

# HENRY H. SCADIN DAIRIES

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*Friday, January 1*

Been several years since I have kept a diary.

I did some water color work on some of my views this forenoon. This afternoon I fixed up some "Combination" views for my Booklet of Highlands. Kate popped corn to celebrate the New Year and I ate too much. Had a letter from Hiram Glover tonight, am in hopes to get him up here.

*Saturday, January 2*

I sent a package of photos to the State Geologist this morning, on request from him.

This afternoon I took my camera & went to a mountaineers home to try a photo of his ox as they were ready for going to mill. I came home over "nix" mountain and saw where I can get a fine set of views. It was too misty to make views today.

*Sunday, January 3*

Kate & I went to the hotel this forenoon & had a little singing & then we stayed to dinner having a very pleasant time. I was going horse back riding with the men after dinner, but it threatened rain so badly that we gave it up.

Mrs. McAlpin loaned Kate some books on Theosophy so we have some deep reading on hand. Wrote to ma & Vida tonight.

*Monday, January 4*

It was a rainy day up till noon when a change came & by 2:30 p.m. it was clear & beautiful. I took my camera then & went up to Nix Mt. to get some views. I spent some time this forenoon in practicing color work on photos. Silvered plain paper tonight. It is growing colder.

*Tuesday, January 5*

I was sick all last night & have done but little today. Kate finished the plain paper which I printed this forenoon.

Mr. McGriffin came over from the hotel & made us a pleasant call towards evening. Mrs. McAlpin sent me a bottle of grape juice. By mail I got Mt. Dora views from Hiram to make a book.

*Wednesday, January 6*

I did some printing today, but I did not hustle much. Took the calendars I finished for Mr. Hays over to the hotel this afternoon. Got quite a number of letters tonight & some more from Hiram. There was snow on the mountain tops this morning and it has been pretty cold all day.

*Thursday, January 7*

This forenoon I took a horseback ride with the hotel men. We went to both lake basins & over the new road at Fairfield. Mr. Hays is trying to decide where to put the new hotel. It looked & felt so much like snow that I got in a lot of wood & kindling this evening. It seems some milder this evening.

*Friday, January 8*

Spent the most of today in fixing up photos of Mt. Dora scenery in groups & photographing them on 8 x 10 plates to make booklets of. I made 6 plates. It was a cold job developing them tonight though I kept a fire in the kitchen stove.

It threatened snow but has cleared off tonight.

*Saturday, January 9*

Finished up a lot of small calendars for Mt. Dora today.

We felt the cold this morning as it seemed damp & penetrating. It has been bright & sunny all day so we are not to have any snow this time after all.

*Sunday, January 10*

Went over to the hotel this morning & got a quart of milk. They are going to get an extra qt. each morning for me. They have a Mr. Rogers & wife from New York there now. Lowry Verner came over this forenoon & we practiced guitar music a little. It has been a very fine day & much warmer. Wrote several letters.

*Monday, January 11*

I did some printing & finishing today on the new Mt. Dora booklet I have been getting out. I colored on of the covers to see how it looks. Kate went to the P.O. this morning & called at the hotel also. The wind blew a gale all day. Silvered a lot of plain paper tonight.

*Tuesday, January 12*

Have been busy today with the finishing of Mt. Dora booklets.

Mrs. Hays & Mrs. Rogers from the hotel called this forenoon and Mrs. Rogers ordered some views.

Kate went calling with Mrs. Burlingame this afternoon. It begins to look like a storm of some kind.

*Wednesday, January 13*

It has been a stormy day & upset my photo work badly.

I managed to finish a few mat prints for Mrs. Rogers.

Mr. Bun came & got his photos of ox teams today. Kate made some envelopes for our booklets & we tied the Mt. Dora ones together. The ground & trees are covered with sleet, but it rains some tonight.

*Thursday, January 14*

Finished printing the plain paper that I failed to get done yesterday.

I took Mrs. Rogers her views this morning. They were just about to leave for New York. Got 12 Mt. Dora booklets all ready to mail in the morning. Mrs. McAlpin & Mr. McGriffin called on us this afternoon. Lucy & Jennie Burlingame came up & played dominoes tonight. It looks rainy again.

*Friday, January 15*

This forenoon I printed up a lot of views on Aristo paper. This afternoon Mr. McGriffin & I took a long walk. We went to what is called the Reid farm at the foot of Mt. Toxaway & then up a canyon to a lovely little fall on a very high cliff. We kept on up the mountain seeing a fine large wildcat. From the top we saw above the clouds as they hovered over S.C. We came home by moonlight.

*Saturday, January 16*

I finished today the views I printed yesterday. It took me till about 4 o'clock. Then a young lady came for a portrait sitting. Kate had a letter from Anna Queal containing her photo. Someone moved into the schoolhouse today, so we have near neighbors. The Burlingame girls came up tonight & played games. It was Daisy's birthday.

*Sunday, January 17*

It rained nearly all day & hard some of the time. I did not go for the milk till this afternoon. Finished reading the Ralston Health book which Mrs. Hanie loaned us. I believe in its teachings and think I will join the club someday & procure more of the books. It is windy tonight & some cooler.

*Monday, January 18*

Mr. McGriffin & I took a tramp today. We took our lunch & went to the Panthertown Valley. We explored along the foot of the great cliff of Green Mountain & found some places that were almost caves. We came back by the

"Gold Spring" & got home before 5 o'clock. My express package of plain paper from Chicago came today. It is quite cold.

*Tuesday, January 19*

I printed up some covers for the Highlands Booklet on plain paper today.

Tonight I developed the plates I exposed yesterday.

Received the January number of The St. Louis Photographer tonight.

*Wednesday, January 20*

The ground was covered with snow & sleet this morning but it began to rain about 10 o'clock & has rained hard ever since. Kate & Mrs. Burlingame went up to Mrs. Geo. Jacobs just before the storm began, & Mr. B. & I went after them with umbrellas & waterproofs. I have been reading the story called "Ardath."

*Thursday, January 21*

It was clear again this morning. I went to the hotel & got Mr. McGriffin & we went to Chimney Top Mt. I couldn't get the views I wanted for the distance was not clear. We clambered down the icy path to the gap & came home by Fairfield. It has turned cold and windy tonight. I called at Burlingames & played dominoes a little while tonight.

*Friday, January 22*

I took my camera this morning & went south-east about 6 or 7 miles to a place where I could see a good share of S.C., apparently. I took dinner with a family & they did all the cooking by the fireplace. I got some "character" photos there. Silvered albumen paper tonight & developed the exposed plates. We are having a high wind tonight.

*Saturday, January 23*

I printed & finished a batch of albumen paper today.

The Burlingame girls came up tonight & we played dominoes.

There was a very pretty, red sky when the morning broke, but a sort of yellow cast tonight, which is said to indicated a storm.

*Sunday, January 24*

Kate & I went over to the hotel after the milk this morning & I took a few new views for Mr. Hays to examine. They invited me to go horseback riding & I went up to Georgetown with them. Been writing letters this afternoon & evening.

*Monday, January 25*

I went up to Mr. George Jacobs house early this morning & got a peck of potatoes. It has seemed like snowing most all day. Kate & I fixed up a combination of the Whitewater views & I made an exposure for a "booklet" leaf. Had a letter tonight from an old teacher who is now probate judge at home. Mrs. Winnie Hubbell sent the ribbon from Detroit for our booklets.

*Tuesday, January 26*

I split up a lot of stovewood this forenoon. This afternoon I took my camera & went to Georgetown to get a view of the dam building but the sun clouded over & I had to give it up. Mr. McGriffin came along & we walked along the Sapphire Lake basin.

It began to snow some this evening. I developed 3 plates tonight.

*Wednesday, January 27*

There was considerable snow on the ground this morning, & it continued to snow up till noon. I went to the narrows & made an exposure of an 8x10 plate. This afternoon I was at the hotel helping Mr. Hays fix up some views on frames. It has turned very cold tonight & the wind blows too. I silvered a lot of plain paper thinking the sun will shine tomorrow.

*Thursday, January 28*

It was the coldest day of the winter so far. I kept fire all last night in the fireplace & even then water froze in the room. At the hotel the thermometer registered 8 degrees below 0 this morning. It is bitter cold tonight but the wind does not blow. Finished a batch of plain mat prints today & silvered again tonight. Had a letter from home tonight.

*Friday, January 29*

Last night was stinging cold, also. I kept fire burning well but the water pails froze over only a few feet away from the fireplace. It turned warmer today & tonight appears stormy. I finished up 50 covers for the Highlands Booklet today. Mr. McGriffin made us a call this afternoon. Have been reading in the novel "Ardath" tonight.

*Saturday, January 30*

There was a damp coldness this morning that made it very penetrating & we felt colder in the house than ever before. I did not go out of doors till after dinner, as I was finishing the novel "Ardath".

Kate & I called at the hotel this afternoon. This evening we went down to Burlingames & played games. It seems warmer tonight.

*Sunday, January 31*

I made a call at the hotel this morning & we talked about Florida & this country.

Lowry Verner came about noon & we practiced some on our guitars.

It has been very bright & pleasant all day & the snow is melting off fast.

I wrote letters to ma & to Elmer Cushman.

*Monday, February 1*

It has been a very stormy day & I have done nothing but read & tend the fire with the exception of trying to get my own photo taken so as to send home to show the folks how fine a VanDyke beard I have grown. I received a registered letter from Mrs. Atterberry tonight. She has sold no booklets as yet.

*Tuesday, February 2*

This morning I began to chop wood, but as I looked up at the tops of the mountains the trees looked white & glistening & I quit work & got my camera & went to summit of Bearpen. Such a brilliant scene as was there I never saw before. The trees & bushes were covered with ice & with the sun shining on them & the distant scenery, it was beautiful.

*Wednesday, February 3*

I went to the Post Office this morning & then took the washing over to Mrs. Marshall. It has been thawing quite fast today. I printed some photos today, among them the pretty views I got on the mountains yesterday. Have decided to copyright one of the views & call it "Winter." Lucy & Daisy Burlingame came up this evening & played dominoes with us.

*Thursday, February 4*

I spent part of both forenoon & afternoon in chopping wood.

Fixed up my Winter picture to be sent off for copyright. I also sent two stereo views to pa. I am getting to be very much bothered over the question of whether to think of getting a home here or not. At times I am homesick & at others I think I want to settle here.

*Friday, February 5*

It has stormed all day, mostly rain, though it don't seem to melt the snow much. I spent most of my time in completing the reading of the novel "Thelma." I think it a very fine story. I went for the mail toward evening & received a letter from Vida. It continues to rain quite hard tonight.

*Saturday, February 6*

Mr. Lige Alexander came & brought his cross cut saw & we cut wood all day for my fireplace. Am cutting up the tops of trees left when they cut logs for the dam & bridge. I got rather tired by night as it has been so long since I have done so much work of that kind. Am feeling quite in love with this country tonight.

*Sunday, February 7*

I went over to the hotel this morning & had a long talk with Mr. Hays about getting some land for growing fruit on. He wants me to see if I can one of two places joining their land, instead of selling a tract inside. There was preaching at the hotel this afternoon. Kate & I and Mr. & Mrs. B went over.

*Monday, February 8*

This morning I went down to Mr. Henry Millers to see if he would sell his place, but got no satisfaction there. I saw Mr. Jeff Reid also but he don't care to sell either. Tonight Mr. B. & I are in favor of trying to buy Mr. Alfred Millers place as we have learned that he will sell. I don't know as I will buy anything in the end.

*Tuesday, February 9*

This forenoon I took Mr. Burlingame's horse & in company with Mr. McGriffin went down to the Hog Back country to look at a couple of pieces of land that Mr. Hays wanted me to see. This afternoon I spent in looking over Alfred Millers place. I am more pleased with that than any thing else I have seen. Kate & I went down to Mr. B.'s tonight to talk it over.

*Wednesday, February 10*

I worked at the wood all day getting it ready to draw tomorrow if the weather is good.

I heard that they had a very bad time yesterday in getting the water stopped at the Fairfield dam. They are working night & day now to keep ahead of the water. The weather is very spring like.

*Thursday, February 11*

This has been a Red-letter for Kate & me as I have agreed verbally to buy a little home here near Sapphire. Mr. Burlingame & I expect to buy Mr. Alfred Millers place & divide it, as it is practically two places now. I am to pay \$600 for about 70 acres which is the home place. It has been a stormy day & I have done no work.

