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Thursday April 28th 1864

a little flit of snow before daylight. Cooler cloudy until just before night when the sun shone again. Mr Silverthorn came to Father Grinolds today was there to dinner. After dinner tea Guerin & went into the street and bought some Wall paper for our sitting room.

Mrs Cockings Sister came to see her from Fort Hamilton S. Island.

Friday Apr 29th

Pleasant. Father Grinold started this morning for Philadelphia to attend the Gen Conference.

~~before last night~~ I worked for the Blk finishers today at the shop. I being on fancy colors had work all day. I came home by the way of Geo Stars and got a board for Harriet to make a shelf in her closet up house. Before tea I commenced grafting one of my apple trees with Golden Sweet. Went to Market in the eve & bought a shade for Breakfast Waffles at 8 cents per lb. from the Conestonies River.

Guerin went up to the cemetery this P.M. and made some preparations at Eddie's grave for some plants. Frank Brighton was with her & selected a lot for John. Burglars last night at Tuggey - Bowlers - Barnums - Wildmans & Beach.

Saturday Apr 30th

Pleasant. I worked hard all day. Came home to my dinner. Guerin & Kattie Mills went up to the cemetery in the P.M. Guerin engaged Mrs Day to make a small flower bed around Eddie's grave. before tea I grafted an apple tree in the garden with Roxbury sweets. I went to market and to Singing School in the eve.

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Sunday May 1st 1864

Rain last night. Cloudy but no rain. Cleared off just at night. I went to church all day & to prayer meeting in the eve which was a Missionary meeting with a Missionary collection.

Bro' Hills text in the Morning was 1st Thes 5-6 - In the P.M Phil 3 = 7.8 - I sat in the choir in the afternoon. I wrote to Geo after church. I mailed it with a Waverley in the eve as I went to Prayer Meeting. Guerin attended with me. After tea Kattie Mills went up house with us to see Mother. Roger gave me a pair of milk to bring home. Alexander Hodge died this P.M about 3 o'clock

Monday May 2nd

Pleasant but rather cool in the morning. Kattie Mills went to Bethel in the morning to have Dr Schoolmucker take her impression for a set of teeth. She returned on the first train at 10 o'clock. After work at night I called at Comes Marble works to see farther about a stone for Eddie. Before tea I went up to Father Grinolds cellar and got some early June seed potatoes. After tea I went with Guerin & Harriet Whaler over to her yard and took up plants for them. Some they are intending to take up to the cemetery.

In the eve Guerin went to Market and I went up house with a shelf for Harriets closet and put it up for her.

Tuesday May 3rd

Rain last night & this morning. Showery & sunshine during the day. Windy & cool. pleasant in the eve. Alexander Hodge was buried this P.M.

I went to market in the eve. I carried Geo's Watch to the jewelers for repairs.

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Pleasant, before breakfast I dug around my three cherry trees and put some coal ashes around them. I came home to dinner and on the way took a letter from the Office from Geo with \$10.00 inclosed with which I am to pay what he owes - take \$5.00 for towards cemetery lot and deposit the remainder.

Gussie & her sister Harriet went up to the cemetery in the P.M. with some plants to put around Abel & Eddies grave.

before tea I spaded up a place & set out some Triumph de Gant strawberries.

I started for class meeting in the eve but there was none the general class meeting last eve took the place of it.

I answered Geo's letter before retiring.

Thursday May 5th

Pleasant & warmer. I worked hard all day and was very tired at night. I deposited \$5.00 for Geo this morn. Harriet was with us to dinner & tea. Mrs Fuller was buried this P.M.

Friday May 6th

Pleasant & warmer than any day we have had this season. Bought a sled before going to the shop of Raymonds pedlar. Gussie Reed a paper from Cousin Eliza from Cal with the publication of the birth of another daughter. I attended Council of the M.D.A. in the eve.

Saturday May 7th

Pleasant & very warm. A shower about 6 o'clock in the eve. Harriet was down to dinner.

I left my work at the shop early and came home to spade garden. I planted a row of Champ Engle Peas. After the shower I went around to

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Father Goisnolds & my trees and destroyed mine, I went to market in the eve and to singing school.

Sunday May 8th 1864

Pleasant & very warm. Mr. Coe preached from in the morning, he exchanged with Bro. Hill. His text was 13th Psalm 1st to 6th inclusive. He preached an excellent sermon at the close of which he spoke of his leaving town and that this was in all probability the last time he would preach for us. He speaks very feelingly of the pleasant associations he had enjoyed with our preachers and church, that he had learned to love us as well as his own church & people.

