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Memento

July 10th 1841

Rockland.

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2^d Sept. *Memento*
 July 18th A Clear Day, wind SW^{ly}
 a Very Nice day
 10th J. Mary Lawrence - Eley. and
 J. Mary L. Margaret Smith, Went this
 Morn^g to the pond Church
 Eley - Br. Geo. K. Witte preached
 Marg. L. on the Levitical priesthood
 terminated at the suffering of
 to Pond Death of Jesus Christ; in him as
 Church the great antitype were all the
 types and shadows accomplished
 in his one offering up himself
 a living Sacrifice &c &c
 Lords Administered the Lords Supper to
 Supper 10th ~~and 20~~ including us 4 - Took
 dinner myself & Mary at Storms,
 and Eley and Marg. at David
 Richards. Returned home by tea
 time. Had my man G. M. Lewis
 gave Storms one Horse Wagon
 for Wells 10th gave Storms for Br. Wells see (21st)

1841	Memento
July 18	A Clear Day, wind Southwesterly, a Very Nice Day
18 I, Mary L. Eley Margt. S to Pond Church Lords Supper Gave Storms 18 for Wills	I, Mary Lawrence Eley, and Margaret Smith Went this Morning to the pond Church, Brother Theodore K Witzel preached on the Levitical priesthood, terminated at the suffering and Death of Jesus Christ; in him as the great antitype were all the types and Shadows accomplished in his once offering up himself a living Sacrifice &c &c Administered the Lords Supper to 18 including us 4 took dinner Myself and Mary at Storms's And Eley and Margaret at David Richards. Returned home by tea time. Had My Mare, George M Lawrences One Horse Waggon Gave Storms for Brother Wills 21 shillings, see
1841	Memento
July 19	Clear and Warm, Wind Southwesterly, Cloudy towards Night
Wm. Law. 19 Mowed &c Mary L 19 & Sarah L Haverstraw	William Lawrence cut Grass over the Road and I and he put up 18 Cocks Mary Lawrence and Sarah to Haverstraw Jon Lawrence took them down to mouth of Creek, My Mare and George Lawrences Waggon this Afternoon to Go with the Steam Boat Warren
20	Another Clear warm and dry day, the Wind Seems Easterly at times
I, Jon L 20 & Wm. L for Herbt.	I, Jonathan Lawrence and William Lawrence Hay, took in 2 Jags from Over the Road, William Went About 3 or 4 PM to Rake Hay for Herbert in Leonards orchard. I and Jonathan Raked and put up 10 Cocks for me, I helped William a little while for Herbert.
Black Cow	Black Cow, George Manns Bull to Day

1841	Memento
July 20 at Herbts.	at Herberts 1 pint brandy, I dont know whether paid or not
Dry 21	Another Warm and Clear day. Wind Southwesterly, very very dry
21 Wm. Law.	William Lawrence Mowed long Spring Road next the Road, put up 20 Cocks, got in one jag from over the Road, done there
J. Law	Jon Lawrence helped hoe potatoes, spread the Grass, Rake &c
Ja G 21 Moved	Jacob Gesner My team Moved from Richards to River in George Lawrences house, upper Room
21 Collection Gave to Br Storms for Wills	Collection was Made at my house Sabbath before last for our preacher Wills, 12 shillings 11 pence to Which I added 7 shillings 1 pence Makes 20 shillings, this I Gave to Brother John Storms, the last Sabbath to Give to our preacher, See 18th Instant
22	A Misty or foggy looking Sky this morning, Soon clear and Warm, wind Southwesterly
1841	Memento
July 22 Wm. Law	William Lawrence cut grass, help take in 20 Cocks = 2 Jags, and we Rake and Cocked 20 More, Between Barn And Spring Road
Jon Law	Jon Lawrence took 10 Bushels potatoes for Me to Slote, Robert Renwicks Waggon at 2 shillings 6 pence per Bushel = 25 shillings, Received the Cash, And Brought Mary and Sarah Lawrence back, from Slote, came down from Haverstraw this Morning with Steam boat Warren
Mary and Sarah back	
22 Borrowed of J L 12 sh Paid bk.	NB I Had Borrowed 12 shillings When I went last Sabbath to Pond church, used then One Dollar. When I came Back I gave the 4 shillings and to Day I gave Sally the Dollar paid
Hottest 23 Day this year Nice Rain here	A Warm Day very warm, the warmest this Year, Hot, About 3 or 4 PM a Nice Rain With Thunder, it Appears this Shower did not extend very far, at Snedens very little, our ground Nicely Wet, at New York none

1841	Memento
<p>July 23 Wm. L. Jon Law Wm. 24 Jon Law</p>	<p>William Lawrence Mowed also Jon Lawrence and Self and William took in 2 jags in Orchard and front of Barn</p> <p>William Lawrence, Jon Lawrence and Self hoed potatoes, Got in Waggon load and 4 or five cocks with Colt and Sled</p>
24	Clear all day, Moderately Warm Wind Southwestward
Mist. 24 Anderson and Son	Mistress Anderson and her Son George came up from New York to My House this afternoon
Clams 24 of Chandler &c	Day before Yesterday 200 Clams of Chandler very poor 4 shillings, not now paid, on our Account, Jon Lawrence got them for Me
I sick 24 better	I have been 2 Days quite sick this Week, better
Gracy 24 poorly	Gracy quite poorly, sometimes very Weak, distress in Stomach, cough
1841	Memento
<p>July 24 Van Warts Wife left him she was Abused & suffered His Mother had his property he drank very 25 Warm Rain Br 25 Wills Preached 1/2 past 3</p>	<p>Clinton Van Warts Wife with her 2 Children lived at Snedens in George Lawrences House, left him a few Days Ago, Money having been Sent her from her Mother or Brothers in Virginia to bear her expenses, with intent to live with him no More, he being very ugly to her, his father left him it is Said About 8 thousand Dollars, he put it all in his Mothers hands and She being too ugly and contracted, He drank all his little earnings, his Mother paid House Rent, and Van Warts wife had to suffer</p> <p>Clear forenoon, cloudy Afternoon, Rained Some in the evening and in the Night, clouds from west</p> <p>Brother Wills here preached from Mathew The Kingdom of Heaven &c About 25, a Good Sermon, Eley, Margaret, Sidney Johns, Naught Cooper, Joe Dubois, Jonathan, Sally, Mary, Sarah</p>

1841	Memento
July 25 Good Sermon	Cornelia, John Willseys 3 Girls ie Jane Anne, and Rachel, Mary McCade and Not William Gesner, nor George, nor Charles, Herbert nor Wife. He preached exceeding Well
Ja Ges. 25 Wife twins this Aft.	Jacob Gesners Wife, confined twins, a Male and female, untimely (8 Months) the female very Small, the Male of Small Moderate Size both living; But no hopes of living, the Male first Born, they were Born About
26	A Clear Day and More cool, the Wind Northwestward, a Nice Day
26	Jon and William cutting the Bottom, Raked and Cocked 16 Cocks, I ploughed Potatoes
Betsy 26 Ges. twin female died	Jacob Gesners child the female died to day About 1 PM, the other is yet living this Evening, Born Yesterday see above
1841	Memento
July 26 B Langdon	Brother Langdon here to Night from Lime Kills, with Horse and Waggon
27	A Clear day, wind Westerly, Moderately Warm
Langdon 27 went left House &c	Brother Langdon left Horse and Waggon and Went to the city of New York, crossing over at Snedens, after Breakfast early and left Horse and Waggon
27 Jon and Wm. Mowed &	Jonathan and William Mowed front of Leonards Barn, I and William Lawrence George Anderson Raked after took in out of Bottom 16 Cocks more than a Waggon Load; 1 1/2 load; but drew it in with the Mare and sled. She had behaved very Bad &c, Jon Hoed
Mare 27 Attempted a Hull with Wm. Law injured Wag. — &c David Parsels took Gracy to see Ja Ges. Wife	Gracy Wanted to Go to See Jacob Gesners Wife see the 25 . Took Langdons Waggon with top cover, in William Lawrences coming Round from Yard to front Gate to Receive Gracy, having Langdons lines without Blinds, She Started, as for a Hull, Reared up, Ran Violently, Kicked up most Wretchedly, And the piss flew, Knocked Away the front of the Waggon Box, William Was in danger, but still he held in as to Stop her in front of Leonards House Lucky Gracy was not in, But David Parsels came by and took her there and back with his Horse

1841	Memento
July 28	Another Clear day, not very Warm, wind Westerly
D. Blauvelt 28 Mended Wagn.	David Blauvelt Repaired the Waggon, My stuff, neatly and Well done
I fell off 28 load & hurt Mare Started suddenly	Yesterday, the Mare before Sled, I loaded Hay, she started suddenly, I fell back wards off the Load, I was standing close on the hinder part of the load, and hurt Myself considerably, My left Shoulder and Neck, I cannot use My Arm at all
J. L. took 28 Gracy to see &c	Jonathan Lawrence took Gracy to see Peggy Concklin this Afternoon with Sled, Lucy and Mistress Anderson they went and Walked
at Herbts. 28 paid	At Herberts 1 Quart Molasses paid
28 The Load &c	took in one Load Hay from before or south of Leonards Barn, Jon, William and George Anderson
29	Clear all Day, the wind in the forenoon Easterly, Afternoon Westerly, cool evenings
Jon & Wm. 29	Jon and William cut in the quite old Orchard (Most all Dryed up) and Raked &c
Gorman 29 pedlar	Gorman pedlar here to Night, see 6 August next

1841	Memento
July 29 Eliza Blauvt. up Mist. 29 Anderson & Son went	David Blauvelts Girl Eliza up from New York this Afternoon Mistress Anderson and Son George Went this morning to the city of New York (first took Breakfast) started Between 6 and 7 AM to Snedens landing to go With the Arrow they came See 24th Instant
30	Clear and Moderately warm all Day, the Wind brisk SW, grows Cloudy at Night
Jon L 30 Wm. Law.	Jon and William cut a little More in the quite lower Orchard, Brought one small load Home, cut a little at the Willows below
at Herbts. Paid	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 3 pence and 1/2 lb Candles 7 pence = 2 shillings 10 pence paid
31	Rained last Night and Moderately Most all Day, the Wind NE brisk
D Blauvt. 31 Wm. Law. Boots	David Blauvelt half Soled William Lawrences Boots to Day
1841	Memento
Augt. 1 Rain	Rained considerable last night, ground is now in good Moist order; We have had a Severe drought; cloudy all day, the clouds all day from NE, cool —
Last friday 1 Wm. Gesners child born	Last friday the 30th of July last William G Gesners Wife Margaret confined, a female Born about 7 AM
My left 1 Shoulder bad	My left Shoulder is very lame and painful, see 28th of July last
Rain 2	A Very clear Day, light Wind from SW, Warm, Rain last Night, ground wet
Wm. & 2 Jon. &c	William and Jonathan cut a little More about the Willows, brought in one load of poor Hay
Br. Wills 2 Preached to Night from Rev 3 & 20	Brother Wills here not with Horse this Afternoon, preached for us to Night, a few Altogether About 15, Margaret, John Moore and Wife, Julian Sneden, Lucy, David, &c, he is on his way to Camp Meeting at closter, Appointed by the Wesleyan Methodists, his text to Night Behold I stand at the door &c Revelations 3 and 20.

1841	Memento
Augt. 3	A Clear Day, Moderately warm, Wind Southwesterly
Br Wills 3 & J Law to Closter Camp Mg. &c	This Morning Brother Wills and Jonathan Lawrence after Breakfast went to Closter Mountain Camp Meeting near Closter dock, the Wesleyan Methodist Camp Meeting. William Lawrence took them with My team as far as to the Road leading from Main Road to Closter Dock
3 D Blauvelt to Bogarts Mill &c	To Day David Blauvelt Went to Bogarts Mill with My team and Waggon, took 4 Bushels Corn and 5 Bushels and a half peck Rye for Me; But of the Corn he was to have 1 1/2 Bushels for which he would give Rye to be Ground friday next
D Blt. 3 pain side	David Blauvelt Afflicted with pain in his Side some time —
4	Clear all day, wind Southwesterly, grows overcast in the Evening, Warm
Sowed 4 turnip seed	Sowed turnip Seed in My corn to day where the Worms had destroyed the corn
Wm. L 4	William Lawrence helped a little to day, Mending some and Raking in turnip seed

1841	Memento
Augt. 4 Jon Law Back from C Meetg. M Prots. Assisted their	Jon Lawrence this Afternoon back from closter Camp Meeting, Mills and Timmerman there, Some good done, Brother Mills preached twice and Timmerman Once, also another one preached, while Jon Lawrence was there Wesleyan Camp Meeting. Archer, their Wesleyan Minister, Jon Lawrence gave his Aid while there, our Ministers were Requested
5 Rainy Ja Gesn. 5 child poorly	Overcast all day, Rains a little before Night, the Wind Seems Southwesterly Jacob Gesner's Young child very low with the Sprue, I there this Morning, his wife keeps poorly
at Herbts. 5 paid	At Herberts 7 lb Sugar 4 shillings 6 pence, paid, and 1/2 pint Brandy 5 shillings, paid. I got it
John 5 Anderson up &c	John Anderson, and a Young Man with him here from the city of New York this Afternoon, the Young Mans Name Edward Lavin
6	A Clear Day Moderately Warm, Wind Southwesterly
Potatoes 6 Hoed I, Wm. L Jon Law	I Ploughed My Mercer potatoes below by North of Willows, Jon Lawrence hoed a little, I and William finished them —

1841	Memento
Augt. 6 at Herbts. paid	At Herberts 1 lb Candles 1 shilling 2 pence paid. I Got them this Evening
Gorman 6 Pedlar 16 sh unpaid &c paid	Gracy Got of Pedlar Gorman the 30th of July last, 6 1/2 Yards Calico Wide about 18 shillings and a few pence for Mary Lawrence, 16 shillings is unpaid. See the 29th of July, he Stayd here, since paid
Spotted 6 Cow &c	Spotted cow George Manns B 11
7	A Clear Day, Warm, wind Southwesterly
Wesleyan 7 Camp Mg. broke up &c	Yesterday the Small Wesleyan Camp Meeting at Closter Dock broke up, was under the superintendance of Archer assisted by Methodist Protestant Ministers see 4th
Camp 7 Meetg. of Mt. Protest.	Wednesday last a Methodist Protestant Camp Meeting commenced at Tarrytown, east side of Hudson River about 28 Miles from the city of New York
1841	Memento
Augt. 6 D Blauvelt fetched Meal &c	David Blauvelt fetched Meal from Bogerts Mill, the Grain he took the first of the week 4 Bushels Indian corn and 5 Bushels Rye and 1/2 peck, see 3rd.
6	David Blauvelt had the One Bag Indian Meal of 2 Back, to Give Rye &c
Hoed 7	I Hoed half the potatoes little yard
Sabbath 8	Sky a little Hazy, Wind Westerly
I, Jon L 8 & Mary to Camp Meeting	I, Jonathan Lawrence and Mary Lawrence went to Camp Meeting Methodist Protestant this Morning, crossed at Snedens, took passage with Columbus to Tarry Town, Walked about 1 1/2 Miles to the Camp. The following Ministers preached While we Were there

1841	Memento
Augt. 8 Lent Preachd.	Brother Lent preached this forenoon, by best conjecture there was between 3 and 4 thousand, I did not understand his text. Good preaching, good attention
8 Dr Covell Preached	About 2 PM Brother Covell preached to a Very large Congregation, from "Go ye therefore into all the World &c," good and Never better Attention, a Short intermission then given
8 Br Jacob's Preached Metaphors Applied good	About half After 3 PM Brother Jacobs preached He first told the congregation he was going to tell them some Storys; But He observed that Many did not hold to telling Story's; Yet he would tell them some, that our Saviour told many, he told about the Mustard seed &c, his Metaphors were handsomely applied, and stole into heart and feelings of Many &c —
8 Br Woodruff Preached	In the Evening Brother Woodruff preached to a considerable Congregation from "Pray Without ceasing pray evermore," very good dressed up in plain style
1841	Memento
Augt. 8 Prayer Meeting in the tent An Awful yet Glorious Sight &c	After Preaching at Night, Prayer Meeting in large tent. Praying, Singing Attended to in the Most earnest Manner; Crying, Mourning, Shouting and praising God, the Most earnest beseeching and prayers to God by his servants, the cries and lamentations of Mourners, their Numbers in the tent, lying prostrate, all Commingled, was indeed enough to Rent the feelings of the most obdurate and humble nature with all its Mighty powers into the dust, and fill the candid with Awful astonishment while beholding Oh! thought I how can the lord withhold, how can these Solemn invocations be disregarded by the God of all our Mercies; But the Lord Knoweth best his Own times, Yet Souls were Made to Rejoice, their Souls blessed, and with exclamation of joys, crying glory Glory to God, it was said About 10 or 12 this Night found peace with God &c
Monday 9	Rainy till about 2 or 3 PM, wind southerly or Southwesterly At the Camp

1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 9 No Preachg. but Pr. Meetg. Doct. 9 Wallace great Sermon</p>	<p>No Preaching this forenoon, it Rains, But prayer Meeting continued in the Most Solemn Manner</p> <p>Brother W. W. Wallace preached this afternoon A great and extraordinary Sermon from 1st Peter last clause of 12 Verse "Which things the Angels desired to look into," This Was illustrated with energy and ability in Which the great plan of Mans salvation was fully exhibited from the first to the last in its progressing Succession untill its final Consummation in Glory, "Which things the Angels desired to look into" How God could be just and the justifier of Sinners &c &c hardly to be exceeded</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Somewhat overcast, Wind seems Northwesterly</p>
<p>10 Address Camp Mg. Broken up</p>	<p>After an address in the Altar by Brother Oakley President to Ministers And Members the tents were Struck early, no time could be taken to March Round the incampment for time Wanted to get down to the Steam boat Kosciusko at Tarry town landing, it Was then Ascertained that there were in all 22 conversions or About</p>
1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 10 We came Home</p>	<p>Jonathan Lawrence Mary Lawrence and myself came to tarry town landing, Walked about 1 1/2 Miles, on board steam boat to dobb's ferry. Thence Across to Snedens, and home by 11 AM, our passage coming and going 18 Shillings</p>
<p>10 Best order here its good effect</p>	<p>At this Camp Meeting No better order could prevail nor be Observed by all, no disorder of any complexion or character Whatever from Christians or Worldly Men, civility harmony peace and quietude crowned and Characterized this camp Meeting from its commencement to its close, with its good Result, blessed be God, 22 Conversions or thereabouts, besides no doubt the good general effects it may have.</p>
<p>Conversions Collections in all Seems to be Abt. 45 The</p>	<p>This Camp ground is Situated on an elevated Spot, on the West a deep Hollow in Which Most excellent Water from a Spring Issuing Abundant Water, near by, but to Rise a steep hill to the ground, it is nice Spot with a little Ascent from West to East. One fault, the Shade is not sufficient and trees, Some Small and too Many have been cut out</p> <p>About 25 tents circumscribe the Seats And Stand. A collection between 40 and 50</p>

1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 10 Situation of the Camp Ground The Water The Astonishing Sight of the Acqueduct Thunder 11 Rain</p>	<p>Also on the Easternmost Side as well as the Westward is also a Deep hollow over Which is carried the Astonishing Acqueduct from River Croton to the city of New York, crossing this hollow Obliquely from NW to SE, of considerable length in crossing, to An astonishing height forming an Astonishing precipice on both sides, with inclining Walls of Stones, and filled in and on the top of it, is carried over the Acqueduct, here is lodged hundreds of thousands dollars under which Also is good Water passing through An Arch &c</p> <p>Overcast all Day, looks for foul, the Wind and Clouds from Southwestward, About 6 PM a thunder Shower, a Nice Rain</p>
<p>At Herbts. 11 Paid</p>	<p>At Herberts a pair half of Soles 1 shilling 6 pence and 1 Yard Black Muslin 1 shilling = 2 shillings 6 pence paid, I got it</p>
<p>Ja Ges. 11 & Betsy's other child Died</p>	<p>Yesterday Morning Jacob Gesner's Male twin died and buried in the Afternoon of said Day, had the sprue very bad, See 24 July last see over</p>
1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 11 Ja. Gesner's & his wife's twin children when Born when died Where Buried 12</p>	<p>See under last page Jacob Gesner's twin Children a Male first and a female were Born the 25th of July last, the female died the 25th of July last, the the Boy died the 10 of this Month, both Were buried on the top of Young George Quidor's Coffin or not quite to the Coffin in Lawrences Burying Ground</p> <p>Cloudy Mostly clear to Day; the Wind Mid Day eastward, Afternoon Westward on River</p>
<p>Cut 12 Salt Grass &c</p>	<p>Jon Lawrence, William Lawrence And David Blauvelt cut Salt Grass for Me to Day, near a Day. I went with dinner</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Hazy most part of the Day, sun dimly Shines, the wind baffling from SW to South to SE &c</p>

1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 13 D. Blauvt. Wm. Law I & Jon L Salt Meadow</p>	<p>David Blauvelt, William Lawrence went to salt Meadow before Breakfast, some grass yet to cut on the lot, I took breakfast to them, and moved some and Spread. Jon Lawrence Brought dinner, came About 12, we turned a great part, and Raked And cocked 86 cocks, a poor hay day</p>
14	Forenoon a little Hazy, the Afternoon clear, the Wind this Morning Northeast erly, Afternoon Southerly, in the Evening Overcast and the wind NE Again, A Nice day
<p>14 Hen. Conck David Blt. Ja Gesner Wm. Law Jonath Law And Myself Salt Meadow Went Abt. 8 AM</p>	<p>Henry Concklin, William Lawrence, David Blauvelt, Jacob Gesner and My Self Went to Salt Meadow, Stirred, Raked and Cocked Between 20 and 30 Cocks — Jon Lawrence Came About 11 AM with dinner; Jacob Gesner and David Blauvelt carried Some cocks to Staddle And Jon Lawrence and Henry carried near all, there was About 130 Cocks William Lawrence pitched Much the greater part. Jacob Gesner Stacked, it is the handsomest Stack on Salt Meadow. Got Home About Sun set</p>
1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 14 Tyney Cooper Married</p>	<p>Tyney Cooper the daughter of Cose James Cooper and Wynechey Married to William Dickerson the 7th of this Instant on Saturday. She is in her 17th Year of her Age, and has been the proudest Girl ever trod the Rockland Road; a Mind more full of Vanity than could be equalled, in Meetings she could not refrain from Winking and laughing to other Girls, even under the Most solemn Discourses; Her parents were very poor, She was highly clothed and Decorated by her Mothers friends</p>
<p>Some Acct. of her And him</p>	<p>The Reputed Character of the Dickersons is of the most wild and Vain kind It is said he is a Cook for the Dock builders at Piermont Railroad, Orange Town, Rockland County, formerly Slote</p>
Sabbath 15	Nice Day, Somewhat Hazy, Wind light Southwesterly

1841	Memento
Augt. 16	A Very nice clear day, a little Smoaky. The Wind Seems Southwesterly
I Hoed 16 & Split lath	I finished hoeing potatoes in Yard, Afternoon Split lath for Hovel Below
16 I and Geo. M Lawrence Made arrangement Gave one Note Do one to Ginnet J Law. drew Note	<p>Last Saturday evening I and George M Lawrence Arranged Accounts. I stood Indebted to him, in a Bond</p> <p>of 70 Dated a Note</p> <p>of 60 Dated a Note</p> <p>of 50 Dated a Note</p> <p>of 24 Dated and a Note</p> <p>of 5 Dated</p> <p>209 for Which I gave him one Note Sealed and Witnessed by Jonathan Lawrence Dated May 1 1841</p> <p>The Interest due on the said Note and Bond After deducting what was paid on them Was 7 , Which he Requested Me to give Ginnet Lawrence a Note for as he owed her Which I did sealed and Witnessed Dated May 1st 1841 all at 6 per cent</p>
1841	Memento
Augt. 17	A Clear And a Handsome day, a little Smoaky, the Wind Southerly or Southwest erly
Wm. Law 17 D Blauvelt and Myself	I, William Lawrence and David Blauvelt this Afternoon on Salt Meadow, Mowed a second lot, I and William there about 12, David Blauvelt About 2 or Nearly
J. Law. 17 & Sally &c	Jonathan Lawrence and Sally with Langdens Waggon My Mare, took a Ride
Mutton 17 of Ja Ges.	A Quarter Mutton of Jacob Gesner to Day, he Asked 5 shillings Samuel Sneden took it from Snedens, George Lawrences House, home for Me
Br 17 Langden	Brother Langden here to night
18	Clear a little Smoaky, wind Southerly, Moderately Warm
Wm. Law 18 D Blauvelt Jon. Lawrence And Myself	William Lawrence and David Blauvelt early, all Day, I and Jon Lawrence Went About 9 AM, Moved Spread, Raked and put up 68 cocks Salt Meadow

1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 18 Br Langden here took Horse & Waggon Book 18 of Langden Unpaid</p>	<p>Brother Langden Went Away About 12 oclock to Day, took his horse And Waggon With his chest of Books, left here the 26 of July, he then went to Egg harbour and Also below Philadelphia to attend Camp Meetings, good Meetings he said, and his horse in My pasture from 26 of July last till to Day. Gratis</p> <p>I took a Book of him 6 shillings 5 pence, unpaid, gave afterwards An Equivalent sufficient —</p>
1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 20 Rain thunder I alone 20 to Salt M Put 20 News papers in Box 21 Rain</p>	<p>Clear Warm till About 4 PM, then a thunder Shower, a Smart Rain, Clear at Night, Wind Westward; Raind fast</p> <p>I Went alone to Salt Meadow, fixed the little Stack which was over; Warm day</p> <p>To Night packed newspapers in Box</p> <p>Warm and Clear till about 3 PM, came up a Shower, Some Rain</p>