*Friday, February 12*

I spent the forenoon in chopping up dry locust wood to mix with the green oak I have cut for the fireplace. Started to go to Fairfield just after dinner, but saw Mr. Hays at the hotel & from what he said I concluded to wait till tomorrow. I wrote an order to Buchanan for Photo-stock; mostly fine mounts.

*Saturday, February 13*

I went up to where they are building the dam for the Fairfield Lake this forenoon & made a couple of exposures for views where they are hauling dirt by both teams & flat boats.

This afternoon I spent most of my time in fixing up my negatives in a cupboard where they would be handy.

*Sunday, February 14*

As this was the only day Mr. Burlingame could get away, we went over & walked about all over Mr. Miller's farm & lands with him. I am more pleased than ever with the prospects of the bargain & hope nothing will prevent our getting it. It has been a beautiful spring like day.

*Monday, February 15*

I had Mr. Lige Alexander with his yoke of steers & wagon all day drawing wood & I think now I have enough to last all the rest of the winter. It has threatened rain about all day. Had a letter from Hiram today & I guess he will give up coming up here the coming summer. I developed tonight, the plates I exposed last week.

*Tuesday, February 16*

I went up to Mr. Geo. Jacob's this morning & got a peck of potatoes. Mr. Ferguson walked back with me as far as the store. I went up to Fairfield this noon & exposed a plate on a group for Dr. Fisher. I came home by the south

bank of the Sapphire Lake Basin. They have begun to raise the water in it tonight. I picked out a good many pretty views.

*Wednesday, February 17*

I printed & finished a batch of plain paper prints today. It has been a very bright & pleasant day. All the mail we got tonight was the Dexter Leader. Mr. & Mrs. Davis, who are stopping at the hotel, were over and bought some views this afternoon. They are bound for Florida. I silvered albumen paper tonight.

*Thursday, February 18*

I printed 48 Stereo views today & got them into the drying press.

It has been real warm & I fear if this weather continues that fruit buds will swell & be damaged by cold that must yet come. I had an order for some unmounted views from Mr. W.J. Jinks of New York.

*Friday, February 19*

I ordered more photo stock this morning, & so the money goes.

I trimmed, mounted & burnished the Stereos I printed yesterday.

Had a letter from pa tonight. I guess he would like to have us come home pretty well, but he wants me to buy here if I think it is best. Kate & I got Lucy B. to expose some photo plates of us.

*Saturday, February 20*

It rained about all day & so I did but little except to read. The dam near here has been closed about 3 days & Sapphire Lake is now up within 2 ft. of its proposed level. The negatives of Kate & I turned out good & I proofed & retouched them today. There was only a paper in the mail tonight.

*Sunday, February 21*

Kate & I called at the hotel this forenoon but the gentlemen were just going riding so we did not see them. I crossed the bridge & went to Marshalls for the washing this morning & the lake looks nearly full. Have not felt at my best for two or three days. Wrote to pa & to Hiram Glover this evening. It holds cloudy & threatens more rain.

*Monday, February 22*

Stayed in the house most of the day & read. Did some selecting of fruit would like to set out if we get the little farm. I took the washing for this week over to Marshalls this afternoon. Went for the mail & had to wait for a long time & got caught in a hard shower coming home. Did up my watch tonight to send to Arnold for repairs. It lightnings & thunders tonight & blows.

*Tuesday, February 23*

I sent my watch to Mr. Arnold at Ann Arbor this morning as for some reason it has become unreliable. It rained so hard last night that the river came up as high as I ever saw it. It was muddy, too. A hole broke in the dam here & the water is all running out. I cleaned up a spring of water to use for a while. It is cooler weather.

*Wednesday, February 24*

I printed a small batch of Aristo prints & finished them up today. Among them were a few of our portraits. Will send one home tomorrow.

It has looked & felt some like snow this afternoon. Kate had a letter from her father tonight. We think he is homesick.

I silvered Albumen paper tonight & wrote to cousin Vida.

*Thursday, February 25*

It was dull & cloudy most of the day & at one time we had quite a squall of snow. I printed views but did not get done in time to finish. Mrs. Burlingame's baby got badly burned with hot grease & Kate has the headache tonight in consequence of the excitement. The weather cleared up this evening.

*Friday, February 26*

I finished the batch of Albumen prints this forenoon. This afternoon I got Mr. Burlingame's horse for Kate & took her over to see the farm we talk of buying. We picked out the place we would build on if we ever got able. Mr. Miller has not heard from his man yet, so I guess there is a good chance that we won't buy. Quite cold tonight.

*Saturday, February 27*

I printed & finished some matt paper prints today. This afternoon I went to look at a small farm owned by a widow about 2 miles from here & surrounded by the companys land, but I do not like the place as well as I do Mr. Millers. I talked a little with Mr. Hull about Tryon, N.C. & I have a notion I would like to go & see the place.

*Sunday, February 28*

Mr. Burlingame & I went to Mr. Millers again today. He has not heard from the place he wants & so will not sell till he does. He may start out to look up his man tomorrow, if not, the bargain we made is all over. I called on Mr. Hull again this afternoon & got some more information about Tryon. Will go down there unless Mr. Miller makes a decision this week.

*Monday, March 1*

I printed & finished a batch of albumen paper today, but did no mounting as they are ordered unmounted. Mr. Miller came this morning and said he had given up going to see about the farm, but he will write once more & see what he can hear. I sent a letter of inquiry to Tryon this morning. I am getting discouraged with my photo business here.

*Tuesday, March 2*

Mr. Miller was here again today. He had heard from his man but not satisfactorily, so he has to write again. Today noon I went up to the works on Fairfield Lake & took a photo of the men & teams on the dam they are building. I counted 110 men & guess there were more. Mr. Hull & I had another talk about Tryon. It has clouded up tonight & looks like rain.

*Wednesday, March 3*

I was over at the hotel a little while this morning. Mr. Hays has returned from Raleigh. I retouched a group negative & then printed a small batch of photos, mostly our own to sent to friends & finished them up this afternoon. It cleared off toward evening. I silvered albumen paper tonight.

*Thursday, March 4*

I printed & finished 28 of the photos of the Fairfield Lake works that I took Tuesday. Kate went with Mrs. Burlingame to help Mrs. Jacobs sew today & of course, more people came than I could hardly tend to & do my picture work. Had a letter from Ralph tonight. He is thinking of coming down here during his summer vacation. Been a fine day.

*Friday, March 5*

I counted & fixed up for mailing the unmounted photos I have been making for Mr. W. J. Jinks of New York City.

I did considerable reading today, finishing the novel "The Kentucky Colonel." Received Greens book on Fruit Culture tonight. We are having some heavy thunder tonight with showers.

*Saturday, March 6*

The water was very high this morning from the hard rain we had last night. I went out & took photos of Millers Falls & a pretty fall half way or more up Mt. Toxaway, then I went up on top of the mountain & tried to get some cloud views. They looked very pretty. I got into the club house & telephoned down to have Kate told I would not get home at noon.

*Sunday, March 7*

The clouds have been hanging low over the place all day. I wrote a letter home this forenoon. Mr. McGriffin called on us a few minutes. Kate trimmed my beard & then we went to call at the hotel this afternoon. We have been talking today that perhaps we better go back home in the spring.

*Monday, March 8*

I went up to the works on Fairfield Lake this forenoon & delivered Dr. Fisher the group photos I had made for him. He told me he had orders for 28 of the view & group of men & teams I took up there last week. It seems quite like a lake up there now. Did a little retouching & printing. Received paper & chemicals for Blue Prints tonight.

*Tuesday, March 9*

I printed & finished small lots of both plain & Blue paper today. The mat paper which I salted myself seemed to work very nicely. This afternoon I took some views on the lake here & developed them tonight. Did not get any mail to speak of, which disappointed me. The day has been very fine.

*Wednesday, March 10*

I made a tray this forenoon & began to "Salt" plain paper as an experiment to see if I like it better or is cheaper than what I have been getting.

The clouds have been very close all day & it has grown warmer. Had only the Leader in the mail tonight. Lucy & Daisy came up & played dominoes tonight. Silvered some of my new paper.

*Thursday, March 11*

I started out to make some views on the lake this morning, but it clouded up when I had only one & I had to come home. It has rained and spit some snow. Had a letter from ma tonight but no paper to finish photos. Received pay for a lot of the Fairfield Works views, by checks from the Co. Played dominoes again tonight.

*Friday, March 12*

I salted some paper today & also finished up a small batch of Aristo prints.

Went over to Mr. Miller's this afternoon and told him I didn't know whether it was going to be possible for me to stay here as I see no prospect of any good sales of my photos. Albumen paper came tonight & I have silvered. Hoping for a clear day tomorrow.

*Saturday, March 13*

I had a bad day for printing & got but little done.

Went over & had a talk with Mr. Hays about prospects. I hear that Mr. Taylor Rogers in Asheville has sold the Etchings I sent him & wishes for more. Had a card from Mr. Doubleday of Tryon. Think I will go down there next week & also to Asheville.

*Sunday, March 14*

We have appreciated having a nice day once again, but tonight it appears much like rain again.

Have written several letters today.

Mr. & Mrs. Burlingame called & we talked farm again. Mr. Miller told him he felt sure he could get the place he wants in time.

*Monday, March 15*

Photo printing has been very slow today & there is no prospect of better weather, as it rains steadily tonight.

Had a letter from Hiram tonight. He says business is dull in Florida. I guess our business is not a good one to depend on much. I must buy some land or else go home.

*Tuesday, March 16*

I finished a small batch of mat paper this forenoon. It has been so dull that I could print but few albumen views & it frets me. Had a card tonight saying that my freight from Buchanan in Philadelphia was now at Walhalla, S.C., that is a great note. I am wishing today that we were out of this place & I guess we will have to get, anyway, in time.



*Wednesday, March 17*

Tried to finish up the printing today but it has been hard work to do it & I failed by one print. We had a letter from Kate's father tonight & he is going to start for home about Saturday. He has worked hard and fixed up the house lot at Clay Springs & the grove at Merrimack. He still hopes that we will someday take care of the property there.

*Thursday, March 18*

Finished up & mounted the prints I have been working on all the week. The weather continues very unfavorable for photo work. Took some more views over to the hotel this afternoon.

Kate & I went down to Burlingames this evening & played dominoes with the girls.

*Friday, March 19*

I went over to Mr. Hays office this morning as he has sent word that he wished to see me. The interview did not please me very much, or make me think there was much show for me to do much here. It has rained hard pretty much all day. I salted a lot of plain paper today. Pa wrote I better come home and raise strawberries with Willie & I may do it.

*Saturday, March 20*

It has been a beautiful day & I made a lot of plain paper prints. Kate & I took a walk up the lake a ways just before evening.

We are feeling a little broken up as to what to do and it is hard work to decide.

Lucy & Daisy Burlingame came up and played dominoes this evening.

*Sunday, March 21*

I got a mule of Mr. Crisp this forenoon for Kate to ride & we started to view the work at "Lake Fairfield." When we got to the hotel Mr. Hays saw us & ordered a horse for me, so I did not have to walk. We had a nice ride. Kate has been having a time with her teeth today, severe spasmodic pain. It is again becoming very cloudy & rainy looking.

*Monday, March 22*

I went up to the Fairfield Lake works this forenoon, Mr. McGriffin going with me. Had a talk with Dr. Fisher about the Tryon country. We got caught in a little shower on our way back. Spent the afternoon in salting paper. Kate & I went down to the Burlingames for a while this evening. We have about concluded to give up buying a place here.

*Tuesday, March 23*

Kate is having a hard time with one of her teeth. She is feeling better tonight & hopes to stave off an ulceration.

I went up on Bear Pen mountain this afternoon & came back by David Millers place. I found him ploughing with a little steer & took a photo of the outfit. It seemed to be clearing off tonight, but is storming again.

*Wednesday, March 24*

I printed & finished a batch of "Etching" today. It was quite sunny at times and as it grew colder there was some little snow squalls. It is much colder tonight & people fear the peach buds & blossoms will be killed.

I have gotten ready to start for Tryon tomorrow. Kate has succeeded in stopping her toothache.

