an old water pail over to Abc Donalds Blacksmith shop this morning, price 10^{cts}.

Sunday March 27th 1864

Warm & pleasant. Gussie and I both attended church. Mr. Starr attended all day and she in the P.M. Mr Kelso the Missouri Refugee preached in the morning from Luke 16th chap commencing with the 11th verse - The Parable of the Prodigal Son - Sunday School as usual. Father Griswold preached in the P.M. from Luke 24 - 25, 26. On the death & resurrection of Christ - an Easter Sermon - too preached unusually good. The whole congregation seemed much interested. It was really a feast to hear him once more. Hattie Mills staid at home as usual. Aunt Mary was at church and walked up West Street with us. After tea we went up home to see Mother. just before we got there we met Aunt Harriet coming away on her way home to Ridgefield. we staid until dark and then came home. after which we went up stairs and spent the eve with Mr & Mrs Cocking. I cracked some nuts and brought up 20 piches of Cider. Geo Starr was at Sunday School at noon for the first time since his sickness, he is still rather feeble.

Sagar died

Old Mr Seeger on Mill Plain died today

Monday Mar 28th

Pleasant and warm. worked as usual in the shop. After tea I went into the street and ordered 4 Bbl of Geo Corfuts Best Wheat Flour \$5.25. I paid him for his son (Geo), he is to deliver it to-morrow.

John & Frank Boughton called in the eve. I drew some cider for John & myself, his wife being a member of the ~~Church~~ Crystal Wave of course did not drink. They went home between 9 & 10 o'clock. I wrote in my Journal and retired.

Tuesday March 29th 1864

John & Frank Boughton

Cloudy & a little cooler. before breakfast I went over to Oscar Serine's to have him bring a steel jack (or card) to the shop with him, as I wanted to borrow it of him to finish Bush Hots with. He brought it and I have used it today. Albert Seger out on Mill Plain was buried this P.M. The Free Masons attended the funeral. I brought home from the shop some Shalae for Father Griswold to dant on the places where he has saved of limbs from his fruit trees. I got that which was already cut and prepared for use. After tea I went down to the P. Office, got a letter from Father Griswold and returned. Joe Kyle lost his little boy this P.M. with scarlet fever.

Wednesday March 30th

John & Frank Boughton

Stormy - Rain & Snow together. I worked in the shop as usual, but felt about sick in the P.M. Bowel complaint - headache & Souther sore mouth. Mrs Cocking took tea with us and spent the eve. Read a letter from Geo with one enclosed for Mother, also one for Edith. He sent some poetry of his own composition for insertion in the Jeff of Ashby and I thought it worthy of room in his paper.

Russell Wildman

Russell Wildman rec'd a telegraphic dispatch this P.M. that his wife was dead. She started for St Louis Mo on a visit with Mrs Levi Bartram.

Thursday March 31st 1864

Stormy still. Joseph Kyle's little boy was buried this P.M. On my way to the shop this morning I called at Hantous shirt factory and gave Edith a new man a letter from Geo sent inclosed in mine yesterday.

Letter from Geo

Gussie & Hattie Abells went up home in the eve to see Aunt Mary who goes away tomorrow morning as she is to be married on Sunday at Ridgefield. Gussie carried a letter to Mother from Geo sent inclosed in mine yesterday. I went to Market while they were up home. I left the factory at the Jeffersonian Office which Geo sent to me. I also got a letter from Geo telling me of his position as Clerk to ^{Justice} Henry Quin. He asks for a Pocket Dictionary. Before retiring I commenced an answer to Geo's letter.

Friday April 1st 1864

Letter to Geo

Cloudy but no rain. On my way to the shop this morn I drew from the Savings Bank \$40.00 to make out with what I had on hand \$66.00 to pay Aaron Skallett interest due \$100.00. He called just after dinner for the money. John Boughton & Frank was with me to tea and spent the eve. I finished my letter to Geo and mailed it together with a Pocket Dictionary and the Waverly in the eve. John went down with me. When we returned we had Walnuts - Cider & Apples. We had great sport with John trying to see how much he would eat. After eating more Walnuts than any other time he ate an Apple and two pieces of pie. They staid until 11 o'clock.

Saturday April 2nd

Stormy still - about half snow in the eve. I worked until dark at the shop. After tea I went to Market. I called a few moments at the Republican Caucus in