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La Porte June 5, 1857

Man Wright ? to ? \$1.00 to be paid in six months for this date

La Porte June 26, 1857

Lond (loaned) W Hendricks \$1.50 for one day. Paid.

La Porte, June 26, 1857

I received a letter today from Wm Walton and it contained \$40.00 money that I borrowed of him. It also said my girl was sick with the chicken pox.

Saturday, June 27, 1857

This day in the morning is very warm not a breath of air stirring till two, thair was a blow rose up in the East and at six it comensed to rain and rained till dark.

Sunday, June 28, 1857

This morning I was wakened up by a heavy clap of thunder at about 4 am. It was very warm and rained very hard till about noon then cleared up and is fine weather. I did not go to church today. Don't feel well.

Tuesday, June 30

Started from La Porte at 5 o'clock this morning and arrived hear at 8 in the eavening an went on to a boat, the Keaz City first claf (class) boat. Am bound up the river to Winona.

Wednesday, July 1, 1857

Heavey wind from the east of north and cold. Had a fine ? of the bluffs and seanry on the river. Bad cough today.

Thursday, July 2, 1857

Arrived at Winona last eavening at 10 o'clock and put up at the Hughlfs Hotell. am at six in the morning started for Rochester, Ohmsted County Minnesota, 50 miles west from the river with a new waggon with 17 passengers and for 12 miles the bluffs was 500 feet high and we went over them and down every two miles and arrived in Rochester at 8 in the evening and put at the American.

Friday, July 3, 1857

This morning went to see Tolner Baley's folks that live in a fine house, the best in town. he he Valentian took me to my brothers which is 9 miles North of East from Rochester we went about 5 miles down the Zumbro River the raised up the Bluffs to a fine baren Country about 2 miles before I get to my Brothers we cane to a beautiful rolling prairie found Orrin well and in fine spirits. Could see his house or cabin for 2 miles altho it lies in the valley and can see every foot of his land. And if I am any judge it is the best land that ever I saw. He has a fine spring about

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3 rods from his house the best that thair is in the County and that are plenty. He has 30 acres broke and has abut 30 acres of spring crops in an a good garden and a fine mussez (mrs).

Saturday, July 4, 1857

As we are to fair North for to fin the people to celebrate our national birthday I and Orrin went an ? to ketch som fish. We went west about 5 miles to the Zumbro River but got no fish. Saw hundreds of the that wuld way (weigh) 20 lbs. Killed one Rattle snake that was 4 feet long. Warm day but kool eavening. Saw a fine roling prairie with bluffs that was 300 feet high and springs at the top of them.

Sunday, July 5, 1857

Fine warm day. The murkry (mercury) stood at 104 in the shade. Went today to see some Clarince Pul, Roberts and V W Baley, David Mackes but did not find them home.

Monday, July 6, 1857

Went to Rochester with Orrin and Mary in a wagon. Rochester is a County Seat with abut 1,000 inhabitents. It is about one year old and I think it will be a large place in 5 years for all the country around is a fine farming country ever I saw.

Tuesday, July 7, 1857

Hott weather all day and dry. No rain. Hear for two weeks. The wheat, corn oates and potatoes looks better than any that I have seen and I think that this will be a good farming country for everything. Looks very favorable hear now it is the best place for gardens that ever I saw thair better hear now that any that I saw 500 miles south of hear.

Wednesday, July 8, 1857

O what weather. Staid at my brothers all day and it was so hot that it wuld do honor to any of the tropics country altho we air about 44 degrees north.

Thursday, July 9, 1857

I went to Rochester today with my brother and his wife and tryed to buy a town lott. They range from about \$1000 to 75 dollars the cheapest lots is all about a mile from the businesses. Could not buy any, think now that I shall start for home on Monday.

Friday, July 10, 1857

Staid at my brothers all day. About as hot weather as I ever saw. Orrin I preparing to point and mudd a new house that he is going to move into.

Saturday, July 11, 1857

Went with Orrin to his hous that he is a painting ? of rain comensed to rain about 7 inches in the eavening and rained all nite heavy thunder and sharpe lightening.

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Sunday, July 12, 1857

Some rain this morning. Went to see a sight for a claim today. Went north west about 4 miles to a mound and went on top of it. It is about six hundred feet high above the surrounding Prairie here. Its the best view of the hole county that can be had in any other spot. Did not like the claim, got back about 3 am found Hendricks at Orrins. Ready to start for home a.m. Am making ready to start.

Monday, July 13, 1857

Started from Orrin's this morning for La Porte. I'm in company with Hendricks. a.m. arrive at Wabasha at six in the evening and passed over some of the best land in the territory but to timber and about 12 miles of bluffs next to the river. Are plenty of Indians. Orrin Oakes fetched me to the river. We all road on a Peter Bord. We went on the boat at 8. Granite State fair to Dunleath (?) \$6.00.