1841	Memento
Augt. 22 Little Rain Sabbath	Overcast this Morning with some Rain, Clouds from NNE, Breaks Away in the afternoon, clear at Night, Wind Westerly
22 Br Wills Preached this Aftn.	Brother Wills down horse Back, Preached this Afternoon at 3 PM to About 20, from "Paul thou almost persuadest me to be a Christian &c" a Genuine Discourse describing what Was Almost and what was Altogether a Christian, with a Close application, Eliza, Margaret not Rachel Cooper not any of family Willsey's Girls Jane and Rachel, Mistress Banta and Jacob Gesner also
23	A Clear Day, Clouds from West
23 Mary & Sarah to Ja Ackers & Lucy &c	Jon Lawrence took Mary and Sarah to Jacob Ackers this Morning. Lucy Went to Latey Ackers with George Lawrences Waggon My Horse, fetched back Evening
24	A Clear Day, Moderately Warm, Wind Southwesterly, Not High
1841	Memento
Augt. 24	Jon Lawrence ploughed for Me this Afternoon in Lower field
Mended 24 Shoes	I Mended Shoes
25	Clear, a Nice Day like yesterday, Wind a little Baffling
D. Bl. 25 ploughed &c	David Blauvelt with his Oxen and plough ploughed for Me to Day 3/4 Day
J Law 25 Ploughed	Jon Lawrence ploughed Also with My team
26 Little Rain	Clear forenoon and Wind Westward, this Afternoon grows Overcast and Wind Eastward, At Night Rains a little
D Bt. 26 Jon Law Ploughed I cut &c	David Blauvelt and Jonathan Lawrence ploughed again below, Went About 8 AM, put out About 1 PM, No More to Day David his oxen, Jon My team
27 Rain	Rains all Day, not hard, Wind Easterly

1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 27 D Blauvelt My Mare training At Larry's 27 paid</p> <p>Gracy made 27 Swt. Mts. Rain 27</p> <p>Sally made 27 Swt. Meats D Blt. 28 Back Rainy 29 Still</p>	<p>David Blauvelt My Mare to Officers training this Morning, back to one Debauns about 12 or 14 Miles it Rains all day, sometimes not hard</p> <p>At Larry's 7 lb Sugar 4 shillings 9 pence, paid. Jon Lawrence fetched it for Gracy, plumb Sweet Meats</p> <p>Gracy Made plumb Sweet Meats, 7 lb plumbs and 7 lb Sugar</p> <p>A Rainy Day, wind Easterly by Northeasterly</p> <p>Sally Made to Day 7 lb plumbs and Do Sugar into Sweet meats</p> <p>David Blauvelt Back from Officers training in the Evening, see 27th at the top —</p> <p>Continues Overcast and Rainy and Misty all day and at Night, Winds Northeast erly</p>
1841	Memento
<p>Augt. 30 Rain Thunder Shower 30 At Herbts. 1 sh 3 p paid and 9 p unpd</p> <p>Edward 30 Miller up Sally 30 Beasley up Ja Ges 30 team &c 31 Rainy</p>	<p>Still overcast this Morning, and Rains Some, the Wind continues eastward, clear Midday and nice all the Afternoon. Near sun Set a Heavy rain, a Shower from the Westward with some thunder. Rains hard till 7 or 8 at Night</p> <p>At Herberts 1/2 Gallon Molasses 1 shilling 3 pence paid 7 lb Sugar 5 shillings unpaid. This I fetched a little After Edward Miller At Herberts got for us 7 lb Sugar More at 4 shillings also unpaid. That is the 5 shillings and the 4 = 9 shil lings is unpaid</p> <p>Edward Miller came up last saturday to see us</p> <p>Sally Beasley up from Brooklin this Afternoon</p> <p>Jacob Gesner Horses and Waggon to buy Sheep this Afternoon</p> <p>Wind Easterly this Morning and Rainy looking clouds, Afternoon wind Westerly, showery a little, Rain and thunder</p>

1841	Memento
Sept. 1	Wind Westerly, clear But cloudy
I & Edwd. 1 Miller &c	I and Edward Miller dressed the Mercer potatoes north of Willow below, took pussley &c out —
Jon. Law. 1 & Sally to Middletown & Haverstraw &c	Jonathan Lawrence and Sally to Middletown thence to Haverstraw Yesterday
2	Hazy most all day, gets to be mostly Overcast at Night wind Westerly
Of Ja Ges 2 lamb hind qr unpaid	Got of Jacob Gesner a hind quarter Lamb to day, he said 5 shillings, it Weighed I Expect between 6 and 7 lb Dear, unpaid paid since
Wm. Law 2 up	William Lawrence up from New York early here this Morning
J. L. Sally 2 Back	Jon Lawrence and Sally back, see the 1st
Sow, pigs 2 of David Mann &c	Got a Sow and 6 pigs of David Mann, fetched to day, pigs one Week old, for 10 Dollars. Gracy paid him 3 Dollars Yesterday on it, all paid since
1841	Memento
Sept 3	A Warm day, very warm, clouds from Southwestward, a little thunder
Sent to 3 Market	Sent 8 Baskets with Apples to New York with Jacob Gesner to day
J. Law & 3 Sally went NY	Jonathan Lawrence and Sally went down to New York to day, to see about their concerns in the city
Edward 3 Miller went	Edward Miller went down to New York to day, he came up last Saturday
Sally 3 Beasley here Phebe Ann &c	Sally Beasley took a run here Night before last, and this Evening she and her Aunt Phebe Ann came up a little While
Mary & 3 Sarah L. to see Sally	Mary Lawrence and Sarah to See Sally Beasley last a While at Samuel Snedens her Grandfather
Warm 4	A Cloudy Day, Showery from Southwestward with a little Rain, and very Warm

1841	Memento
Sept. 4 I Killed Shote for Jacob Ges. & who had it	I Killed a Small Hog for Jacob Gesner to day he at New York and quartered it, the fore Quarters each 10 lb 1/2, one hind 12 1/2, the other 12 John Willsey one hind and Gilbert the other hind quarter, Joe Dubois the fore quarter 12 1/2 lb, the other cut in two, Obb 5 1/4 and 6 3/4. George Quidor the head, a Nice pig
5	A Nice day, cloudy and a cool wind Northerly
Ja Gesner 5 to Pond	Jacob Gesner to the pond church to fill Brother Wills Appointment there, had my Horse
5 Jacob Ges. Spoke in Br Wills Place here	Jacob Gesner Spoke in Brother Wills place at My House to day 3 PM from these words "The whole head is sick and the heart faint" Pointing out the causes of the sickness and faintness, both in corporeal and Spiritual sense and their Remedies, Jesus the only Physician, a Good discourse, About 30 in the House, several outside. Margaret not Eley William Gesner and Wife, John Moore and Wife, Sally Ann Beasley Henry Concklin Jinnet Lawrence Mistress Banta — Eliza Chandler, Margaret Taylor, Josh Martins Wife &c &c

NOTE: In 1837 George Quidor bought five acres of land on the new road to Tappan for 395. He borrowed 100 from Annie Van Antwerp to build a house and barn secured by a mortgage on the land and buildings. Nicholas Gesner made the original survey.



George and Peggy Quidor in front of their house in 1845

1841		Memento
Sept. 6		A Nice day, Somewhat Cloudy, the Wind baffling, Easterly and Westerly
6		Jacob Gesners Return see the 3rd
Returns		3 Baskets each a dollar, 3 each 4 shillings, One sh p
of J. Ges.		3 shillings 6 pence and one 3 shillings Makes 2 2 6
The Manner		Freight 2 sh 8 p, Cartage 1 sh, fees 4 sh 2 p
Settled		Jacobs trouble 7..0
		Clams 100 2..0
		Gave Jon Lawrence at New York
		on Money Borrowed 6..0
		<u>19..2</u>
		I owed Herbert on Sugar 1..3..4
		2 Seven pound one 4 other
		5 sh = 9 sh Got for plumb Sweet Meats
		this he Settled With Wm. Gesner 0..9..0
		This Sum the balance 0..14..4
		he paid Me to Night
Sally 6		Sally Beasley and Mary, Sam Snedens Daughter, here this Afternoon, at Night
Beasley		Stay'd near 12, a little play
&c here &c		
7		A Nice Day, Middling Warm, Wind seems Westward
Wm. Law. 7		William Lawrence Harrowed a little in Afternoon below

1841	Memento
Sept. 7 Ja Ges Sheep of Da. Parsels	Jacob Gesner Got 5 Large Sheep of David Parsels at 2 Dollars apiece, fetched to day My team Waggon
8	Clear and Nice Day, warm Midday, very clear at Night, Not much wind
Wm. 8 L &c	William Harrowed a little this forenoon About 1 1/2 Hours, ploughed this Afternoon Some
Mary 8 L to Eleys	Mary Lawrence Went this morning to help Eley Sew, back at night
9	A Warm clear day, wind light SW
D Blauvelt 9 helped Rails Myself	David Blauvelt helped make chesnut Rails below to day, not 3/4 Day, I helped cut and Saw the tree, a tall one, 5 cuts, Split good, upwards of 50 Rails
Wm. Law 9 Shot &c	William Lawrence with David Blauvelt this Afternoon, in the Morning Yesterday and to day each time Shot 2 Grey Squirrels
at Herbts 9 Unpaid	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 6 pence and 1/2 lb Candles 7 shillings unpaid, got yesterday

1841	Memento
Sept. 9 At Herbts. unpaid	At Herberts 7 lb Wheat flour unpaid
10	A Scud from the Northeastward this Morning, a Clear day, and Warm, the wind Baffling, Sometimes Southwestward &c
D Blt. 10 & I Split Posts	I and David Blauvelt went below this Morning About 8 or 9 Split Posts, we went after dinner Again till Near Sun set, we Split About 40, 3/4
Wm. Law. 10 to Slote	William Lawrence Went Slote to Day to Look
11	Overcast this Morning, wind seems Southeasterly, Clear About 2 PM, the wind Southwesterly in the evening. Overcast
Elizth. 11 Moore up &c Gave Gracy a Present &c	Elizabeth Moore and Mistress Millers little Girl up from New York. Elizabeth brought Gracy Calico 8 Yards for a Gown and Me a Silk Handkerchief 10 shillings for the Calico and a Dollar for the Handkerchief
D Bl. 11	David Blauvelt About 1 Hour Splitting a few Black Oak short posts

1841	Memento
Sept. 12 Sabbath	Cloudy and Overcast through the day, the Wind seems variable
12	Jacob Gesners child (Emaline) sick, Vomitting &c
12	Mary Ann Gesners young child very Sick
13	A Cloudy day, a Watery Sky, the Wind baffling, Afternoon seems Southwesterly, Near sun set a fine Rainbow
D Blt. 13 & Oxen helped	David Blauvelt with his oxen went near 4 PM and helped me plough Among stumps and Roots
Jon L 13 & Sally up &c	Jonathan Lawrence and Sally back from New York, has paid up his Rent and Rented his House out, brought up near all his things
14	A Clear day, Midday warm, cool in the evening, the wind Seems to have been mostly North by East or thereabouts
1841	Memento
Sept. 14 Da Blaut. & oxen	David Blauvelt with his oxen helped plough Among Roots and stumps, Went About 9 AM, 3/4 Day
Wm. L 14 & J. Law Stalks &c	William Lawrence Harrowed and ploughed Some Jonathan Lawrence cuts stalks South of Willows
Gave 14 Deed from Obb &c to Robt. Renw. & John G Con Map &c	To day delivered up to Robert Renwick the deed from Obb and Mary Ann his Wife to Robert and John Renwick, I had it to draw one to Robert from John Renwick Also the Rough Map of the Mountain, gave Lots to Robert Renwick for John G Concklin
15	Clear and Smoaky, the wind Baffling easterly and westerly, warm Midday —
David 15 Bt. oxen	David Blauvelt About 3 1/2 Hours with oxen to day ploughing Roots &c
Mary Anns 15 Child died	Herberts child died About 12 o'clock to Day, the Baby, a Female, Supposed ailment in head

1841	Memento
Sept. 15	Jacob Gesners Emaline Better
16 Dry Day	Very Smoaky all Day, clear, a Nice Moderate day, the wind Northeasterly, and easterly, Ground Remarkably Dry
Wm. L. 16	William Lawrence Ploughed a little yesterday, also to day a little
Mary 16 Ann Ges. Baby Buried	Herberts Baby a female Buried At 3 PM, quite a large funeral for An infant About 3 Months old. Jacob Gesner made a prayer and Spoke, Jon Lawrence a few Words
17	Overcast this morning, Rains by 9 AM. continues all Day More or less, the Wind Northeasterly, cool
Sowed 17 Rye Wm. Law.	I Sowed Rye in the lower field to Day about 3 1/4 Bushels. William Lawrence Harrowed, it Rained Some
1841	Memento
Sept. 17 Rye paid by D. Blt. J. L. Rye of D. Tallman for me	David Blauvelt paid the 2 Bushels Rye for the 2 Bushels of Corn he had of Me, good Rye. Jonathan Lawrence for Me got of David Taulman 2 1/2 Bushels Rye for Seed: Onions in it
18	Clear all day, the wind Northeasterly
J. Law. 18	Jon Lawrence Harrowed and ploughed below for Me, Went late, &c 3/4 —
Wm. L. 18 eeling	William Lawrence and David Blauvelt Went to catch Eels, got a Mess
at Herbts. 18 unpaid	At Herberts 2 Seven pounds of Sugar each 5 shillings 3 pence Also one 7 lb at 5 shillings Makes 15 shillings 6 pence, Not paid
19	A Clear day, Moderate not much wind
Br Wills 19 here & Wife	Brother Wills here With Waggon and Horse and his Wife from Brooklyn, quite lately Married, he a Widower About between 30 and 40 She a Young Woman About 18

1841	Memento
Sept. 19 Br Wills Preached here &c	Brother Wills Preached here this Afternoon 3 PM from 2 Peter 2 Chapter and 9 Verse "The Lord knoweth how to deliver &c" a Good discourse, About 35 Eley, Margaret, Jacob Gesner, William Gesner Sidney, Jerry, David Blauvelt — Lucy &c — Ginnet Lawrence
20	Sky covered with a fog this Morning, clear Midday but cloudy Afternoon
Wm. L. 20	William Lawrence ploughed some to Day
At Herbs. 20 Unpaid	At Herberts 7 lb Wheat flour 2 shillings and 1/2 peck Salt 8 pence, unpaid, Elizabeth Moore got it
21	Cloudy all Day, this forenoon the Wind Southwesterly, Afternoon Easterly, variable at Night very clear
1 Bushel 21 Rye of Joe Dubois Sowed paid to Joe	Got one Bushel seed Rye of Joe Dubois. I sowed About 2 Bushels to Day, Ive Sowed in the lower field now about 5 Bushels
22	Thinly overcast this forenoon, About 10 Nearly clear, a Warm day, wind Easterly and Southerly
1841	Memento
Sept. 22 J. L.	Jon Lawrence finished cutting and Stouting My corn Stalks
Wm. F. 22 Harris here	William F Harris came here this Afternoon, Methodist Protestant Preacher at Long Island, a Circuit including Babylon
23	Cloudy day, the wind easterly, near Sun set begins to Rain a little
I, Mary 23 Law. & Eliz. More to Hackensk.	I, Mary Lawrence and Elizabeth More Went with George Lawrences Waggon. My Mare to Hackensack, started About 1 PM, Back dusk
Wm. Harris 23 & Wm. L crabbing	William Harris and William Lawrence out Crabbing to day, caught About 30
Harris 23 Preached an Excellent Sermon	William F Harris Preached to Night at My House, a few, it looked Stormy and Rained a little, Margaret and Son, Mistress Banta, Betsy Dubois and Naught Cooper, Elizabeth More and Jon Lawrences family, David Blauvelt. Romans 8 Chapter 7 Verse part, "The carnal Mind is enmity Against God"

1841	Memento
Sept. 24 Rain	Overcast and Misty this Morning, seems to Break midday, wind easterly, thickens Again, Rains towards Night and in Evening
At Larry's 24 paid	At Larry's 1/4 of an hundred weight Rye Meal and 14 lb indian Meal, together 7 shillings 10 pence paid, Jonathan Lawrence of the Returns paid it the following day
Sent 24 with Zeb	Sent 5 Baskets Apples with Zeb
Rain 25 a terrible gust	Rained a little last Night, to Day till About 11 Rain'd very hard; wind Northeast erly, After 12 breaks Away; But about 4 a terrible gust from the Westward and a Smart flaw of Rain, it blew tremendous for a While, then clear
Returns 25 &c	Returns of the Above 5 Baskets clear 18 shillings 9 pence. Jon Lawrence went down With the Waggon, Received it and paid Larry as Noted above 7 shillings 10 pence
At Herbts. 25 unpaid	Yesterday at Herberts 7 lb Wheat flour unpaid
26	Clear Day. Moderate Wind Southwestward
Wm. Harris 26 Preached at Ja Gesners	William Harris preached 3 PM at Jacob Gesners from Mathew a Good discourse to about 20 or 25, Gracy, Lucy, and Jon Lawrence in Waggon to Jacob Gesners near Snedens landing

1841	Memento
Sept. 26 Wm. F Harris Prd. at My House to Night	William F Harris Preached to Night at My House from Malachi An excellent Discourse, preached About an Hour to above 50. The Room well filled and Several in the entry seated, the Manner in Which the subject was treated, drew the Strictest Attention, and a Solemn feeling seem to pervade the Audience. Jacob Gesner, Margaret, Mary Sneden of Larry, William Gesner and Wife, Charles, Sidney, and Margaret Gesner old Tamy Concklin, John D. Concklin John Moore, Abner Concklin George Lawrence not George Gesner Willsey's Girls Mart Hagens Wife, Wrights Wife John Renwick, the Hynes's &c &c house filled — Also Henry Concklin — &c &c
27	A Clear Day, the wind Westerly and Cool, very clear At Night, the wind Seems Southeasterly cool
At Herbts. 27 Paid	At Herberts 1/2 Gallon Molasses 1 shilling 6 pence 1 lb Candles 1 shilling 2 pence and 1 lb Butter 1 shilling 10 pence, paid a few Days Ago a Bottle Ink 1 shilling Also paid
Sided 27 Logs	I Sided logs in the mountain About 2 or 2 Weeks Ago — Remember &c
28 Rain	An Overcast Day, no Rain till in the Afternoon a few flaws of Rain, the wind baffling between SW and SE.
Elizabth. 28 More went &c	Elizabeth More went Away to day Sorrowing, Also Sarah Miller went, came up the 11 of this Month, faithful to Work

1841	Memento
Sept. 28 Elizth. More & Sarah Miller At Larry's 28 paid Rain 29 some thund.	Took Elizabeth More and Sarah Miller down to Snedens landing with Waggon At Larry's 7 lb Rye Meal and 7 of Indian paid, I got it Cloudy forenoon and wind About SSW, in the Afternoon 2 or 3 flaws of Rain, one of Which Rained Smartly. Thunder in Evening with Rain. Wind easterly to Night and Rainy
Wm. L 29 & Wm. Harris crabbing 30	William Lawrence and William Harris Went to Crab early, Got Wet in the Rain, came back near Sun set, had 60 crabs Clear yet Cloudy, the wind NW cold, Look for frost to Night
Wm L 30 Buckwt. Octo. 1	William Lawrence Cradled Buckwheat below to Day A White frost this Morning, a cool but Cloudy day, Wind Westward
Wm Law 1	William Lawrence cut Buckwheat below, also in the little field
Timmerman 1 here	Brother Timmerman here to Night Waggon and Horse

1841		Memento
Octo 1		Jon Lawrence Made thatching splits And with team drew the sheaves of Buck
Jon L &c		wheat off of the lower piece And placed them of the Stubble part, so as to plough it
	2	Hazy forenoon, Afternoon grows overcast, the wind Northwesterly cold
J Law.	2	Jonathan Lawrence ploughed to Day below, where the Buckwheat was taken off,
Ploughed		see above
Wm. L	2	William Lawrence Mowed and finished the Buckwheat, I cut some and Raked, all
Buckwheat		out
Bad Storm	3	Wind Northeast and a terrible bad Storm all Day, blows violent, cold And Steady
Cold Rain		Rain, also at Night
Br Wills	3	Wills not down to preach, a terrible Bad Storm
not Here		
Rainy		
	4	Continues overcast and drissels some this Morning, cold and Raw weather, wind
Cold &c		northeasterly, Afternoon Dark, heavy clouds, Wind Northerly, At Night some
		Stars seen, cold cloudy Night Raw cold

1841	Memento
Octo 4 At Herbts. unpaid Josh 4 Martin sick 5	At Herberts 7 lb Wheat flour And 1 Quart Molasses 9 shillings, unpaid, Got Saturday the 2nd Instant Joshua Martin poorly A Cloudy Day and cold, except Midday a While pleasant, the wind Northwest ward and Northward, clear at Night
I and 5 Wm. Harris Viewing Railroad at Piermont Saw Lawyer Blanch &c J L 5 Ploughed & Wm. Law. at Larry's 5 Paid	I and William Harris took a Walk to the Slote New Landing Piermont to the end of the Pier, taking a View of the Rail-road Works, Depo &c. Astonishing Work has been done in these last 3 or 4 Years the Railroad Dock continued upwards of a Mile in the River Hudson I saw Lawyer Blanch on Jim Olivers Business Jon Lawrence ploughed and finished the buck Wheat Ground for Rye, brought up with Waggon Hovel poles, William Lawrence helped At Larry's to Night 20 lb Rye flour 6 shillings 14 lb Indian Meal 2 shillings and 7 lb Wheat flour 2 shillings, paid
1841	Memento
Octo 6 Rye of 6 Herbt. Sowed 7 1/2 Bushels J Law. 6 dug &c at Herbts. 6 paid 7 Rain William 7 F Harris Preached at My House to Night Da. Tallman & Wife here	Nearly clear all Day, cool, the wind North West, very clear at Night I got 2 Bushels Rye of Herbert this Morning, Borrowed to Sow I Sowed it on the Ground below where I cut the Buckwheat, William Lawrence Harrowed &c, Now sowed 7 1/2 Bushels below — Jonathan Lawrence Dug potatoes, said 20 Baskets to Day At Herberts 1 lb Butter 1 shilling 11 pence, paid A Heavy White frost this Morning, the Wind seems About SW, A Warm day, towards Night grows overcast and About 9 PM it Rains some William F Harris Preached this Evening at My House from John 1 chapter and 11 Verse — "The law was given by Moses; But grace and truth by Jesus Christ," An excellent discourse About 20, Eley, Margaret, I, Mary Sneden Larry's daughter Mistress Banta, Eliza Chandler, Fampy Concklin, John D Concklin Jacob Gesner — Not one of Herberts family — Naughty Cooper — Obbs daughter &c. David Tallman and wife here.