*Thursday, March 25*

We got up at 4 o'clock this morning & at 5:30 I started for Brevard on foot. I made the trip by 1 o'clock. Thought I was going to get rained on, but instead it snowed a little. Had a tooth filled & then came on the cars to Hendersonville where I am staying tonight.

*Friday, March 26*

This forenoon I went down to Tryon, called on a man by the name of Doubleday looked over his vineyards & asked him about fruit growing & then I took a walk back on the mountains several miles to see how I liked the country. I

do not like it near as well as at Sapphire, for the land is poorer & there is no such water. This evening I came to Asheville, saw Mr. Rogers who sells my views & will try to reach Brevard tomorrow.

*Saturday, March 27*

When I got up this morning & looked out the hotel window I saw the mountains covered with snow. I got to Brevard & had some dental work done before I got my dinner. I had to leave my old plate & had an impression made for a new one. This evening I walked out about 9 miles on my way home & have put up at the Zachary house. It is cold tonight & will freeze hard.

*Sunday, March 28*

I left the Zachary place about 8 o'clock this morning & reached home before 2 o'clock. Had a very pleasant walk & noticed how much better the land seemed than it did at Tryon, and the babbling brooks & springs are so nice here. I either want to settle here, or go home & stay there. Had dinner at Mr. Burlingame's. Mr. & Mrs. B. took Kate for a ride.

*Monday, March 29*

I called at the hotel this morning & also loafed some at the store. This afternoon I took a long nap, & then read some & fooled away the rest of the day. Kate had letters from ma telling of Kate's mother's sickness. She is better now, but Kate thinks she ought to be home with her. It is threatening to rain tonight.

*Tuesday, March 30*

It stormed considerable this forenoon. Mr. Miller came around again to talk farm & Mr. Burlingame & I tried to get him to bind the sale, but he was afraid to do it, but said he would talk over with his folks about going to see the man he wishes to buy out & let us know by morning if he goes. I went to the hotel this afternoon & took some photos.

*Wednesday, March 31*

I printed some pictures this forenoon & finished them up this afternoon.

Then came up a heavy storm of rain & hail with thunder toward evening. Mr. Miller did not go & so I am going to write home that we are going back there in May. Lucy & Jennie came up to play Dominoes tonight.

*Thursday, April 1*

It rained about all day & was so cold that on the mountain tops there was snow.

This was Kate's birthday, but I had nothing for her but a small bottle of perfumery I got at the store. My box of freight from Philadelphia came in & I got the new Stereo's out, & gave Mr. Burlingame his. We expect now to go home in about 6 weeks.

*Friday, April 2*

It has been quite rainy all day. I managed to get the balance of my photo-stock over home from the box at the store.

Had a letter from ma & they are hoping to learn soon what I have decided about buying here. They will get the letter next week telling that I am coming home. Kate had a letter from her mother who is better. Her father was not home yet from Florida.

*Saturday, April 3*

It was so pleasant this morning that I started for Chimney Top mountain, but it threatened rain when I got half way there & I came back.

I borrowed a rake & shovel and cleaned up the dooryard a little, but I expect the natives pigs will root it all to pieces. My new mouth plate came tonight, but they don't fit.

*Sunday, April 4*

This has been a day of about the steadiest & hardest rain I ever experienced.

I read, wrote & slept the day away.

*Monday, April 5*

I went to the upper Whitewater Falls this forenoon & took a photo from a different point of view than my others. I saw a storm approaching & got back to a house just as it began. It rained & hailed & then cleared off fine. My watch came back tonight. Developed my plates tonight.

*Tuesday, April 6*

I went to the store this morning and got some groceries.

Did a little printing from the negatives I made yesterday.

Some of the ladies from the hotel were here to call, but Kate was away with Mrs. Burlingame making calls. Have been filing on my teeth trying to make them fit. It has been pleasant all day.

*Wednesday, April 7*

Kate went with Mrs. Ad. Jacobs to Dr. Zachery's over toward Highlands. They started early and were gone all day.

I did some printing & fussed with the wood some.

I took dinner with the Burlingame's, as they invited me.

Tonight I got supper all ready & then went to meet Kate & did so soon after she left the buggy.

*Thursday, April 8*

I finished up a batch of photos this forenoon.

The Chase girls brought a Bulls Eye camera over for me to look into as they were having trouble with it.

The air was very smoky today so I did not try any view work.

*Friday, April 9*

We had a heavy rain during last night and the air was very clear today. I started out in the morning & went to the Fairfield Lake. Went all about it & up on the surrounding mountains making eight exposures. It was most night when I got home rather tired. A timber expert from the Vanderbilt estate came tonight to help me select timber views.

*Saturday, April 10*

I spent the day in looking for timber to photograph for the State Geologist with Mr. Rankin, one of the Vanderbilt's foresters. It is very hard work to find trees in suitable shape for photographing. I received a registered letter from Mrs. Atterberry set thing up for photos sold. Had a letter from ma. They had just gotten the one I wrote saying we would be home.

*Sunday, April 11*

This morning the high mountains were covered with snow & it has frozen quite hard here.

The forestry man went back to Biltmore today.

I wrote six letters & did some reading. Kate trimmed my beard & hair.

There were several little squalls of rain today.

*Monday, April 12*

I found out this morning that the Company did not care for the timber views and did not care to help me get them, so I am not going to work on them. This afternoon I got one of the boats & Kate, Mrs. Burlingame & Jennie took a ride up the Sapphire lake with me. I took my camera but broke the ground glass before I got a view.

*Tuesday, April 13*

I succeeded in making a ground glass for my camera this forenoon so I was out making views again this afternoon. Took Mrs. McAlpin & her (?) on their horses, & then got two pretty views on Sapphire Lake. I got a view also of some ox teams and wagons by the store.

I developed the plates tonight.

*Wednesday, April 14*

I silvered, printed & finished a batch of plain paper prints today. The sun has shone some of the day, but the clouds have predominated & it seems like rain tonight.

Kate & Mrs. Burlingame called at the hotel this afternoon. I have a batch of Aristo prints ready to finish tomorrow.

*Thursday, April 15*

I finished up 91 photos today and I feel tired tonight.

I went to the hotel tonight and had a talk with Mr. Hays. We nearly had a disruption but by careful steering I came out whole & may succeed in getting away without a row.

*Friday, April 16*

I had to take a shovel today and work on the road with a gang of men. I expected a man to work in my place but he failed to come.

I have now had another experience to add to my store of living in different places. Had a letter from home & one from Mr. Campbell, our old Merrimack, Fla. Neighbor, now in Lowell, Mass.

*Saturday, April 17*

There was some freezing last night & there was a cool wind all day.

I did not do much today, but read & fix up some of my Highlands views in packages ready to take over.

Kate & I went out this afternoon & got some wild flowers, Trailing Arbutus, Forget-me-nots & violets. We called at Burlingames this evening.

*Sunday, April 18*

I went up to Mr. Geo. Jacobs this morning & invited them to come down & take dinner with us. They came & we had a very pleasant time looking over my photos & visiting. When they went home we walked up to the sawmill & lake with them. I have written a short letter to the Dexter Leader to publish if they wish.

*Monday, April 19*

I made up a batch of Plain paper prints today, most of them for the Highlands summer trade. It has been growing warmer all day & I hope it will continue so and bring out the leaves on the trees.

Had the Dexter Leader by mail tonight but no letters.

*Tuesday, April 20*

I worked at making plain paper photos again today and finished up 43 prints.

Received a check from W. J. Jinks tonight in payment for views sent Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>. Had a letter from Mrs. Atterberry telling of the death at Mt. Dora of 4 persons I was acquainted with. Played dominoes tonight.

*Wednesday, April 21*

I finished some Aristo prints today & exposed a plate on a little girl who came for her picture.

Took some views over to Mr. Hays this afternoon & got an order for some more.

There were some very brilliant "Sun Dogs" tonight, but I hope it don't mean cold weather. The air is very smoky.

*Thursday, April 22*

There was frost this morning same as there has been for several preceding mornings. I got my Highlands work all ready to take over & expect to go tomorrow. This afternoon I took a walk over the Miller place and on up to the summit of Racing Know mountain. The peaches are all right on Millers ridge yet. I would like to own the place yet, if it would be wise.

*Friday, April 23*

Got up early this morning & started for Highlands about half past six. I had Mr. Burlingames horse & the saddle bags packed full of photos for Miss White to sell the coming summer if she can. It took me till noon to get there. The sun had the most brilliant circle about it that I ever saw, being almost double at times. I got home about 8 o'clock, pretty tired & sore from so long a ride.

*Saturday, April 24*

It has been like a summer day & seemed very warm.

I numbered & filed the remainder of my negatives this forenoon. Felt some lame from my long horseback ride, but not as bad as I expected to.

Developed 3 plates tonight. It is getting quite dry, & the rivers are lowering.

*Sunday, April 25*

I wrote a letter home this morning & then Kate & I went up to Mr. Geo. Jacobs for dinner & to spend the afternoon. We had a very pleasant time. I wrote two more letters when we got home. It continues warm & dry but there are stormy looking clouds tonight.

*Monday, April 26*

Lowry Verner & I went to the Upper Whitewater Falls today starting early. We climed to the bottom of the Falls & it was hard work getting down & up the cliffs. I nearly stepped on a rattler, which Lowry afterward shot. The foliage down there is green & summery. I exposed 3 8x10 plates which turned out well in developing tonight. we got home about 4 o'clock. Looked rainy this morning but cleared off.

*Tuesday, April 27*

I retouched one negative this morning & then I went to work & made a lot of "Blue Prints," sensitizing the paper printing & washing them all by a little past 4 o'clock. I have felt somewhat dumpish all day. Kate and I spent the evening at the Burlingames.

It continues hot and dry.

*Wednesday, April 28*

I worked off a good batch of mat unmounted prints today. They are a part of the stock I expect to leave here on sale for the summer.

I received a letter from Hiram tonight & he has just returned from a trip to the Ocklawaha River. Played dominoes again tonight.

*Thursday, April 29*

I ran off another batch of matt photos today.

The clouds came today, & this evening we enjoyed a good thunder storm.

I had a letter from ma tonight, but Kate does not hear from her folks at all. I suppose they are expecting her home any day now, probably.

*Friday, April 30*

It rained all last night and all of today mostly, and still rains tonight. The leaves & grass show the benefit of it now.

I spent the day in writing & fixing up some Blue prints & photos I wished to send away.

*Saturday, May 1*

This morning I went up to Fairfield & took a view of Chimney Top mountain. I came back along the edge of the lake & by the dam. I just got home when there came up a heavy rain. It has grown so cool tonight that we fear frost in a day or so. Kate had a letter from Mrs. Hull tonight. It opened our eyes still more.

*Sunday, May 2*

There was some ice here this morning & I feared for the fruit buds, but I guess it did no damage. The wind has blown all day, & tonight it is cloudy.

Kate & I went to the hotel tonight to call & see Mr. P... Ravenal who is there with a couple of gentlemen from the north. He wishes me to go to Highlands & take some views.

*Monday, May 3*

There has been clouds most of the day. I was over at the hotel to see Mr. Ravenal again this morning.

Mr. Wright of Highlands is with them & he & one of the gentlemen came over & looked over views. Tonight Mrs. Burlingame, Jennie, Kate & I made a call on Dr. Chase's people, who occupy the Jinks cottage.

*Tuesday, May 4*

I finished up a batch of Aristo prints this forenoon. Had two portrait sittings to make also.

This afternoon I took the etchings over to the hotel which I had finished for them to frame.

Silvered paper tonight to print Stereo's tomorrow.

*Wednesday, May 5*

I printed both albumen & plain paper today. It has been a beautiful, sunny day.

Kate trimmed my whiskers this afternoon. We expect to go to Highlands tomorrow.

Lucy & Daisy Burlingame came up & played dominoes this evening.

*Thursday, May 6*

I mounted a lot of Stereo views this forenoon & burnished them.

A sack (?) from Highlands came at noon & this afternoon we spent in riding over to Highlands.

We are stopping at Mrs. Trowbridge's as she invited us to do.

*Friday, May 7*

I went to "Sunset Rocks" early this morning and then went to Glen Falls. I had quite a time there all by myself, secured three views and a lot of flowers. This afternoon I went out & got a view of Short-off Mountain.

Tonight Kate and I went over & had a peep through Mr. Rideouts telescope at the moon.