Tuesday, July 14, 1857

At Lacrafts in the morning Hendricks left me at Poarica Deshier, he came on bord again. Took a boat a.m. Kin past arrive at Debuke Iowa at 6 am. Put up at the Key City Hotell. Saw the bluffs covered with grape vines in patches that was ten acon in a ground that was so steep that it is waller of steps that dig in the hill and one above the other to the top.

Wednesday, July 15, 1857

Started from Debuke in the morning at 5 brought us to the river on the steam ferry Dunleath (?) (name of boat?) got breakfast and bought a ticket for Chicago fair \$5.65. Started for Chicago at 7. Had a plesent ride to Maringo thair I left the ??? and so south about 12 miles. John Hoages as soon as I left the cars I met a man was going the same way that I was. He took me to Chicago for nothing.

Thursday, July 16, 1857

Arrived at Hoages at 4 last night. Found them all doing well. He has about 85 acres of spring wheat and it lookes fine. Will yield about 25 bush to the acre. Will be fitt to harvest about the first of August. Corn he has looks fine, the best that I have seen in my travells and all kinds of grain. I think that this is abut the best part of Illinois thair is for grain. Every thing looks propering.

Friday, July 17, 1857

Started from Hoages at 8 for Belvidere, past over a fine farming district. It is about redy to harvest. took the cars for Chicago bout one of the hottest day of the season and arrived in Chicago at 5 am. Took supper and started for home at 8. Got to La Porte at 10. some indications of rain but all past around. Found all well but no news from my children altho wrote these letters and got no answer.

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Saturday, July 18, 1857

This is the first time that La Porte does not feel like home my children is in Coldwater (MI) and all of my friends are moved away or are dead and gone. I don't think it will ever seem right for me to stay hear any more now. I don't think now I shall. O how hot is today. I am almost melted.

My blouse is to thick and I have no money to buy any others.

Sunday, July 19, 1857

Last night was the warmest night that we have had. About 12 it commensed to thunder and lightening and it was so sharp that one could not sleep. It was continued flash and roar all the time for about four hours and no rain. Today is some cooler altho in the middle of the day fans were in use in the eavening. Very pleasent again.

Monday, July 20, 1857

Fine fresh breeze from the north and fine day for the farmers to harvest. The air about to commense their wheat cutting which is some three weakes late this year. I wrote a letter to Walton today that is the fourth one and no answer. I think now that I shall start for New York in about two weakes.

Tuesday, July 21, 1857

Cloudy and cold. I have not seen a thermometer but it is cold enuff for a fire. A grait change in the weather, had as much as I could do to keep myself from freezing. I went a eavening to hear Alf Howard the grait violinist play. He did not give satisfaction. Had a full hous. He did not do as well as he used to.

Wednesday, July 22, 1857

Had to get a fire bilt this morning and all would huddle around as if it was winter. some indications of rain but I think it is to cold. Never saw such bad weather in my life before at this time of year. Had a letter from Orrin Oakes today for Minnesota. He wantes me to cum back thair and go in business with him. It is to cold.

Thursday, July 23, 1857

Still continues cold. I don't feel well as I have dun . I have taken cobald (?). I changed my blose and left of my under shirt and drawers last weak when it was warm and now I am about sick with a cold settled on my lunges thair was these trunks robbed hear about last night and about \$22 taken. The money stolen was from Orson Abunson. He works at the Rail Road shifes (?).

Friday, July 24, 1857

Weather a little warmer today but cold in the eavening and morning. I staid at the Parker House today till about two and then went to see an Indian show. It is the best thing that I ever saw of the kind. All well done and gave good satisfaction. Nor word from my children. I don't know what is the reason. I shall write this eavening again.

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Saturday, July 25, 1857

No rain. Dry and dusty. Heavy wind from the south. Staid at the Parker House all day. Wrote a letter to Walton and after I put it in the office I received a letter from William Walton stating that my children had got over the chicken pox altho some of them was very sick. Paid Hagire Hapkeno five dollars today for bord that paid up till last night.

Sunday, July 26, 1857

Very warm. Hardly any air stirring. Thermometer 96. Good dinner at the Parker House in the eavening went to hear Welles and it was so warm that he could not speak. Postponed for two weakes. Came back to the Parker House and went down to the train and saw a lady and her lover part and the most kissing that I have ever seen for a year. He made a fool of himself. I thought so and others to.