It being communion day we had our after tea & general Sunday School prayer meeting at noon as heretofore on sacrament Sabbath.

The sacrament was administered in the P.M. for the first time by Bro. Hill in Danbury. After church I wrote to Geo news by Telegraph today that the army in Virginia have been fighting for the last three days and that Grant thus far was victorious.

After tea we went over to Burr Bradley's and he & wife went with us up to the cemetery.

A sermon in the eve to the Young Men Christian Association by Mr. Stone of the 1st Cong. Church. I did not attend. I sent my letter to the Office by Harry who went to church in the eve.

Monday May 9th

Pleasant & very warm again. Mrs. Stone washed for Gussie and cleaned the bed room.

Jo Turtuch helped me spade garden, I staid at home to work at it and help Gussie

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Mrs Courtney's sister & Mrs Crook went home this P.M.

Glorious News! from Grant's Army
he has whiped the Rebel Gen Lee in
the day's fighting. He is driving the Rebels
back on Richmond

Harriet Wells came back from
Bethel this afternoon with her new upper
set of teeth. I went to Market in the
eve.

Tuesday May 10th 1864

~~Planted
Potatoes and
corn in the
garden~~ Pleasant & warm again today. I spent the day in
my garden with my hired men to labor. We
finished the job and did a little planting
before 6 o'clock. We went to the well for a
drink about 4 P.M. and broke the pipe letting
the bucket go to the bottom. We went
over to McDonalds for a well hook and we
fished it out. I paid him \$1.00 for his day's
work. We spaded up Mr Crook's part of his
indos for him to make out a days work.

Harriet came down to dinner. She spent
the afternoon and staid to tea. I went to
Market in the eve.

Wednesday May 11th

Cloudy most of the day & cooler. I sowed
Beets - Parsnips - Carrots & Spinach before
Breakfast. I sent home a bunch of
Asparagus for dinner, our first for the
season. Harriet was with us to dinner
again today. I came home early at
night and planted Dwarf Peas - Cucumber
Lettuce & Radishes. I attended class
in the eve. Bro Hill our Preacher lead and
at its close consulted the class about
a new leader. John Coker was unanimous
voted for and was appointed by the Preach-

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Thursday May 12th 1864

Cloudy in the morning with some what the appearance
of storm. the sun shone a little in the middle of
the day. A thunder shower passed over between
6 & 7 o'clock in the eve which gave us a little
water. When I came from the shop I went
home with Mr Wotherspoon and got a dozen
early Cabbages plants and set them out
before tea. The news from Gen Grant in
Va is still good though the fighting is
desperate and losses great. I went to
Market in the eve. It was misty & a little
rain at intervals.

Friday May 13th

Cloudy - Misty with some rain. I went to the
Shop & finished four bats the remainder of a day
and stopped work on account of diarrhea.
I went up to Avery's to see Henry Ely
about hedging Cemetery lot as his price mine.
Ordered 8 more Pictures at Couch's \$1.00 worth
Called at Comes Marble works to see further
about stone for Eddie's grave. After
dinner planted my old Beans & set out
some onions for the tops. Went to bed
before night. Before tea got up & went down
to the Assessors Office (E.S. Sanford) and got
a blank income tax list to send to Philadelphia
to Father Griswold (who is at the Gen Conference
now in session in that city) together with
a notification which has been taken
from the P. Office to have him send in his
list. I mailed a Weekly & Daily Tribune to
Geo in the eve containing the war news since
Grant's forward movement. Glorious News!
from him by the evening paper. Additional
victories. the Rebels right & center crushed and
their route complete leaving their dead &
wounded on the field. 3 Generals 30 pieces of

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artillery & 4000 prisoners. Captured.

Saturday May 14th 1864

Stormy in showers. The clouds broken at intervals revealing blue sky. A great deal of rain has fallen. I have felt poorly and in consequence did not go to the shop. I hung our new parlor curtains. Robert brought me Tomato plants also some Peppers. Harriet came down to dinner again. The war news continue good. Gen Grant is giving Gen Lee a sound thrashing. I went to market in the eve. I fixed Mother Griswold's bolt to her front door in the P.M.