*Saturday, May 8*

This forenoon Mr. Ravenal furnished me a riding horse & with him, a Mr. Lewis of Niagra Falls, & Mr. Wright as guides, we went exploring for views in the Whiteside Mountain country where Mr. Ravenal hoped to have a game preserve. It was so smoky I could take no views, but I saw beautiful scenery. It was about 8 o'clock when we got back to Highlands.

*Sunday, May 9*

Kate went to the Sunday School this forenoon & I called on Mr. Manly.

This afternoon I went to see Mr. Ravenal & we walked up to his place. I came back by way of the Park. I met Kate & Miss White & we walked about some in the park.

Kate & Mrs. Trowbridge went to church tonight.

*Monday, May 10*

It has threatened to rain all of the day & has sprinkled, but it don't amount to much. I went with Mr. Ravenal to Sagey Mt. and made a couple of views of forests.

Tonight Kate and I went up and called on Mr. Davis & took supper with her. There is no prospect of going back to Sapphire yet.

*Tuesday, May 11*

It continues to threaten rain but does not get at it.

This forenoon I went to an old refugee camp of the civil war times. Capt. Lord & Mr. Thurston of the Rideout House went with me. We also visited Pinkerton Pool. I made three exposures. Have been visiting with Mr. Ravenal a good share of the afternoon.

*Wednesday, May 12*

I got things ready this morning and today noon I started on foot with the Cashiers mail carrier & came through to Sapphire after the remainder of my 5x7 plates. I experienced some quite heavy showers, but go home about 5 o'clock. Mrs. Burlingame had me take supper with them.

Tonight I developed all the plates I exposed at Highlands.

*Thursday, May 13*

It rained this forenoon till about 10 o'clock & then cleared off finely. I wrote some letters and packed up things to take to Highlands. I got my own breakfast & lunch. I left there about half after 11 & got to Highlands a little after 5 o'clock. I had a load to carry. The rain has cleared the air beautifully.

*Friday, May 14*

I took a long trip today going out by Whiteside Mountain & to the Cowee where I took a panoramic view. I ate my lunch by a spring & took a rest then came back, stopping under a rock while it showered a little. I exposed 9 plates on the trip. Was locked out when I got back & had to wait for Kate & Mrs. Trowbridge to return.

*Saturday, May 15*

There was a slight frost this morning. I had a horse and went out after more views with Mr. Ravenel today. It was late in the afternoon when we got back & Mr. Ravenel had me take dinner with him at the Davis house. It has been a beautiful day all through. It is very cool tonight & probably will frost.

*Sunday, May 16*

This forenoon I got Mr. Thurston & took a walk down into Horse Cove to see some land I looked at two years ago. I also visited another place that is fore sale. Was surprised at the fine scenery there, as I never went way down in the cove before.

*Monday, May 17*

I went down below Satulah mountain this forenoon for a view of the mountain from the new Walhalla road.

This afternoon I was out nearly to Whitesides for the last of the views for Mr. Ravenel. Kate & I sent to Sunset Rocks this evening & then we went to Mr. Whites for supper.

*Tuesday, May 18*

Went to the cemetery this morning & raked out the lot where cousin Melvin Cooper is buried & then photographed it. I took a lunch and my camera & went down into Horse Cove again & looked over one of the farms I saw the other day. Think I would like to own one or both of them. Called on various people this evening & said good bye.

*Wednesday, May 19*

We left Highlands this morning & got back to Sapphire about noon. We notice how much warmer it is here than at Highlands.

We were invited and took dinner at our neighbor Burlingames.

I mixed developer & fixing bath & developed a batch of plates tonight. Kate is suffering with headache.

*Thursday, May 20*

I did some printing today on aristo paper. The negatives I developed last night came out very well, especially a sunset view from Sunset Rocks, at Highlands.

Had a letter from ma tonight. They have got the large strawberry bed out at last.

*Friday, May 21*

This morning I rinsed out the plates I developed last night. Then Kate trimmed my hair & beard & I took a nap to make up for lost sleep.

This afternoon I made up a new fixing bath & got ready for developing tonight. I tried to get a photo of the Burlingame girls, but the sun bothered me. Had a letter from Mr. Hull tonight.

*Saturday, May 22*

This has been an ideal day. I did a little more printing & this afternoon I finished a batch of views. Dr. Chase & two of his northern friends were here and bought some of my views. Lucy & Jennie Burlingame came up tonight & played dominoes with us. Mr. B. & I calculate to take a ride tomorrow.

*Sunday, May 23*

It rained just a little this morning & then cleared up.

Mr. Burlingame and I went with his horse & buggy over to Horse Cove to look at the farms I examined when at Highlands. It made us a long trip & we were late home. I don't think Mr. Burlingame likes it there as well as here.

*Monday, May 24*

I fixed up some views to mail to Highlands this forenoon & also made a few Blue Prints.

Did some copying of views with border made of Azaleas & Kalmia bloom this afternoon.

Am going to help Burlingame girls hang some May baskets tonight.

*Tuesday, May 25*

It was cooler this morning & I heard there was frost at the Fairfield Valley. Dr. Pratt, the assistant manager of the Toxaway company, went to Lake Fairfield with me & spent the day there making views. Tonight I developed them & they came out good. It is cool tonight.

*Wednesday, May 26*

There was frost in localities this morning. Kate had Dr. Chase's horse & went riding with Mrs. Burlingame over to the Bohana country. I went with Dr. Pratt to Lake Fairfield again and made more views. Have been coming down with a hard cold & feel miserable tonight.

*Thursday, May 27*



Printed up a batch of plain paper today & Kate did the finishing work on them this afternoon. Lucy Burlingame and the baby were here a good share of the day, as her folks were all away. The lake views which I made came out as very nice pictures. Have some portrait developing to do tonight.

*Friday, May 28*

I took the new lake views over to the hotel this morning, & all but one were admired so I am better off than I expected to be.

I made a lot of Blue Prints to comence on the large lot I have to make for Mr. Smith of Highlands. This afternoon Mr. Hays took me up to take another view of the lake.

*Saturday, May 29*

Printed plain paper again today & Kate did some Blue Print making. When I got through work this afternoon, I took down my old razor & swiped my beard. Had a letter from cousin Will Steven tonight asking us to make a stop at Lexington Ky. to see him & wife. We spent the evening at Burlingames.

*Sunday, May 30*

I did some writing this forenoon.

Kate & Mrs. Burlingame & the children went over to the hotel to a song service this afternoon. I have had a headache ever since we returned. There was a little shower today & some thunder, but it did not make out much.

*Monday, May 31*

I finished a batch of plain paper photo's today & Kate made a lot of Blue Prints.

While I was toning pictures there came a slight earthquake shock with a low rumbling sound. It was the first earthquake I ever experienced.

*Tuesday, June 1*

Today I did the viewing on Lake Sapphire. Kate made over 100 Blue prints & went riding with Mrs. Jacobs & Mrs. Burlingame up to Lake Fairfield.

I developed my plates tonight. Begin to get anxious to start for home. It is said there was another slight earthquake last night.

*Wednesday, June 2*

I went to the hotel this morning to see about what pictures would be wanted & the manager found a pretext to fly in a passion, and I flew too, so we had got words for a while. I will be glad when I get away from here. Kate & I managed to finish 175 Blue prints today. We had a nice thunder shower this evening.

*Thursday, June 3*

Printed photos again today.

I made another negative for the Burlingame girls this afternoon.

*Friday, June 4*

Made prints today & also took a couple of views of the new cottages & the hotel with them especially for Mr. Hays.

Made one portrait for Lowry Verner & one for Rosa Alexander, & now I will quit taking photos.

*Saturday, June 5*

I finished a job of albumen printing today. It has been a day of various weather, sunshine, clouds, & rain.

Tonight I took over to the hotel the last of Mr. Hays order for views & got my check in full of account. No mail came today & I have not heard from home this week.

*Sunday, June 6*

This has been a beautiful day.

We took dinner with the Burlingame family. They had turkey & a general good dinner in our honor. Mr. & Mrs. Marshall called on us this afternoon.

I have written several letters today. Suppose this is the last Sunday we will pass in Sapphire, for a while, at least.

*Monday, June 7*

I did a job of printing & finishing today in spite of clouds & rain, but there was some sunshine. Kate began the packing. Had a letter from home tonight. They are getting anxious to see us.

Dr. Pratt called on us a little while this evening.

*Tuesday, June 8*

We have been very busy all day packing our goods to ship home. We don't know now but we may start down tomorrow.

It is pretty bad weather to travel by wagon, as it rains so much.

*Wednesday, June 9*

We were busy most all of today also with the packing.

The team came tonight & loaded up our barrels & trunks.

Kate took a horseback ride this afternoon, but it most used her up.

*Thursday, June 10*

We left Sapphire in a wagon drawn by four mules. It was rather a hard ride for Kate but she stood it pretty well. We got to Brevard in time for the train and came to Asheville tonight. Took a Trolley car ride to show Kate a little of the city.

*Friday, June 11*

We had to get up at 12:30 this morning to catch a Knoxville train where we arrived in time to get our breakfast.

From there we went to Harriman, changed to the Q & C, Ry & came to Cincinnati where we had to wait till 11:30 to get a train for Milford. Phil Queal met us with their surry.

*Saturday, June 12*

We slept this morning till they called us.

Today we have just been visiting at Albert Queal's. Anna took us for a ride this afternoon & we called at the photographers. They have fine strawberries which we enjoy eating very much.

*Sunday, June 13*

The Queals made us have a very pleasant time today. Salina, who is married & lives in Covington, Ky., came to spend the day & night. This afternoon uncle Albert took us to call on some of the other relatives. This evening we walked down by the river to see where the spring flood washed.

*Monday, June 14*

Anna, her brother the doctor & a girl from Colorado went to Cincinnati with us this morning & we took in some of the sights. We went to the zoo & saw the animals & birds, took lunch & had a good time. Then we went to the Art Museum & looked at pictures & statuary. The others had to leave us & go home & we took the night train for Detroit.

*Tuesday, June 15*

We got to Detroit early this morning & from there we came to Dexter & went to aunt Ann's. I came out home & gave all the folks a good surprise. I was just in time for dinner. Ma & I went up to Dexter in the carriage & Will went in the wagon to get our trunks. Kate's father got her & we stopped there as we came home.

*Wednesday, June 16*

We spent the most of today in helping the folks get ready for the ice cream festival tonight.

Mrs. Bird got thrown down in the road by our house by a calf and badly hurt this morning. I went with Vida to get cream & this afternoon we froze it. There was a good crowd out tonight.

*Thursday, June 17*

Ma was sick today & Kate was about used up. I did some letter writing this forenoon & went to Dexter this afternoon to mail them and do some errands. Kate went to her mothers to help her. Guess she will have to stay there a good deal. I picked some strawberries this evening.

*Friday, June 18*

I went out taking home ice cream freezers this forenoon.

This afternoon pa, Willie & I went to a barn raising at Cransons. It has been a long time since I have been to one of those gatherings. They had a very nice supper for us. Willie went to Dexter tonight and I went over to see Kate a little while.

*Saturday, June 19*

Kate & I went to Ann Arbor today. We had a little shower of rain just before we got there.

We took dinner with Ralph & Lizzie. I bought a new suit of clothes & Kate got her a hat & some other things. It cleared up and was a nice afternoon.

*Sunday, June 20*

This was childrens day at the church, and I occupied my old place in the choir. Horace Sayles was here most of the day. Kate went after the ministers wife & children & took them home after service. I took a little ride on Will's wheel. It has grown very cool.

Kate went back to her mothers tonight.

*Monday, June 21*

I helped ma with the washing this forenoon & got the lawn all mowed. I picked strawberries for dinner and supper. Will & I began to hoe the new strawberry bed this afternoon. Kate came home tonight. It continues to be cool.

*Tuesday, June 22*

Hoed strawberry plants most of the day. It grew much warmer during the day. Ma, Vida & Kate went to call on Ida Smith this afternoon.

Kate & I went down to Mrs. Kenny's this evening for a little while. I rode Willie's wheel down & led it back as it was dark.

*Wednesday, June 23*

Hoed in the new strawberry patch this forenoon.

Went to Ann Arbor on Willie's wheel this afternoon going by way of the new bicycle path on the Whitmore Lake road. I did not stay long as it looked stormy.