Monday, July 27, 1857

Very warm from the south till about three. Then it changed to the west and soon we had rain. It rained for about one hour with heavey wind and with ocaisonal showers till bed time. I have not anything to do now and think now that I shall start for Coldwater (MI) on Wednesday if I am well enuff to travel. I have a very bad cough and sore throat.

Tuesday, July 28, 1857

Fine kool breeze from the west all day. Cool and pleasant. Not anything happened today of any note. As for myself I feel very bad.

Wednesday, July 29, 1857

Fair day, not very warm. Bought a ticket this morning for Coldwater and started at seven. Had pleasant ride. Train of two cars. Arrived at Coldwater at eleven thirty am. Found brother Walton waiting for me.

Thursday, July 30, 1857

Found all of my folks and children well. Walton is working in the machine shop. Fine weather. Some prospects of rain. A shower in the eavening cleared off. About 9 I went downtown.

Friday, July 31, 1857

Prospect of rain. Rained about 10 with sharp thunder and lightening. The Sabath schools had a picknick today, Reg and Julia went. Said they had a fine time. I am not well today. Pains in my bowels with frequent asoguations (?) of my bowels.

Saturday, August 1, 1857

Clear and pleasant. Not a breath of air stirring. Fine weather for havesting. The farmers hear is now butting thair wheat which is very good all through the county. I think now that I shall start for New York state next weak. I want to go and see my native place once more to Cherry Valley Otsego County, New York and think I should stay about one month and then

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return. I am going thinking that it will improve my health. I am not able to work at present.

Sunday, August 2, 1857

Clear and fine warm day. Staid at Walton til eavening then took a walk with my three children. Went two miles north, can back and went to a spirital meeting at Orphans Hall.

Monday, August 3, 1857

Clear and fine harvest weather, not a cloud or breath of air. Walton went to Burr Oak today to repair a saw mill. I staid at Waltons. Louisea Noiz(?) came thair the most funny hair of any girl I ever saw.

Tuesday, August 4, 1857

Raining hard this morning. Rained till about 10 then cleared off with wind from the eh north cloudy most of the day. Staid at Walton's all day waiting for him to return from Burr Oak, he did not cum.

Wednesday, August 5, 1857

Clear and pleasant, cool wind from the north. Went to the depot to meet Walton, he did not cum. I have a very hard cough with a pain about my cholar bone with shortness of breath and feel very bad. H G Oakes

Thursday, August 6, 1857

Fine warm day. Little hazey at eavening. My cough is geeting worse every day with sharp pain in my left side. I raise sights of yellow matter from my lunges. I have a pain running up the left breast bone and in my neck with fever all the time and with the hull (?). Reginald, my son, got bit by a dog this eavening while at play.

Friday, August 7, 1857

Some indications of rain but no rain today. I walked about 3 miles today and feel better than I have for several days. My cough is hard and my stiff neck is some better. In the four part of the night I did not sleep any. I have night swets that is redusing me very fast. I waid myself today and I find that I am on the decline. My weight was 146 lbs, usually 165.

Saturday, August 8, 1957

Some prospects of rain in the morning, all past over. Very warm in the eavening. Staid at the hous all day. Feel better than I did on Sunday.
Sunday, August 9, 1857

South wind, warm day. I think of starting for New York state in the morning if I am well enough. I think now that I shall go to the homes and then to Cherry Valley, Otsego County to my brothers, Wm P Oakes.

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Monday, August 10, 1857

Received of Walton one hundred and fifty dollars \$150.00. Started from Coldwater at 8 in the morning for New York state. Paid fair to Toledo \$2.60. Arrived at Toledo at 12:30. Went aboard Boat City of Buffalo. Paid cabin fair to Buffalo, \$5.25. Started at half past one. Rained at 2. head wind all the way. Arrived in Buffalo at 4 in the morning. The city of Buffalo is a new boat and the best and fastest boat in the lake. Good fair, fine berths and clean beds.

Tuesday, August 11, 1857

Started for Buffalo at 4:30 in the morning and arrived in Syracuse at 10. Went to the Depot to go south to Homer and find that I shall have to wait till 6 in the evening. I don't know how I shall spend the day. Paid fair from Buffalo to Syracuse \$3.00. Paid fair to Homer \$1.00. Started for Homer at 6. and arrived at 8. Put up at Vanandan Hotell, a good hous. Cold and chilly. I wore my shall in morning all this morning.

Wednesday, August 12, 1857

Took a walk in town this morning. I was here 17 years ago. I don't see any changes only the trees have gotten larger. This must be a splendid town to live in, so still and well shaded. I went this morning to see my sister, Mrs Thompson (Experience Oaks). They live about one mile form town. Are farmers and in good fair prospects to make a good living. He owns about 100 acres worth \$150 the acre and if well off.