1841	Memento
Octo 7 at Herbts. pd	At Herberts 1 lb Smoak beef 1 shilling And 1 lb Candles 1 shilling 2 pence = 2 shillings 2 pence, paid
Foggy 8 & Rainy	Foggy Morning, clouds and rainy this Afternoon, Clouds Seem to Move from SSW not cold
J. L. Wm. L 8 potatoes	Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence and self dug some potatoes this forenoon
William 8 Harris	William F Harris came here September 22nd, Went Away this morning About half after 11 AM, While here preached in the evening of the 23rd of September last At Jacob Gesners September 26th at 3 PM and at Night of the 26th at My house, And at my house last Night the 7th of October
Went away times he Preached 9	A Clear handsome day, the Wind Southwesterly Most part of the day, late in Afternoon it Seems North and Westerly, at Night cool
J Law. 9 Wm. Law. & self dug 47 Bushs. & now in cellar 131 Bush.	To Day we Jon Lawrence William Lawrence and myself Dug About 47 Bushels potatoes, and now with these there is dug and in the Cellar 131 bushels

1841	Memento
Octo 10 Frost Sabbath	A frost this morning, A Very handsome day, clear and Moderate, Wind lightly from the Southwestward; Cool at Night, the Wind at Evening seems light North westward
Meetg. 10 at Ja Ges. he Spoke well J Law. &c	Meeting at Jacob Gesners 3 o'clock PM, himself Spoke on the Blessings of the Gospel, on faith and Works, good discourse, Jon Lawrence a Short exhortation, About 20 there. Jon Lawrence, William Lawrence William Gesner George Gesner Mary Lawrence Sarah Lawrence, Eley Lucy, Nancy Sneden and Daughter Mary — Jane Willsey &c
NB 10 The Old habit of the Old church is Again Making Appointments of interference Frost 11	NB The Old side have reassumed their former, as well as usual Mode of conducting their Meetings in Making their Appointments at the same time of Ours, which they did not before Jacob Gesner Made Appointments and Brother Wills at My house every other Sabbath. Their prejudices begin again, it appears to become invigorated, The love of Roman Catholic power is always active and at hand to be exerted, when the good cause of Religious liberty seems to them Awakened Frost Again this Morning, a very moderate day, Hazy towards Night, the Wind SW in the forenoon, seems SE in Afternoon
1841	Memento
Octo 11 I & Jon. L potatoes	I and Jon Lawrence this forenoon Dug about 21 Bushels potatoes and finished the piece east of Barn out of Which came 153 Bushels besides what the hens destroyed and we used they are all in cellar
Wm L 11 Shot Robins	William Lawrence Gunning all Day. Shot 31 Robins
12 Rain	Rains this morning, wind Southeastward, also last Night Cloudy before 12 and so all Day and overcast at Night, Afternoon Wind Southwesterly
Robins 12 for Dinner	The 31 Robins stewed for Dinner, excellent
No work 12 but Nutting at Herbts. 12 one half sole &c pd Ind Meal Salt paid	No Work to Day, Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence a Gathering Nuts At Herberts 1 half Sole and a Strip for Welt 9 pence, paid Also at Night 13 pence worth in Salt and 7 lb Indian Meal 1 shilling, paid
Man 12 Woman boy Lodged here	Sunday Night last a partly blind Man and Wife And Boy travelling to Rahway Jersey Ate Supper and lodged here

1841	Memento
Octo 12 At Herbts. unpaid Eliz. Herford here &c	At Herberts Yesterday 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 6 pence, 1 lb Cheese 9 pence or 10 pence Unpaid Elizabeth Herferd John Gesners daughter from West Tavy and Eley here this day
13	Clear day, some clouds, wind NW, cool
13	William Lawrence dug some Mercer potatoes by the Willows, I helped Afternoon
J L Rails 13 & Self JL drew off potato vines At Larry's 13 unpaid	Jon Lawrence and self fetched 2 loads of rails from below this forenoon And Jon Lawrence drew with Mare the potato vines of the Ground between Road and barn, Also this forenoon At Larry's last Night 28 lb Rye Meal and 7 lb Wheat flour, price I dont know correctly William Lawrence fetched it I suppose 6 shillings for the Rye and 2 shillings for the Wheat flour, Unpaid
14	Wind Northwest brisk and cold, Cloudy
Rye of 14 Ja Riker paid back Sowed Rye	I Got 1 1/4 Bushels Rye of Jacob Riker to Day, to get for him Rye or pay I Sowed Rye east of Barn to day 1 Bushel and a peck, Jon Lawrence Harrowed

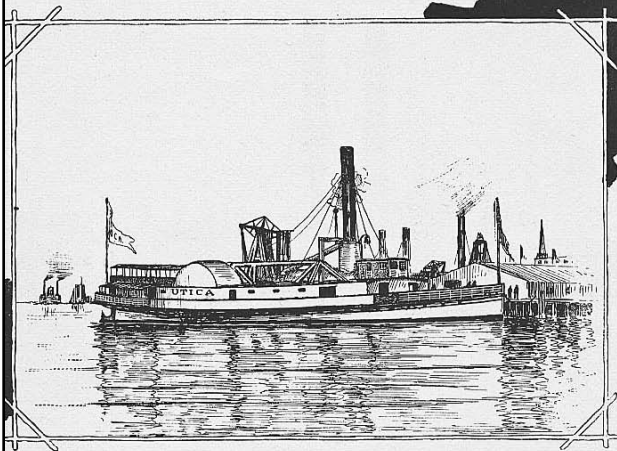
1841	Memento
Octo 14 Robt. Smith poorly	Robert, Jerry Smith's Boy poorly, Billious Remitting fever
J Law. 14 & Sally to set up &c	The evening Jon Lawrence and Sally went to Stay at Margaret Smiths to night to Set up with Sick Robert
15	Very dark clouds all Day, Moving from the Westward, the Wind seems SW, Some drops of Rain at turns, cool
J. L & 15 Wm. L. dug Mercers took them home, 16 Bush.	Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence and Self dug the Mercer Potatoes below, Some of them were dug by self and William Lawrence before, finished. Jon Lawrence took them home, I and William Lawrence Made Buckwheat floor in little field. There Was About 16 Bushels Mercers
16	Dark clouds all Day Again, the Wind NW and cold
threshed 16	I Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence threshed Buckwheat to Day, 9 floors, sun hid all Day. Buckwheat threshed Middling cold
At Larry's 16	At Larry's 1 lb Candles 14 pence, Paid
1841	Memento
Octo 17	A Very clear Day and cold, the wind Northwesterly
Wills 17 Preached at My house this Aftn.	Brother Wills Preached at My house this Afternoon 3 PM from Titus 2 Chapter 14 Verse Congregation 30 or upwards Eley Mary Sneden William Gesner not George George M Lawrence and Wife Jacob Gesner, John Moore, Mistress Beasley Samuel Snedens Wife Maria Rachel Gravestein and daughter Mistress Banta not Willseys Girls Jon Lawrence and his family, Lucy &c, a Very smart sermon
17 Wills Prd. at Ja Gesners to Night Went back to Night	Wills Preached to Night at Jacob Gesners About 20 Eley, Larry's Wife and daughter Mary I, Gracy, Sally, Jon Lawrence, Mary, Sarah, Cornelia, Lucy, took My Waggon and Horses &c. He preached exceeding well indeed from Mathew 3 Chapter 12 Verse, a Sermon truly Seldom exceeded in delineating in great Variety the Manner and Way of farming and purying &c Who were the Wheat and who the chaff, the Blessed State of the one And the Awful state of the other Down with horse and Saddle, after Meeting Returned to the pond
Ground 18 frozen	Clear But cloudy cold, wind NW quite brisk, a White frost this Morning, ground frozen

1841	Memento
<p>Octo 18 finished threshing Buck wht. poor Seeded of Jacob 18 Ges. Beef unpd</p> <p>Gorman 18 here frost 19 Frozen I, J L 19 Wm. cleaned Buckt. 36 B At Herbts. 19 paid Leond. 19 Beasley & Wife &c</p>	<p>I, Jonathan Lawrence and William Lawrence finished threshing Buckwheat, very little Seed on the straw this Year, straw plenty</p> <p>Of Jacob Gesner 8 1/2 lb Beef 4 shillings 3 pence, unpaid since paid see 25th October</p> <p>Barnard Gorman Pedlar here Waggon and Horse to Night</p> <p>Clear a little Hazy, cold, ground a little frozen, Wind Westward</p> <p>I, Jonathan Lawrence cleaned Buckwheat to Day, William Lawrence helped from 9 to 12, finished, and I and Jon Lawrence took it home, 36 Bushels</p> <p>At Herberts 4 1/2 Wheat flour, paid</p> <p>Leonard Beasley up last Saturday, his Wife up a Week before, both Went down to Day, paid us no Visit just in and out</p>

1841	Memento
Octo 20 Rain	Rain last Night and part of this forenoon, the Wind through the day Southwesterly and Westerly, Midday not cold
Borrowed 20 of Herbt. Rye flour —	At Herberts this Morning 14 lb Rye flour Borrowed — William Lawrence fetched it
Jon L. 20 & Self Jon Law cleared Barn	Jonathan Lawrence and Self drew 2 jags Wood from the Buckwheat field, Jonathan cut the partly dead Wild cherry Jonathan cleared the Barn this Afternoon
Wm. L gunning	William out with Gun nearly all day
21	Cold, cloudy all Day, wind from the Westward, Sprinkles a little towards Night
J L & 21 Wm. Law dug for Geo. L.	Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence dug potatoes for George M Lawrence to Day, had My team to Draw them in
I cleaned 21 Buckwht. over &	I took near 8 Bushels Buckwheat from chamber to Barn, cleaned through fine Sift
22	A Cloudy day, wind NW, cool
Sent to 22 Market with Ja. Ges	Sent to Market with Jacob Gesner 8 Bushels potatoes of Whites and pinks in 5 bags one Barrel Domina Apples, 2 turkeys, and 3 pair ducks

1841	Memento
Octo 22	William Lawrence took the freight to landing see under last page
At Larry's 22 unpaid	At Larry's 15 lb 12 penny cut Nails And 5 lb of 10 penny at 7 pence per lb, Unpaid
J. Law 22 picked corn — Wm. &c	This Afternoon Jon Lawrence picked 2 Small loads of corn and William Lawrence drew it in, Jonathan helped load &c —
23	A Cloudy day, wind Westerly, cold
Wm. Law 23 dug for Geo. L threshed for Herbt.	William Lawrence dug potatoes for George Lawrence in the forenoon and Afternoon helped Herbert thrash Buckwheat also went to the River to see About My empty things, only got the basket and 3 Bags, Jacob Gesner did Not come up, William Lawrence went a foot
J. L. 23 corn	Jonathan Lawrence picked one load Yellow corn for Me And I helped draw it in
at Herbt's. 23 unpaid	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 7 pence unpaid
24	Cloudy, cold, Wind About SW by W
Old side 24 quarterly &c	Old Side quarterly Meeting began wednesday or thursday last at Rockland

1841	Memento
Octo 25	A Cold Cloudy day, wind NW, Ground frozen this Morning
Wm. L. 25	William picked some Yellow corn went Gunning and to partridge Snares
I dug 25	I dug long Reds About 11 Bushels. William helped draw them in from little Yard
J L to 25 city NY	Jonathan Lawrence to New York city to look for Work, Went to long Pier, with the Utica
Ja Ges 25 to N York had Sold some part of Articles sent last friday Returns &c he is paid for Meat at Larry's 25 paid at Herbts. 25 paid	<p>Jacob Gesner said he Was going this Afternoon, had been down last friday to New York to get Work, found a job</p> <p>Paid us Money this Morning, he had Sold the ducks at 7 shillings the pair, the turkey 5 shillings 6 pence and 3 Bags of potatoes at a little Better than 2 shillings the Basket. The rest of the potatoes and the Barrel of Domina Apples left with Zeb see 22nd . We Owed him 12 shillings for Meat, and after freight and his Commission on these Articles, there was 10 shillings left which he paid. All Square Now</p> <p>At Larry's Quarter of Rye flour 6 shillings, paid</p> <p>At Herbts 7 lb Indian Meal 13 pence and a broom 2 shillings 6 pence, both paid</p>



UTICA:

BUILT 1836, at BROOKLYN.

HULL, OF WOOD; BUILT BY WM. CAPES. Length 180 feet; breadth of beam 21½ feet; depth of hold 8 feet 4 inches.

ENGINE, VERTICAL BEAM, CONSTRUCTED by the WEST POINT FOUNDRY. Diameter of cylinder 39 inches, by 10 feet stroke.

BOILER, OF IRON, ON DECK. Length 18 feet; width 9 feet; height 8 feet.

WHEELS, RADIAL. Diameter 22 feet. length of buckets, 10 feet.

~ TONNAGE 340 69 ~

THE UTICA was built for the "People's Line," to run as a passenger boat on the Hudson River, between New York and Albany. She was one of the best of her time, and of good speed. She was used, at times, on the route between New York and Piermont, in connection with the N.Y. & Erie Rail road. Was finally converted into a towboat, and used as such on the Hudson River many years. Condemned Nov. 20, 1875, and broken up.

1841	Memento
Octo 26	A Gale all day from SW, Raw cold. The Sky assumes a Smoaky Appearance
I & Wm. 26 potatoes corn	I and William Lawrence dug Some long Reds in the little Yard He picked Some Yellow corn, we got it in, also the potatoes, 11 Bushels
J L 26 up	Jon Lawrence came up from the city of New York
Smoaky 27	Smoaky, a Nice day, Wind Westerly
I Wm. 27 & J Law	I dug Some long Reds, Jon Lawrence and William got one load corn in, William helped dig some
Returns 27 of Zeb Woolsey	What Jacob Gesner had not sold Zeb did and his Returns is 14 shillings for the Domina And 10 shillings for the 2 Remaining bags of potatoes — expenses off leaves 21 shillings 6 pence see 22 and 25
28	Clear, a little Smoaky, the Wind between N and NW, cold, yet Moderate
J. L & 28 Wm.	Jonathan Lawrence and William brought in 2 loads more of Corn

1841	Memento
Octo 28 Potatoes all in	I Finished Digging Potatoes, and All in, the Whole Crop about 200 Bushels
At Herbts. 28 paid	At Herberts 7 lb sugar 5 shillings 7 lb Indian Meal 1 shilling 1 pence 1/2 lb Candles 7 pence All paid
I ailing 28 sick	I have Had a Swollen face with Much pain a few Days, getting Better
Mist. 28 Cooper sick	Mistress Cooper Widow poorly
Old Side 28 Prot. Mg. &c	Old Side Protracted Meeting continues at Rockland
29	Smoak days Indian Summer wind Southwesterly
At Herbts. 29 Paid	At Herberts 18 Herrings 1 shilling and 1/2 pint Brandy 5 pence, both paid
J. L. & 29 Wm. Corn in	Jon Lawrence and William picked and drew one load Corn in Barn Corn all in to day
Phebe S 29 & Eley just in	Phebe Sneden and Eley just in here dusk, went to Old Side Meeting
30 Nice Day	Foggy this Morning, soon clear and Smoaky and warm, Wind Very Moderate SW, a Summers day

1841	Memento
<p>Octo 30 I drew subscription for Peggy Concklin</p> <p>J L 30 Went with it &c</p> <p>I & Wm 30 Law sot scaffold poles</p> <p>David 30 Blauvelt came here and when he Went &c Bordix Moved &c</p>	<p>I drew up a paper for Peggy Concklin who is and has long been the object of sore affliction and excruciating pain With the Stone in the bladder, the Doctors Bill with some Medicine was 115 Visits Amounting to 118 Brought in a few Days ago. The use of an Instrument was almost daily necessary, a great sufferer — this paper Was to try to collect it for her in her Name And</p> <p>Jonathan Lawrence Made some collection to Day</p> <p>I and William Lawrence Sot scaffold poles Round the South and West side of Hovel to Day</p> <p>David Blauvelt with his family Came here the first of last April, Bordix Moved from John Willseys Yesterday or Day before And David Blauvelt Moved from My House with his Family And things to Day to John Willseys, Where Bordix did live, he is gone to Paskack</p>
1841	Memento
<p>Octo 31 Sabbath</p> <p>M. Pt. 31 Quarterly Mtg at Pond</p> <p>J L 31 Mtg. Spoke</p> <p>Mills 31 not here</p> <p>Paid 31 postage to Barto up to Jan. 1 1842</p> <p>Sally 31 Beasley here</p>	<p>A Beautiful day, warm, Smoaky, Wind light SW</p> <p>Methodist Protestant Quarterly Meeting commenced Yesterday at Pond church, I not well, a Swollen face, pain in the head, cheek, jaws &c, getting better</p> <p>Jon Lawrence Spoke tenderly and with encouraging the few present to persevere, Margaret, Lucy Mistress Banta, Eliza Chambers, Sally Beasley here, Sally, Mary, Sarah, Cornelia,</p> <p>Mills not here on Account of quarterly Meeting at pond no Eley to day, seems to Attend Old Side Meeting And none other</p> <p>Paid Barto postage yesterday commencing January 1 1841 to January 1 1842 for Zions Watchman and New York Luminary and one letter together 1.15 cents by Jon Lawrence</p> <p>Sally Beasley up Yesterday a Week, here this Afternoon at our little Meeting, Drank tea. Evening She with Mary and Sarah to Old Side church</p>

1841	Memento
Nov. 1	A Summer Day, Smoaky, wind Southwesterly
Jon Law. 1 to city N.Y.	Jonathan Lawrence to New York city to commence Working at Ship Work
I & Wm Law 1 Made Hog yard	I and William Lawrence Made a Small yard to Confine My Sow and Pigs
2	Overcast; but clouds Broken, rains a little this Morning, stops before 9 AM, clear before 12 not cold, Wind Southwesterly
Sold 2 Sally Pennoyre a big pig fat and 4 Bush Pot. paid Gracy went &c Wm. Law 2 to NY &c	Took and Sold to Sally Pennoyre at Piermont New Landing a Shote 9 Weeks old About 2 and 4 Bushels potatoes 2 of White and 2 of Scotch Greys at 3 shillings per Bushel = 12, Makes 28 shillings Cash, paid, she gave a Garbet? of tea on the shote More 2 shillings Gracy Went with Me, Waggon and Horses
Map 2 pedlar &c	Map pedlar here to Night, horse and Waggon

1841	Memento
Nov. 3	A Nice day, wind Southwesterly clear, Smoaky
Joseph 3 Wadsworth Jun. pedlar of Maps Sally one I one &c at Herbts. 3 paid Recd. of 3 Wm. Harris News papers The Way 3 Zeb's return Was laid out	<p>The Map Pedlar named Joseph Wadsworth Junior Went away after Breakfast, Sally traded 2 Books entitled Pictorial Illustrations of the Bible and 6 shillings for a Map of the United States, very large Valued 36 shillings, I took one of 12 shillings, ie 5 shillings for keeping him and Horse and 7 shillings in Cash</p> <p>At Herberts 7 lb Sugar 5 shillings paid, for quince Sweet Meats</p> <p>Received 2 or 3 News papers from William F. Harris, one the Methodist Protestant and family Visitors yesterday</p> <p>NB The 21 shillings 6 pence Received of Zeb being part of the freight Jacob Gesner took for me a little ago is spent as follows, 6 pence to William Lawrence, one dollar and 12 cents for postage by Jon Lawrence a few days Ago 7 shillings to Map pedlar see above and 5 shillings to Herbert for 7 lb sugar = 21 shillings 6 pence</p>
Rain 4	Thick Cloudy all Day, Send from SE, Rains in the Evening and at Night considerable; but Not cold to Day

1841	Memento
Nov. 5	Clear early this Morning, soon cloudy, Wind NW cold
At Larry's 5 paid	At Larry's 1 lb Candles 1 shilling 2 pence, paid
At Herbts. 5 paid	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar, paid, I got it
Ja D 5 Haring gave Money for Peggy Concklin	Jascob D Haring gave Me this Morning 9 Dollars for Peggy Concklin, Money he had Collected for her, by Subscription paper. to pay her Doctors Bill
at Herbts. 5 unpaid	At Herberts 7 lb Wheat flour 2 shillings 2 pence and 7 lb Indian Meal 1 shilling 1 pence Unpaid. Sarah fetched it
6	High NW wind all day, cool and cloudy
Br 6 Timmerman Here Zelatry Geo Thomas Attempt fails Wheeler &c back to Reform shameful	Timmerman here at 12 yesterday, ate Dinner, fed his Horse on his Way to his family at Bedford Says that Isaac Wheeler and Wife living now at Bergen point, Who lately left the Methodist Protestants, went with George Thomas, who lately left the Methodist Protestants and Set up on his own footing endeavouring to Destroy Reform principles, failing at Bergen Wheeler and Wife came Back Again Albert J Piercy is About the Same unprincipled business. Ridiculous!

1841	Memento
Nov. 6	At Herberts 1 lb Butter 1 shilling 5 pence unpaid, Strong Butter
Anne 6 Mann Caty Ginnet & David Manns wife here	Anne Mann, Caty Trenchard, Ginnet Lawrence And David Manns Wife Stephen Powlis's daughter here this Afternoon On a Visit
7	Clear to day, some Clouds cool, wind Westward
No 7 Preachg. no appt.	No Preaching, next Sabbath is Wills's turn, last Saturday Quarterly Meeting at the Pond church Methodist Protestant
8	A Rainy Day, wind between S and SW, not High, not very cold
Jerry 8 husked D. Blauvelt	Jerry Smith came this forenoon and helped Me Husk corn till 8 at Night, David Blauvelt helped also this evening
9	A Clear Day, cool Wind Northwesterly
Vendue 9 John D Nagels He died at Herbts. 9 Paid	John D. Nagels Vendue to Day, he died About 2 or 3 Weeks ago
D Blauvt. 9 Vendue &c	At Herberts 1/2 lb Candles 6 pence and 3 pence worth pepper, Paid
	David Blauvelt to Nagels Vendue My horses and Waggon to day, Lucy and Margaret Went along

1841	Memento
Nov. 9 Jerry, Ben & D. B. husked	Jerry and Ben Gravestine and David Blauvelt helped Me husk to Night
Margt. 9 & Margt. Ges. here &c	William Gesners Wife and Margaret Gesner here this Afternoon till 9 at Night Visit
Herbt. 9 Sick	Herbert Sick
pickd. 9 Turnips	I picked Turnips
10	Clear, But cloudy, cold, Ground frozen this morning, the wind North Westerly
10	Brother Oakley, President of New York conference Methodist Protestant came here to Day about 2 PM, stay'd to Night
Turnips 10	I picked turnips Again, fetched one load home
11	Ground hard this Morning, ice &c, the Wind Seems Northerly, Midday Moderate
At Herbts. 11 Paid	Gracy had Yesterday 1/2 Gallon Molasses at Herberts 1 shilling 6 pence, I got this Morning 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 6 pence and 7 lb Wheat flour 2 shillings 2 pence, all paid
Oakley 11 Pd. from 2 Cor. 6 Ch 17 & 18 Verses	Brother Oakley Preached at My house, spoke Well had a cold About 18 or 20 Eley, Margaret not Lucy or Eliza Chambers Mistress Banta Ginnet, George Lawrence and Wife, John Moore none from Herberts

1841	Memento
Nov. 11 Gin. & Maria Lawrence	Ginnet Lawrence and Maria George Lawrences wife here this Afternoon on a Visit stayd to Meeting
12 Rain	A Rainy day, rained last Night, the wind light from South Westward, not cold, breaks Away about Sun set, continues cloudy in the evening
Br Oakley 12 helped husk Peter 12 Rikers	Brother Oakley helped me husk corn this forenoon
Quit claimed his right to a Mountain lot to Jim Oliver Peter R. handed me Another deed &c	The day before Yesterday the 10th Instant Peter Riker executed a quit claim to Jim Oliver of his right and title to a lot of Mountain land to said Jim being part of lot No. 13 John Iseman's lot &c, this lot was bought and paid by Jim Oliver, but being doubtful at that time Whether he Jim could hold title considered a Slave the conveyance was Made to Jacob Concklin in trust for Jim Afterwards Assigned and set over from Jacob Concklin Senior to Peter Riker in trust for Jim; But Johannes Blauvelt his Master gave a Certificate Witnessed by Stephen Powles that at said Blauvelts Death his Slave Jim Oliver should be free. I drew this quit claim and Peter Riker signed it having previously Lawyer Blanch's opinion concurring with Mine Peter Riker handed me Another deed for Jim which he had

1841	Memento
Nov. 13	A Cloudy day, in the Afternoon some drops of rain, Wind from the west with dark clouds
Br Oakley 13 Went	Brother Oakley Went from here about 9 AM for Pond church John Storms's
I Gave 13 him 1 D	I gave Oakley one Dollar, when he went Away
Jerry & 13 D B husked	Jerry and David Blauvelt helped me Husk this Evening, got done
I Husked 13	Yesterday and to Day I husked
14 Rain	Cloudy, wind and Clouds from South Westward, in the evening overcast and Rains a little
14 Br Wills here Preached	Brother Wills here this Afternoon, Preached at 3 from Luke 13 Chapter and 24 Verse "Strive &c" good discourse, to about 20 or 25, Jacob Gesner, Eley, Margaret, Lucy Rachel Gravestine and Daughter, William Gesners Wife Margaret Gesner, Sidney — Charles &c
Br Wills 14 Pd here to Night	Brother Wills Preached at My house also to Night to About 25 from Psalms, an excellent Sermon Jacob Gesner Eley Lucy not Margaret nor Rachel Gravestines daughter nor William Gesners wife nor Margaret Gesner &c) Jacob Riker and Wife &c &c, about 25 or 30

1841	Memento
Nov. 14 J. Law up he & Ja Ges. Prayed &c Ja Ges. up	Jonathan Lawrence up from New York this Morning About 10 AM, prayed in the 2 last Meetings. Jacob Gesner Spoke also a little this Afternoon and Prayed, Also to Night an excellent prayer also Jon Lawrence Jacob Gesner came up also this Morning
15	Clear Morning, dark Clouds and Windy this Afternoon cold Wind from the West
Mary L 15 up early got Breakfast	Mary Lawrence up before Day break, cooked Mutton, and potatoes, Ate Breakfast at day break
Br Wills 15 Went Collection 6 sh 6 p gave him	Brother Wills started with Waggon and Horse before Sun rise for the school at pond church, Made a Collection last Night 6 shillings 6 pence, gave it to Brother Wills; it was not told him to give it to our President Oakley
Jon. Law. 15 & Mary to NY	Jonathan Lawrence and Mary to New York, crossed the River About 7 this Morning &c, Mary Rode With Wills in his Waggon down to River
Ja Ges. 15 cut wood I drew it He Went to Work NY	Jacob Gesner cut rock Maple tree My woods, I drew small load to Snedens for him He Went also to New York this Afternoon, crossed over River to Steam boat there About 3 PM

1841	Memento
Nov. 16 wind high	High NW wind all day, cold, dark clouds, blew hard
Henry C. 16 out for Ja Ges.	Henry Concklin cut for Jacob Gesner in my woods one Rock Maple and cut another the Body up and Split it
at Herbts. 16 unpd	At Herberts last friday 1/4 tea 2 shillings unpaid
17 High NW wind	Last Night Wind not High, the ground hard this Morning; Clear, cold, the wind soon rises, a hard blow from between W by N and NW, still at Night and clear, but dark clouds through the day
Turnips 17 in	Got the last of My turnips in from below
18	Clear all day, with Clouds from westward, the wind not High to day, cool
D Blauvelt 18 My team	David Blauvelt My team horses ploughing, early and late for himself to day
Hen. Conk. 18 helped put pigs &c	Henry Concklin helped Me put four shotes in the pen
Br. Timm. 18 here &c	Brother Timmerman here near sun set on his Way to Hackensack New Jersey to Quarterly Meeting next saturday the 20
1841	Memento
Nov. 19 First Snow &c	Morning overcast, Wind About NE by N, Raw cold, begins to Snow About 1 o'clock; Snows Smartly the Afternoon, ground all covered, Snows at Night, first Snow to cover the Ground
19 Jack Earnest Burnt to Death	Last Night Jack Earnest at Home laid himself before the fire probably in his sleep, his clothes took fire, got out doors, and before he could get his clothes off, Was Mortally burnt, it is said one ear was Roasted — being alone, in the house, and awfully burnt, he put on his great coat and Went in the Night to the house where John Cartright lived a Colored Man a quarter of a Mile distance, and Made known, it is said Young Moses Taylor was sent for to settle his Affairs, having No children, how its fixed Ive not heard, he owned some property in the Mountains Where he lived fast as well as personal This Afternoon he Died; what an Awful death — Was About 71 Years Old, Was born in My fathers house, a Slave, I Bought him of My father John Gesner

1841	Memento
A History of his getting free	<p>My father John Gisner when he was about 23 years old for 80 is 200 dollars, As I ever was opposed to Slavery, I told him after he had Served me 7 or 8 years I would set him free; this was my true and Real intention; But after he had been with Me one Year or thereabouts; My Brotherinlaw Jacob Concklin By flattery and persuasion, promising him a piece of ground to Raise Some potatoes & Broom-corn for himself, that Jack was overpersuaded; promised him to set him free after 7 or 8 years, that Jack desired a paper to seek a New Master, I Being apprised of the business, told him that Concklin wanted him, but would not Sell him to Concklin, as he had proved to be My enemy in the Arrangement of my fathers estate &c &c. A Plot was devised between Concklin, Rulef Stephens (then living in the point and Jack So Stephens came to Me, said Jack wished him to Buy him I told Stephens, Jack had been well used by Me, that his place was very Rough, that it was a Negro plot with Concklin, Jack would never Stay with him, but in a few days would Want to go to Concklins, on this Rulef Stephens turned as Red as fire, Which Made me believe he was concerned in the plot — I told him I would consider on it I conversed with</p>
1841	Memento
Nov. 19 &c	<p>My Wife Gracy told her if Stephens would come under a forfeit by Bond of One hundred pounds never to transfer in Any Manner or Way, Jack to Concklin &c I would let Stephens have him, Oh, said she, let the Black Devil see note below go, I would say nothing About it So Stephens came in a day or two. I sold him to Stephens But previous to the Sale of him, I told Jack how Concklin would Serve him, being acquainted with Concklins disposition as a Miser in a day or two Jack was at Work at Concklins, we lived About 1/4 of a Mile Apart After the 8 Years Were elapsed Jack Asked for his freedom, it was denied him, he frequently asked him, reminding Concklin of his promises and that I had told him that Concklin would Serve him so, Which Made trouble Some times Concklin detained him untill he had Stay'd 14 Years instead of 7 or 8. Now Jack being determined to stay no longer, twitting Concklin that I had told him how he Concklin would serve him, Concluded to let him go on Condition Jack would secure him One hundred Dollars!!!</p> <p>Peter Willsey became Jacks Security for the Money, and employed Jack cutting cord-Wood &c, the Money Was paid And Concklin gave Jack a paper</p>

NOTE: Joan Geismar, in *The Archaeology of Social Disintegration in Skunk Hollow*, states that in the original Diary an attempt has been made to obliterate the word "Devil," probably by Mr. Gilman in the early part of the century.