Went over to father Queals to stay tonight.

*Thursday, June 24*

Came home this morning & worked at the strawberry bed again. It has become hot & I feel sort of lassitude coming on, which is not a good feeling for me to have if I help much on the farm this summer.

Ma & Vida went to Dexter tonight.

*Friday, June 25*

I wrote some letters today and picked some strawberries.

Kate, Vida & I went to an ice cream & strawberry festival at Mr. Bennetts tonight. It suddenly turned cold which reduced the desire for cream.

Miss West came tonight for a rest from her teaching at Ann Arbor.

*Saturday, June 26*

Mowed the lawn & picked strawberries this forenoon.

This afternoon I went to Dexter with the team & wagon & got the barrels that came by freight from Sapphire. I opened one barrel that was broken but found everything all right. Kate went back to her folks today. Will & Vida went to Dexter tonight.

*Sunday, June 27*

I had to go to Dexter this forenoon to take a photo of a very sick baby, whose parents fear will die. Ralph & Lizzie came up from Ann Arbor & spent the day. Miss Nona Smith of Burrville, Tenn. called on us this afternoon. We were acquainted when we were in Tennessee 4 years ago.

*Monday, June 28*

I helped do the washing this morning & then went at picking strawberries. I got 25 quarts.

Pa & Willie began cutting grass for hay this forenoon. It looked very rainy this afternoon, and sprinkled, but finally cleared away. It is very dusty in the roads. Had a check from N.C. State Geologist this evening.

*Tuesday, June 29*

Pa went to Ann Arbor with Edwin Ball today. There was quite a shower this forenoon. Willie ran the cultivator & I worked with the hoe this afternoon in the potatoe patch.

I rode Willie's wheel over to Queals tonight.

*Wednesday, June 30*

Came home early this morning. It was very hot and sun was so bright this forenoon that I almost got dizzy & had to come in the house. This afternoon stirred out hay. Went down to Wheelers on Willie's wheel & got a dish of ice cream tonight but did not stay to the festival.

*Thursday, July 1*

Picked a lot of strawberries this morning. Vida helped me some. This afternoon we began drawing hay.

It is extremely hot weather, and I feel it a good deal.

Had a letter from Mr. Burlingame today.

*Friday, July 2*

It has been an awful hot day. We worked in the hay & I bushed out about the middle of the afternoon.

Ralph & Lizzie came up tonight. Ralph goes back to the celebration tomorrow.

*Saturday, July 3*

Ralph left early this morning to beat the big celebration held at Ann Arbor today.

It has been a fearful hot day. I only helped to unload hay. Tonight I went down to Delhi & met Ralph at the train. Jay McCall came home from Knoxville, Tenn., on the same train.

*Sunday, July 4*

Another hot day, but we could all loll about & try to be comfortable.

If this weather continues I shall be good for nothing on the farm this summer.

*Monday, July 5*

It was very hot this morning, and about noon a thunder shower came up & put a stop to our drawing hay.

Kate & I took Ralph & Lizzie & the baby to the cars at Delhi this afternoon.

Jay McCall gave us a short call tonight.

*Tuesday, July 6*

It was not as hot today as usual, but it was far from cold. I worked some in the hay today, but I do not feel very brisk to work. Kate & Vida went to Ann Arbor this afternoon & brought Miss West home tonight.

I rode Willie's wheel down to Wheelers after a pound of tea.

*Wednesday, July 7*

I went over to Burnetts this morning & took a photo of their house.

Worked at haying the rest of the day. It got pretty hot in the middle of the day.

*Thursday, July 8*

The folks had Will Burnett help in the hay today, and I did not work very much, but mowed some, and opened winrows.

Jay & Millicent McCall were here on wheels for a short time this evening.

Kate & I went to Bert Kenny's for ice tonight. The sun poured down very hot today.

*Friday, July 9*

It seemed to get as hot as usual real early & keep it up all day.

Kate & I went to Dexter this forenoon. We got an ice cream freezer & are going to have something cool anyway. I rode Will's wheel down to McCall's this evening. It looks just a little rainy tonight.

*Saturday, July 10*

Our little thermometer crawled up to it's highest indication for this year, this afternoon. I have staying in the shade about all day. Picked a few cherries this morning, & took a trip to the swamp to look for Huckleberries, but only found a lot of mosquitos. We just heard tonight that John Cushings girl had suicided this afternoon. It is some cooler tonight.

*Sunday, July 11*

It turned cool last night and was some misty today & was cool enough for coats.

John Cushing was up to see me about singing at his daughter's funeral tomorrow. I rode Willie's wheel down to Lomas's this evening to see about the singing.

*Monday, July 12*

Went to the funeral this forenoon and heard there that Cushman was still quite sick, so this afternoon I took Willie's wheel, went and got Jay McCall, & we went to Ann Arbor to see him & do some errands. Tonight Jay came up & we went to Dexter together. We had a little shower on the way home.

*Tuesday, July 13*

It continued cool all of the today, with threatenings of rain but only sprinkles came here, though heavy storm clouds were all about. I picked some cherries this morning & have worked in the strawberry bed the remainder of the day.

Nellie Burnett visited here this afternoon. Kate went to her fathers tonight.

*Wednesday, July 14*

We hoed some in the strawberry bed this forenoon.

Helped pa grind the mowing knives & he mowed grass this afternoon, Willie raked hay & I cocked it up, or what I could of it.

I developed the numerous plates I have exposed tonight and it kept me up late.

*Thursday, July 15*

Worked in the hay this forenoon. It looked as though it might rain at times but it did not. This afternoon I made a few photo proofs, & did some odd jobs, going to Kennys for ice this evening. Kate came home tonight.

*Friday, July 16*

Picked currants and cherries this morning & then raked up some hay. After that I rode up to Dexter on Will's wheel getting home in time for dinner.

This afternoon there came up a rain & put a stop to drawing hay. I wrote some letters & sent by Willie to Dexter tonight.

*Saturday, July 17*

We turned over hay this forenoon so it could dry.

This afternoon they drew some to the stack & Herbert Bird & I cocked up all the rest. There were some showers going about us but we escaped. Willie, Ma & Esther Johnson went to Dexter tonight as it was Band Concert & ice cream. We froze some sherbert to eat at home tonight.

*Sunday, July 18*

There was a new minister at the church this forenoon. He is looking for a place to locate.

There was quite a shower this afternoon. When it was over Kate & I drove down to McCalls. O... was home for a short stay. Jay had just started for Ithica, N.Y. to attend Cornell University for a few weeks.

*Monday, July 19*

It was foggy & damp all the forenoon. Pa finished mowing the grass for hay. I fixed a place over in the old shop for developing & washing prints.

This afternoon this folks drew hay, I picked cherries and currants, went after ice, & did other chores. We had frozen sherbert again tonight.

*Tuesday, July 20*

We worked at the hay all day & have only two loads more to finish up.

Kate & I went to Dexter tonight to get some things needed for fixing up for finishing photos.

Had a card from my old friend, Prof. Harvey who is in Hillsdale now.

*Wednesday, July 21*

There came up a shower this morning just as we got a load of hay on & we had to leave the last load in the field. I made some trays for photo use today. We started the binders in the wheat this afternoon, as it cleared of very bright and nice.

*Thursday, July 22*

We finished cutting the wheat in one field this afternoon. Pa & I set up wheat all day.

I went for ice tonight & we had some ice cream.

It was quite windy today, so we did not feel the heat much.

*Friday, July 23*

It has been a cool & breezy day & very nice to work. We were in the wheat all day.

Kate & ma went to Ann Arbor and spent the day.

*Saturday, July 24*

We finished cutting the wheat this forenoon, & this afternoon we drew the last of the hay & topped out the last stack.

The sun felt a little hot at times today but the weather has been real good for work.

*Sunday, July 25*

I went out to Henry's with father Queal this morning, and we spent the day there. We went down to the banks of Strawberry Lake this afternoon & took a batch. We saw one of the little steamboats running about. We came home in time so that I went to church this evening.

*Monday, July 26*

Willie & I went up to Rosiers this morning before breakfast and got their rack for drawing wheat. We had John & Herbie Bird to help us, but got in only 3 loads when it began to rain & we had a heavy storm & showers most of the day.

Willie & I practiced on the cornets a little tonight.

*Tuesday, July 27*

It seemed like clearing off this morning, but finally began showering again, & has rained several times during the day. I printed some on Aristo paper this forenoon. Pa & Willie spent the day setting up the wet, fallen wheat. Ma took Esther Johnson over to Scio. Willie went to Dexter tonight & Kate went over to her folks'.

*Wednesday, July 28*

I finished a batch of photos this forenoon, & found as I got ready for burnishing that my lamp had not wick. Kate went to Dexter this afternoon & got two wicks but neither fitted, so I took an old one & got along all right. I hoed some in the strawberry patch this afternoon. It has not rained today.

*Thursday, July 29*

There was a partial eclipse of the sun this forenoon, & I smoked several pieces of glass so we could all observe it. Will & I were hoeing strawberries & so we had a glass on the fence so as to look once in a while. We turned out some wheat & got it dry enough to draw this afternoon.

*Friday, July 30*

I ran a team all day drawing wheat & stood it all right. We got in all there was in the big field.

Mr. Terry and an organ tinker took dinner with us. They were fixing the church organ.

*Saturday, July 31*

We got all the wheat drawn at about 4 o'clock this afternoon. Willie then took a team and helped Ed Balls folks finish theirs.

I felt pretty well used up, but a good bath & some rest fixed me up all right. Went over to father Queal's where Kate is tonight & took the freezer along to make ice cream.

*Sunday, August 1*

Made another freezer of ice cream this morning for breakfast. Dor took their girl to her home for the day.

I came back home & took several naps. Horace Sayles was here to dinner.

Kate came home this evening.

*Monday, August 2*

I hoed in the strawberry bed this forenoon.

This afternoon pa & I drew the rakings from the wheat field.

Willie was at Phelps' thrashing all day.

Took a ride on the wheel this evening. Got some ice & froze strawberry ice.

*Tuesday, August 3*

Got up early this morning & took Willie, Vida & Mary Backus to the train at Delhi & they went to Port Huron on an excursion. It was a hot day. I finished hoeing the strawberries this forenoon. Went to Dexter on Will's wheel this evening. Got to go for the folks late tonight.

*Wednesday, August 4*

I took the wheel & went to Ann Arbor this morning. Carried \$375 down & put in the First Nat. Bank. Went to see Cushman & while I was there a big rain came up that flooded the streets. I had to stay & come to Delhi on the train. Willie met me with horse & buggy.

*Thursday, August 5*

Willie has been sick today. Pa and I worked at cutting the oats but I got badly behind on setting them up.

It has cleared off & is fine weather.

*Friday, August 6*

It was very wet from dew when we began setting up oats this morning. We finished cutting them this afternoon. Will went to Ann Arbor on the cars & got his wheel & rode it home.

We had a freezer of ice cream tonight. I ate an awful sight of it.

*Saturday, August 7*

Kate & I went up to Base Lake this forenoon & took little Nellie out with us. We stopped with the Phelps' at their cottage. The steamboat came down from Zukey lake in the afternoon, and we all took a ride. We had our supper so late that it was 10 o'clock when we got home.

*Sunday, August 8*

It threatened to rain this morning, but finally cleared off and has been a nice day. Mr. Allen preached here today, as he was out on a visit. Mr. Staley was down from Dexter also & occupied the pulpit with him.

*Monday, August 9*

Our folks did a little threshing this forenoon, getting through just as a shower came up. I expected Mr. Harvey over from Hillsdale on a wheel today & I rode up to Dexter this afternoon thinking to meet him, but he failed to get here.



It is thundering & sprinkling tonight.

*Tuesday, August 10*

I silvered some of the plain paper which I salted, & it printed very well & toned good.

Ma went to Ann Arbor this afternoon on the cars.

Commenced to mow the lawn this evening.

Willie went to Dexter tonight to Band practice.

It is quite cool.

*Wednesday, August 11*

I finished mowing the lawn this forenoon & raked off the grass.

Prof. Harvey got here on his wheel this afternoon, & we have been having a good visit talking over old times we had at Benzonia.

There was quite a little shower this afternoon.