Thursday, August 13, 1857

Heavy winds form west, cool in the morning but hot about 12. Have some of the best cherrys hear that I ever saw. Started for Syracuse at 2. Paid fair \$1.00. Arrived Syracuse at 6. Bought ticket to Forte Plain \$1.80 and came to Utica. Staid overnight at the American. Paid \$3.00. Had good room and four hours rest at Utica.

Friday, August 14, 1857

Very warm and muggy this morning. Started for Forte Plain at 6 am. Arrived at Forte Plain at 8 1/2. Put up at the Central Hotel kept by S Bounes. Took breakfast and shall stay till about one for the stage to Cherry Valley. Arrived at Cherry Valley at 3. Went to a lady at stage, fair fair \$1.00. Seth Granger took me to my brothers. Got thair about 7. He was not home. Found all well but not well myself.

Saturday, August 15, 1857

My brother returned this morning. He has been to the river for lumber. He is builden him a new house this year. He has got it roofed and partly sided and ll the stuff ready to put up. He has 7 acres of hops and is part thru haying. Has about 1000 apple trees on his farm which will prove to be very profitable for tha can't raiz hardly any grain and if fruit will grow it wi well that he planted it. He can't raiz no grain.

Sunday, August 16, 1857

Clear and cool. Went with my brother (William P) to Decator today to see my Uncle John

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Goodell and a host of cousins that live in a very poor part of the world. It is rough and hilly and haying is only comensed. Grain is not yet ripe. Tha live mostly by dairy. Tha make butter and it is all tha have to sell. Tha buy all of their flower and I think it is a bad place to live.

Monday, August 17, 1857

Comensed to rain in the night. And rained all day. I staid at my brothers all day. Went a fishing in the eavening for bull heads but got none. My Uncle John Goodell is here. He sais thair is about 700 acres of land that was given to his father but he never got it. I and my brother William is a going to try and see if we can git some of it.

Tuesday, August 18, 1857

No rain today. Went to Walls Hall and from there back to my brother's and then to Cherry Valley to see if we could not git some clue t omy Grandfathers pension. Saw several folks that I new. I am going to start for New York in the morning in company with my brother, Wm D Oakes. We go by railroad.

Wednesday, August 19, 1857

Started from Cherry Valley in company with my brother Wm Oakes for New York. Paid fair from Cherry Valley \$5.00 to Forte Plain. Started about 9 o'clock am. Cool morning with some prospects of rain. Arrived at Albany at 3. Started to New York at 8 pm on steam boat Issac Newton. Fair from fair from Albany to New York by boat \$1.50. It is a going game the boat. Rail Road fair is cheaper and faster and if I travel this rout again I shall go by RR. Prospects of rain.

Thursday, August 20, 1857

Arrived at New York at 8 am. Fried ham & coffee for breakfast - then went to see Lewis Fastes No. 16 Wall Street about my Grandfathers pension. Told him what we could prove. He said that we could git it he was certen. He further said that their was a land clam of 700 acres in Thompkin County, NY that my grandfather never got or claimed. He found it searching the records about 7 years ago. He said that if we can git this claim thit is will make us all well off. He sais that it can be got by an Act of Congress without much proof if we only have friends in Congress to attend to it for us. I visited the Navy Yard and went on bord the Carolina. Went out 15 miles on Long Island. Returned to New York at 7 am. Put up at the Calines house for the night. Oysters for supper. I feel very well for me.

Friday, August 21, 1857

Fine day as we have had for two weaks. Started from New York at six for Hudson. Took the Boston Road at Hudson for New Lebanon Springs and arrived about two at David Smith's a cousin of mine. Found his buisy with his hay. I often thought about this neighborhood. David Smith took me around to see them. That was Julina Smith, Elaner (Eleanor) Willson, Joseph Willson and Amy Harris. I think to visit all day today and tomorrow if I can get around and think I will.

F H Brown, South Stephentown (written at top of page)

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Saturday, August 22, 1857

Started on a visiting tour today. Went to Joseph Willson and from thair to Amy Harris'. Found all well. Went from thair to the place I was born. It did not look as I thought it would. The fields are so small and the ground is all covered with stone and stone walls that is 6 feet high and about ten wide about 1/2 or 3/4 acres in a field. It looks horid and don't seem that anyone can live on such land.

Amy Harris East Nawson, Renslar County (written on top of page)

Sunday, August 29, 1857

Cold and chilly, some prospects of rain. Started to go to the Shakers. Saw the greatest sight that I ever saw. They sing and march around all over the church. Sometimes they whirl and dance. Went from the Shakers to the New Lebanon Springs ?. Not many visitors. Went from thair to Cousins David Smith's to stay over night. Several showers thru the day. I am going to start for home tomorrow. Going to Albany.