1841	Memento
<p>Nov. 19</p> <p>his Pedigree</p>	<p>discharging him from his claim</p> <p>Jack himself told me at the time how that every word I had told him before I sold him came out just so, told me of the plot of Concklin and Stephens, that Concklin Was to give Stephens 10 Dollars to do the Business He Jack Acquired After he left Concklin to do for himself a Nice little property by hard Industry, he was small light Made dark coloured Man, he Was the Son of a Coloured Man belonging to Domina Verbrycke, who preached at Tappan, and of Yanache a Coloured Woman of my father John Gesner</p> <p>Jack Earnest was the Youngest of 4, Namely the Oldest Dinah next Flora next Sam and lastly Jack NB the Surname Earnest was Attached to him Because he was in great Earnest when purchasing some land in the Mountain When about to get his Deed</p> <p>Jacks 2 Sisters and Brother each died With the Consumption When Young, Dina and flore were About 19 or 20 When they Died and Sam About 26 years old, the 2 females died at My fathers, Sam at New York &c</p>
<p>Br Oakley 19 & Wills here going to Hackensack quart. Mg.</p>	<p>Brother Oakley and Brother Wills here about 12 to Day On their Way to Quarterly Meeting at Hackensack, commencing to Morrow the 20th, Ate Dinner, fed Horse, Went Snow</p>

1841	Memento
Nov. 20	Misty this Morning, Ground covered With Snow, breaks Away in the Afternoon, Snow Melts, Sloppy going, Wind Northerly
Trenchard 20 Venigar unpd	Trenchard Some time Ago perhaps between 4 and 6 Weeks 3 Gallons Venigar Gracy said unpaid
Wm. Ges 20 up	William Gesner up from New York yesterday
Richards 20 Cow stoped Pasturing	Last Sunday the 13th Richards cow Was Brought no More to pasture with me, came to pasture in May last which See
Handsome 20 Sabbath	A Handsome day, Warm clear, the Wind SouthWesterly
Ja Ges 21 My Mare to fill Wills Appt. &c	Jacob Gesner up, My Mare to Day to attend Meeting at the place on the hill at the long clove, at Snedekers place formerly, to fill Brother Wills Appointment there half past 2 PM, good many out, brother Wood there
Rain 22	A Rainy day, wind SE, rains at Night
Br 22 Timmerman here	Brother Timmerman here from Hackensack New Jersey from Quarterly Meeting, about 2 PM with Waggon and Horse

1841	Memento
Nov. 22 Timmerman sold Wagn. &c to Wills	Brother Timmerman Said he had Sold his Waggon and White Blind Horse, the top of the Waggon cushion and Whip to Brother Wills for 40 Dollars, the Bufalo Skin he had Reserved
23	Clear, a Nice Day, but Muddy, wind SouthWesterly
Timmer. 23 Went left Wagn. & Horse	Brother Timmerman Went away about 7 AM or half after 7 to cross at Snedens thence to Sing Sing then easterly About 15 Miles to Bedford to his family on foot and Steam Boat, left his blind Horse and Waggon here, for Wills
Br Wills 23 here took his Wagn. &c	Brother Wills here from New York city, Went from Hackensack to New York thence here this Afternoon, drank tea, took his Waggon and Horse and proceeded to John Storms's where his wife is
At Herbts. 23 unpaid	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 5 pence 1 lb Candles 14 pence 1/2 gram tea, unpaid
Hen. C 23 cut for me	Henry Concklin cut a Black oak in Mountain to Day for Me, 1 Rail cut, Rest firewood perhaps 2 or 3 Hours
Nice Day 24	A Warm handsome clear day, Wind SouthWesterly
Jacob Ges. 24 Moved to Willms. burgh	Jacob Gesner Moved to day from Snedens for Williams Burgh. I help with team, also Henry Concklin, from George Lawrences House near landing. I gave him 1 Barrel of potatoes

1841	Memento
Nov. 25 Rain	Overcast, wind NE, About 10 AM Snows a Round flake a little, Rains Shortly after, all Day and at Night Raw Cold
Hen. 25 Conck had Corn	last Evening Henry Concklin had of Me 1 Bushel Corn ears
Hen 25 Concklin helped Split &c	Henry Concklin and I Split a rail cut intended for Hovel lath in the Mountain and 2 or three pieces for firewood, About 1 1/2 Hour in Afternoon Yesterday —
26	Continues overcast, the Wind Northeasterly, about 9 or 10 AM seems to Break but thick cloudy all day and in the evening, at Night the wind seems light from the northward, not very cold
at Herbts. 26 paid	Salt at Herberts 1 Peck salt, Gracy paid 11 pence and Sally gave the 5 pence Makes 16 pence paid
27	Clear and Cold, wind NW, freezes all day out of the sun
I heaped 27 up Dung to Day	I heaped up the dung Made this season in My Barn Yard in the center of the yard, a Very large heap, on Account of Rains it was like a Mud hole

1841	Memento
Nov. 20 Sabbath	Thinly overcast all day, wind NE and Raw cold
Lucy & 28 David here	Lucy and David Blauvelt a while here to Night
A thick 29 Snow	Snow'd last Night, a deep snow this Morning, 12 or 13 Inches deep. Snows all Day, at Night seems to hold up, cold, this Snow storm from NNE, did not blow very hard, dry snow About 14 or 16 Inches deep at Night
30	Clear, cold this morning, clear all day, in the evening grows hazy, looks snowy, the wind light from NW Midday nice
Hen C 30 cut &c	Henry Concklin cut below, a load of Wood for Me and helped draw it, and went with Sally, Sarah and Cornelia to Margarets this evening
Banta 30 wood of me	Mr. Banta had a Small load of me, he cut it, Henry Concklin helped draw it, My team
Dec 1	Cloudy, cold, but clear, Wind Westerly
Sally 1 Pennoyre shote turkeys potatoes paid	I and Gracy to New Landing, took for Sally Pennoyre 1 Shote 20 shillings 4 Turkeys live at 10 shillings the pair 3 Bags of potatoes at 6 shillings per Bag = 18 shillings all paid, She took in part payment 1 Bar soap 1 shilling 6 pence and 1/2 lb tea 3 shillings

1841	Memento
Dec. 1 at Demara's paid	At Demara's slote 1 3/4 lb Rope at 1 shilling 3 pence = 2 shillings 3 pence, paid
at Herbts. 1 paid	At Herberts 7 lb Wheat flour 2 shillings 2 pence, paid
Hen C 1 helped	Henry Concklin helped get things on Sled to Go to New landing see last page, watered the creatures, got some wood fine for the fire on wood place
Sold 1 3 pigs for &c	We have Now Sold 3 pigs or Shotes of the Sow We bought of David Mann, 1 for 18 shillings one for 24 shillings to John Willsey and to day one to Sally Pennoyre 20 shillings, she had the first one too
2	Clear Morning, wind SouthWesterly, nice day, Grows overcast towards Night
Herbts. 2 boys helped	Herberts 2 Boys Eugene and Herbert helped Me take corn from Barn to the Crib
Br Wills 2 here	Brother Wills here about sunset with Horse
at Herbts. 2 paid	At Herberts 1 3/4 lb Cheese 18 pence and 1/2 lb Coffee 8 pence paid
1841	Memento
Dec. 3 Rains Snow most Gone &c	Rains all day, wind NE, at Night Wind rises, a bad Storm, the thick snow which fell the 29th of November and the preceding Night, is nearly gone this Evening, great Water
3 I and Obb Cooper Settled in full — some account how we Settled	Paid Obb Cooper this Morning 12 shillings 9 pence being in full of all Accounts, I sent it with Cornelia Lawrence, Obb owed 2 shillings for a Gallon of Vinegar which he sent back with Cornelia Lawrence, last thursday his daughter Elizabeth came to Me, asked for 12 shillings 9 pence, he sent no bill, I told her I would have it the first of the coming Week then she could come and I would settle, but her Father should send the bill; she came yesterday without a Bill, However I had a 2 dollar Note, she said they could not change it, I told her I would get it changed and send it over, so I got it changed last Night at Herberts and sent it over to him this Morning as above, he came up from the city of New York yesterday, I thought and still think that I did not owe him that within 1 or 2 shillings however it may be correct &c
Br Wills 3 Went &c	Brother Wills with horse started for Hackensack about 12 o'clock to day through Rain

1841	Memento
Dec. 4	Very cloudy all Day, very Squally look, early it seemed to Rain a little, Wind and Clouds from between SW and W, at Night More NW NB it Rained hard at New York and Hackensack
Corn 4 in Crib	I Got My corn in the Crib to Day, 100 Bushel Baskets, besides hog corn. If none had been used there would have been 1/4 More easily
David 4 Wills here Visit	Brother David Wills here about 3 PM from Hackensack, Drank tea, went for John Storms's Near Sun Set
Sabbath 5	Mostly overcast all Day, a cold Sky, Wind Westerly, Raw Cold
6	Cloudy, Wind Northwesterly, cold
7	Clear Nice Day, Wind Westerly
I Worked 7 on Road Now done this Year	I Worked On the Road New York State to Day, I had 1 1/4 Day to Work Yet, this Morning, I found Sleepers for the Bridge and 3 or 4 Spikes, Value a half Days Work, I Worked 3/4 Day, this finishes My Work this year

1841		Memento
Dec. 7		At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 8 pence 1 lb Candles 1 shilling 2 pence And 1 lb Smoak Beef 10 pence, paid
At Herbts. paid Wills Preached My house to Night	7	Brother David Wills here little before Sunset with horse. Preached to Night to a few, About 12 or 14, a good Sermon from Jude 21 Verse "Keep yourselves in the love of God &c" excellent sound Gosple Doctrine — Eley and Girl, John Moore, Charles and Sidney Gesner, Lucy &c Not Margaret Smith she is unwell, Theodore here from Slote
White frost	8	A White frost this Morning, a Nice Clear day, Somewhat cloudy, wind SouthWesterly, in the Evening gets to be overcast
Wills Went	8	Brother Wills after Breakfast Went for Hackensack
Jerry My team	8	Jerry My Horses and Sled to draw wood for Mistress Rice About 3/4 Day, Robert came &c
	9	This Morning Looks Rainy, all day Mostly overcast, the Wind is Southwesterly not very cold
Sidney helped	9	Sidney Gesner helped me to day With 3 Small loads of cornstalks in
Br Wills here went	9	Brother Wills here from Hackensack, ate dinner and Went home to Storms' this Afternoon

1841	Memento
Dec. 10	Cloudy all Day, wind Southwesterly till Near Night, then seems Northeasterly not cold
Birth 10 Day	My Birth Day, Born December 1865
Sally 10 to NY	Sally to the city of New York to Day, Sidney took her to landing, My team
Sidney 10 helped	Sidney helped me to Day 2 Jags stalks in all in Barn Went with Sally see above helped fetch jag Wood, it was cut in Mountain
Stalks &c at Herbts. 10 as said, a Rhyme & paid	At Herberts 1/2 pint Brandy, and 7 hoarhound candy, all together made 1 shilling and paid
11 Rain	Cloudy Day, Wind SouthWesterly, Rained a little last Night, not cold, in the Evening overcast
Sabbath 12 Sow tk	A Nice day, somewhat Cloudy, wind Westerly Yesterday Sow tk, this Sow I Bought of David Mann with 6 pigs About 12 or 13 Weeks Ago
13	Cloudy all Day, not very cold, the wind About SW, in Afternoon seems More South, thick overcast at Night and the Wind seems Northeasterly

NOTE: Sidney Gesner, Herbert's son, was 16 years old. His brothers Eugene and Herbert, who helped Nicholas the other day, were 11 and 9 years old.

1841	Memento
Dec. 13 at Herbts. pd	At Herberts 1 lb Candles 1 shilling 2 pence, Paid
Jerry 13 My team	Jerry Smith My Horses and sled to day 3/4, Robert fetched them to Draw wood I expect for Mistress Rice
Rain 14	Raind last Night and early this morning, cloudy all day, clear at Night, the Wind changed from SE to SW, not cold
Paid 14 Jersey tax 90 cts.	Paid my Jersey tax Monday the 13th instant 90 cents
Wednesd. 15	Clear forenoon. Warm Wind SouthWesterly, cloudy afternoon
At Herbts. 15 paid & unpd	at Herberts 3 quarts Molasses 2 shillings 3 pence, paid, and 3 1/2 lb Wheat flour 1 shilling 1 pence unpaid
Wm. Ges. 15 up	William Gesner up Yesterday
16 Rain	Cloudy overcast Morning, Rains in Afternoon, Wind Northeasterly, Raw cold, in the evening Rains Hard
Sally & 16 Mary up brought a Hog	Sally and Mary up from New York, Sally has been down 1 Week and Mary 4 Weeks, last Monday brought 1 Hog 170 lb; I Weighed it with Rope scant Weight, no More than 169 Me Sattinnet for trowzers

1841	Memento
Dec. 16 Henry fetched &c from landing	Henry Concklin fetched Mary and the Hog, Sally came up with Another Waggon Rained hard, he had to go back, Sally also brought 1/2 Barrel Mackarel and some onions which he knew nothing of at the first
A bad 17 Storm, rain Snow	A very bad Storm, Wind Northeasterly, Rains forenoon and fine Snow Most all day and bitter cold
18	Very cold, very cold, cloudy, Wind NE or a little More Northerly
Henry 18 Concklin helped me	Henry Concklin helped Me draw 1 Small Jag Wood from the Mountain and a little dung round cellar Window, altogether about 2 Hours, not More, perhaps less
Jon L 18 Wm. L up	Jonathan Lawrence and William Lawrence came up this Afternoon with the Warren, the Arrow did not go down on friday, a bad Storm friday
19	Mostly overcast to Day, cold Morning, at Night not so cold, the Wind Southwesterly
1841	Memento
Dec. 20	Overcast all day, not very cold, the Wind Northeasterly in the evening, Snows a little
20	To Day Doctor L B Wright and Henry Concklin Settled their Accounts as follows The Doctors Bill for Attending Peggy Henrys wife Was 118 Dollars Henry's Account for Labour in Hay and Sundry other articles was 29.18 Jonathan Lawrence paid the Doctor for Henry, Money that was Collected by subscription to aid the Settlement, the sum of 32 Dollars, which together makes 61.18 Now the Doctors conclusion Was not to take less than 50 besides Henry's Account So Henry gave him a Note of 18.00 payable 1st May next without Interest, making all together 79.18. The rest the Doctor abated, The Doctor promising before me and Jonathan Lawrence to Attend Peggy when necessary while he Remained in the neighbourhood gratis
Henry Concklin & Doct. L. B. Wright settled all acct's to Day The Manner How &c	Henry Concklin Gave the Note and Receipted the Doctor on Henry's bill, The Doctor Receipted Henry in full, I drew the Writings

1841	Memento
Dec. 20 Wright paid J L Rent	The Doctor L. B. Wright paid Jon Lawrence the Rent due to him this Day at My House
21 Snow very cold	Snows a little this forenoon, and some last Night, Afternoon breaks into clouds, and the Wind changes from NNE to More Westerly And a very cold Day, clear and cold at Night
Wills 21 Here held little Meeting	About 1 or 2 PM Brother Wills came here from Hackensack, had an exhortation and little prayer Meeting, being very cold none came but Lucy, and Ginnet Lawrence was here, Jon Lawrences whole family and mine he came with horse and Waggon
A Good 21 chicken pye	We had an excellent chicken pye for dinner About 2 PM, Jennet Lawrence here, Wills and our Whole family, Jon Lawrences and mine had 2 pyes
Jon. L. 21 paid Peter Riker &c Cold 22	Jonathan Lawrence paid Peter Riker 3, the Interest of 50 Dollars to Day Immensely cold, very cold last Night and all day, thick cloudy, Wind North Westerly
Jon. L 22 & Wm. L to NY cold cold	Jonathan Lawrence and William Lawrence went to New York to day in order to Work

1841	Memento
Dec. 22 Br Wills Went to Clarks very cold 23 Moderates Rain Henry C 23 took My Hor= ses to Obbs I Runners 23 &c at Herbts. 23 unpd Snow 23 all Gone Rain last Night took to 23 Mill Slote took to Sally pen. paid for Theodore unpaid	<p>Brother Wills went after Dinner with Waggon and Horses to Derrick Clarks to Preach there to Night, cold</p> <p>Very cold this Morning and last night, thick overcast, Wind easterly, about 10 AM Moderates some Rains in Afternoon and at Night, was good riding</p> <p>Henry Concklin took my Horses to Obbs About 2 PM to be Shod, he Shod them see next page</p> <p>I dressed runners for Wood Sled</p> <p>At Herberts 1/2 pint Brandy unpaid, Henry Concklin fetched it</p> <p>Clear Moderate this Morning, cloudy Afternoon, Wind Westerly; But Rained terribly last Night, the Snow and good Sleigh Riding entirely gone this Morning</p> <p>I and Sally, Went to Sally Pennoyres this Afternoon Henry Concklin went along I took 5 Bushels Buckwheat to Slote upper Mill took to Sally Pennoyre 1 1/2 Bushels turnips 3 shillings and 2 Bushels Corn ears 6 shillings = 9 shillings paid, also took for Theodore Pennoyre one big turkey rooster and old turkey hen for 10 shillings and 8 shillings = 18 shillings paid</p>

1841	Memento
Dec. 24 at Herbts. paid	At Herberts 1 lb Cheese 9 pence and one big earthen dish 1 shilling 3 pence Paid, also 2 Hoarhound candy 2 pence and 6 pence for liquor for Henry Concklin and self, paid
Obb 24 Shod My Horses this the first &c	Yesterday Obb Cooper shod my horses, the Mare New all a Round, the Horse Charley New before, and his old fore shoes behind, Henry said 13 shillings, this is the first I owe him since we Settled, Henry Concklin took the Horses to Shop All paid Since, square
25	No Snow on the Ground, cloudy all Day, not very cold, the Wind seems North Easterly But the clouds Run slowly from Northwestward, In the Evening clear
Christmas 25	Christmas Day
Zeb pd 25	At Zeb Woolseys loaf of Bread, paid
At Herbts. 25 paid	At Herberts 1 lb Butter 2 shillings, paid
I at Sled 25	I worked some at New Sled
Sabbath 26	Clear and cold, Wind westerly, very clear at Night, not much Wind
27	Clear, cloudy and cold, Raw wind from the South Westward

1841	Memento
Dec. 27 at Herbts. paid	At Herberts to day 1 shillings Worth Molasses, Sally put 5 shillings with it And got 1/2 Gallon
little 28 Snow	A Handsome day, some Clouds, wind Southeasterly, in the Morning a little snow
Collector 28 here for NY tax not paid to day &c	Collector of New York taxes was here to Day, My tax 3.74 Jonathan Lawrences tax 1.70 Leonard Beasleys 2.65 and George M Lawrences 2.90 I did Not pay My tax to day NB the York tax is very high this year, paid a little After
29	A Moderate Day, not cold, the forepart of the day the wind Southwesterly, the latter part more Westerly, Somewhat Hazy, the Snow of Yesterday forenoon remains, just covers the Ground
at Herbts. 29 unpaid	At Herberts 14 lb Wheat flour 4 shillings 4 pence Not paid, I got it this Evening
30	Overcast, Snows a little this day, the wind most part of the day seems Northeasterly, Not cold
B Wills 30 here dont Preach	Brother Wills here About 3 or 4 PM Waggon and Horse, tarry's with us to Night on his Way to Hackensack, dont preach here, last Night at Clarks

1841	Memento
Dec. 30	At Herberts 2 lb Butter 3 shillings 4 pence, 7 lb Sugar 5 shillings Not paid, Sarah got for Me
at Larry's 30 paid	At Larry's 4 lb Hogs fat 3 shillings 4 pence, paid, John D. Concklin Got it for Gracy, she gave him the Money
31	Clear and Moderate all day, the Wind Southwesterly nearly all Day, at Night colder, the wind more NW
Last 31 Day of '41	To Day the last day of Year 1841, As Runs the Glass, Mans life doth pass
Henry C. 31 fetched meal from Mill held out good	Henry Concklin fetched My Buckwheat Meal and Bran from upper Slote mill, Jo Smith the Miller to Day weighed when Sent and when back, 3 lb short, very good
Jan. 1 1842	Saturday, Wind SouthWesterly, a Nice New Years Day, nothing particular, Mostly clear
Sabbath 2	A Nice Moderate Day, Wind SouthWesterly, not cold; at Night the Wind changes to NW
Jon L. & 2 Wm. at N.Y.	Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence not up from NY

1842	Memento
Jan. 3	A cold Day, wind Southwesterly, cloudy and at Night grows overcast
at Herbts. 3 unpaid	At Herberts 2 lb Candles 2 shillings 4 pence, unpaid
Snow 4	Snow this Morning at, 4 or 5 Inches deep not cold, wind and clouds from Southwestward
Br. Wills 4 & Wife	Brother Wills and his Wife here about sun set with Horse and Waggon, came from Hoboken
Wills 4 Preached My house to Night	Wills Preached here to Night from John 7 Chapter 16 and 17 Verses, good. Margaret Smith Lucy and 2 Girls, Obbs girl Elizabeth, Charles, Sidney and Margaret Gesner, George M Lawrence and Jinnet Henry Concklin Here &c About 18 or 20 —
Hen. C. 4 had My team	Henry Concklin My Horses and Sled drew for himself one load wood from Schunk hole
Hen. C. 4 corn	Henry Concklin had 1/2 Bushel corn ears a few Days Ago. Margaret fetched it

1842		Memento
Jan. 5		A Clear Nice day, the wind Northwesterly, not very cold
Br 5		David Wills and Wife Hannah Ann Afternoon about half after 3 PM went to
David Wills		Niack to Derick Clarks to Preach to Night, Waggon and Horse
& Wife went		
Draw 5		People begin to draw Salt Hay
Salt Hay		
	6	Hazy forenoon, thickens up and Snows near Night, in the evening it Rains, little
Snow		or no Wind, variable cold last night the latter part
Rain		
Going 6		Good going on Salt Meadow with Waggon, the snow too light for the Sled.
good Salt		People draw &c
Meadow		
Sidney 6		Sidney helped me to day about 1 Hour in the Barn clearing helped Make
Helped		Waggon Shelves and went to Sote upper Mill, fetched My Indian Meal came
		here About 9 AM
Gracy 6		Gracy's health continues indifferent
not Well		
	7	Rain's some last night, snow near gone, Rains Some to Day, clouds from SW, not
Rained		cold

1842	Memento
<p>Jan. 7 Horses Breechams Mended not paid I Paid Richd. Van Dean Since</p>	<p>I had My Breechams mended at Richard Van Deans by his Journeyman, put on the side straps about 14 Inch new ends that goes through the Neck yoke Ring and an end to the back strap that goes under the Horses Belly He was gone to New York, his charge I dont know. That is 5 ends, 4, one on each end of the side Straps in Neck Yoke Ring and one on the Belly Strap he did it in About 1/2 An Hour</p>
<p>8 Rain</p>	<p>Overcast all day Wind easterly, Rains at Night</p>
<p>Hen C 8 helped draw Salt Hay Charles & Sidney, One for me, one for Herbert</p>	<p>Henry Concklin helped me draw 3 loads Salt Hay off Salt Meadow to Day (broke Stack open to day Charles and Sidney drew with their Oxen one load for Me, and one for Herbert, how big Herberts load I know not, they drew it late off My Stack</p>
<p>Sale 9</p>	<p>Early this Morning foggy Most all day overcast, the wind Westerly</p>
<p>Thos. Blanch 9 died</p>	<p>Thomas Blanch son of Colonel Blanch father of Lawyer Blanch died the 7th Instant in the Morning</p>