Sunday May 15th

Cloudy still. Misty though but little rain. Mrs. G. and I both attended Church this morning. Mr. Hill preached from 11th Psalm 16th verse. There was no service in our church in the P.M. on account of Mr. Lee's farewell sermon. Our congregation went over there. Jessie & I came home. I wrote to Geo and mailed two papers to him, last evening Post. & the Waroly. After tea I walked down town to hear the war news. Gen Butler has taken the outer works of Fort Darling. I did not go out in the eve but sent my letter & papers to the P.O. by Harry as he went to prayer meeting. Jessie wrote to Willie Post in the eve.

Monday May 16th

Cloudy & misty, just before night the sun shone out about five minutes. Oscar Levine & myself met up on Rabbit Hill to Sidney Thompson on our way home from work for some Lettuce plants. We got them and I came home and transplanted

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them, & then dug up Mother Griswold's flower bed on the terrace by the Peppa. I had a severe headache when I finished it. I also transplanted 5 Tomato plants for her which Mr. Cocking brought ^{to} them. — I went to market in the eve, as I came home the moon broke through the clouds and shone faintly for a wonder. Mrs. Cocking spent the eve with Jessie & Hattie a usual.

Tuesday May 17th 1864

Pleasant & warm. Mrs. Stone washed & cleaned house for us today, she tore off the paper in our sitting room preparatory to papering anew. I went to market in the eve. I saw Sergt Scott of C.C. 17th Regt. He told me that the 17th arrived at Fortress Mountain last Thursday on their way to join Gen Butler at the Spots near Richmond. On my way home in the eve I found a breast pin with hair inclosed.

Wednesday May 18th

Showery, a hard one before dinner and another just after. I read a letter from Geo with a Bounty Check at noon. I carried the check to the Danbury Bank for collection on my way back to work at noon. Caroline Mills came up from Bethel and came home with Hattie to dinner. I worked late at night to finish off a green hat. I was the last man out and locked the shop. I got 8 more card pictures in the eve at Conard's Gallery. I was too late to get to class.

Thursday May 19th

Warm & pleasant, just before noon Dr. Stevens appeared at the shop with a small box by Express prepaid from Geo containing a piece of Bonell Shell - Cotton Seed &c. Mrs. Stone

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Cleaned parlor & sitting room and James Herry & Bro papered the sitting room. Harriet came down but went up to Mother Griswold's to dinner on account of our clearing. I gave her \$5.00 (in addition to the dollar she borrowed about a week ago) to help her.

There being so many carpets to shake and put down I staid at home in the P.M. I got through about 5 o'clock and went back to the shop to get my shirt & Watch. I went into the street in the eve to return a roll of paper which was left after papering the sitting room.

Mother & Bill sent down their letters read from Geo for me to read and take extract from for the J.F. I spent the evening in preparing a piece for the paper.

Friday May 20th 1864

Pleasant. On my way to the shop I carried a letter to the Jeffersonian Office from Geo for publication. I sent a shad dinner for dinner. Harriet was with us to dinner. I brought home a pair of kid shoes for myself when I came from work. I saved up some wood before and after tea.

Josephine Gare spent the P.M up to Mother Griswold's and with Jessie, Louis and Katie Mills went into the street in the eve while I staid at home and sprouted my potatoes in the cellar.

Saturday May 21st

Pleasant and very warm. we worked at the shop only until noon as the carpenters was to cut a hole over the floor to carry off the heat. I bought a pair of kid shoes last eve and

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Shoe

carried them to the shop this morning to have some nails driven in the heels of them. Burglars entered the depot last night and blew open the safe of the R.R. road Co with powder and it is reported they took from it six or seven hundred dollars from it.

I bought 4 cord of hard wood of Mr. Sanford for \$4.50 it came in the P.M. and I took it from the North West corner of the house to the Wood house with a wheel barrow and piled it up.

After dinner I went down town and ordered a p. Btl of Hanes Champagne ale at Ferrel's hotel (Mother House).

In the eve. I called at Eli's sawmills to sign a paper of Father Griswold which he overlooked and did not sign when he filled it out, it was his first list.

Jessie went up to Mother Parsons this P.M and staid to tea. Father had a P. Btl of Ale come today. Katie Mills went home this P.M to stay over Sunday.

Sunday May 22nd 1864

A little rain last night and considerable mist. Pleasant this morning but the air a little colder than yesterday. We both attended church in the morning. Mr. Hall gave us a talk about the Christian Commission and took up a collection for that purpose. After school we both came home. I wrote to Geo in the P.M.