David Smith, New Lebanon, Centee, Colomburg County (top page entry)

Monday, August 24, 1857

Started from New Lebanon for Albany in Stage. Arrived at 2 pm. Went to the capitel and serched over all the names that served in the New York regements in the Revolution War but could not find the name of David Goodell. Also searched all the names that had lands granted to them by the Federal government in the County of Tompkins but none found. Put up at the Fremont for the night.

David Goodell, Decatur, Otsego Cty (top of page entry)

Tuesday, August 25, 1857

Started for Cherry Valley at NYC RR to Palentine Bridge and then for stage to Cherry Valley. Fine morning but kool. I don't feel well and think I shall start for the west soon. I don't like any of this country in the state of NY It is all hilly and very stoney and broke. And I think a hard place to live in, it look so ? put a man off.

Ebenezer Goodell sais that David Goodell served as a teamster. He hauled goods from Connecticut and from Massachusetts to Boston for the American army. This was to ld to him by his father whom wus knowing the facts

Wednesday, August 26, 1857

Went to see this old man that made the statement is above. He is 82 years old. His memory is good. The rest of the day staid at my brothers. Fine day, the air hazing hear yet and will be for some time.

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Thursday, August 27, 1857

Started this morning with my brother to go upon East Hill to the place whair I formerly lived. Went to my fathers grave and took the inscription that was on the stone then went over to Wm Spencer's an old playmate of mine. He was not at home. His wife urged us to stay to dinner, thought he would be home by that time. I willingly excepted the professed offer. Then went back to Wm's. Eat some of the best black baries that I ever saw. Rained at the air in the eavening.

William Spencer sais that David Goodell told him that he teamed it for the army, that he was onse in action and that a canon ball knoct him down and the word came home that he was dead but it was not so. He said that he never received anything for his servis.

Friday, August 28, 1857

Rained all thru the day by spells. Went to Markses and took his storey down about Grandfather Goodell servis in the war. From thair went to see John Goodell.

Saturday, August 29, 1857

Staid at Uncle John Goodells last night went to Southn Hollow with David Rained sum in the after noon. Went to see John Goodell staid till night cam back to Uncle David's

Sunday, August 30, 1857

Cold wind from the west. Staid to Cousin David Goodell till about 3 then Uncle John Goodell went and fetched his old mair and hitched him up to this lumber wagon to bring me over to my brothers. I had lots of fun with him. He is the oddest of all odd men I ever saw. We arrived at Wm's about six and found that old Misuz Lowflin was thair Saturday to see me.

Monday, August 31, 1857

Fair and cool this morning. I bought Uncle John's intrest in his father's penshion. I am to give him fifty dollars if I ever git it. He holds my note to that affect. The note is not good if I don't git the clame it is null and void. I gave Uncle John my cane and one pair of gloves. He was very much pleased with them. He starts for home about 2. I don't feel as well, took cold.

Tuesday, September 1, 1857

Went to Lodz (?) to take a letter that is going to my children. Came back to Williams and their was a lady thair waiting to see me. Her name was Liza Reno before she was married she married a man name of Stephens. In the eavening I went to Cherry Valley. Got a letter from Walton. Sais that my children air all well. I shall start for home on Friday and think that shall start for the west about Monday.

Wednesday, September 2, 1857

Staid to my brothers all day. helpt to soo(?) on on a Kill cloath(?) as tha call it. Fine weather, farmers are hazing and harvesting, everything is late.

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Fine pleasant weather. Went on East Hill with William in his carage. Went to see Ollive Spencer and Clarissa Spencer, old nabours. From thair to Bill Spencers, Mark Dutchers, from thair to Kiches. Tha air all well. Send thair love to the home folks.

Friday, September 4, 1857

Started this morning for the west intend going to Homer Cartland County to see my brother in law Hammell Thompson from thair am going to La Porte Indiana my present residence. In the eavening went to Lodz (?) in (?) with Wm two boys and girl. Met on the road Mary ann Sage (?). Went back with is to Lodz(?) and then come back to Williams.

Saturday, August 5, 1857

Had a warm day yesterday. road from Cherry Valley to Forte Plaine in a bugy with my brother and wife and from thair in cars on New York Central RR. Found all well. Went with Thompson to the field in the fore noon. Had a good dinner, a farmer dinner, boild pork, potatoes, sucatash squashes. In the afternoon went to Cortland. Rained at sundown. Win from the north and getting very cold.

Sunday, September 6, 1857

Cold north wind. Cold enuff for frost. Grait change from the hott sultry day yesterday, now cold and a fier is all the rage. Went to the Pryspeterian Church at 10 oclock. Herd a good serman. In the afternoon went upon the hill east of Hammels and am now writing this about 2000 feet above the town and in full site of the whole village. It a grand sight and in stone throw of me. I start in the morning for Amos Goodells' on a viset if all is well.