1842	Memento
Jan. 10 Snow	Snow this Morning about 2 or 3 Inches deep, continues Snowing nearly all day. The wind light from Northeasterly, not cold at Night, the snow About 4 Inches deep a Wet Snow, in the evening Stars shine
Gracy 10 Sick	Gracy keeps poorly, weak
At Herbts. 10 unpaid	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Crackers 2 shillings 3 pence a half Quire paper 1 shilling = 3 shillings 3 pence unpaid and 1/2 pint Brandy also unpaid
Sidney 10 helped	Sidney helped Me Most all day, helped unload a Small load Salt Hay, helped draw Short butt log, from before John Willseys, and 2 Small jags from below
11	Snowed a little again to day, not very Cold, the Wind Southwesterly
Sidney 11 to Mill &c took to Sally Pennoyre &c Sally paid Sally Penn. sent 18 sh for the turkeys Theod. had	This Afternoon Sidney took 4 1/2 Bushels Buckwheat to upper Slote Mill, and 58 1/2 lb bag included of Buckwheat Meal from My house for Sally Pennoyre, she paid on it one dollar. Sidney gave it Me it is to be Made up to 1 hundred weight. Amelia and Edwin Pennoyre here, rode Home with Sidney My team and Sled. It Appears Theodore Pennoyre could not pay for the old turkey Rooster and another, Sally sent the 18 shillings and took the turkeys

1842	Memento
Jan. 12	Mostly Clear to Day, not very cold, the Wind About SW by N, overcast at Night
At Herbts. 12 Paid	At Herberts 2 lb Butter 3 shillings 4 pence and 1 lb candles 1 shilling 2 pence, paid. Gracy sent
Gracy 12 Keeps poorly very Weak a Worm	Gracy continues poorly, complains Much of her Stomach, much trembling there, grows very thin in the flesh and keeps her bed, nearly all the time — Yesterday a large Stomach Worm came from her Stomach
Jerry 12 Smith & Robt. helped	Jerry Smith helped me cut some firewood (below), his Robert drew 6 Small jags, Some was cut nearly all day
Herbt. & 12 Mary Ann here	Herbert and Mary Ann here this Evening to see Gracy
Obb Coop. 12 had Wagn. Tire	Obb Cooper had of me 2 Waggon tires, together Weighed 34 lb at 3 pence per pound, Harvey Concklin fetched them 3 or 4 Days ago
13	A Clear Cold day, wind Northwesterly

1842	Memento
Jan. 13 Jerry & Robt. again Sally said for Jon. L at Herbts. 13 paid	Jerry Smith and Robert Again, came 12 o'clock. I and Jerry cut 3 small loads and Robert drew them for me. Sally said that He Jerry work'd under Jonathans employ to help Me get fire-wood — At Herberts 1 Cod fish 6 lb 6 ounces at 3 1/2 pence per lb, 19 pence, paid, I got —
14	Cold last Night, soon Moderate, the Wind from the SW, thaws, the wind NW last Night and very cold
I & Henry 14 Concklin Salt Hay Moses Taylor Jun. Got in &c NB 14	I and Henry Concklin fetched 2 Small loads Salt Hay to day, the last load, the Meadows grew Soft by places Young Moses Taylor and another got in, had to unload all the hay and load Again See 24th Instant At Herberts
Jerry S 14 cut Stove Wood	Jerry Smith here to day, cut up Stove Wood About 3/4 day
Theo. L 14 Here	Theodore Lawrence here this Evening a While uncle to Jonathan Lawrence
15	Clear, wind and Clouds from the West, Morning cold, Moderate Afternoon

1842	Memento
Jan. 15	Thomas Lawrence went away last Evening see the 14th
Henry 15 C. helped Salt Hay	Henry Concklin helped Me draw 3 jags Salt Hay to Day, Meadow not very hard, Now with one Charles drew, Makes 9 Loads
Margaret 15 Smith here	Margaret Smith here this evening
Jerry 15 helped &c	Jerry Split stove wood nearly all day, Stay'd the evening with Margaret
Tho. Law. 15 here &c	Thomas Lawrence came again this Evening, Stayd to Night
Jon & 15 Wm. up	Jonathan Lawrence and William Lawrence came up from New York and here this Afternoon
16 Snow	Snows early this Morning and a little through the day, from SW; added to the little that did lay not more than one Inch, not very cold The snow now on the ground is About 4 Inches
17	Clear, the Wind Southwestward most all Day
I & Henry 17 Salt Hay done	I and Henry drew 2 jags Salt Hay to day And finished, we drew in all 10 loads for me, and Herberts Charles and Sidney one for Me = 11 and Herbert had one Makes 12 Small loads in all
Jerry 17 cut Split	Jerry about 3/4 day to day, Sawing and Splitting Stove wood

1842	Memento
Jan. 18 a Summer Day	A Summer day, warm and pleasant, wind Southerly or Southwesterly, a very Nice Day and very clear, Grows Muddy
Jerry 18 cut again	Jerry early here and late cutting Stove wood, in Afternoon in the Mountain cut some, I went, Showed him 1 Day
18 Br Wills Preached here to Night	Brother David Wills here about 1 PM, Preached from Ephesians 2 Chapter part of 8 Verse "for by grace are you saved through faith" this was a genuine Sermon, closely Applied About 35 Hearers Eley Margaret Smith, Jerry, Wynechey, Robert Renwick, Willseys 3 Girls, Lucy, George Gesner and Charles, Mary Patton from New York and a Number of Young Men and women &c, a Solemn time Jon Lawrence spoke well, his family all here except William, Went to New York to day
Warm 19 &c	Another Summer Day, warm, and wind Between S and SW; but muddy on the top of the frost, Waggon do not cut through yet
Br Wills 19 Went	Brother Wills after dinner Went to Clarks to preach
1842	Memento
Jan. 19 Br Wills Preach'd at Derrick Clarks Nyack I Mary & Sarah went &c	I, Mary and Sarah Lawrence went with Waggon and Horses to Clarks 5 Miles to hear Brother Wills preach; he preach'd a great Sermon on the Same text he preached from at My house last night see the 18th and the introduction, very nearly worded as at My house, His divisions and Subdivisions and illustrations almost verbatim &c, he spoke with much zeal and energy, and had the attention of a full house, closed with a solemn invitation to seek for Salvation by Grace through faith, being a Most Solemn and impressive discourse
Jerry 19 not here	Jerry Smith did not Split Stove Wood to day, he said he Must go this day to Bompey's hook
20	Warm again, exceeding Muddy, Wind Southwesterly
Jon L to 20 N.Y. letter to Jacob Ges. At Herbts. 20 paid	Yesterday Jonathan Lawrence to New York to Work. I sent a few lines with him to Jacob Gesner, Stating his Mothers illness At Herberts 1 1/4 Yard Muslin 1 shilling, paid

1842	Memento
<p>Jan. 20 Jerry Smith helped kill My pigs &c</p> <p>Their weight length & Age</p> <p>Henry 20 C. had Corn</p>	<p>Jerry Smith here this Morning sun up About 1 Hour, helped me kill My 3 pigs this forenoon and cut up the Elm tree in the Mountain in the Afternoon</p> <p>These pigs are 3 of the Sow I got of David Mann last September 2nd, the Sow had 6 pigs, Sally Pennoyre had 2 and John Willsey had one, and I killed the last 3 to day, they were one Week old on the 2nd of September last They Weighed one 84 lb a Sow a Barrow 82 lb and another Sow 88 lb, they were remarkable lengthy and tall, not very fat, they Ate not short of 60 Bushels potatoes boiled and About 5 Bushels Shelled corn and Indian Meal scalded &c</p> <p>The Barrow Measured after dressed from the end of his Nose to the first of the tail at the Body 3 feet 8 Inches, And the 2 Sows each 4 feet, they were About 4 Months and a half and 10 days old long and Slim, legs like a hog of 200 lb</p> <p>Henry Concklin had yesterday 1 Bushel and 1/2 peck corn ears</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Jan. 21</p> <p>Jerry 21 Smith cut</p> <p>Snow 22 Squall</p> <p>Jerry 22 cut</p> <p>At Herbts. 22 paid</p> <p>Br 22 Timmerman</p> <p>Gracy 22</p> <p>Henry 22 had</p>	<p>Overcast with a Smoaky appearance, the Air growing more cool, Wind South westward towards Night and in the Night NW and Blows Hard, cold at Night</p> <p>Jerry Smith not early in the Mountain at the Elm tree, Afternoon in the Swamp (lower field) cut some Cord Wood, the Old Kiskatommy — about 3/4 + —</p> <p>Clear forenoon, high West wind, in the Afternoon a snow Squall from the West and a Cold day</p> <p>Jerry Smith cutting cord wood firewood below, 3/4 Day —</p> <p>At Herberts 1/4 tea 1 shilling 7 pence and 2 pence worth Raisins, paid</p> <p>Brother Timmerman here About Sun set from New York, no Horse</p> <p>Gracy seems a little Better</p> <p>Henry Concklin 7 lb Buckwheat flour</p>

1842	Memento
<p>Jan. 22 At Larry's paid</p> <p>23</p> <p>23</p> <p>Br Timmerman Preached here to Nt. house full</p> <p>24 Cold</p>	<p>At Larry's 1/2 Bushel Salt, Theodore fetched it, sent 3 shillings with him to pay</p> <p>Clear and cold, Wind westerly, ground very hard frozen</p> <p>Brother Timmerman came yesterday About Sun set, Preached here to Night to a House full, many young men and Women Margaret Smith, Lucy here, not Eley nor Rachel Gravestine George Gesner, Mary Patton, Margaret Gesner, Charles, Sidney, Willsey's Girls, Ginnet Lawrence &c upwards of 40, An Excellent Sermon from Hebrews 6 Chapter and the 1st part of 1st Verse "Therefore leaving the principles of the Doctrine of Christ, let us go on to Perfection" A Strict Attention given, the Subject judiciously Handled and closely applied</p> <p>Clear cold day, wind Westerly, Ground very hard, little or no snow on it, the Snow Squall on the 22nd just covered the Ground, Now gone</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Jan. 24 Br Timmerman went NY</p> <p>Utica 24</p> <p>Runs through the Ice the Arrow</p> <p>Jerry 24 & Alfred cut &c</p> <p>At Herbts. 24 paid then</p> <p>25</p> <p>People 25 Salt Hay</p> <p>At Herbts. 25 unpaid</p>	<p>Brother Timmerman Went this Morning for New York, plenty of Ice in the River Now, he came Saturday see 23</p> <p>The Steamer Utica, the last winter and this as Yet, forces through the ice her Way from the long Pier to New York daily, also this Winter the Arrow</p> <p>Jerry Smith and Alfred sawing and cutting cord wood and fire wood in bog Meadow north of old Orchard, 3/4 day each, very cold</p> <p>NB At Herbts got on the 14th Instant 3 1/2 lb Wheat flour 1 shilling 1 pence 1/4 tea 1 shilling 9 pence 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 6 pence = 5 shillings 4 pence, Paid at that time, these articles were got when Margaret Smith and Ginny Sneden Were expected on a Visit to see Gracy</p> <p>Hazy all day, late in the Afternoon looks foul, in the evening clear, the Wind to day Southwesterly, not very cold</p> <p>People drawing Salt Hay, near done</p> <p>At Herbts 1 lb Butter 1 shilling 8 pence I got, Not paid</p>

1842	Memento
Jan. 25 Jerry & Alfred	Jerry Smith and Alfred Miles below Sawing, Splitting Cord wood for me, Near a day each
26	Clear, somewhat Hazy, Southwesterly wind, Warm, thaws to day
Jerry 26 Alfred cut	Jerry and Alfred all day cutting cord wood, in Bog Meadow
Ben Grav. 26 Paid me his Wife paid Vinegar	Ben Gravestine paid me by his son 1 Dollar for potatoes he had few Years Ago to plant, 4 Bushels at 2 shillings per Bushel his Wife Rachel paid me 1 shilling 9 pence for Vinegar she had of Gracy
Jim 26 Oliver paid	Received of Jim Olivers Wife a 5 frank piece for doing his Business
27 Cold	Clear cold Day and High NW wind insomuch that Salt hay Men could not load on the Salt Meadow a Cold Night
1842	Memento
Jan. 27 Jerry & Alfred cut Big chesnut &c	Jerry and Alfred all Day cut big old Chesnut tree down on the SE side of Road near the place where the old School House stood Also cut 1 load nut cord Wood for John Willsey & a little firewood in front of John Willseys — by the Road, near 1 Day
John 27 Willsey Wood paid at Herbts. 27 not paid	I drew John Willsey a quarter cord nut Wood this Afternoon, 2 paid, a Remnant more 2 shillings paid At Herberts 1 pint Brandy, unpaid
28	A Clear nice day, wind Southwesterly
Jerry 28 & Alfred cut sawed & Split My NY 28 Tax left	Jerry and Alfred cut and saw'd up the Big chesnut, in Afternoon went in Bog Meadow, Split and Set up cord wood near a Day each I Went to Tappan, left My York tax at Devoes, enclosed in a sealed paper or letter to the Collector, 3.74 he directed

1842	Memento
Jan. 29	A Summer day, Clear and Warm, the Wind light from SW
Jerry 29 Alfred drew &c	Jerry and Alfred helped draw Cord wood out of the Old Bog Meadow to the upland to Day, Nearly 3/4 Day
Br 29 Wills	Brother David Wills here, Ate Dinner, fed Horse hay, Went to Hackensack
Lucy 29	Lucy here a While to Night
Wm. Law 29 up	William Lawrence up not well Jonathan Lawrence not up from New York
Sabbath 30	Clear, a Handsome day, moderate Warm, Wind Southwesterly, Summer &c
31	Another Moderate Day, Wind Southwesterly, Soft Weather, Roads Muddy Rains a little in the Afternoon
Jerry 31 & Alfred	Jerry and Alfred split some below at the Nut and cut a little, about 1/4 Day each
1842	Memento
Feb. 1	Moderate Weather continues, not cold at all and clear, wind Southwesterly
Took 1 to Mill Jo. Smith	I took 2 1/2 bushels corn to Joseph Smiths, Weighing Went took And 2 Bushels Buckwheat
Took 1 to Sally Pennoyres paid	I took to Sally Pennoyres 58 lb (with Bag) Buckwheat flour 8 shillings paid, this is the 2nd time = 1 hundred=weight paid. Also 2 Bushels Mercer potatoes 6 shillings also paid
At Herbts. 1 paid	At Herberts 1 lb Candles 15 pence and 1/4 tea 1 shilling 8 pence = 2 shillings 11 pence, paid
Alfred 1 Split	Alfred Split cord Wood below not Jerry to Day perhaps 1/2 Day
Wills 1 Preached to Night Collection 6 sh 5 p	Brother Wills here, preached to Night, About 25 or More, from Epistles 56 14 Verse "Awaken those that Sleepeth and arise from the dead and christ shall give them light" Close preaching, a very good Sermon, Eley, Margaret, Lucy here &c Collection 6 shllings 5 pence

1842	Memento
Feb. 2	Another Warm Summer day, the Wind Southwesterly Clear
Alfred 2 drew &c	Alfred drew the top wood of the Chesnut tree near Old School House to the Door for Me
Rich 2 had team	Richard had Horses and Waggon this Afternoon, drew a Small load wood of his own Wood, Alfred Along
Alfred along Br 2	Brother Wills Went this Afternoon to Preach at Derick Clarks to Night
Wills went Henry 2	Henry Ayres here this Afternoon and Edwin Pennoyre, Stay'd to night
Ayres here 3	Overcast all day with some Rain. The wind Seems nearly SE, near Night the Wind gets to be SW, and warm, Warm
Little Rain Henry 3 Ayres went	Henry Ayres and Edwin Went, got a Guinea Rooster and Hen of Gracy
1842	Memento
Feb. 3 John Willsey Married &c	John Willsey Junior Married to Mary Lyons last Night at the city of New York, up to Day, none of my Grand Children asked
Alfred 3 no work for Me to day	Alfred up in the Point and with Mart Hynes to Yonkers, a bad day, back about 8 at night
Rain 4	Overcast nearly all day, last night a Smart flaw of rain from Southwestward, this evening wind Northeasterly, thick overcast, Some sprinkling
Alfred 4 very little done	Not much done to Day, very muddy, Alfred helped this Afternoon a While fix Scaffolds North end of Hovel and went with Sally to Yawp Ferdons with Waggon for 1 Gallon cider for Mince pyes
Jerry 4 team	Jerry the team and Sled about 3/4 drawing wood or Brush for himself, came back About 1/2 After 3 PM

1842	Memento
Feb. 5 Rain	Rain Again last Night, cloudy Day and a very high wind from the West by North
Alfred 5 fetched Meal &c	Alfred fetched Meal from Smiths Mill to Day, the Returns of 2 1/2 Bushels Corn and of 2 Bushels Buckwheat
5	We dressed or Sided a few sticks timber Chesnut tree &c
Sabbath 6	Clear, Some clouds Moderate, Not cold, Wind Southwesterly
Lucy 6 David	Lucy and David here, spent the Evening, Stay'd till After 10
7 Some Rain	Overcast, and a Rainy Day from 12 o'clock, rains at night, wind light from SW, Warm
I & 7 Alfred &c he to Tappan &c	I Alfred put up one Stud in the Hovel north end, it Rains, no Work, this Morning Alfred to tappan for Sally, for Brandy, Mince pyes

1842	Memento
Feb. 7 Jerry	Jerry this forenoon cut stove wood by My wood place, Rain'd, he quit 1/2 day
At Herbts. 7 pd	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 6 pence, paid, Mary Lawrence got for me.
High wind 7 cold	A very cloudy and Squally day, cold, High Winds NW, violent gusts with Some flakes of Snow, terrible cold at Night
Jerry 8 Sawed cut &c	Jerry here Again sawing and splitting Stove wood, helped Alfred, fetched 2 loads wood (Elm) out the Mountain 1 Day; early —
Alfred 8	Alfred Shod Sled of Hovel studs done a little at Hovel, helped draw 2 loads wood out the Mountain Elm
Mary & 8 Sarah to see &c	Mary and Sarah Lawrence to see Mary Sneden, a Blustering day, Alfred fetched them About 9 PM with Waggon, cold
Cold 9	Very cold, wind Westerly, clear, Some clouds

1842	Memento
Feb. 9 Henry C. Meal	Henry Concklin had 7 lb Buckwheat flour About the 6th Instant, Margaret fetched it in Evening
Jerry 10 helped draw & cut Stove &c	Jerry this forenoon helped Alfred draw cord wood out Swamp on upland and Some firewood &c, Afternoon cut stove Wood and firewood by house —
Alfred 10 NB	Alfred with Jerry drew forenoon, Afternoon Alfred drew 3 Jags firewood NB The 2 ten? Above was done on the 10th Instant, What was done the 9th comes next
Jerry 9	Jerry Sawed and Split stove wood
Alfred 9	Alfred drew Some Wood out Mountain, I along one load, Afternoon drew Some cedar Studs from over Gulley, one jag, I had cut for Hovel
Richd. 9 V Wickle saw	Richards Cross cut Saw to day, a few Days Ago had it also
1842	Memento
Feb. 10 Warm NB	Ground frozen very hard last Night But a Warm day, thaws &c, the Wind South westerly light NB See opposite page Jerry, Alfred
11 Very Warm	A Warm Clear day almost like Summer, the Wind Southwesterly
Jerry 11 cut for Himself	Jerry and Robert cut wood below Small Wood along the edge for himself
11 Alfred drew Ship timber &c	Alfred 3 times to the River, took Chesnut Ships timber to John Waldron together 7 pieces Afterwards a big Knee 12 Inches throat, one leg 6 feet, the other 2 1/2 feet, see 1st March
Gave 11 to treat	I gave Alfred 1 shilling to treat &c for helping timbers on Waggon
12	A Warm Moderate day, wind Westerly, brisk in the Afternoon
Jerry 12	Jerry and his 2 Boys cut for him below

1842	Memento
Feb. 12 Timber Alfred took At Herbts. 12 paid	Alfred took 2 Pieces white oak timber to Snedens for John Waldron, one Nice futtock 10 feet by 11 Inches and the other 7 feet by About 10 Inches, first Rate At Herberts 1/4 tea 1 shilling 8 pence and 1 lb Butter 1 shilling 7 pence, Paid, fetched by Cornelia
At Larrys 12 Eley got for Gracy 13 Rainy	At Larry's Eley owed Gracy 2 shillings, Gracy sent 9 pence And Eley took it and Got for Gracy 3 1/2 lb Sugar, the 2 shillings 9 pence all paid Rains all day a little, in the evening foggy, the Wind the former part of the day seems Northeasterly but light, in the Evening little or no wind
Jon L 13 up	Jonathan Lawrence up Yesterday Afternoon, has been down to New York city to work, 3 1/2 Weeks since he was up before
1842	Memento
Feb. 14	Clear, but Squally by turns, some flakes of Snow, not cold early this Morning, soon cold, Wind NW and high, cold at Night
Alfred 14 & timber	I and Alfred fixed Scaffold south end of Hovel, Alfred drew 3 little jags of Stuff for lath out Mountain for Hovel Afternoon cut a White oak for John Waldron, Ship timber in Mountain
At Herbts. 14 unpaid paid	At Herberts 1/2 lb butter 10 unpaid, paid Next day the 15th
Alfred &c 14 got Hat of Sally Pen. Gorman 14 here	Alfred with My Horse to Slote on his Business, Went to Sally Pennoyres, got the hat she promised me, its very poor Gorman pedlar here to Night
15 Cold	A Cold Day, also last Night, wind North Westerly, cold clouds, in the Night over cast and wind seems easterly
Paid 15 Gorman old Accts. in debt for New 8 sh 3 P	Gorman Went, paid him all former Accounts, But got bed Vallins, Handkerchief for me &c. Remain now in New contract 8 shillings 3 pence in his debt after allowing 5 shillings for keeping

1842	Memento
Feb 15 Alfred timber to J Waldron	Alfred took timber to John Waldron to day, 1 White Oak out Mountain 10 feet long by About 12 Inches One piece from the Barn White Oak 13 feet by 13 or 14 Inches and one of 13 feet by 11. Jon Lawrence judged
Br 15 Timmerman here preached Br Wills here	Brother Timmerman and Brother Wills Here to Night, Timmerman Preachd from Mathew 5 Chapter and 48 or last Verse "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" An excellent and Genuine Sermon — perhaps near 40, Solemn Attention, Margaret Smith Lucy Jo Dubois amd Wife Richard and Wife, John D Concklin and Wife, Jane and ann Willsey, Margaret Gesner and George M Lawrence and Wife — Ginnet &c &c
Snow 16 Rain	A Rainy Day, Wind Easterly, Snowed a While early this Morning, Rains by 9 o'clock, in the evening wind Southwesterly but Rains a little
Br Tim 16 merman Went I & Jon gave him	Brother Timmerman went for the city of New York this Morning to Snedens landing, I gave him 2 shillings and Jon Lawrence gave him 2 shillings
1842	Memento
Feb. 16 Wills stay'd &c	Brother Wills stay'd here all day. Rains, did not go to Derick Clarks to preach, here with Waggon and Horse
cold cold 17 High Wind	A Windy and very cold day, cold, cold, High Wind from the Westward
Wills 17 Went	Brother Wills went After dinner to Pond came 15th, Storm yesterday
Jerry 17 team	Jerry drew his firewood out Swamp to Old Orchard and a little of My cord wood 3/4 day, cold
Pedlar 17	Pedlar James Thomas here to Night, a New pedlar
Henry 17 C. Had &c	Henry Concklin 7 lb Buckwheat flour Again. Margaret fetched it this Evening
18	Cloudy all day, look for a Storm, raw cold, the wind seems South by East
Pedlar 18 went	Pedlar James Thomas went &c
Alfred 18 to NY &c	Alfred to New York to day with Martin Hynes, for Money

1842	Memento
Feb. 18 J Law paid Jerry for &c Note 18 from Ben. Gravestine to his son John for 175 Dol Bad Storm 19 Heavy Rain high wind Jerry 19 team	Jonathan Lawrence paid Jerry Smith for 7 1/2 Day work done for sawing and cutting Stove Wood at the door ask Wrote a Note from Ben Gravestine to his Son John Gravestine Dated this day payable one Year hence of 175 Dollars at 6 per cent, Sealed and Witnessed by Jonathan Lawrence A Bad Storm last Night, Rains tremendously this Morning, high SE wind, a flood of Water, ceases to Rain gradually, Afternoon cloudy, very muddy Jerry the team about 3/4 Day scant, came short after the Rain ceased, drew wood for himself, not of My Wood, got it somewhere else
Alfred up 19 20	Alfred up from New York, went down Yesterday Cloudy forenoon, Clear Afternoon, Wind westerly Moderate cold
Geo M 20 Law. & Wife here	George M Lawrence and Wife here this Afternoon, Drank tea