*Thursday, August 12*

Prof. Harvey & I took the wheels & went to Island Lake this forenoon where the state troops are now in camp. I saw Will Cooper there. We came back to Whitmore Lake, then to Ann Arbor and home by Delhi where we saw a train wreck that occurred there today. We rode over 40 miles during the day.

*Friday, August 13*

We began drawing oats just before noon, and ran two teams this afternoon. Mr. Harvey turned bundles for pa on the stack. We rode the wheels up to Dexter this evening & got the mail. We had ice fruit for supper & some more when we got home.

*Saturday, August 14*

We had so much help to draw oats this morning, that I visited & played croquet with Mr. Harvey & they girls till pa got the stack up high & needed more help. A rain came soon after noon & stopped our work. I went to Delhi tonight & met Joe Cooper & her wheel. She is going to spend Sunday with us.

*Sunday, August 15*

We all went up to Sunday School this forenoon, & Mr. Harvey taught the one class which was formed for the day.

It rained soon after noon & so cousin Joe & I had to wait till about evening before taking a short wheel ride.

*Monday, August 16*

It was misty and cool this morning but Mr. Harvey started for home on his wheel. I took Joe Cooper to the train at Delhi, & she went back to Jackson.

Kate & I went to Dexter this afternoon. She got me a nice Hammock for a birthday which I will have next month.

*Tuesday, August 17*

Pa & I went to Ann Arbor this morning & stayed to see the street parade of the Barnum & Bailey show. We got home about 1 o'clock. I mowed the lawn this afternoon. We finished drawing oats just before supper. Vida was in Ann Arbor all day to attend the show. It has been a cool, fall like day.

*Wednesday, August 18*

I did some cleaning & slicking up about the house this forenoon. Rode the wheel down to McCalls to learn when Dorr & Ray are coming home. Jessie Williams is out, & she rode her wheel along with me.

Made a copy of an old view of the Dexter school house. Kate went home to stay over tomorrow.

*Thursday, August 19*

Willie & I got a load of boards that was still at the sawmill, then I worked at mowing with a scythe on the lower part of the door yard & raked the grass up. Went over on the wheel & took dinner at Queals. Wheeled the grass off the yard & got ready to get out to Henry's tonight. Kate & I are going to take the team for Dorr to return with.

*Friday, August 20*

We stayed at Henry's and this morning Kate & I took his boat & went up the river after views. We saw some pretty river scenery. I got 3 exposures. This afternoon Henry went with me on Strawberry Lake & Zukey. I got 3 more views. We are preparing for a long boat ride tomorrow.

*Saturday, August 21*

Henry, his wife, boy & hired girl, Kate & I all got in his boat & rowed down the river & through several lakes to Base Lake, where we ate lunch, called on some of the campers, made some views and groups, then came back having had a good time, but getting some tired.

*Sunday, August 22*

Henry & his wife & boy brought us home just about noon today.

Ralph, Lizzie & their baby were up here today. It was quite warm during the middle of the day. I had considerable mail to look over, but was not satisfied with what I heard from N.C.

*Monday, August 23*

It rained for a whole this morning. When it stopped Willie went to Dorr's for threshing & they came for Kate, too. I picked quite a lot of pears today. Pa & ma went to Ann Arbor to Mrs. Peterson's funeral this afternoon. I am going at the developing of plates tonight.

*Tuesday, August 24*

I mowed the lawn this forenoon, and picked a couple of bushels of pears which the folks are going to put up as other fruit is scarce. This afternoon I took a ride on the wheel. Tonight I developed the remainder of the plates I exposed at the lakes. We had a nice shower this evening.

*Wednesday, August 25*

I went to Ann Arbor on the train this morning to get some photo paper. I got Ralph's wheel & rode it back thinking I might buy it of him, but on looking it over I fear it is not strong enough. Miss Powell came this forenoon from Cleveland. It is very cool again tonight.

*Thursday, August 26*

I rode Ralph's wheel back to Ann Arbor this morning, & after doing some errands I came home on the cars. This afternoon I have been printing photos from the negatives I made out on the lakes & river. The ladies all went to a Missionary Tea. It is warmer tonight.

*Friday, August 27*

I toned and finished a batch of photos this forenoon. This afternoon I rode Will's wheel out to Edgar Olseaver's & delivered the group pictures. Vida had a little folks party here this afternoon.

*Saturday, August 28*

Willie & I washed the carriage & single buggy this morning.

This afternoon we went to the great Farmers Picnic at Whitmore lake. Miss Powell & Willie went on their wheels & Kate, Vida & I went in the carriage. We saw lots of acquaintances & a big crowd. Ex Gov. Luce spoke. The Burkhart children came here.

*Sunday, August 29*

There was a thunder shower during last night. Horace Sayles came this forenoon & this afternoon Austin Smith, wife and children came to see us. George Martin called, too, so we had a house full. It rained this afternoon.

*Monday, August 30*

After the washing was over this forenoon Miss Powell & I went to Dexter on wheels as I had some pictures to deliver & letters to mail. It was noon when we got home. I did a little mowing on the lawn this afternoon, and then wiped up the bicycles.

*Tuesday, August 31*

I worked at cleaning the granery the most of the day. It is very dirty, & a hard job.

Today noon we had some sherbet & I got Herbie Bird to come and we got a group taken sitting about the freezer. I developed the plates tonight. It was quite warm today.

*Wednesday, September 1*

I mowed the lawn this forenoon & then started to do a little printing of pictures but it got so cloudy I had to quit. The afternoon we had about the blackest cloud I ever saw followed by a very heavy rain.

Kate went to her folks' for the day. Willie went to Dexter this evening.

*Thursday, September 2*

Pa & I tried to drag this morning, but found the ground too wet. I went at photo printing then & finished the lot right after dinner. Mr. Edgar Olsaver called here this forenoon. Willie was at Kenny's threshing all day. Pa & I did some dragging this afternoon. Kate went to Ann Arbor with her father.

*Friday, September 3*

I did dragging this forenoon. Pa & I finished going over the field one way. Dr. Randall & Mr. Doane came down for a few minutes to invite Kate & I to go up to Dexter this afternoon, which we did, staying to supper at Doane's & coming home in the evening. Willie & Bertha Powell were in Ann Arbor on their wheels today.

*Saturday, September 4*

The Webster Farmers Club met here today & there was a very nice crowd present. I helped wait on the table at dinner. Mr. & Mrs. Doane & Dr. & Mrs. Randall came down late in the afternoon & stayed with us to supper. The Dr. is going back to Florida soon.

*Sunday, September 5*

I wrote some letters today, and read some in the papers & magazines.

It continues to be warm weather.

Jay McCall called here a few minutes this evening. He wishes to take a trip on bicycles to Detroit.

*Monday, September 6*

I finished cleaning out the granery today.

Took Bertha Powell's picture on her wheel & with Vida sitting on the steps.

Went up to Dexter on the wheel this evening. We had sherbert & ice cream tonight.

*Tuesday, September 7*

Willie & Vida took Bertha Powell to Ann Arbor this forenoon & she started for home. Pa had to go threshing so I took the team to work on the wheat ground.

Went down to call on Jay McCall this afternoon just a little while.

Kate visited at Balls this afternoon.

*Wednesday, September 8*

Jay McCall & I went to Cavanaugh Lake up beyond Chelsea this forenoon. We took his camera & made 10 exposures 8 of which I developed tonight. It was fine riding up there on wheels but it got hot this afternoon. We enjoyed a good swim & has some sodas to drink at Chelsea.

*Thursday, September 9*

This has been a very hot day, the thermometer showing 94+ degrees in the shade. Pa & I cleaned out the well at the foot of the lane this forenoon. It was so warm I did nothing during the middle of the day. Kate & I went to McCalls & took supper this evening. Jay goes south tomorrow.

*Friday, September 10*

It was very hot again today.

I picked some pears & cut strawberry plant runners.

Kate, Will & I went to Cransons tonight to practice music for next Sunday evening.

*Saturday, September 11*

Willie & I finished cutting strawberry plant runners this forenoon.

This afternoon I built some new steps for the kitchen door & patched up the south steps.

Pa went to Dexter & got a load of coal. I got 3 copies of the Photo Times by mail.

*Sunday, September 12*

We had quite a shower this morning.

I took several good naps during the day. Ate a good many pears & John Cushing brought up a M... melon.

This evening there was a Missionary concert at the church in which we all took part. It was quite warm.

*Monday, September 13*

I helped the folks do the washing this morning & then I did some odd jobs about, picking some pears for Kate to can for one thing. This afternoon I helped pa treat some seed wheat to a Blue Vitrol solution to prevent smut next year. We had ice cream tonight.

*Tuesday, September 14*

I did some Blue Print work this forenoon, fixing up some of my envelopes with little views & my card in the corner. This afternoon I went to Dexter on Wills wheel to sent out an order for paper & do some other errands. I had a letter from Miss White of Highlands with \$15 for views sold.

*Wednesday, September 15*

Kate went over to her folks this morning & has not come back tonight. Pa & Willie began putting in the wheat this morning. It has been very hot all day, & has seemed like a gathering storm this afternoon. I have done almost nothing today, but have felt uneasy & unsettled about what I will do in the future.

*Thursday, September 16*

I went to Dexter on Will's wheel this forenoon to take some mail up. I called at uncle John Spoor's a little while. Kate took the freezer over to Queal's tonight & I went over to help them freeze & eat ice cream. Am going to stay all night.

*Friday, September 17*

I came home after breakfast this morning & prepared to salt some heavy plain paper which I got through with about noon.

This afternoon I went over to Edgar Olsavers to propose a trade with him of my old camera for his field glass. Tonight I silvered a lot of plain paper.

*Saturday, September 18*

This was my 36<sup>th</sup> birthday & I had several presents from my folks.

I printed and finished some views that I want to send to Dr. Queal at Boulder Colo.

This afternoon I mowed the lawn & took a photo of a little girl.

Pa & Willie went to Ann Arbor this forenoon.

*Sunday, September 19*

Uncle John & aunt Ann Spoor were here to spend the day. I wrote out a will for uncle John to fill out when he pleases.

It has grown quite cool again so that we have a fire in the house.

*Monday, September 20*

Helped wash this morning & then picked some grapes for Kate to make jelly.

This afternoon I went to Dexter & took my camera along. I received some letters from N.C. Mr. Burlingame has bought some wild land & will clear & build. Mr. E. Olsaver came over tonight and I traded the old camera for this field glass.

*Tuesday, September 21*

Kate & I went to Ann Arbor with horse & carriage this morning. I took some of my southern views to Randal's Art gallery & showed them to the operator from whom I had lots of praise. Ralph is feeling good over his new position as Sec'y of the Alumnia of the U. of M. It was dark when we got home. A hard frost this morning.

*Wednesday, September 22*

Pa did his threshing today. It did not frost last night & looked very much like rain this morning but passed off.

I worked about the grain today, but kept away from the stacks or machine still the dust has made me feel bad.

*Thursday, September 23*

I went down to Wheelers this morning to get sugar and kerosene oil, then I drove over to Delhi & met Lizzie McAllaster & the baby at the train.

This afternoon I ran the two horse cultivator on the corn stubble. It was dusty work. Has another letter from Mr. Burlingame & Kate has one from Mrs. B.

*Friday, September 24*

Ralph came in the night last night.

I took some pictures for Vida & George this morning, & also exposed a couple of small plates on Marrion. Ralph & I played several games of croquet. I did cultivating again this afternoon. Pa, Willie, & Vida went to a social at Wheelers tonight. The rest of us had melon.

*Saturday, September 25*

Ralph & I played croquet again today.

This afternoon we went to Kenny's & got ice & had ice cream.

Tonight Kate & I went to Dexter with Willie & heard the band play. The roads are very dusty.

*Sunday, September 26*

Just been reading & loafing all day.

It is cooler tonight & looks as though it would stay dry.

I wrote some letters this evening.

*Monday, September 27*

Helped at washing this morning & Ralph & I continued the croquet playing.

I took Ralph to Dexter this afternoon & he went home on the train. My kit of shoe mending tools came by freight & some paper for photo work by express. It has grown cool.

*Tuesday, September 28*

Worked all day at printing & finishing a batch of photographs. I had 85 prints in all.

There was a pretty heavy frost this morning. It has been a very bright day.

*Wednesday, September 29*

I went to Dexter this forenoon and took some photos of a dog for Tommy James.