Monday, September 7, 1857

Started from Homer to viset Amos Goodell. Got thair and found that he had got to Syracuse to Camp meeting so it will be likely that I shall not see him. Started back for Homer and ma going to stay at my cousins. Uncle Amos post office address is Vesper, Onadaga County he lives on a very high hill about four miles from Tully and about as ruff and hilly country as tje Katskill mountins. Frost this morning.

Tuesday, September 8, 1857

Started for Homer this morning. south wind, am very cold but think that it will be warmer soon. Frost this morning. got to homer at noon. Staid to Thompson's and helpt him t launch his boat. Shall start for Syracuse in the morning and then go to La Porte, Ind Alyou (?) and his intended is a going with me to Syracuse.

Wednesday, September 9, 1857

I did not start for Syracuse this morning but will tomorrow if all is well. I don't know how I shall spend this day but think that I shall go a fishing on the river with Liflet Thompson. Rather cool this morning. Am going to Syracuse in the morning with my sister's husband and daughter. I went fishing in the eavening and Liflet caut 4 pickrell. He is the neatest hand to handel a line

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that ever I saw. He will throw it among trees and not git caught.

Thursday, September 10, 1857

Started for Syracuse at 8. Arrived at 9 1/2. Started for the Camp ground at ten am. Got thair at 11 am. Found my Uncle's tent but he was out in the congregation for it is preachin time. He cam in but did not now me. Had a talk about Grandfather's penshion. He nowes all about it and can restate every battle that he was in. Came to Syracuse in a Bufs (?) from the banks and put up at Wrights Miller. Think I shall start home tomorrow.

Friday, September 11, 1857

Started from Syracuse at 4:40. At Rochester at 7:30. Took breakfast. Arrived at Buffalo at 10. Put up at the Globe Hotel by Pike. Very warm day. Some breaz from the west. Good dinner at the Globe. went aboard the steamer, City of Buffalo. It is a fine boat, the best on the lake. I am now returning from my travels east. I don't think it has dun me any good. My helth is not as good as it was when I left home. The troubel is now I am very costive (?) and cant git no help. I have a disease in my head.

Saturday, September 12, 1857

Lake Erie, fine weather this morning. Boat making good headway and with axident will have a fine trip. Arrive at Toledo at one oclock. It has got very warm altho thair is a brisk wind from the west. Left Toledo at 2:20. Arrived at Coldwater at 5:45. Steemboat expres train so dusty that could not see thru the cars. Found all my children well. Walton was gone to Burr Oak. He is about to by or traid for a steam saw mill. I think it will be a bad bargain for him for it will more expense than profit.

Sunday, September 13, 1857

Warm sultry weather. Some prospects of rain. It is very dry and dusty. I am about used up with my trip from New York, am hardly able to set up, but hope it will not make me sick. But am afraid it will. I went to Cripens Hall at 10 to hear a spiritalist preach. He said that all Christain domoninations air not serving God. I don't see now as he is or the sect that he is preaching for - took a long walk in the eavening with my children and Mary Rudd. No rain but looking very much like it.

Monday, September 14, 1857

I am going to start at ten this morning for La Porte Ind. Fogey and damp this morning but no rain. Very warm. Started from Coldwater at 10. Dinner at Piggon (?). Change cars at Elkhart arrived at La Porte at 4 pm. and lost my trunk. I think that it stayed at Elkhart if I loos it, it is all I have got. Put up at the Parker Hous, room 29 on the third flore head of the stairs all appear to be gladd to see me.

Tuesday, September 1857

I have not got my trunk yet. Have telegraphed but can't find number of check 182. Fine morning. Clear and plesent. Cool nites but warm days. Fine weather for ripening corn. The corn is very large but late. I think all of three weaks. If it gets ripe it will be the biggest crop

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that has ben raised in La Porte County in twenty years. It is about 16 feet high and well eared. Found my trunk. It was in Chicago. Came back this eavening.

Wednesday, September 1857

I started for Chicago this morning. Am going to Toz (?) and see if I can't settel with my creditors. Arrived in Chicago at ten. Put up at the Matine Hous. Have not seen any of the hous yet get setteld with all of the men that was owing for fifty cents on the dollar and I am to pay all costs. Went this eavening to Elle Lows. Rained very hard at about 6. Had a good viset, very warm.

Thursday, September 1857

Went back to Chicago this morning and finished settling up. Give my note to Mr Whitker and brother for \$43.17. I offerd them \$25 for it in 60 days but tha would not take it. That was my own half of the debt that we owed them. Baker had paid his half in whiskey. Came back to La Porte at 6:30 and went to the Coming Crist lector (lecture). Rained in the eavening.