1842	Memento
Feb. 21	A Clear Day, Moderately Cold, wind Westerly
At Herbts. 21 unpaid &c	At Herberts 1/4 tea 1 shilling 8 pence unpaid and 5 Sheets paper 5 pence, paid
At Herbts. 21 Paid and Salaratus unpd	At Herberts last saturday 1 lb butter 1 shilling 7 pence Paid With Eggs and 1/2 lb Salaratus 6 pence unpaid
Alfred 21 Went &c to help Chandler	Last Night Alfred went to Slote with intent to help Chandler Raise House on 5th Section Railroad
22 a little Snow	Cloudy from the westward, cool, thaws a little, just evening or Sun set thickens, Snows a little, ground White, soon Clear
Wm. Law 22 up	William Lawrence up this Afternoon
Margt. S. 22 here	Margaret Smith here this Afternoon
23	Clear, wind light Westerly not very cold
J Law 23 timber Waldron	Jon Lawrence took 2 pieces White Oak timber to John Waldron this Morning, 10 feet long each, the one About 10 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> the other About 9 Inches <input type="checkbox"/>

1842	Memento
Feb. 23 Wm. L went Gracy 23 to Herbt. &c	William Lawrence Went to New York to Day at Snedens Gracy to Herberts, Jon Lawrence took and fetched her With Waggon
24	A Very Warm day, Wind Southwesterly, light, Warm
24	Jon Lawrence drew firewood Yesterday and to day drew Some, Afternoon cut cedar posts
24 Br Wills Preach'd to Night Collection 12 sh	Brother Wills here Waggon and Horse, Preached at My house to Night, about 50, a Solemn Meeting, preached from Romans 14 Chapter and last clause of 10th Verse "For we shall all stand before the judgment Seat of Christ" a Solemn discourse, the House Seemed full and a Solemn Attention, Eley, Margaret, Lucy, Tyney and Wynechey, Willsey's Girls, Mary Sneden, David Blauvelt Obb Coopers Daughter, a Number of Young Men And Women, Collection 12 shillings
25	Partly overcast all day Wind East, Raw cold, in Evening looks Stormy
1842	Memento
Feb. 25 Br Wills Went Hack. I and Gracy 25 to see D Bt. & Lucy J Law 25 & Sally to D. Tallmans Rain 26 & freezes	Brother Wills Went to Hackensack after dinner, to Commence a protracted Meeting I and Gracy to see David Blauvelt and Lucy to Night Jon Lawrence and Sally team to see David Tallman to Night A foul day, Rains and freezes, the Ground this forenoon very Slippery, gives in the Afternoon, Raw cold. The trees full of Ice Sickles, it dont Rain hard, holds up Afternoon, wind East
I drew 26 2 Leases for Ja Sneden To Chandler Executed to day at My house I & JL Witnesses	I drew 2 Leases for Jacob Sneden. He has Leased the lot of About 8 Acres laying along the Salt Meadow to Nathan Francis Chandler for 5 Years; Chandler is to build a house within one Year from the date of the Lease which is the 22nd Instant) for the first 2 Years Rent and to pay Quarterly 15 Dollars for the 3 Years remaining, a Shocking Rent of 60 Dollars per Year Executed to day, I and Jon Lawrence Witnesses

1842	Memento
Feb. 27	Clear but Some clouds, not cold, Wind Westerly
Prayer 27 Mt. to Nt. Jon Law exhorted good Attention	Meeting at My house to Night About 35 or perhaps full 40, Many young people. Eley, Margaret Smith, not Lucy David Blauvelt, Willseys Girls, Mary Renwick &c &c Ginnet Lawrence, Jon Lawrence gave a good exhortation, a good Attention paid, a Solemn feeling seem to pervade the Congregation, the house Near full
28	Clear and Moderate all day, the Wind North but not cold
Horses 28 Jerry, John Waldron	Jerry My horses for John Waldron drawing Wood in Closter Mountain to Hill all day
Margt. 28 Smith here 2 Hams	Margaret Smith here before 12, brought 2 Gammons Hams to be Smoaked
Alfred 28 over Yonkers &c	Alfred over to Yonkers to day, in Afternoon Sawed big post log before old School house
1842	Memento
March 1 Tuesday	A Handsome day, but cloudy from the Westward, the Wind Southwesterly not cold, thick overcast at 9 PM
At Herbts. 1 Paid	At Herberts Yesterday 1 lb Buttter paid 1 shilling 7 pence
Alfred 1 Knee to John Waldron	Alfred took a large chesnut knee to John Waldron, 12 Inches Square, one 6 feet the other 2 1/2 feet
Br 1 David Wills here &c Preached this the last he said &c	David Wills here about 1/2 past 4 PM preached here to Night About or Near 40, a Solemn Attention, an excellent discourse from Jude verse "Keep yourselves in the love of God &c" Lucy, Margaret, George Gesner and William Gesners Wife, Ginnett Lawrence &c &c, Eley not here, a Solemn Meeting — Jon Lawrence Spoke Well The last of Wills before Conference
Misty 2	A Misty Day, warm wind SW, very foggy at Night dark
Borrowed 2 of Herbt. paid	Paid to Herbert to Night the 3 shillings I borrowed of him last Thursday evening for collection &c

1842	Memento
March 2 I and Alfred	I and Alfred cut Chesnut tree in the Mountain and Sawed, for Rails, it Mists all Day
J. Law 2 a Well pole	I and Jon Lawrence cut Well pole for him 36 feet
Warm 3	A clear Summer day, Warm, nice, Wind Southwesterly
At Herbts. 3 Paid	At Herberts 2 lb butter 3 shillings 2 pence, Paid
I and 3 Alfred Rails	I and Alfred Split 50 or 60 Chesnut Rails in Mountain to day, this Afternoon Alfred drew them by the House &c
Richd. 3 team drew Jin & Benches & Wood Alfred help'd	Richard Van Wickel had use of Waggon and Horse this Afternoon to fetch from Larry Sneden his Jin and Benches to his House and also fetched a Load Wood from Swamp, Alfred helped him
4 Warm	A very Warm Day, early this Morning Some Rain and a little thunder, Soon clear, Wind SW warm
Sharpened 4 Rails	I Spliced Rails

1842	Memento
March 4 Alfred Miles	Alfred took 2 1/2 Corn to Jo Smiths Mill and 2 Bushels Buckwheat
At Herbts. 4 unpaid paid	14 lb Wheat flour At Herberts 4 shillings 4 pence, unpaid, paid a few day After, paid
5	Clear Nice day, Wind in Morning Southwesterly, towards Night Northeasterly and overcast
Jacob 5 Gesner hurt at N. York	Received information that Jacob Gesner at New York Working in Lawrences and Snedens Ship Yard, Was knocked down and for a While senseless, by his knock ing away a Shoar, the top end flew on his head, this happened Yesterday
Recd. of 5 John Wal 10 D &c	Received to Day of John Waldron on Account of timber 10 Dollars, once before 1.50
Fish 5 unpaid paid &c	Bought 9 lb Bass 3 shillings 9 pence, paid 1 shilling, leaves unpaid 2 shillings 9 pence to be left at Jim Briggs's Slote, Paid the 8th
Misty 6	Overcast all day, Misty and a little Rainy by turns, the wind Northeasterly not cold

NOTE: Lawrence and Sneden's shipyard Herbert Lawrence and Benjamin Sneden was located at Corlear's Hook, near Water Street in New York City, and had a high reputation. Its specialty was building river steamboats. In the 1820s 400 men were employed in New York city shipyards; working hours were sunrise to sunset. A law passed in 1840 limited the workday to 10 hours. By that date ships' carpenters and caulkers were being paid two dollars a day.

1842	Memento
<p>March 6 Meeting here Jon. Law. Spoke well &c</p>	<p>The Weather looks for Storm yet at our Meeting this evening there were between 25 and 30, perhaps full 30. Jon Lawrence Spoke on the Subject of Joseph and his Brethren, in a Most excellent Manner exciting deep Sensibility; The best Attention paid. He continued talking About 1 Hour Eley and her son John, here not Margaret, Nor Lucy Lucy living near by but a Number of Young people Dan Vervalen and his Wife Catherine here, all Willsey's Girls, Mary Ann Post &c &c Obbs daughter and Young Men —</p>
<p>Little 7 Rain No Work &c Nice 8 Day</p>	<p>Early Rain, Misty, Afternoon thick Cloudy, through the Day the Wind mostly Easterly, Warm</p> <p>A Beautiful warm and clear day, the Wind a little cool, by turns from Northwestward</p>
<p>Alfred 8 Meal from Mill I for boards J. L. & Wm. to N. Y.</p>	<p>Alfred fetched Indian Meal and Buckwheat Meal from upper Mill Joseph Smiths, I and Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence Rode along to Slote Bridge I went to see About Boards. And Jonathan Lawrence and William to New York</p>

1842	Memento
March 8 Bought boards at J Demarests I & Alfred fetched them paid on 3 D At Herbts. 8 paid also paid see 5th paid for 8 the fish see Little 9 Rain Sally 9 to New York at Herbts. 9 paid at Herbts. 9 paper paid Nice 10 I and Alfred	I Bought 50 very common boards of Jo Demarest at 16 cents and 5 common plank at 20 cents makes 9 Dollars, I and Alfred Went a Second time down and Brought up the fifty boards and the five plank. I paid 3 Dollars on it, 6 yet due. Paid since in full; entered paid elsewhere At Herberts 3 lb cheese paid, also paid to day for the 14 lb Wheat flour, see the 5th Instant paid also for the fish see the 5th Overcast all day, Wind Southwesterly, Raw cold, rains and drissels some Sally to New York to Day, Jon and William Yesterday At Herberts 1/4 tea 1 shilling 5 pence paid and 1/2 pint Brandy 6 pence paid Alfred fetched At Herberts 1/2 Quire paper 1 shilling paid, got 3 or 4 Days Ago I and Alfred at the Hovel &c

1842	Memento
March 10 At Herbts. unpaid Wm. L 10 up, Articles	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb dark sugar 1 shilling 9 pence, unpaid William Lawrence came up this Afternoon, brought some Household Articles along, Moving up
Jon & Sally 10 will come &c 11	Jon Lawrence and Sally wont come till Saturday the 12th With the rest Clear but raw cold especially towards Night, the Wind NW
Boarded 11 Some on the Hovel At Herbts. 11 paid	Yesterday and to Day boarded some on the Hovel, Alfred helped a little yesterday and William Lawrence to Day on the back side At Herberts to Day 1 Quart Molasses 9 pence paid, Gracy gave 6 pence Mary Lawrence 3 pence
12	Clear cold this Morning, froze hard last Night, cool all day, wind Northerly
Jon Law 12 Moved all his things to My house	Jon Lawrence came up to day, brought all their goods and Articles along from New York, Moved to My house
1842	Memento
March 13 Meeting at My House by J. Law. house full	A Clear cool day, Cloudy, Some snow last Night, ground just white this Morning. The wind About WNW not very high Meeting at My house to night, Jonathan Lawrence Spoke exceeding well, and a Solemn Attention paid by a congregation of upwards of 50, with the family, the greater part young men and young Women of the neighbourhood, Nancy Sneden and daughter Margaret Smith and Son Trenchards Girl Mary Renwick Willsey's Girls Lucy, David Blauvelt and Eliza, Henry Concklin George Gesner — Charles — Sidney and Margaret Gesner &c &c — — good Meeting
Jon. Law. 13 Moved his things from NY to My House I Rheu 13 matism	Yesterday Jonathan Lawrence Moved all his furniture and things which was left there to My house, excepting a few Articles, left at the house he lately occupied in Water Street New York No. 673, see the 12th Instant I am Afflicted with Rheumatism, Shoulder Arms legs, but my right hip and leg bad

1842	Memento
March 14	Hard frozen Ground this Morning Wind Westerly, Middling Nice Day
Alfred 14 hurt	Alfred Hurt himself to Day, on the Andiron, Scuffling With William Lawrence
15	A Nice day, Wind and Clouds Westerly
Alfred to 15 fort Lee Bk	Alfred Yesterday to Fort Lee, back to Day, went to see About fishing
Filed 15 Whip saw Richd. &c	I Filed Whip saw Mine for Richard Van Wickle, gave me 1 shilling
I & Wm. 15 Law	I and William Lawrence boarded a little at Hovel North end
16	A Clear Nice day, wind Southwesterly
Alfred 16 to Fort Lee to fish	Alfred left us to Day for Fort Lee intending to fish there at 28 Dollars per Month and found
at Larry's 16 paid I expect told Alfred to pay &c	At Larry's 10 lb Nails to day, gave Alfred an Order on J Waldron for 8 shillings to Send Me 6 shillings Worth Nails, He wanted 2 shillings

1842	Memento
<p>March 16 Alfred sent 10 lb Nails was to get 8 sh of Waldron to pay for the Nails, and the 2 sh over I would lend him enquire &c Jon Law. 16 in Garden Wm. Law Hovel Henry 16 Concklin corn ears</p>	<p>See last page under, Alfred was going to Fort Lee and Wanted to Borrow 2 shillings of me, I told him I would give him An Order on John Waldron who owed me for one Dollar, that then he should send Me 10 lb Nails from Larry's at 7 pence per lb, which would be near 6 shillings and he could have the 2 shillings, as lent to him He sent the Nails up with John D Concklin, on the bill I gave him for the Nails came back wrote on 10 lb Nails 5 shillings 10 pence But it did not say paid, Now I must inquire whether he Received of Waldron one Dollar or Not, and Whether the nails are paid or Not All right, I found out afterwards he got 8 shillings of Waldron</p> <p>Jon Lawrence clearing Garden, planting trees &c to day, My Garden</p> <p>William Lawrence Boarded some on the Hovel again</p> <p>Henry Concklin 1/2 Bushel corn ears. Margaret fetched it</p>

1842	Memento
March 16 At Herbts. paid	At Herberts the 15th Instant 1/2 Gallon Molasses 1 shilling 9 pence Cotton drilling for pockets and thread together 1 shilling 6 pence = 3 shillings 3 pence, paid
Warm 17 Smoaky	A Summer day, Wind Southwesterly, the Sky Smoaky, not Cloudy, warm
J. L. & 17 Wm. fixing at their house	Jonathan and William Lawrence repairing the fences at his Home most all day
Eliza 17 Sarvent & Mary Ann Post here	Eliza Sarvent and Mary Ann Post Jacob Posts Daughter here this Afternoon Visit
J. L. hip 17 Rheumatism	Jonathan Lawrence Rheumatism, hip bad, lame
I am also 17 bad with Rheum.	My left shoulder and right hip and leg very bad with Rheumatism, and more or less through every part
Warm 18	Another Warm day, in the forenoon the wind Southwesterly and it seems North easterly in the Afternoon
Wm. L 18 & self Hovel	I and William Lawrence at Hovel &c
1842	Memento
March 19 Nice	A beautiful Day, wind Southwesterly, Weather Dry, Sky Smoaky, Warm
Planted 19 2 Winter pear trees	Jon Lawrence planted two Winter pear trees to Day along the Spring road, I grafted them About 3 years Ago
Ja Ges 19 up &c	Jacob Gesner up the first since he moved from Snedens to Williamsburgh — he came, sat on the stoop in the dusk of the evening, he was Asked by me and his Mother to come in the house &c but refused, finally he Went in the kitchen a While, would not Stay with us, Went
Nice 20 Warm	A very nice Day, Warm, wind Northwesterly, at Night the wind Seems Northeast erly and About 10 PM gets overcast, and Sprinkles
Ja Ges 20 Meetg. at Geo Law	Jacob Gesner held Meeting at George M Lawrences 3 PM, Jon Went, I not

1842	Memento
March 20 Ja Ges Preached to Night at My House	Jacob Gesner Preached at my House to Night from Hebrews 11 Chapter 25 Verse "Choosing Rather &c" Spoke very well, there was About 28 or 30. Young Men, and a few Young Women Obbs Daughter Margaret, Lucy Mary Jane Gravestine, Charles Gesner, Sidney John Gesner and George Lawrence — Henry Concklin &c —
At Herbts. 20 Unpaid	Yesterday at Herberts 1 lb Butter 1 shilling 7 pence and 1 Quart Molasses 9 pence, unpaid
21	A Cold Raw day, wind Southerly, grows overcast before Night in the evening seems to Snow a little
21 Ja Ges. Hard talk Against Sally & J L and Gracy ? &c	Unfortunate talk, Jacob Gesner Challenging Sally with Many hard things Most of Which are mere conjecture, and Suspicion and jealousy, and alledged as though they were facts; most of Which I know are unfounded. Richards 2 boys Jesse and George present, soon After Richard Van Wickle and Robert Renwick came gazing; lamentable, Spoke so well last Night — unbridled reproachful unchristian and unsympathizing
1842	Memento
March 21 Ja Ges. a Short Acct of Jealousy and &c	He came up Saturday last, near Night came and Sat on My Stoop, refused to come in the house, came a While in kitchen, Went to lodge down the Road, on Sunday he went to Old Side Meeting, appointed Meeting at George M Lawrences 3 PM, I did not go, Jon Lawrence went At Night Preached at My house, a nice company, But lamentable, it seems he is determined to believe every thing that he hears and fancies as well as some things he May know of small import, and to act upon them as facts. I have Reason to believe, that his Suspicious Mind, is the more inflamed by tattlers and tale bearers, he seems determined to believe nothing but what he hears as evil and What he fancies as true, unfeeling unsympathizing. May God give a Right understanding and a heart of truth, wherein is no bitterness My little property seems to excite jealousy &c &c

1842	Memento
March 21 At Larry's paid	At Larry's 4 lb Nails 28 pence paid, Jon Lawrence fetched them for Me
22 Snow	A Snow storm last Night, the Snow About 4 or 5 Inches thick this Morning, it snows and drissels a little Mostly all day, the wind About NE by N, Raw Cold
23	A Raw cold Day, the wind between North and Northeast, Cloudy, the snow of Yesterday and its preceding Night nearly gone, Midday Moderate
J. Law. & 23 Wm. began to Work &c	Wind between S and SW, Sky hazy and Cloudy, not Warm, in the evening Grows overcast looks Stormy
24	This Afternoon Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence began to work at Snedens for John Waldron
I have 24 Much pain also Jon Law.	I am Much Afflicted with Rheumatic pains, Right hip, thigh and leg, left Shoulder, and More or less in every part crippled Jonathan Lawrence Also in his Hip
1842	Memento
March 25 Rain	A cold Stormy Rainy Day, the wind Northeasterly
I & J L 25 Rheumatism	I and Jon Lawrence Much troubled with Rheumatism, put plaister on his feet
26	Cloudy and cool, the wind NW, sun shines part of the Day
Plaister 26 on my Feet to Night J. L. fixed it	To Night I put a plaister under both My feet, Made of poke root brimstone and White turpentine, recommended some time ago by a Man from New York about repairing clocks Jonathan Lawrence Made the Salve from the above recommendation
Easter 27	A Nice Day cool, wind Northwesterly, clear With clouds
Meetg 27 My house to Night	Meeting at My House to Night, Several Young Men, about 20, or upwards in all, Mostly a dry Meeting. Jon Lawrence spoke a little by Way of exhortation, Margaret and Lucy, Mary Ann Gesner, George Gesner &c here

1842	Memento
March 28	Cloudy, cool, wind Northwesterly
Wm. L 28 tooth ache	William Lawrence bad tooth ache
Brought 28 by David Blauvelts offer 2/3 of a load of Salt Hay to his Barrack & got 55 Bunches Straw	This Afternoon I and William Lawrence took About 2/3 of a load of Salt Hay to David Blauvelts Barrack from My Barn, put it in his Barrack And by his offer Said I could have his Rye Straw at Laty Ackers Barn to thatch &c. We went and got all to 3 or 4 Poor Bunches and brought it to My barn to put on My Hovel, there was 55 Bunches, some large, a few Small, some very good Straw; but poorly took up, will have to be all picked over &c
29	Moderate Day, wind Southwesterly, Mostly clear; in Evening overcast
Wm. Ges 29 up &c	William Gesner up from New York, here with George this Evening
1842	Memento
March 30	A Nice day, Moderate, the Wind from the Westward
Rheumatism 30 bad in my &c & J Law	Rheumatism in my left Shoulder and Right Hip and leg is very bad, Jonathan Lawrence also in his hip
Lath 30 Hovel	I put a few lath on My hovel to Day, much Rheumatic pain
31	A cold Windy Day, wind from the Northwest
At Herbts. 31 unpaid	At Herberts 1 lb butter 1 shilling 7 pence, unpaid
Blain 31 Meth. Episc. Minister Stop here Prayed &c	Methodist Episcopal Minister named Blair, it appears About in the Neighbourhood Visiting, called in at my House just After 12, After some Agreeable Conversation Said if it was Agreeable and I would call My family together, he would go to prayer, I did so, he Made a good prayer &c

1842	Memento
April 11 Gilbert	Gilbert Valentine at fence all Day, Myself bad
Eley 11 here	Eley here came before 12
Sarah 11 Ann J. L.s Niece here	Sarah Ann, half Niece to Jon Lawrence, came here Yesterday, Went to George M Lawrences today dusk
12 Warm	A Clear Warm Day, Sky Red this Morning and Wind Northeasterly, Afternoon wind Southerly Coudy
Gill 12 V	Gilbert Valentine all Day repairing fence along Road
at Herbts. 12 unpaid	At Herberts 1 pint Brandy and 1/4 tea 1 shilling 10 pence, both unpaid
Ja Ges 12 Went down No Work family wants	Jacob Gesner went down to Day, came up the 8th, I'm sorry to hear he left his family at Williamsburg to live on potatoes, ie his Wife and child, had some Money due in this place But could not collect it no Work to be had
1842	Memento
April 14 Jon Law & Wm. Roof	Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence to day Nailing down Shingles on My Roof, putting a few New pieces in places &c
15	Cool Nice day, the Wind Westerly, brisk in the Afternoon and Cloudy
Gil V 15 Dung	Gilbert Valentine heaped dung to Day all Day, Worked faithful
David 15 Bt. Sick	David Blauvelt Sick, breast and Head, I went to see him this Morning
Wm. Ges. 15 work &c	William Gesner began to Work for John Waldron day before Yesterday
16	A Moderate Day, frost this Morning, Cloudy Afternoon wind Westerly
Gil V 16 Ploughed	Gilbert Valentine ploughed with David Blauvelts oxen 3/4 Day to Day
16	I Ploughed with My Horsess
Sabbath 17 Rain	Clear early, Afternoon Overcast, wind, Rains in evening

1842	Memento
<p>April 17 Baptizing Again Rain 18 Storm My 3 18 Yearlings Sick cause not known Gil V 18 not here at Herbts. 18 unpaid Rain 19 Storm at Herbts. 19 paid</p>	<p>7 Persons its said were to be Baptized at New landing to Day Piermont , last Sabbath 13 were baptized Baptists</p> <p>Stormy Rainy Raw cold day, wind Northeasterly</p> <p>My 2 Yearling Steers and heifer all 3 Sick, discovered 2 or 3 days ago, will neither eat apples, potatoes, Raw or Boiled nor good Hay, they will not eat nor drink the cause is not Known, they have only been on the Road to drink, to Night the 2 Steers seem to pick out a little Hay, they dont as yet Swell any</p> <p>Gilbert Valentine Not here</p> <p>At Herberts 1 half Sole and a piece for a Welt 1 shilling its too Much , unpaid</p> <p>A Stormy day, Rainy, wind Northeasterly</p> <p>At Herberts 2 or 3 Days Ago saturday 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings and 1 1/2 Soap 9 pence, both paid</p>
1842	Memento
<p>April 19 Rains 20 early I & J L 20 divided Boards David Bvt. &c Wm. Law. 20 took boards to D Blaut. fetched Meal from Mill 21 I Ploughed 21 22</p>	<p>I Mended My Shoe, cut insole &c</p> <p>Rains this Morning, Clear by 12, the Wind easterly early, Southerly or Southwesterly Afternoon</p> <p>I and Jonathan Lawrence divided the Whitewood Boards between Me and David Blauvelt, David Blauvelt and Jerry Smith Sawn them with the Whip Saw each half</p> <p>William Lawrence went to Upper Mill Joe Smiths, took about half of David Blauvelts part of Boards along, fetched My Indian Meal, and horse feed, corn and Cobs Ground</p> <p>A Very Nice Day, the wind cold in the Morning, seems Northwesterly But the latter and greater part of the Day the Wind Southwesterly</p> <p>I Ploughed over the Gulley to Day</p> <p>Nice Weather, in the Morning wind Northwesterly, Soon Still and Southwesterly, a very Handsome Day, a little Smoaky</p>

1842	Memento
April 22 Ja Ges. at Herbts. 22 paid	Jacob Gesner up this Afternoon, a little While here this evening At Herberts Small piece Smoak beef 5 lb at 9 pence per lb, paid and 1/2 Yard Muslin and thread 6 pence = 1 shilling, paid and 1 lb Soap 8 pence, paid
23	Another Nice Day, not quite so Warm as Yesterday, the Wind most all day Southwesterly, Smoaky
Wm L 23 to New Y	William Lawrence Went this Morning to New York city from the long pier
Ja Ges 23	Jacob Gesner just in before Breakfast
I fence 23 ploughed Sabbath 24	I Mended fence below, along the Grain, And ploughed some near the Willows Clear, Moderate, wind somewhat variable, Mostly Southwesterly
Blossom 24 pear & plumb Thunder 25 Warm to Day	Plumb trees and pear trees full of Blossom apple not fairly out Overcast this Morning, looks like a Smoaky and Misty Sky, it thundered last Night, Warm, Clear before 12 and very Warm, the wind Southerly, at Night Seems More easterly
1842	Memento
April 25 Gorman Alfred here 25 with Fish 75 for Me 75 for J. L. &c 25 Margt. S 26 Rain some thunder Alfred 26 went Wm. L. &c Cleaned 26 Shad &c	Gorman Pedlar here to Night Alfred Miles up from Fort Lee About Sun down to Day, brought with a boat 175 Shad for Myself and Jonathan Lawrence, but of this Number Margaret Smith had 25, leaves 75 for me and 75 for Jonathan Lawrence at the Rate of 11 Dollars per hundred, Mine and Jon Lawrences unpaid now Overcast till After 12 then a While clear, Showers of Rain Afternoon, Rains at Night; this Morning Wind Easterly, Afternoon from West — Alfred Went again With the Boat to Fort Lee William Lawrence Went with him as far as New Closter Dock, Walked back through Mountain We cleaned the Shad and Jon Lawrence Salted his and part of mine