This was Vida's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday & we all gave her a little something.

Willie went to Ann Arbor on his wheel & took in the county fair.

I took Lizzie & the baby to the train at Delhi this afternoon & they went home.

It was quite warm today.

*Thursday, September 30*

I spent most of the forenoon in mending my shoes. Edgar Olsaver was over to get some information on photo subjects.

It was hot today, the thermometer going up to 85+.

Henry Queal called a while this evening on his way home from mill. I developed a lot of plates tonight.

*Friday, October 1*

Kate & Vida went to Ann Arbor this morning & spent the day there, bringing Nettie West home with them tonight.

I did some retouching & printing.

This afternoon I rode the wheel up to Dexter. I was very dusty. The thermometer showed 88+ degrees this afternoon. It is very smoky, but a cool wind seems to be coming tonight.

*Saturday, October 2*

Pa & ma went to the Farmers Club at Mr. James Wing's today. I finished the photos I printed yesterday.

We had a freezer of currant ice this afternoon & then I took Nettie West to Delhi for the train.

*Sunday, October 3*

Kate & I went to Dexter & to the Cong. Church with Mr. & Mrs. Doane. We took dinner with them & had quite a visit not getting back till near evening.

We saw the ruins of the Warren house which burned yesterday afternoon.

It was so cool this morning that I wore an overcoat.

*Monday, October 4*

After helping to do the family washing this morning I wrote a letter & then went to Ann Arbor on the wheel. It was terribly dusty. I took Ralph & Lizzie some photos of Marion which I took while she was here. Did several errands & got home at dark.

*Tuesday, October 5*

It has been warm today, the mercury creeping up to 84 degrees at one time.

I made up some blue paper but it clouded up so I did no printing. Had letters from Sapphire today & an order for a few pictures. Silvered paper tonight for printing tomorrow.

*Wednesday, October 6*

I took Kate over to her folks this morning to spend the day.

Printed & finished a batch of Plain paper photos today. This afternoon it clouded up & tonight we are having a little shower.

*Thursday, October 7*

I took my camera today & wandered down on the bank of the Huron river after views. I went east as far as Fosters & ate my lunch just this side of there.

I got some very pretty views.

It has been pretty cool all day. The Reading Circle met here tonight.

*Friday, October 8*

It has been cloudy all day & threatening rain, but amounts to nothing. This forenoon I cleaned the chimneys & patched the house roof. This afternoon I planed the sitting room floors so it would not hurt the carpet. It has warped badly.

*Saturday, October 9*

There was considerable frost this morning. It has been a clear day & I made up a batch of Plain paper prints. Kate & Vida went to Dexter this forenoon. Willie & pa are at the husking. It seems cold enough to freeze tonight.

*Sunday, October 10*

I took some of my N.C. views over & showed them to Osbert Williams & told him some things about the country.

Kate & I drove over to her folks this afternoon & then down & looked over Ossian Kenny's new house. Ralph & Lizzie came up this afternoon to stay the night.

*Monday, October 11*

Helped wash, wrote two letters, did up some pictures for mailing, & went to Dexter & back this forenoon. I rode the wheel. Received some money from Highlands.

This afternoon I gathered some hickory nuts. It showered some toward night & has been quite cloudy all day. Will & I stung up our guitars tonight.

*Tuesday, October 12*

I started in to husk corn this morning, but Charley Chamberlain came & I spent the rest of the forenoon looking at photos & talking art. He is doing painting work now. This afternoon I husked right through. Had a letter from Dr. Queal, of Boulder, Colo., tonight. They like my plain paper pictures there.

*Wednesday, October 13*

Husked corn all day & this evening Willie, Vida, & I went to McCalls & had a sort of practice on the guitars.

*Thursday, October 14*

Husked corn till 3 o'clock this afternoon, then got ready & Kate & I went to Ann Arbor & stayed to the entertainment at the Athens Theatre. We spent a very enjoyable evening.

Bird warbling by a wonderful whistler with a stereoptican picture of different birds, & a scarf & robe drill were particularly fine.

*Friday, October 15*

Husked corn all day & went to a social at John Alexander's tonight where I sang the "Watermelon song".

We were very late getting home.

Will went to Dexter where his band gave a dance & did some playing. The thermometer showed 86+ degrees this afternoon. It was hot.

*Saturday, October 16*

Husked corn this forenoon. It was hot & we pulled off for this afternoon. Will went for ice & I took a nap. It grew cooler, but we had some frozen sherbet just the same. I pruned a couple of grape vines & picked some grapes & put in the cellar. The wind blows & it is cloudy tonight.

*Sunday, October 17*

There was frost this morning, & it has been cool all day. Kate & I went over to father Queals to take dinner. I went to Birkett with Horace Sayles this afternoon. We took the field glass & had fine views from the top of Prospect Hill.

*Monday, October 18*

Frost again this morning. Helped do the washing this morning then took a photo of Lizzie Bird's baby & then went at the husking. We finished the field by the swamp this afternoon. Cousin Henry Twainby & wife came down from Chelsea this afternoon & are staying tonight.

*Tuesday, October 19*

I rode the wheel up to Dexter this forenoon & sent an order for Calendar pads & cabinet paper. Pa & cousin Henry gathered hickory nuts. Kate took ma to Dexter this afternoon to attend a conference. Ma is to stay till tomorrow night. We had a little shower this evening with lightning & thunder.

*Wednesday, October 20*

It was raining again this morning. I looked over my N.C. view negatives & did a little general picking up. This afternoon I went out & took some portraits in the northern part of the town. Vida & Kate went to Dexter & got ma. It is quite cool tonight but not frosty.

*Thursday, October 21*

Tried to do a little photographic printing this forenoon but the clouds came and put an end to it.

This afternoon we had several showers.

Kate was over home today as they were threshing.

*Friday, October 22*

It was cloudy all day. Kate & I went over to Mrs. Chamberlain's to see Charlie's paintings & the collection of photos he got in the old country. He said so many interesting pictures that we stayed to dinner & spent most of the day there. Mr. Morehouse, a minister, is here tonight to stay for Sunday.

*Saturday, October 23*

It was very foggy & misty this forenoon. I pruned some grape vines. Kate & Vida went to Dexter.



This afternoon I took the wheel & went out to Olsavers, Bennet's & Merrill's to take photo proofs & see what was wanted. Willie took the minister around for calls.

*Sunday, October 24*

It has been a very nice day.

Went to church this forenoon. Mr. Morehouse preached but the congregation did not give him a call to preach till another man has had one trial.

I called at Mrs. Kennys this afternoon with the minister.

*Monday, October 25*

Helped wash this morning, took photos of Fred & Jamie Bird & then took Mr. Morehouse to the train at Dexter. I made a photo of a horse for Tom James. This afternoon I printed photos & tonight I developed. It has been a fine day.

*Tuesday, October 26*

It was so foggy this forenoon that I could do no printing till after 10 o'clock. I got enough done so that I finished up 90 pictures this afternoon & evening. Kate & pa went to Ann Arbor today.

Something has stirred up a skunk tonight & we have had to shut doors & windows.

*Wednesday, October 27*

I burnished my photos this morning. Pa drew three loads of wheat to market today.

I went to Dexter this afternoon and delivered some of the work I had done. We are having fine weather now right along.

*Thursday, October 28*

The folks killed & dressed some twenty or more chickens this morning. I retouched a couple of negatives & did some printing this forenoon.

This afternoon I pruned grape vines. Ma, Kate, & Vida went to Kenny's to a Missionary meeting & dinner. It has turned cooler tonight.

*Friday, October 29*

I went to Ann Arbor with pa this morning. He took a feed g... to Osborn's Mills & a lot of dressed chickens to sell at Ann Arbor. There was a chilly wind all day. We did not get home till late in the afternoon. There were beautiful clouds in the sky today but I was too late to photograph them.

*Saturday, October 30*

Kate took the camera & went out to Henry's with her father this morning. I pruned grape vines till about 11 o'clock. Went up to Dexter at noon to get the mail. This afternoon I took the wheel & went to Ann Arbor. Cushman & I went to the Farce Comedy "The Prodigal Father". We had a good time & enjoyed a fine show.

*Sunday, October 31*

Stayed at Ralph's last night & did not get up very early this morning. Called at Cushman's again but returned to eat dinner with Ralph & Lizzie & the rest of Ralph's folks. I came home when it was threatening to rain, but it did not storm much.

*Monday, November 1*

It has been a dull & drizzling day.

I took a good nap this forenoon.

Finished pruning the grape vines this afternoon.

The wind has turned to the north & it seems most as though it would snow.

*Tuesday, November 2*

It has been a rainy day, but cleared off tonight & seemed cold enough to freeze.

I wrote some letters & Willie went to Dexter to band meeting tonight & will mail them.

John Williams came up this afternoon to look at my N.C. views.

*Wednesday, November 3*

I spent the day in printing and finishing a batch of photos. It was very clear all day. There was frost this morning.

Practiced on the guitar with Willie this evening.

*Thursday, November 4*

I gathered some hickory nuts this forenoon, after burnishing my photos. It has been a mild, beautiful day. The folks finished husking corn. I took some photos of Vida this afternoon & tonight I did considerable developing. There is a hazy atmosphere tonight.

*Friday, November 5*

I fixed up some of my Dexter and Huron River views & copied them to use in making calendars with.

It rained about noon & has been doing so by spells all the rest of the day.

Mr. Morehouse has come back to be the preacher here & is at our house tonight.

*Saturday, November 6*

It has been a cold raw day.

Kate & I went to Dexter this forenoon & faced a hard wind. We called on aunt Ann & uncle John.

I fixed up some calendar negatives this afternoon & took some blue print proofs. It has cleared off & is freezing tonight.

*Sunday, November 7*

It rained some this morning and the attendance at church was not large in consequence. Mr. Morehouse preached his first sermon as the pastor of the church here.

Kate & I drove over to her folks for a little while this afternoon.

*Monday, November 8*

I spent most of the forenoon in retouching negatives. Took Kate over to her folk's at noon. Helped pa & Willie about the foundation for a woodhouse this afternoon. Mr. Morehouse was here at supper. It is rainy tonight.

*Tuesday, November 9*

The ground was covered with snow when we got up this morning. It has rained most all night. The snow all went off during the day. I did considerable photo printing this forenoon. The ladies had a sewing bee here this afternoon. Will & Nellie Burnett spent the evening here.

*Wednesday, November 10*

I went to Ann Arbor this morning & Walter Moore fixed my teeth up. He filled two cavities. I called on several families & took dinner with Dr. Blair & family. I walked back as far as Delhi & got a ride with John Williams from there. It has been a pleasant day.

*Thursday, November 11*

Kate helped me finish Aristo prints this forenoon, & I began printing on plain paper but it got cloudy & rainy & was a bad afternoon. It is growing colder tonight & some snow squalls. Mr. Morehouse came tonight again. He has an old violin with him.

*Friday, November 12*

Have been at work all day on plain paper pictures. I am making them as samples to take with me south.

There was a Sunday school convention at the church this afternoon and evening to which the folks all went.

Pa went to Whitmore for shingles & lumber. Frozen up this morning.

*Saturday, November 13*

It froze again last night and thawed only in the sun today.

Ma went to Henry Queal's to a Farmers Club meeting. Kate cut my hair this forenoon.

This afternoon I went to Dexter with the team and got a barrel to pack things in. Tonight Kate & I went to Kenny's & took supper. Willie & Vida went to Dexter tonight.

*Sunday, November 14*

It has been a rainy day. Mr. Moorhouse is staying here, so we went to church but there was only a very few out.

I went down to John Williams tonight & heard him play a little on his violin.

Kate is about sick with a cold.

*Monday, November 15*

I looked over & picked out the negatives I will want to take south with me.

Began to pack the barrel this afternoon. Helped pa & Will to put up the rafters on the new woodshed.

Dor came over after Kate as her mother is not well. I went to Ed. Ball's & took supper this evening.

*Tuesday, November 16*

Mr. Moorhouse & I walked over to Delhi this morning to the train. He started for Port Huron & I went to Ann Arbor, and drew some money from the bank & did a few other errands. It cleared up about noon & is quite cold tonight. I went over & got Kate this afternoon. Her mother is a little better.