Friday, September 1857

Fogy and cold wind from the northwest. comensed to rain about one. I have ben trying to settle the cost but the fees of the lawyer is the wors. He charges \$43 and I don't think that I will pay it but will see my lawyer first. Have paid one clame. My lawyer is not so at to atend to buisnes and have put it off till next weak. Rained hard towards nite.

Saturday, September 1857

Cold north wind. It rains all day but not hard. Went to a Demacrat convension in the eavening. Went to hear spiritaul lectuer.

Sunday, September 20, 1857

Rather fine day, but cold. Went to the lectuer. Had a called meeting at the lodg brothers. A.D. Treat died this morning at 8.

Monday, September 21, 1857

Cold north wind. Rained sevrell times during the day and harde in the eavening. Attended the funrell of Brother Treat today at 3. The lodg was all out in full regalia.

Tuesday, September 22, 1857

Very cold, and cloudy. Set by fier all day and feel very bad. I think that will not stay hear very long for I don't like thair beds, I can't sleep on them tha air to hard.

Wednesday, September 23, 1857

Cold morning with frost but not hard enuff to do any damage. Clear and pleasant. Fine prospects for beter weather. I received a letter from Orrin today about his farm. Walked over to man Wrights found him at the brewery. Said that he had raised good crops.

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Received of Wm Walton eight hundred thirty dollars, Oct. 18, 1857 H G Oake

Received of Wm Walton six hundred dollars and forty seven dollars and fifty cents, Dec. 15, 1857. H G Oake

Paid Cordelia Walton Dec. 15, 1857, fifty dollars. Setteled in full.

Coldwater. Dec. Lond Wm Walton twenty dollars to pay for a saw.

April 20, 1857

Took Reg and Julia to Coldwater, setteled up for Charley and left fifty dollars for expenses.

October 14, 1857

Gave to Wesley Hendricks this day one hundred dollars on the Plymouth Bank for him to git redemed for me. H G Oakes

Received the gold in this amount of Hendricks. H G Oakes

One lb of ginger wine about 65 cts

S S Baker, La Porte Ind
39 Adams Street

Gorge Haris carpenter

Two sines I saw on the cars going from La Porte to Chicago, Oct 19, 1857

2 1/2 Casameo 12/	\$ 3.75
1 3/8 Do Skn lees 4.50	6.18
1 or 2 white shirts	10.00
2 pair drawers	2.00
1 cap	2.50
2 under shirts	<u>3.00</u>
	27.43

4 1/2 yds zds pattern	3.61
10 buttons	.13
1/4 yd of cloath	<u>.75</u>
	\$ 4.75

3 1/2 yds Cotton	5.25
4 yds cloath	<u>5.51</u>
	\$15.25

Making over coat and 2 pair pants	10.00
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Cloath for over coat, plush 2 1/2 yds	<u>25.00</u>
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\$87.68

A man told Hopkins that butter was seling in Putnam County, Ohio for 10 cents the lb C S
Salingir

La Porte, Ind March 24, 1858. Lond Wesly Hendricks, \$10.00 paid.

April 24 lond Wesly Hendricks one dollar \$1.00 Paid.

Sunday, March 14, 1858. Close sent to Mrs Strongr to wash, 5 peases (pieces) one pair drawers,
one under shirt, two shirts, one pair socks.
Returned.

1 qt soup	.19
tea	.06
tea	.18
1 qt syrup	<u>.19</u>
	\$.60

1 qt syrup	.18
1 bar soap	.12
1 qt syrup	.19
potatoes, 20	.05
meat	<u>.30</u>
	\$1.44

Sugar brown
 " white
 " coffe
 Coffe
 Tea
 Salreatus Babbales
 Tobaco plug
 tin pail
 tobaco smoking
 tobaco papers
 soup erasiv
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 mustard
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 vinegar
 white fish
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 herrin salt
 matches
 tincturar jars
 starch

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cinamon
pepper
nutmegs
cloves
brush brooms
blacking
rice
herring
bedcords
wood buckets
wah tus
chestnuts
peanuts
almonds
filberts
madina nuts
lemons
orranges
blacking
shoe brushes
raping paper
little writing paper
invelops
dary salt in bls
salt sacks
applies dried
peaches med
cheese
packels
pepper saus

J N Frazier Pittsburgh Pa

Cash received on Oakes & Baker acct. Received from:

F McCallum	\$110.00
Wm Fry	\$5.00
Elias Alford	\$1.00
Dan Bacus	\$1.00
John Fuller	\$5.59
September 13, 1858 of F McCallum \$25.00	

Mr David Strong. April 24 1 bar soap. May 12 1 lb butter \$.18
J B Hennegen & Co No 17 Clark St Candy mfg Chicago

Inflamatory rheumatism can be cured by the following meathed. Take 1/2 an ounce of pulvarised salt peter. Put in 1/2 a pint of sweet oil. Baith the part affected and a sound cure will soon follow. Taken for Coldwater paper December 11, 1857

Recite for the Golden Ointment, 1 oz campher gum, 4 lbs of lard, 1 oz gamboug, 1 oz organeaum

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oil, 1/2 oz oil seedes, 1 oz venus tirpentine.