Mr. McKinney with his team went up and brought Mother down to meeting in the morning. After tea we went up to the cemetery, we carried some flowers to put on Eddie's grave, when we returned we completed my letter to Geo & left it to be mailed by some of our folks either Haney or Elija and then went up home to see Mother. Father gave me a glass of Ale, it was to late for meeting when I returned so I did not go.

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Cool & pleasant. Mrs Stone washed and cleaned the pantry for us today. On my way home from work, I called again at Coney's Marble works to see further about a stone for Eddie. I brought home a string of Pogies for my breakfast tomorrow morning. Went over to Mr. McDonald and borrowed a Gun to shoot Pigeons on my garden. I went down town in the eve, got a letter for Hattie Wheeler, bought a box of Gun caps - a match safe and Fred Brady treated me to a glass of Beer.

Tuesday May 24th

Cloudy with appearance of rain, but not a drop until about 9 o'clock in the eve when it began to mist a little. There being no work in the shop I ground up the scythes and mowed my door yard. I shot 3 Pigeons on the premises, they have nearly destroyed one row of Peas. After tea I put out some Delia dots, just as we were finishing up the last one Edith Chapman - Sarah Purdy and Mrs Wildman (Mr. W. Stevens daughter) called, they staid until about 8h o'clock I then went down to the P. Office and to the store. I bought 4 lbs Blk Tea - 1 lb Shot meat and the Mawby for Geo and came home.

Wednesday May 25th

Cloudy in the morning. Had Pigeon Pot pie for dinner. The sun shone a little in the P.M. I worked hard until about 6 o'clock to finish my second dozen which most of the men left for tomorrow as it is doubtful about our getting any work then. I went to Market and to Class meetings in the eve. Mr Hollister lead the class. He is a furious fellow with stentorian lungs and given to shouting.

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There being some doubt about having work today upon what our Foreman said (Mr Green) I went to work at my walks in the yard trimming the edges, clearing & raking them off etc. When I got the job about half done it began to rain. But I was determined to finish it so putting on an old coat I kept at it and between the perspiration & rain I was about wet through or rather my clothes were. At noon I carried Hattie Mills dinner to her at the shop as it rained too hard for her to come home. The Foreman weighed out a dozen full stiff bristled brush hats. I squared them up. Cut out tips for them and then got Hattie's dinner pail and left. I went to the Danbury Bank and got the \$10.00 for Brandy Check. I left there one week ago for collection for Geo - I called at the Jeffersonian Office to see if Ashby wanted a communication from Geo this week for insertion in his next weeks issue. From there I went to Coney's Marble Shop to see further about a Gravestone for Eddie. Before going to see Ashby I had taken three letters from the Office from Geo from St Augustine. He gave the news of his appointment to Regimental Post Master.

There was a picture of St Augustine enclosed in one of them. He wants me to send 4 copies of *Larmina Sacra* (Note Books).

When I came home from the street I finished hanging the green curtains (shades) in the Parlor.

I mailed a daily Tribune to Geo in the eve. I went to Market in the eve and bought the largest Pine Apple I ever saw for 35 cents.

Before retiring I prepared a letter for the Jeff from Geo's letters read to day.

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Cloudy in the Morning. It cleared off in the P.M.
I have taken cold and do not feel very well today.
I bought another Pocket Dictionary for Geo
and mailed it this eve. the other one
he never received. this one cost 50 cents
the other only 25 cents.

On my way
to the shop this morning I left a letter of
Geo's at the Jeffersonian Office for publication.

In the eve I wrote a Notice of the Breast Pin
I found to put up in the P. Office tomorrow.
Smith Ferrel brought me a bottle of Ale today

Saturday May 28th

Pleasant through the day, though somewhat the
appearance of a storm in the eve.

Left a notice at the Post Office this morn
with the pin to be called for. I began to
brush my Peas before Breakfast and finished
them before tea. Guerin walked down
to Market with me in the eve.

Robert Cocking and I drank some of my
beer before returning. Father Griswold returned
from San Conference Phila Pa by evening train.

Sunday May 29th

Cool but pleasant through the day. Mr Atkinson
an Army Christian Commission Agent preached
for us in the morning and talked in Sunday
School. So much of the time was taken up
that Books were not changed. Father Griswold
preached to the young people in the P.M.
Text Ecclesiastes 12-1. Mother attended church
all day. Mr McKinney carried her to church in
the morning and home as far as our house to
tea. After tea I hired a team and took her
and Guerin up to the Cemetery after which
I carried her home. Harriet Mills went
up to Philo Wildman's yesterday with a friend
and returned this eve about 7 o'clock.