*Wednesday, November 17*

Finished fixing the barrel this morning & then packed my trunk. This afternoon I said goodbye & Willie took me to the train at Delhi. I couldn't help shedding tears at leaving the old home & the loved ones once again. I came to Detroit & found Clare & Winnie Hubbell where I am staying tonight. Winnie's father & mother were with them.

*Thursday, November 18*

This morning I took the train south & spent the day riding through Ohio.

Tonight I take a sleeper for Knoxville.

*Friday, November 19*

Our train got delayed last night in Kentucky by a freight wreck so we were much behind all the way through, but I have got to Hendersonville, N.C. this evening. Am stopping at the same hotel I did last March when I made a visit to Tryon.

*Saturday, November 20*

I came down to Tryon this forenoon & found a stopping place for a day or two.

Walked up to "Skynka" near the top of Tryon mountain this afternoon. The hotel man there kindly showed me over his fine house. Tonight I called on Mr. Doubleday & spent a pleasant evening. Heard some nice music.

*Sunday, November 21*

I walked about a little this morning, wrote some to Kate & then went to the Cong. Church.

This afternoon I finished the letter to Kate, wrote one to ma, & then took a long walk about the town. I am quite pleased with the village but don't think I like the country for land & for apple growing.

*Monday, November 22*

This forenoon I went up the Pacolet valley about 2 miles and found some country more to my taste that I had seen about Tryon. Meet some nice people too. This afternoon I came up to Hendersonville & on to Brevard where I am staying tonight. This looking for a home is hard work. Had a short letter from Kate today.

*Tuesday, November 23*

Left Brevard on foot this morning and came through to Sapphire this evening. I called at Mr. Alfred Millers & he gave me all the apples I could eat. Then I came on to Mr. Burlingames where I am staying tonight. I feel a little tired from the long walk. They have has heavy forest fires up this way.

*Wednesday, November 24*

I called at the hotel this forenoon. Saw Mr. Geo. Jacobs at the store.

Mrs. Burlingame & Daisy went off & got their Thanksgiving turkey. I took a walk over to Mr. Burlingames new home & looked about on Dave Millers place, but I saw him & guess I will not be able to make any trade with him.

*Thursday, November 25*

It was cold last night, but changed & was raining this morning. It has stormed more or less all day. Mr. B. & I went over & looked some at his place in spite of rain. They had a great lay out for dinner and I ate too much I expect. Had a letter from Kate tonight. Am almost homesick.

*Friday, November 26*

Mr. B. & I went up to his place this morning, & there we found a note from Dave Miller saying he would not sell me any land so that deal is off. We also drove up to the new hotel at Lake Fairfield, and got some wet by the rain. This afternoon I called at Mr. Add Jacobs & got track of another tract of land.

*Saturday, November 27*

This was a bright nice day & the mud has dried up fast. I spent the forenoon with Mr. Burlingame in the mill. This afternoon I took Mr. B.'s horse & rode up toward Cahiers Valley looking for the land I heard about but failed to find it.

*Sunday, November 28*

Intended to go to Highlands today, but it looked too stormy. Lowry & I took a walk & found the land I was looking for. It is most up on the Blue Ridge & a sightly place. It began to rain long before we got home and was quite disagreeable. Wrote letters home tonight.

*Monday, November 29*

It was nice & bright today. This forenoon I went & looked over a tract of land with the owner. I was quite well pleased with it & offered \$300, but guess I won't get it. Played dominoes with the Burlingames this afternoon & evening. It is cold tonight. Did not get any letters from home as I expected.

*Tuesday, November 30*

Got up early this morning & started for Highlands soon as light. Got here before noon. Put up at Mr. Rideouts. Spent the afternoon visiting about among my acquaintances.

It looked stormy for a while but has cleared up & is cold again tonight.

*Wednesday, December 1*

Mr. Rideout & I took a long walk down below Satulah Mt. this forenoon. I saw some fine wild lands. Took dinner with the Whites. Spent the most of the afternoon with Mr. Ravenel. Am spending tonight with Mr. & Mrs. Smith at the Highlands House. It has been a fine day.

*Thursday, December 2*

The morning was cloudy & foretold storm. I made some calls & then started for Sapphire, but the rain came on before I got half way here. I made a bad walk for me. There was a letter here from ma. It rains right along tonight.

*Friday, December 3*

It has been raining most of the day. I looked over some of the things we had packed away here & put them in a box to ship. Helped Mr. Burlingame a little this afternoon on fixing a bicycle. Had a letter from Kate this evening, & wrote a long one in return.

*Saturday, December 4*

I helped Mr. Burlingame some today at his new house putting in windows & hanging a door. It rained about all day. Had a letter from Kate tonight, & her mother was real sick.

Have got to stay here over Sunday as a wagon does not go till Monday.

*Sunday, December 5*

This has been a bright, beautiful day, but quite cold. I wrote a couple of letters home this forenoon. This afternoon I went with Mr. Burlingame to his place. We met Dave Miller on our way back, so we turned about & went up to his land adjoining Mr. B's and before we came back I had bargained for 20 acres for an orchard site & possible home.

*Monday, December 6*

Have spent today in riding down the mountains in a freight wagon. Mrs. B. put me up a lunch which I divided at noon with the driver. I was pretty cold when I got to Brevard. There has been a raw air all day. The roads were frozen on the start & very muddy at the end of the journey.

*Tuesday, December 7*

This morning I met the Brevard printer & found he was almost a Michigan man formerly. Left Brevard at 11:00 & had dinner & a long wait at Hendersonville. Came down to Tryon this evening & met several acquaintances. Came out in the Pacolet Valley to board a few days with Mr. Howes, a former Maine man. Weather pleasant.

*Wednesday, December 8*

This forenoon I went over town & rented 2 rooms in a house belonging to Mr. Doubleday. Had a letter from Kate, & I guess she will come down if I send for her. This afternoon I cleaned up some in the house, and had my trunk brought up, & I unpacked it, finding most of the things all right. I am to pay \$3.00 per month rent.

*Thursday, December 9*

Came over to my rooms this morning & made out orders for photo stock. Met the druggist & the doctor & showed them my views. They think there would be good sale for the pictorial calendar. Had a letter from Mr. Burlingame saying Dave Miller had made out deed & land was mine as soon as I send money. Had a severe homesick fit this afternoon.

*Friday, December 10*

This forenoon I got materials ready to make trays, & this afternoon I made & lined 6 of them. Bargained for a cord of wood so I will have something to keep warm by. Called on the lady photographer & think she feels some hurt at my coming here. Had a letter from ma.

*Saturday, December 11*

Cleaned out the kitchen as best I could this forenoon & fixed an arrangement for cooking oatmeal when I begin housekeeping.

A man drew me some hickory wood & I bought an axe to chop with, which I used some toward evening. My Field Glasses came by mail tonight & a letter from Kate. Wish I was home with her.

*Sunday, December 12*

This has been a lovely day & very clear. I wanted to take my camera out & make views but did not, instead I fixed up & went to church. This afternoon I took a walk up on the side of warrior mountain. With my field glasses I got some fine views. Wrote to Kate & to Willie.

*Monday, December 13*

It was cloudy & misty this morning & this afternoon it got to raining "Right Smart". Was disappointed as I wanted to get some views. Cut some hickory wood up & wrote to Kate. Played a little on the guitar & read some. It was a muddy walk over to the valley tonight.

*Tuesday, December 14*

It stopped raining this forenoon, and there was some good cloud effects on the mountains but I could not get at them with the camera. Finished my weeks board at Mr. Howes today noon, & began boarding myself tonight. Took 3 views this afternoon. Sent a \$100 draft to Spartanburg, S.C. today & got the money by registered letter tonight.

*Wednesday, December 15*

It has been clear, cool & windy today. I made several exposures on scenery & tonight I developed some. I am thoroughly convinced that I made a big mistake in coming here, and I shall no doubt lose a good bit of money by the venture. Had letters from home tonight.

*Thursday, December 16*

I had a sort of sick spell last night and felt kind of weak today in consequence.

This forenoon I fixed up a box of holly & Julax leaves & mailed them to Kate. My paper came & I did some printing this afternoon. I also chopped up some wood and got it in under cover. Had another letter from Kate. Did more developing tonight.

*Friday, December 17*

It has been quite summery today. I did some more printing today. My burnisher came & I set that up, so now I can get to finishing work. Am afraid I am not going to get over feeling awfully lonesome here. I went out to Mr. Howes & got a loaf of graham bread this evening. I have another plan for a cottage to send to Kate.

*Saturday, December 18*

I got up early this morning & after the housework was done I went at finishing photos. I took 17 calendars to the drug store this evening. It began raining this afternoon. The weather report says cold comes tomorrow.

*Sunday, December 19*

It has been drizzling all day long. I went to the P.O. this forenoon & among the mail for me was the deed for the land I bought at Sapphire. Wrote a letter to Kate and played a little on the guitar. It was some chilly & I burned considerable wood. Unless business looks in another week I will prepare to leave.

*Monday, December 20*

It rained this morning & has been misty all day. I read a novel through and chopped up some wood.

Had a nice letter from Kate this forenoon. Have sent her a little Mistletoe. Mr. & Mrs. Hows called on me this afternoon.

Wrote to Kate tonight.

*Tuesday, December 21*

It has been a dull day. I took my camera this forenoon & went about 2 miles to get a cloud view, but it had vanished. This afternoon I took a long walk up the Pacolet valley. Had my field glasses with me.

It is raining again tonight.

*Wednesday, December 22*

Cloudy all day.

I took my camera out in the country a ways & made a photo of 3 little darkies on a foot log. Chopped up considerable wood & put it where it would keep dry. It has grown chilly, and looks like snow tonight. I received the deed back from Brevard tonight with notice of its record.

*Thursday, December 23*

It froze a little last night. Has been a bright day & I printed all the pictures I could before noon, and toned & mounted them this afternoon. Had a letter from ma & Kate explaining who the things in the little box were from. Had a little present from the Burlingame girls too. It is quite cool tonight. They have had below 0 degrees at home.

*Friday, December 24*

I burnished and fixed up a lot of the Tryon Calendars this forenoon and took them down to the drug store.

The town is full of people getting things for Christmas. The firing of guns, firecrackers, etc., beats the fourth in the north.

I was too lazy to go to any doings tonight.

*Saturday, December 25*

Fixed up a panoramic view of Tryon and took to the drug store this morning.

Put on my good clothes & went out in the Pacolet valley to Mr. Mortons for Christmas dinner. Had a very pleasant time. It began to rain & freeze this afternoon. Had a telegram from C... Jinks of Asheville asking me to come up to figure on a job of work.

*Sunday, December 26*

It was clear this morning & the air warmer. I went over to Mr. Howes & he & I went to the summit of Warrior Mt. It was very icy & cold on the north side, but quite warm on the south side. I took dinner out there. This evening I attended a nice little tea at Mr. Doubledays. It is colder again tonight.

*Monday, December 27*

I took a photo of a family group this morning, then I got ready to go to Asheville on the noon train. I went to Mr. Jinks as soon as I got here & found them in a nice home of their own. Had a little visit with Jennie Burlingame, who is here. We did not get to bed very early.

*Tuesday, December 28*

This forenoon I went down town & settled up with Mr. Rogers who had sold some of my views. He paid me \$6.90. I got a pair of heavy shoes & a pair of leggings for mountain work. I think Mr. Jinks will send me out to do the viewing he wishes done. Came back to Tryon this afternoon. There was snow at Asheville this morning. Developed some plates tonight.

*Wednesday, December 29*

I did considerable writing today. Had letters from ma & Kate. Mr. Doubleday is moving his things into the other part of the house & will be here to live tomorrow.

I chopped up some wood this evening. It was cool all day, but the air is warmer tonight & the wind blows hard.

*Thursday, December 30*

Got up early this morning & walked up the railroad to Panther's saw mill & Melrose Falls. Took several photos at the falls. At noon I went up above Melrose station & took a view taking in the train climbing the steep grade with two engines. I got dinner at a house up there. Wore my new shoes to break them in. It is very moderate weather.

*Friday, December 31*

It showered just a little this morning & then turned cooler & cleared up. I began taking dinners with the Doubledays this noon. Saw snow squall on Tryon mountain this evening. This is the last day of old '97, & I have no new diary as yet for '98. I guess there is a cold spell going on up north. I would like to see Kate & the folks at home.