Oakes & Baker. From Baker \$21.61. Let Baker have \$20.00

Wm D Oakes mony

fir coat \$19.09

bought 2 robes \$15.00

Paid express charges \$2.00

Total \$17.00

Mony in my hands of William Oakes \$2.08

Agents for maps Isack J Stanley, St Joseph Co

Grange mirchants St Joseph Ind

J W Daty Bevin Co Mich

Lorenzo Gates agent for S Augustus, Mitchell Philadelphia

John C Thompson 3

Joseph Hudson 1

R Shemanway 1

C Wright 1

Syntha Wright 1

A Enos 1

A D Enos 1

M Kline 5

Paid A Whittier & Brother Cast \$25.00 for my note that was \$43.17 and I will pay the balance as soon as I can see my way.

Chicago Ill H G Oakes Oct. 30, 1857

H Burwell, Chicago Ill

Sept 16, 1857

Chicago

\$176.33 6 months

184.74 12 months

193.13 18 months

M D Gillman & Co \$43.17 paid \$25.00 Whittier & Brother on day after date, Sept. 17, 1857.

\$554.20

277.10

Amos Goodell sais that his father, David Goodell was in the Battle of Lexington and at Bunker Hill. He then took shiping and went with Washington to N York & he was in the Battle taking the city of New York....

was in Washingtons army in New York and New Jersey. He served about half the war and then he was a teamster. He had the charge of ten teams that belongs to the government. He used his own team, a double team of horses and served as a teamster till peace was declaired. He was Captain of the Teames. I remember all my father, David Goodell told me about the war and can relate it as corect as if was only yesterday. He inlisted several times for shorte peyardes but did

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not inlist only on cases of grait need. I can tell all abut it for I have a good memory. I can tell the trials and hardships the same as he told it to me and the places and who was with him and who he served under and whair he inlisted. He inlisted in Massachuesetts first about the time of the Battle of Lexington but was in one scurmish in the streets of Boston before the Battle of Lexington. Lexington was the first battle he was in. I will tell you all about it if I had time and am willing to make an afidavit to all that I have told you and more too for I could not tell all in a hole day for I have not time now but any time that (missing page).

Experience Thompson sais that she lived with her Grandfather David Goodell for one year and has herd him say that he was a teamster in the Revoluntionary War and she says that she has herd him tell of his suferings but don't recolect of any place that he served but think that he was only a teamster. Think that he sais that he was onse in an action and was hurt but can't recall the place.

Inscription on my fathers gravestone Cherry Valley Ots County
In Memory of
Stephen Oaks
whom died November 12th, 1835 AD
74 years six months 18 days

Inscription on gravestone
of David Goodell
died January 20, 1825 AD
aged 74 years 10 months 27 days
this is my mother's father

Grandmother Goodell
Sarah Goodell
August 6, 1837
aged 85 years 11 months 6 days

Marthez Markes sais that she lived with David Goodell for six years and that she herd him say that he was in the Battle of Bunker Hill and was once buried up by the bursting of a shell and the word went home that he was dead but he was only covered by dert that the recolect who he served under but sais that he said that he never received nothing for his servises. He also served as a teamster to haul goods for the armye that he got so near exhaustid that he fell asleep when walking beside of his team and that he has ben without puting food in his mouth for four or five days at a time he drewed no rations when on the road away from the armye.

All of this hunting up of evidens in relation to the servis in the Revoluntionary war will not do any good for it can't amount to anything for we cant' git any evidens that will be worth any thing at all. Now try and do all you can for it. If thair can be anything don for it do it at onse.

David Goodell was in one battle in or about the vacinity of New York, about the first of the war of 1776 and then he served as a teamster. He used his own team. He also sold forty acres of land, all the land that he owned to by a hors team. He told his son John that he hiard twelve teams to haul supplies. Stores from Hrue (?) White for the American armye. Tha was goods that Layfielt fetched from France.

David Goodell, Charlton, Massachuesetts

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He has not received any pay or any pension nor bounty lands as we now of. Nor any compensation in any way. He paid his own expenses and used his own team.

End of Diary