1842	Memento
April 27 Rain &c	A Cool Day, Wind High and from the Westward, Squally Afternoon, much Rain last Night, clear to day, but Cloudy
Salted 27 Fish	I salted My fish got of Alfred, see 25th Instant
Spotted 27 cow a calf	About 12 Spotted cow a bull calf to Day
at Herbts. 27 Salt unpd	Yesterday 1 1/2 Bushels fine Salt to Salt fish, unpaid, At Herberts
Ja Ges. 27 just in &c	Jacob Gesner here a While this Morning and also a While this Evening, will Neither eat nor lodge here
28	A Cloudy Raw cold Day, looks Blustery, the Wind Westward
1842	Memento
April 29	A Clear Day, Brisk wind from the Westward and Cool
Ja Ges. 29 to NY	Jacob Gesner to New York
I 29 Ploughed	I Ploughed Back of Old Barn
Black 29 Cow Calf	Black Cow a Heifer calf about Sun set to Day
30	A Clear Morning, White frost, a Nice Day, wind Southwesterly
Of David 30 Tallman 2 Bush Oats	Of David Tallman George Mann 2 Bushels Oats, William Lawrence fetched them, the 2 Bushels with the Bag Weigh [rest of page cut off]

1842	Memento
April 30 J L & Wm. Law	Jon Lawrence and William made Garden, William fetched 2 Bushels Oats from George Manns and picked Stalks, this forenoon and Afternoon in Garden
May 1 Thunder Rain	Clear forenoon, Cloudy Afternoon and a Nice Rain, Some Thunder, wind West ward
Rain 2	Rainy Day, clouds move from Westward
Rain 3	Red in the east this Morning, overcast, the Wind Northeastward Morning, Afternoon more towards SE, Rained before Night
Charles Ges. 3 ploughed J. L. employed him at Herbts. 3 paid	Charles Gesner ploughed to Day My Oat Ground or part of it, 3/4 day scant, began late And Rained before Night Jon Lawrence employed him
My hip 3 bad &c	At Herberts 1 Quart Molasses 9 pence paid with eggs
Gave Ja 3 Ges. 3 Shad	My Rheumatism in Right hip and leg very bad, I can scarcely walk, by turns a Violent pain
	Gave Jacob Gesner 2 Small Shad to Night, My biggest under in Barrel

1842	Memento
May 4 Squally Rain	overcast this Morning, clear by 11, Cloudy, the Wind high NW, Afternoon Squally Some Rain
Charles 4 Ges ploughed	Charles Gesner ploughed little field, came late, look for rain early and hindered in Afternoon by Squall of Rain, 3/4 not More
Jon Law. 4 paid Gil V	Jon Lawrence paid Gil Valentine for 1 Day helping over Gully, he Went to Mill in Morning 6 pence, See 15th and 16th April last
Heavy 4 Frost	Clear all Day, a White frost, I saw ice this Morning, Wind Southwesterly in Afternoon, Northwesterly this Morning
Charles 4 Ges. worked	Charles here all Day, Harrowed Oats in &c
Oats of 5 D Tall. 3 sh per Bush paid	I got 2 Bushels Oats of David Tallman to Day, Weighed with bag 46 lb ie 10 lb Heavier than George Manns David Took 6 shillings for it, see 30th April last

1842	Memento
May 5 J Law to NY insurance	Jonathan Lawrence to New York this Morning to Get his house insured and Succeeded for 680 Dollars Back before sun set
6	Clear all Day, brisk wind from the South by West, Cool Morning
Charles Ges. &c	Charles Gesner all Day Harrowing and Afternoon drawing dung over gulley
at Herbts. 6 paid	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings, paid
7	Clear, cold Morning, the Wind northerly and brisk; Afternoon Southwesterly, Moderate
Charles Ges &c	Charles Gesner all Day, clearing Stables of dung, and We drew 7 loads over Gulley and 5 Yesterday Makes 12 over Gulley
My right hip & leg	My Hip and leg right very bad with Rheumatic pain
Jerry	Robert Smith my Mare ploughed Garden About 2 Hours all together
S. My Mare	
8	Clouds all day from Southwestward, Sky a misty appearance, Rains a little in Afternoon and the evening
Rain	
1842	Memento
May 8 Ja Ges Closely Attached to Old Side &c	Jacob Gesner attends Strictly to the Episcopal Methodist church and concerns, Ive understood they have promoted him to President of the temperance Society a few Days Ago, Yesterday Night ie, last Saturday Night and this Afternoon there were in the Old Side Meeting House temperance Meetings
9	Clear all Day, Cloudy, wind cool, wind Northwesterly and Westerly
Charles Ges. &c	Charles Gesner 3/4 Day Dung over Gulley, came late
Bond	I drew bond and Mortgage for Jon Lawrence to Jacob I Ferdon for 500 Dollars to Day
Mortgage for J L	
10	Forenoon a Misty overcast Sky, clouds from NW Afternoon clear and Smoaky, a brisk wind from the Southward
10	I Furrowed for Corn to Day little field
Furrowed	

1842	Memento
May 11 Thunder Showers	A Warm Day, the Wind brisk from SW, thunder in our NW this Morning, in Afternoon several thunder Showers passed round in the North, seemed much Rain there, only a Sprinkling here
J Law & 11 Sally Went New city &c	Sally and Jon Lawrence, Larry's Horse and Waggon, to Slote and New city on the business of the Mortgage, see 9th
11 I furrowed at Herbts. 11 Paid	I furrowed for corn to day back of Old Barn
12	At Herberts 1 Quart Molasses 9 pence, paid
Wm. Law. 12 planted &c	A Handsome Day, the wind Southwesterly, Sky Appears Smoaky
J L & 12 Sally Back	Planted a little Yellow corn back of Old Barn, William Lawrence Afternoon
	Jon Lawrence and Sally came home this Morning, Stayd at John Storms last Night
1842	Memento
May 12 Hail & Rain Nyack &c	Heavy Rain and Hail yesterday at Nyack and at the Pond &c, tremendous flood there large Hail Stone, only a Sprinkling here
13	A Nice Day but cloudy, wind varied between SW and NW
Charles 13 Wm. L J L	Charles and William Drew 6 loads short dung in hill little field and helped plant corn back of Old Barn, I and Jon planted all Day each
Jon L 13 Settled Bond & Mortgage Gave to Jacob Ferdon	Jonathan Lawrence Settled of the Bond and Mortgage of Bets Scudder with Sally Pennoyre Yesterday, 400 And Got the Money of Jacob I Ferdon, Gave him Bond and Mortgage on his lot and House 500 Dated 1st May 1842 at six per cent
14	Clear Cloudy, wind Westerly cool
Charles G 14 Wm. L	Charles Gesner all Day Dung and William Lawrence

1842	Memento
<p>June 12 Sabbath Cold Cold Last Night Ground frozen uncommon Frost once seen in the Revolutionary War</p>	<p>This Sabbath Morning the Heaviest White frost I have Seen in Years, the Sky a dark Blue and clear, wind Northerly, and very cold, Ground some places frozen, on My Sled was lumps of ground which Remained on it after drawing dirt and hard frozen, I could hardly break them, and inside shined with ice, our beans in places turned black, corn and pumpkins, &c &c very much Injured, turning black; some trees in the Woods and bushes the leaves turned black —</p> <p>NB This is the 2nd frost in my Memory, happening in June to injure, the other was in the Revolutionary War, I think the 7th of June, Which was not so bad, it killed beans &c, I am past 76 Years of Age</p>
1842	Memento
<p>June 12 Meetg at My House to Night held by J L &c Rain 13 Thunder</p>	<p>Meeting at My House to Night, Jonathan Lawrence Spoke, exceeding well, a Strict Attention paid; More than 40 mostly young Men and young Women, Eley, Margaret Jennet and George M Lawrence, William Gesner and Wife, Charles Sidney and Margaret Gesners, Willseys Girls &c &c, a Good Meeting — dismissed 1/4 after 10</p>
<p>Alfred 13 not much Work &c Margt. 13 Smith here</p>	<p>Overcast all day, wind Southeasterly, at Sun set Some thunder and a smart Rain, the Clouds seem to move from Westward, not Much Wind</p> <p>Alfred but little Work to day, he Went Slote with My Horse, he drew 2 or 3 Small loads dirt and he Went to Slote on his own business</p> <p>Margaret Smith here this Afternoon, began to Rain as she Started for home near Sun Set</p>
<p>At Herbts. 13 paid Alfred had</p>	<p>At Herberts 4 Sheets paper 4 pence Alfred got for Me, paid, Alfred had 6 cents</p>

1842	Memento
June 14	A Cloudy Day, Moderately warm, Wind Southwesterly
Alfred 14 4 sh to NY	Alfred to New York, told Jacob Gesner to Give him 4 shillings of the Calf Money
Sent to 14 Market Ja Ges.	Sent to Market with Jacob Gesner one Hind and one fore quarter Veal and 2 Bushels potatoes in 2 Bags, Veal Weighed 22 1/2 Hind and 27 1/2 fore
Herbt. 14 Veal	Herbert one hind Quarter Veal Weighed 23 lb, had on it 7 lb Sugar 3 shillings 10 pence, I kept one fore Quarter about 22 lb
Rain 15 Wet Weather	Overcast all Day, rains forenoon a little, the Afternoon rains considerable, Clouds seem to Move from SW, Warm, not Much Wind, lightly from SW
Ja Ges. 15 Return of Veal, potatoes not Sold Alfred 4 sh	Jacob Gesner Return of the Veal, the hind quarter 11 shillings, the fore quarter 6 shillings 6 pence, freight off — potatoes not Sold At My Request he let Alfred have 4 shillings of My Money &c
1842	Memento
June 15 Geo. Ges. & Wife up Sister of	George Gesner and Mary patton his Wife up from New York to day, they Were Married Sabbath June 5th 1842 at New York, a Sister of William Gesners Wife
16	Cloudy, and Overcast all day, Sky appears watery, very Warm, the wind light Southwesterly
Fetchd 16 potatoes from River	I fetchd with David Blauvelts Oxen My Waggon the 2 Bags unsold potatoes from Snedens to day
At Herbts. 16 on Veal pepper paid	At Herberts 7 lb Sugar 3 shillings 10 pence on the Veal 23 lb hind quarter he had, see 14th, and 1/4 lb pepper 5 pence, paid. I paid it
Mist. 16 Smiley veal	Mistress Smiley had 8 lb Veal of fore quarter at 4 pence per lb, 2 shillings 7 pence unpaid, this was out of the Quarter we kept
Gracy 16 to Herbts.	Gracy fetchd up to Herberts Wedding, No one else &c
Rain 17	Looks Rainy this Morning, a Rainy Afternoon, a light Southerly Wind and very Warm wet time

1842	Memento
June 17 at Herbts. pd	At Herberts 7 lb Sugar 3 shillings 10 pence paid, Gracy sent the Money
18 Rain	The wind Shifting from SW to S to SE and E from the Morning to Evening, overcast and Misty forenoon, Afternoon rains considerable, Wet Wet, Warm
Clams 18 of Ja Ges unpaid	Got 50 Clams of Jacob Gesner this Afternoon 1 shilling, Unpaid
I Mended 18	I Mended My Shoes
19 Rain	Sky looks Rainy this forenoon, Yet the Sun is Seen, Mostly Cloudy afternoon And Near Sun set Rains hard, Wind Southwesterly, Warm
No Meetg. 19 Rain	Rain prevented Meeting to Night, a few came Young Men in front of House
20	Overcast this forenoon, clear and very Warm, Afternoon Wind Southwesterly
planted 20 a few more potatoes	I planted About 1/2 Bushel Mercer and Old Whites potatoes to Day over run

1842	Memento
June 20 ploughed Corn	This Afternoon I began to plough corn in little field —
21	A very Nice Day, wind westerly, Moderately Warm
Ploughed 21 Corn	I Ploughed corn in little field and finished all except half of the water Melon patch, ploughed with Charley
White 21 Worms	In ploughing hundreds of the White Worm is ploughed up. The Water Melons are destroyed by a Small Striped Winged bug and other destructive Insects
Watermelons destroyed	
Warm 22	A Clear Warm day, Wind Southwesterly, Hazy in the evening
I 22 Harrowed hoed corn	I Harrowed the piece under the ridge, the West end of upper lot, once and a half over this forenoon and hoed some of the pink potatoes, this Afternoon I finished them and hoed corn below
Rain 23	Overcast this forenoon, the Wind Northeasterly, Rains hard this Afternoon
I Harrowed 23 & Hoed	I Harrowed Some and Hoed below till 1 PM, then hard Rain

1842	Memento
<p>June 23 at Herbts. Brandy unpd 24</p> <p>I 24 Sharpened &c Hoed corn at Herbts. 24 paid</p> <p>25</p> <p>John 25 Whitehead Alfred &c My Self corn</p>	<p>At Herberts day before Yesterday 1/2 pint Brandy, I lost a 10 cent piece, felt in pocket, gone, did not pay</p> <p>A Handsome Afternoon, this forenoon Overcast, the Wind Shifted from NE by N to NW before 12</p> <p>I Sharpened 720 Splints this Morning, Afternoon I Hoed Corn little field</p> <p>At Herberts a Bar of Soap 1 shilling and Starch 6 pence Yesterday, paid, And to Day 1/2 Gallon Molasses 1 shilling 6 pence paid = 3 shillings, paid</p> <p>This Morning Misty or thin fog, soon clear, the wind Shifting from SW to SE, blows Stormy, Sky thickens, looks for a Storm, at Night seems More for fair Weather</p> <p>I Hoed also corn, ploughed corn a little back of Old Barn We hoed below little field and back of Old Barn</p>
1842	Memento
<p>June 26</p> <p>26 Meeting My House by J L to Night Henry 26 Ayres &c here Wagn.</p> <p>27</p> <p>Alfred 27 Hoed I Hoed 27 & ploughed John Wh.</p>	<p>A Warm day, wind Westward, a little Rain this Afternoon, some thunder</p> <p>Meeting this evening at My House Held by Jon Lawrence, a very good Discourse, good Attention, and a good Meeting held in the Kitchen not Short of 35. Mostly Young people, Eley, Margaret, Mary Sneden, Willsey's Girls, Letty Post (Blanch) George M Lawrence, William Gesner, Ginnet Lawrence &c &c</p> <p>Henry Ayres and Gracy his Wife from fort Lee this Morning here and Girl with Waggon and Horse, did not stay for dinner, Went to Sally Pennoyres after tarrying here About 1 Hour</p> <p>Cloudy day, Wind from SE to NE, some thunder in Afternoon, a few drops of Rain, Warm</p> <p>Alfred hoed Corn over Gulley all Day</p> <p>I Ploughed corn and Hoed John Whitehead not here</p>

1842	Memento
June 28	This Morning Cloudy from the West, this Afternoon wind Southeasterly, Warm
John 28 Whitehead	John White Head all Day Hoeing over Gulley Corn, back of Barn potatoes, And over the Run corn and beans
Alfred 28	Alfred Also all Day
Self 28	Myself ploughing corn and potatoes &c —
at Herbts. 28 Paid	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 1 shilling 6 pence and Hogs fat 3 lb 2 shillings 6 pence paid
29	Wind Southwesterly, Midday it seems NW, a Warm Day
John 29 Whitehd. for Me &c	John White head hoed 1/2 Day potatoes Below for Me
Alfred 29	Alfred hoed 1/2 Day too, he drew dirt in Afternoon to the door Yard and Sods
I ploughed 29 potatoes	I ploughed this forenoon all the potatoes below with Young Horse
At Herbts. 29 paid	At Herberts 1 Quart Brandy 1 shilling 6 pence, paid, I got it this evening

1842	Memento
June 30	A Clear Warm Day, the wind in the forenoon Seems SW, but in the Afternoon a brisk SE Wind, looks a little Stormy towards Night
Jerry & 30 Son, D Bt. And Alfred Self thatch Hovel	Jerry Smith, and Son Edgar, and David Blauvelt helped me put on a Straw Roof on My Hovel to day excepting 3 Courses on the east side, and 2 on the West. Alfred helped tend, Jerry tied and David Blauvelt on the Roof with me, no other helped
July 1 Thunder Rain	A Warm Day, wind Southwesterly, Afternoon thunder Showers, Northward and south ward, with Some Rain here
Jerry 1 Smith & Edgar Hovel D Bt. a little Alfred Straw left	Jerry Smith and Son Edgar here to Day, helped finish thatching the Hovel 5 Courses, got Some cedar poles Split for the Cap, helped pull down all the Scaffold poles and Scaffold boards in and out, David Blauvelt near Sun set helped pull up the poles out the Ground a little While, Alfred helped the 5 Courses &c — Had 40 or 50 Bunches over

1842	Memento
July 1 at Herbts. paid Rain 2 thunder	At Herberts 1 pint Apple Jack and 1/2 pint Brandy 1 shilling 3 pence, paid, Cornelia fetched Cloudy forenoon, and a Warm day, the Afternoon 2 or 3 Showers with some thunder and some Rain, Wind seems nearly South Some hard thunder
I cleared 2 up &c Got of 2 Peter Riker 6 Dol paid	I Cleaned up the Straw and Scaffold Stuff Around the Newly Thatched Hovel I Got towards evening of to Day 6 Dollars of Peter Riker, Gave him My Note payable within 4 Months from this 2nd of July at 6 per cent All paid since. This Money was taken up to pay Some of it to Alfred on Shad
Thunder 3 Rain Rain	Wind Southerly, Several Showers of Rain in the Afternoon, Much Water fell to day, Rains at Night
1842	Memento
July 3 Wm. L to NY Gave 3 Alfred one Dol	William Lawrence Yesterday to New York I Gave Alfred one dollar on the Shad to Day
3 Meetg at My House by Jon. Law	Meeting to Night at My house, Jon Lawrence exhorted, serious Attention, About 25 Mostly young, its very Rainy Lucy not here, Neither Margaret nor Eley nor William Gesner he is at New York nor George Gesner also at New York, All young people, but the family
Fourth 4 of July	Fourth of July, a Cloudy day With rainy appearance, clear evening, Moderate Warm, no rain. The Sun nearly all day hid &c
I Hoed 4 Water Mel.	I hoed Water Melons, the bugs destroyed them very Much
Margt. 4 Jerry here	Margaret and Jerry here this Afternoon

1842	Memento
<p>July 4 Alfred 3 Dol &c</p> <p>5 Warm</p> <p>Tuesd. 5</p> <p>I new Hoe from Larry paid 5</p> <p>6 Rain Rain</p> <p>I ploughed 6 Corn</p>	<p>Let Alfred have this Morning 3 Dollars on Shad, Had on Shad 1 Dollar Yesterday Which see 3 Instant, Jacob Gesner Let him have Some time Ago in the Month of June 4 shillings on Shad of My Veal Market Money And before</p> <p>A Warm Day, the wind Southwesterly, a Cloudy day, a Scud flying from South Near Sun set, clear Warm and Smoaky, Cloudy again in the evening</p> <p>William Lawrence back from New York, went Saturday 2nd Instant</p> <p>Jon Lawrence got a New Hoe at Larry's for me 4 shillings Gracy gave him the Money, paid</p> <p>Thick Cloudy this forenoon, Wind Southeasterly, Rains before 12, A thunder Shower and Rainy all the Afternoon</p> <p>I ploughed the corn this forenoon in little field, Yesterday a few Rows, this the 2nd time</p>
1842	Memento
<p>July 6 Wm. L up Alfred down & up</p> <p>7</p> <p>I Ploughed 7 corn</p> <p>Alfred 7</p> <p>At Herbts. 7 Paid</p> <p>8</p> <p>I ploughed 8 &c</p>	<p>John Miller up this Afternoon William Lawrence up Yesterday Alfred down to New York Monday 4th And up Yesterday</p> <p>Cloudy this Morning, but mostly a Clear Day, not very warm, wind Southwesterly Nice day</p> <p>I Ploughed the corn back of old barn and Mostly all on the top over Gulley put up some Clover in Cocks</p> <p>Alfred cut 17 Small cocks clover south of John Willseys, he and John Miller Raked it, he fetched the Bag of Indian Meal from Mill, not 3/4 Day, late this Morning, long Noon Spell</p> <p>At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 3 pence, paid</p> <p>Overcast all day with a little Mist in the forenoon, the Wind SE</p> <p>I finished ploughing corn over Gulley and potatoes west of My Barn</p>

1842	Memento
<p>July 8 Alfred My young colt hurt</p> <p>at Herbts. 8 Paid</p> <p>9 Thunder Showers Wet, Wet</p> <p>J. Law 9 Alfred Self</p> <p>I Worked at Ladder</p>	<p>Alfred Mowed a little south of John Willseys, drew Some dirt and sods No hire, had the Mare and Horse before the Sled, My young Colt got in between the Horses and got very Much injured in his fore leg up opposite his Breast, he cannot Walk on it, very lame</p> <p>At Herberts 5 pence Worth of Molasses, paid, with Sally &c</p> <p>A very Wet day, two or three thunder Showers in the forenoon, And a rainy Afternoon, Remarkable Wet time and thick cloudy Weather, the Wind has been Varying between SW and SE for a Considerable length of time</p> <p>Before it Rain'd Jon Lawrence and Alfred hoed Some potatoes back of My Barn, I Ploughed a few Rows South of Willows, quit Rain</p> <p>I Worked at long ladder, Cored and Slit through 31 feet long</p>
1842	Memento
<p>July 9 Geo Law. & Wife to Ja Ges. on Character</p> <p>10 Sabbath</p> <p>10 Meetg. here to Nt. By J L &c Ja Ges old side</p> <p>11 Nice day</p>	<p>Night before last George Lawrence and Wife called to see Jacob Gesner living in Leonard Beasleys House on the Subject of a defamation of the Character of Georges Wife &c</p> <p>Cool day, the Wind Seems Northerly, cool Evening, Day Mostly Clear and clear at Night</p> <p>Meeting at My house to Night held by Jon Lawrence, About 35 a Solemn Meeting, a good Discourse, a Solemn Attention, and apparently good feeling Lucy and her 2 Girls Margaret and Jerry, Eley, Peggy Concklin here fetched by Jon Lawrence and Sled and Horse William Gesner and Wife Margaret George Gesner and Wife Mary, Anne and Jane Willsey, Wynchey and Tiney, Charles Gesner, Ginnet Lawrence, &c &c — Jacob Gesner Attends Old Episcopal Methodists</p> <p>A clear Nice Day, Moderately Warm, Wind Seems Variable Northerly Northeasterly</p>

1842	Memento
<p>July 11 J. L. & Wm. Hoed Alfred 11 2/3 of 1/2 day</p> <p>I Ploughd. 11 potatoes</p> <p>Alfred 12 Hay</p> <p>I ploughd. 12 & D B Oxen Jo. Moore 12 D B oxen</p>	<p>Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence hoed corn and potatoes to Day, corn over the Gulley, potatoes South of Willows</p> <p>Alfred hoed Corn Also over Gulley to Day ie this forenoon About 2/3 of the forenoon, went late, Afternoon no Work went somewhere</p> <p>I Ploughed potatoes South of Willows, Raked and cocked Hay south of Willows</p> <p>A Clear Nice Day, Warm, wind Southwesterly, Good Hay Weather</p> <p>Alfred Mowed Some, Raked and helped Draw in 3 Small jags from Clover field South of John Willseys, a Day</p> <p>I ploughed Some in forenoon and some in Afternoon for Buckwheat, help Draw in Hay, David Blauvelt Oxen</p> <p>John Moore David Blauvelt oxen till 9 AM</p>
1842	Memento
<p>July 12 at Herbts. pd 13 Warm 13 Alfred</p> <p>I plough 13 & D B Oxen John 13 Moore D B Oxen at Herbts. 13 paid</p>	<p>At Herberts 1/2 quarter tea 1 shilling, paid</p> <p>A Warm Day, Wind Southwesterly, very clear</p> <p>Alfred not a full day in Hay, late Morning, long Noon After closing a few cocks, After Dinner Mowing, Raking, cocking, got in from Over road Small load</p> <p>I Ploughed Buckwheat ground this forenoon, David Blauvelt oxen</p> <p>John Moore had David Blauvelts oxen all the Afternoon till Near sun set, I had them then, took in Small load see Above</p> <p>At Herberts 1 quart Brandy 1 shilling 6 pence 1/4 tea 2 shillings 3 1/2 lb Rice 1 shilling 3 1/2 sugar 2 shillings 3 pence pd, I got</p>