*In all Ale of
Fayson*

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She went with us to a Union Meeting at
the 1st Congl Church in the eve; Mr Atkinson
(Agent for the Christian Commission) Mr
Kennedy the Baptist Boy Preacher (now Chaplain
of the 19th Regt N.Y. Vol) and another
Agent from Hartford spoke and a collection
for the Commission was taken. When we
came from this meeting it was cloudy and
just after we got home it began to rain.
I finished a letter to Geo and mailed it
as went to the Evening Meeting. — After
breakfast this morning I went up home and
got my Carmine Sacra to send to Geo also
his Medal which he writes for,

Monday May 30th 1864

Pleasant. Cool this morning but warmer at
night. The three Note Books (Carmine Sacra)
came this morning to Mr Smith. I brought
them home at noon. After tea I put them
up in two packages (my old one breaking now)
and carried them to the Office and mailed
them, the postage on them was 84 cents.

Frank Broughton was here when I came
from work at night. I lent her \$8.00 until
Wednesday. Mrs Stone washed and
cleaned the Sink Room today. Read a letter
from ^{Coming} Davis B. Mills by the evening mail.

Tuesday May 31st

Pleasant, rather warm. Sent a letter & paper to
the office this morning by Mr Durham. They were
for Geo. We had but 10 men today, finished them
before dinner. Harriet was down to dinner.
Mr Cocking came in while we were eating
and drank a glass of Beer with me. I went
down town after dinner & bought a nice basket
for myself, went up to Mallory's shop and engaged
some Bean roles of Wales Edin. Came home

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letter
new hills*

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*Letter from Jeff
California*

and read paper until just at night when it was cooler, then I hoed garden until tea was ready. Mr Danham came down and looked at my center roof. We concluded to have a new layer of shingle on top of the old ones. I went to Market in the eve and to the P. Office. Got a letter for Guerin from Cousin Eliza, California.

*John W. Busine
Married this
morning at
6 o'clock
Guerin died
letter from
Kate Bailey
etc.*

Wednesday June 1st 1864

Pleasant warm until about 4 P.M. when a hard thunder shower came up.

John W. Busine was married this morning at 6 o'clock and took the train.

Guerin went up to Mrs. Mc Nal's to get a dress cut and we carried over dinner (Karrat & I). On my way from work at night I came by the way of Comes Marble Works and enjoyed a little for Eddie. I went to Market and to class in the eve.

Our pay was put off on account of taking an inventory until today. But did not get pay for what work we did today.

Guerin rec'd letter from an old Eng friend Kate Bailey formerly Kate Doane

Thursday June 2nd

Rain last night. Cloudy this morning. Cleared off at noon. Before tea I set a post for clothes line. After tea I helped Father Griswold move their refrigerator from Barn to cellar.

Went downtown by the way of Mr. Crook's. Crook's garden with Mr. Crook who went that way to carry some egg plants to the barn

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go
*Mr. J. 3 Carpenters & Timers about roofing my house.
I rec'd 3 letters from Geo. there was one for
Mother Karrat and Anna Purdy also in other
Office from him. The letters gave the
intelligence of the capture of Companies B,
H & K. Luskis & Hattie Mills spent the eve
up to Father Griswold. Bro. Hell called ~~after~~
After meeting, before retiring I looked
over the three letters from Geo. and made
out one for the Jeff.*

Friday June 3rd 1864

Pleasant but rather cool for summer. After breakfast I commenced taking extracts from Geo's letters for the Jeff. After the mail came in I went up home to see Mother's letter from Geo. it was written later than mine and contradicted what he wrote to me about Companies H & K being captured. They are all right but Co. B, has been taken sure.

I bought the wooden pocket Almanacs that Geo ordered of R. G. Cowan and mailed them in the eve. I wrote a short letter also and mailed at the same time. I gave up the idea for the present of putting on a tin roof on my wing and bought a few shingle top hats. It for the present ~~done~~

While we were drinking tea Burr Bradley his wife and youngest child called on us.

Saturday June 4th

Pleasant. No work in the shop today. Taking an inventory, I hoed in my garden, went up to Chas Chase about mail time with Robert for a ride. I patched up my wing roof just at night. Guerin went to the cemetery in the eve.