1842	Memento
July 14 Warm	Clear and very Warm this forenoon till 2 or 3 PM, then a little thunder in the SW, a sea fog and in the evening quite overcast
Alfred 14 Grass	Alfred cut Grass nearly all day in front of Leonards Barn
I sowed 14 Buckwht.	I sowed Buckwheat to Day Below the Ridge West end of My upper Lot, cocked and Raked some, and ploughed a little
Mary 14 Sneden here	Mary Sneden to see Mary Lawrence and Sarah Lawrence at my house this Afternoon
Rain 15	A Rainy Day, Much Water fell, Wind NNE, It Rain'd a little last Night and Rains Yet this evening
Broke 15 My plough the Mould board through Middle	Early this Morning it Stopped Raining, I Broke the Mould Board of My pattern plough, the Screw and Nut which fastened the land side to the Mould board part got out, just hit a stone
1842	Memento
July 15 Alfred no Work	Alfred no Work, Rained, My Hay half cured lays exposed
16 Rain Rain	Rain Continues, all last Night and all day, till in Evening floods of Water, Wind the same nearly as Yesterday
16 Went Grass vendue Alfred no work Clams Sale	I and Alfred little after 2 PM Went through Rain to Nagels Deceased Vendue of Grass, bot none No Work by Alfred, he fetched through Rain clams from river for Jon Lawrence, with Waggon and horses
17	Clear warm day, wind variable easterly but light
opened 17 and Shut hay Meetg. 17 to Night good J. L. Spoke	Opened and Shut some cocks of Hay, very Wet, cut last Thursday Meeting here to Night full 50, a good Meeting Lucy and Eliza Margaret, Eley, George Lawrence and Wife, George Gesner and William Gesner and their Wives, Charles, John Westervelt, one or 2 of Willsey's Girls &c &c

1842	Memento
<p>July 18 Warm</p> <p>18 Alfred and John took in Hay for &c</p> <p>18 I Sowed more Buckwheat</p> <p>19</p> <p>Alfred 19 J Moore</p>	<p>Wind SW, Afternoon Seems Easterly, very Warm and clear, Warm</p> <p>Alfred hoed potatoes about 1 Hour, After that opened cocks of Hay, he and John Moore 3 Jags for me in Barn, then Alfred helped him Rake cock and brought in for him My team in Leonards Barn Alfred I suppose nearly 1 Day</p> <p>I sowed About 1/2 Bushel to day over Gulley, ploughed and hoed and Harrowed in before 12, Afternoon raked and cocked 24 cocks in front of Leonards Barn</p> <p>A Very warm Day, the wind Southwesterly, Clear</p> <p>Alfred helped draw in 1 good load Hay from before Leonards Barn. John Moore helped, Alfred helped him back, he hoed Some potatoes below and he took 3 Bushel baskets and 4 Small to Landing</p>
1842	Memento
<p>July 19 I did</p> <p>19 Rec from Margt. Smith Lent to me from Rachel Rice</p> <p>20 Thunder Some Rain</p> <p>Alfred 20 Hoed &c</p> <p>J Law 20 Hoed</p> <p>I ploughed 20 &c</p>	<p>I ploughed Some corn below, helped bring in Some Hay amd fixed cradle to Mow Grain</p> <p>Margaret Smith here this Afternoon, gave Me 11 shillings from Rachel Rice, 6 shillings for a deed I drew from her Mother to her, Some time Ago, and 5 shillings for a lease from her to Vorheis, let her house and lot, both paid</p> <p>Thunder Shower this Morning, some Rain, Soon clear by 8 AM, Moderately Warm, Wind Westerly, cool this Evening But last night was very Warm</p> <p>Alfred and Jon Lawrence put some salt Hay out Barn on the New Hovel then Alfred hoed corn below little field, Rain hindered Some this Morning, 3/4 +</p> <p>Afternoon Jon Lawrence helped hoe below, got done the corn</p> <p>I Ploughed corn and Watermelons &c</p>

1842	Memento
July 20	Gorman Pedlar here this Evening
Gorman	
Mist. 20	Mistress Beasley here little before sun-set for a Run &c
Beasley	
Nice 21	A very Nice day, wind Westerly Clear
John 21	John Parsels Mowed Rye below, had Jacob Rikers Cradle near a Day, Went late
Parsels	this Morning, helped bind &c and Shock
Mowed &c	
Alfred 21	Alfred Mowed Rye also My Cradle, helped Rake Some, Carry together
&c	
Myself 21	I Raked and bound
did &c	
at Herbts. 21	At Herberts 1 pint Apple Jack 10 pence, Cornelia fetched. At Herberts 12 o'clock
paid	1 quart Do 1 shilling 8 pence, paid, Alfred fetched, both paid
Gorman 21	Gorman paid all previous to this date
paid	
Gracy 21	Gracy Bought to Day of Gorman 8 Yards Calico for her at 2 shillings 6 pence = 20
bot of him	shillings Stocking 1 shilling 8 pence Makes 21 shillings 8 pence His Keeping
& owes him	5 shillings and 2 shillings 8 pence paid him is 7 shillings 8 pence, leaves 14 shillings
15 sh pd	due to him She got binding 1 shilling. Makes due to him to day 15 shillings, all
	paid since

1842	Memento	
July 22		A clear Day, Wind Westerly and Moderately warm
John 22 Parsels Mow &c		John Parsels late, after Breakfast helped Alfred pick pears for Market, broke a limb and fell out the tree, No hurt, Went about 10 AM to Mow Rye, Raked and bound Some 3/4 Day Alltogether
Alfred 22		Alfred Picked pears, Some Apples took with team to river, Afternoon below, Rake bound Shocked More
Sent 22 Market		Sent to Market 3 little Baskets, 3 Big and 2 half Barrels, Sent with Jacob Gesner
Sent to 22 Market last tuesday with Zeb.		Tuesday last sent 3 Big Baskets and 4 Small, the Return was 21 shillings 8 pence but there was a Mistake, a return of one Basket too Much Zeb said if a Mistake it would be About 2 shillings, So Jacob Gesner said, then it would be 19 shillings 8 pence clear instead of 21 shillings 8 pence
	23	A foggy Sky and thick this Morning, breaks Away by 10 AM, clear, Warm, Wind Seems Westerly
John 23 Parsels worked		John Parsels All day, helped a little clear the Barn Moved a little by House, helped draw Rye in from below 5 loads, 4 had 160 Sheaves, one 130

1842	Memento
July 23	Alfred Helped draw in Rye from below, 5 loads with John Parsels to day Which see, My team
Jon Law 23 helped draw in Rye &c Geo Law helped by house after noon a while	Jonathan Lawrence David Blauvelt Oxen, Herberts waggon to day helped draw in 3 loads 160 each, I helped him, I and John Parsels drew one 102 Sheaves with oxen of David Blauvelt, Makes 4 Load Jon Lawrence helped George Lawrence who came to help Me Gratis his Own Accord Rake and bind by the house towards Night
Rye in 23 All &c	Rye all in except a little by house, About 60 Sheaves from Below About 1352 Sheaves, by the House
Sabbath 24	Cloudy Day, Moderate and Warm, Wind Southwesterly, Sprinkles in evening a little
Meetg. 24 here to Nt.	Meeting held by Jon Lawrence to Night My house, Spoke Well Brother Brown Calker from New York prayed, William Gesner prayed Eley, Margaret, Rachel Gravestine, Mistress Beasley, John Moore, Phebe Ann obbs Daughter, George Gesner and Wife and About 30 Lucy not here
25	A Nice Day, Wind Seems Westerly, clear
J L &c 25 took	Jon Lawrence took Herberts Waggon home With Oxen, unloaded the Waggon first in Barn

1842	Memento
July 25 Jon Law.	And helped this Afternoon Hoe, upper piece of Corn Over Gulley. I ploughed Some over the Run
Alfred 25	Alfred Went some where to Sloop or else Where, helped Hoe 1/2 Day Afternoon
J L lump 25 job near done	Jon Lawrences lump job nearly or quite done at Vessel at Snedens, built by John Waldron
26	A Clear day, Wind Southwesterly, Moderate
Alfred 26 not More than 3/4 Day	Alfred hoed corn back old Barn some this forenoon and Some Afternoon, Mowed a little over Road, I helped hoe Afternoon, finished all the corn, 3 times done
I did 26	I Hoed about 1/2 Water Melons below after Corn Was done, While Alfred Mowed a little Grass over road
Warm 27 Warm	A Very Warm Clear Day, Wind Southwesterly
At Herbts. 27 Paid	At Herberts last Saturday 1 lb candles 1 shilling 3 pence a pint Rum 10 shillings 7 lb Sugar 3 shillings 6 pence, all paid and Cake 1 shilling paid
Wm. Law 27 helped Me	William Lawrence Mowed Grass this forenoon in front of Barn, Raked Afternoon &c one day

1842	Memento
<p>July 27 Alfred</p> <p>28</p> <p>Alfred 28 & Wm. Law Hay &c</p> <p>John 28 Moore helped a While</p> <p>28 I did</p> <p>Warm 28 very Warm</p>	<p>Alfred Mowed forenoon, Afternoon Raked, one Day</p> <p>Smoaky, Warm, clear wind baffling Between E and SW</p> <p>Alfred and William Lawrence a full Day, best days work, Mowed 22 cocks, Drew in three Waggon loads, helped Rake &c</p> <p>John Moore came With David Blauvelts Oxen, his Sled drew in 2 jags of his own Accord, a While</p> <p>I threshed the loose rye, fanned it More than 1/2 Bushel, opened 40 Cocks, turned them, Spread Hay, closed all the cocks, helped Draw in 2 jags with John Moore, helped Rake and cock 22 cocks</p> <p>Forenoon overcast, Clear Afternoon but Smoaky, thunder with little Rain in Evening, Wind Southerly Southwesterly and Remarkably Warm</p>
1842	Memento
<p>July 29 Alfred & Wm. Law &c</p> <p>Margt. 29</p> <p>Peggy 29 Conck &c</p> <p>Warm 30 Windy</p> <p>30 Alfred Wm. L</p>	<p>Alfred and William Lawrence Broken days Work, Mowed a little this Morning, looks for foul Weather, Moved Salt Hay out of Barn up the Hovel, took in 2 Loads this Afternoon cut Yesterday over the road, perhaps near 3/4, not 3/4</p> <p>Margaret Smith here a While this Afternoon</p> <p>Peggy Concklin from here a Couple of days at Joe Dubois's, took home to Night</p> <p>A clear Warm and very Windy day, wind Southwesterly, Although high Wind yet Warm</p> <p>Alfred and William Mowed a little South of Spring and Some in Old orchard, Drew it home not 1/2 jag and Drew in About 6 Cocks at the Spring and 6 next John Moores over Road. This day does not seem More than a half Day being Saturday, did not wish to cut Much, I spread Raked turned Closed &c, Alfred Saucy &c</p>

1842	Memento
<p>July 30 John Waldrons child buried</p> <p>31 Rain</p> <p>31 Meeting here to Nt.</p> <p>31 Charles Lawrence came here Yesterday August 1 Cold perhaps frost</p> <p>1 Sent Letter to overseers of poor &c</p>	<p>John Waldrons child buried this Afternoon, Jonathan delivered a discourse</p> <p>Cloudy, Wind Southerly and Southwesterly and considerable of Rain during the day, breaks away before night, cool evening</p> <p>Meeting by Jonathan Lawrence here to Night, Spoke well urging the immediate necessity of seeking Salvation &c, About 30 — Eley, Margaret, (Lucy at New York) William, George Gesner and Wives here. Henry and Peggy &c</p> <p>Yesterday Afternoon Charles the Son of Jonathan Lawrences half Brother here, namely Charles the Son of Charles Lawrence the Brother of Herbert Lawrence the Ship Carpenter</p> <p>A Clear cool Day, Wind Northwesterly, Cloudy, a cold Night, this Morning the Sky very clear and Blue and cold enought for frost, I expect there has been frost in some places.</p> <p>Drew a letter Dated 30th July 1842 to Garrett Tallman Esquire from him to poor Masters to take Ginny away on the town, Sent it to Day, I took a Copy of it</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Augt. 1 Alfred &c</p> <p>1 Wm. L Charles L Gunning</p> <p>1 at Herbts. paid</p> <p>2</p> <p>2 Alfred fruit Hay</p>	<p>Alfred not more than 3/4 Day, finished cutting the Bottom before 11 AM, after 2 Went to Rake, we I and him Raked and cocked it, qu it by 4 PM, Makes it less than 3/4 Day</p> <p>William Lawrence Mowed a little before Breakfast, then Went with his Cousin Charles Gunning all Day</p> <p>Peggy Concklin, Sally, Cornelia to Margaret Smiths this Afternoon, Horse and Sled</p> <p>At Herberts 2 lb pork 1 shilling And 1 quart Molasses 8 pence, paid</p> <p>Cold last Night, a clear Day, moderately Warm, Wind Westerly</p> <p>Alfred gathered some fruit this Morning, took it to Snedens landing, opened 29 Cocks, this Afternoon We took in 3 Jags Hay out Bottom and we was About 1/2 Hour by Willows, put up 5 Small cocks, considerable of Waste time, About 3/4 all together, I Mowed the 5 cocks</p>

1842	Memento
Augt. 2 Sent with Zeb.	Sent with Zeb 1/2 Barrel apples, 2 Big Baskets of & And 2 Small Do and 1 Basket with 5 Ducks
Clear forenoon — &c Rain	3 A Clear forenoon, Wind Seems Southerly, Warm: Afternoon Cloudy, a Shower collected in NE with thunder and Rain, Near Sunset passing Slowly from NE to SW, this is seldom seen
Alfred little work	3 Alfred cut by Willows about 1 Cock, helped unload the Waggon and helped fetch the 5 Small cocks I cut and the one he cut, took Peggy home, a Victual day, No wages earned
Garret Tallman Esq & Poor Master	3 Garret Tallman Esquire and David Perry here to day to see Ginny, will take her to poor House
	4 An overcast Day, Smoaky, wind Northeasterly, loooks for a Storm
Ginny King	4 Wrote the 1st Instant to Esquire Tallman and to Overseers of the poor see 1st Ginny King fetched to day by David
1842	Memento
Augt. 4 Ginny King took to county poor House	David Perry Overseer of the Poor, in an Old Common Waggon 2 Horses, Ginny seemed contented to go to the Poor House, She took a large Chest and all she had, she was very cripple, her legs very full of pain, did nothing this past Spring untill Now
Sowed turnips &c	4 Sowed turnip seed to day by Nut tree little yard
Alfred	4 Alfred cut a little firewood by the door, picked Weeds out of Strawberry Vines below Garden
Rain Storm	5 A Storm and Rain from NE last Night, a Rainy day, clear at Night, forenoon Wind NE Afternoon SE

1842	Memento
Augt. 5 Alfred no Work at Herbts. 5 Paid	Alfred no Work of consequence to day, it Rained near all day, towards Night he and William Lawrence went to look at the fence below At Herberts towards Night 7 lb Sugar 4 shillings, Paid, I got and 4 candies 4 pence, paid, William Gesner tended in Shop
6	Overcast all Day, Wind seems Southeasterly
Oats cut 6 by Wm. L and Alfred	Ground my cradle Sythe and Jacob Rikers old Cradle Sythe before 12 this afternoon, William Lawrence and Alfred cut My oats About 2 1/2 Hours Not More
Paid 6 Alfred again 10 sh + 1 sh	Paid Alfred on fish to day Again 10 shillings, and little ago he had 1 shilling, When he got 1/2 quire paper for me I gave him 2 shilling piece, he kept the change
1842	Memento
Augt. 7	A Rainy Day, Wind Southeasterly
Ja 7 Beasley up &c No Meetg. 7	Jacob Beasley up Yesterday and a Young Man with him No Meeting here to Night, Rainy
Abm. Clarks 7 Wife died	Abraham Clarks wife of Rockland Died to Day, the top of her Head the Scull bone eaten off with Cancer, suffered a long time —
Rain 8	Cloudy from SE and Rainy by turns all day, Wet time
1/2 Soles 8 of Earl paid Herbt. went too	Alfred no Work to day, went to see Mart Hynes, also Went to Earls, got pair half Soles towards Night with horse for Me, 1 shilling 10 pence paid, Herbert went along, horse in his Waggon
Mist. Clark 8 Buried	Abraham Clarks Wife buried this Afternoon at Lawrences Burying Ground, Baptist Minister preached Clarks folks are Dutch reformed

1842	Memento
Augt. 9	Continues overcast, sometimes a little Rain, Wind and Clouds from the SE, a Wet time
Alfred 9 little work	Alfred cut some Bushes off a long the fence between Me and John Moore, and Repaired a little fence, by no Means Steady
I Mended 9 Boot	of Earl 1/2 Soles, put on one to day, see the 8th Instant
Thunder 10 Some Rain	The Wind continues Southeastward, Sometimes Nearly clear, Soon thickens, And rains, thunder to Day, a flaw of Rain, and Sprinkles Sometimes
10 Alfred	Alfred Worked Most of the forenoon at repairing the fence along John Moores, Afternoon an hour and 1/2 cutting up poplar tree in Swamp
I Mended 10 Boots	I finished Mending My Boots
11 Much Rain	A Rainy Day, early this Morning Heavy thunder, continues near all Day, the Showers frequent and Seem to come from SE
1842	Memento
Augt. 11 Alfred	Alfred Drew early with one horse a little old Stuff from the fence Repaired, about 1 Hour, Rains and he is Sick All Day almost, in bed
Tent 11 poles &c	Jonathan Lawrence and William Gesner fixed tent poles, hooks &c in My Barn
at Herbts. 11 paid	At Herberts 7 lb pork a few days ago at 6 pence = 3 shillings 6 pence, paid
Fresh 11 Beef paid	on Wednesday last 5 lb Beef of some closter Man or other, 2 shillings 6 pence paid, Gracy got
12 Rain Thunder & uncommon	Wind continues easterly and Southerly, mostly overcast to day, Rains by turns, Showers from the eastward, With Thunder and Rain, uncommon Weather, thunder Showers from the eastward and SE Winds to continue So long is uncommon
Alfred 12 not 1/2 day	Alfred helped Gather some Apples and pears for Market, took them down to Landing, had Smileys Waggon my Horse, Afternoon but little done, This Afternoon fetched some old fence stuff With the horse and Sled

1842	Memento
Augt. 12 Sent with Zeb	Sent with Zeb 2 half Barrels apples, 2 Big Baskets and 4 small Baskets pears, Makes 8 pieces in all
13 Thunder Rain	Overcast still, Showers again today from the eastward, with smart flaws of Rain; by intervals Showery, Rainy, a long Wet Spell from Eastward
Returns 13	Return of the Above, clear 15 shillings 9 pence
Alfred 13 no Work Rain	Alfred helped put away in barn About 1/2 load of Hay this Morning, Afternoon Went to River a foot
Sabbath 14 Thunder Rain	Rain last Night and thunder Also, thunder and Rain to day every Where Around looks Showery, frequent flaws — All overcast, the clouds seem More from the North
Clear 15 first since the 4th	This is the first Clear day since the 4th Instant, Sky a little Smoaky, Warm Wind Northerly
1842	Memento
Augt. 15 I Went &c	I went on Salt Meadow, found it very Wet, some places covered with Water, I Raked up the Oats
Alfred 15 ploughed at Larry's shoes &c pd	Alfred ploughed Some in Orchard, by no Means a full days Work At Larrys pair Shoes I got for Gracy, 9 shillings 6 pence, paid, sent with Jon Lawrence
Gracy 15 Sick	Gracy sick, bad cold &c in bed
Herbt. 15 sick	Herbert sick in Bed
at Herbts. 15 paid	at Herberts 9 pence worth of Crackers, paid
Alfred 15 10 cents	Gave Alfred 10 cents to get Rum for Salt Meadow, did not get it, did not go to Work on Salt Meadow, he kept it
16	Another Clear, warm and Smoaky Day, wind light Northerly variable
Alfred 16	Alfred helped gather some fruit, took it down to landing, Afternoon drew one

1842	Memento
Augt. 16 Alfred	Jag Hay for Smiley from South Snedens Meadow, that's all
Gracy 16 sick	Gracy continues Sick
Ginnett 16	Ginnett Lawrence here helping Sally with the tent
Margt. S 16	Margaret Smith also here this Afternoon
Red 16 Cow last Saturday	on Saturday the 13th Instant evening Young Red Cow t____k Abraham Clarks B_ ll on Road, Smiley said it was Clarks B__ll
17 Rain	Very Foggy this Morning, wind seems south by East, before 12 Breaks Away in clouds, Sun shines, by turns very warm at Night Rains, Wind More easterly
17 Alfred My Oats in &c	Alfred this forenoon Nothing done Worth Naming, I cleared the barn, fixed the Salt Hay in Stable, he pitched up Some, not 15 Minutes Afternoon Helped draw in Oats 2 loads, we was a little While before 12, below, he picked up some apples for hogs in Barrel; Had Oats in by 1/2 After 4
1842	Memento
Augt. 17 Mt. pt. Camp Meeting	Methodist Protestant Camp Meeting commences to day at Tarry town About 1 1/2 Miles North of landing on the premises of the Widow Beckman, Mount Beckman
Rain 18 Warm &c	Rain last Night, a Nice day and very Warm, Cloudy by turns, the Wind Southerly and Southwesterly
Alfred 18	Alfred has been to landing with Waggon and Horse to fetch up empty things, All gone but one Old Bucket, that is the most he done to Day
18 Returns	Returns of 2 half Barrels, 2 one Bushel Baskets and 3 Small baskets, Returns clear 13 shillings 6 pence, Zeb Bot for Sally 1 shillings Worth lemons and soap, leaves 12 shillings 6 pence — of Pears and Apples; but things gone — 7 Articles, one Back
Sally 18 Beasley up &c	Sally Beasley up last Saturday, here last Evening Also this Evening With Julian Snedden, Young Sams daughter

1842	Momento
Augt. 18 at Herbts. unpd	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb sugar 2 shillings 2 pence and 3 1/2 lb Crackers 2 shillings 3 pence, tea half gram ? 1 shilling And 2 1 1/2 ounces Cheese at 8 pence = 1 shilling 5 pence = 6 shillings 10 pence, unpaid
19	A Clear day, Wind Southwesterly, Warm
19 Who Went to Camp Meeting &c	In the Afternoon To Camp Meeting, I, Sally, Eley Margaret Smith Sarah Lawrence, George Gesner and Wife and William Gesner's Wife And Sally Beasley Crossed over by Snedens for 1 shilling each, Went on Board of the Telegraph to Tarry town each one Shilling William Gesner and Jon Lawrence, with Alfred and William Lawrence Went with tent and Baggage and William Lawrence and Alfred Returned with small boat William Gesner was at Tarry town, when we came there; he had a Waggon, all Rode to the Camp, got there near Sun set, Tent then up &c, Rode up for 1 shilling each —
Paid to 19 Wm. Ges. 1D	Gave William Gesner 1 dollar on Account
1842	Memento
Augt. 19	Who Preached this Night on the Ground
20	Clear, Wind SW, Nice Day, Moderate
Birch 20 Preached	Brother Birch Preached this Morning, 2 Thessalonians, 5 chapter 24 Verse Great Sermon
20	Woodruff Preached Afternoon Daniel 46 10 Verse
20	Jacobs at Night 2 Corinthians 56 11 Verse, Good
Sabbath 21	A few Drops just before Day, Clear all Day, Wind Southwesterly, Nice Weather, a fine day
21	John Griswold this Morning
21	Witsel Afternoon on the subject of Charity to out Worn Ministers, and of the widow and Orphan Children, With a Collection &c

1842	Memento
Augt. 21	Johnson Evening Ecclesiastes 9 Chapter 3 Verse Good, Best account of the great excitement in the Prayer Meeting tent. The Congregation Wandered from one to the other
Mond 22	Clear Day, Wind Westerly, Very nice weather
22	Barney Matthias Preached in the Morning This was one of the best discourses I ever heard, it dissected every Member of Moral duty disclosing Error and truth as Connected with Religion in the most plain and Sublime Manner; Great indeed
22	Afternoon Brother Coven 74 Years of Age, Hebrews There Remaineth a Rest for the people of God, Very Good indeed, Also directly after him
Aftn. 22 also	Blackman lately from England Job The Awful situation of the Wicked, the Wrath of God and torments ie hell fearfully exhibited, with such Gestures as carry energy with it, With Scripture testimony, Screams and Cries were loudly heard
At Nt. the 22 Tent drew the People	At Night No Preaching, the power of God in the tent, the Crying, Mourning of Many, the prayers &c Drew all Attention there. A large tent. I suppose 300 people in it
1842	Memento
Augt. 23	Another Handsome Day, wind Westerly And Warm and Clear
23	At Break of day a Stir in the camp fixing for Breakfast, which over, a considerable Number Collected and Sung a parting Hymn, a Solemnity. Tents Were Struck and put on Waggons, proceeded to Tarrytown upper Wharf at a little past 7 AM, Went on Board the Telegraph. We left Our Baggage and tents with William Gesner on the Camp Ground to be brought to the Dock to be left there till a boat from Snedens landing to fetch it. We proceeded for Old Dobb's ferry opposite Snedens, a Small boat there, We left the Telegraph and passed over to the West shore to Snedens, dispatched Alfred Miles with a Small Row boat to Tarry town for the Baggage and William Gesner, and got Back to Snedens before 12 My Waggon was there, brought up the things to My house see 19th Instant those Who Went Mary Lawrence And Sally Beasley Also Returned; they came up on Sunday &c. Alfred at this Meeting was a Mourner in the tent and Sarah Lawrence
Camp Meeting broke up	The Weather exceeding good
We returned home	

1842	Memento
Augt. 23 Expenses &c	The expenses of us is not fully known. I expended About 2 Dollars there with passage and the Collections What Jon Lawrence and William Gesner Margaret expended I know Not
24	Cloudy all Day, Wind easterly, looks Stormy
Alfred 24 Wm. L. Geo Ges Ch Ges. Jerry cut My &c at Herbts. 24 paid At My 24 House prayr. Exhortation Good time	Alfred, William Lawrence George Gesner, Charles Gesner And Jerry Smith cut for Me a 2 Acre lot Salt Grass to Day, perhaps not a full half Day Looks rainy. Went late, done cutting by 3 or little after
Rain 25	At Herberts to Night 3 1/2 lb Wheat flour 3 shillings, paid
Prayer 25 Mg. Again good	At my House prayer and exhortation last evening, held by Jon Lawrence, good time, experiences given in Eley Margaret Lucy George Gesner, William Gesner and their Wives George Lawrence and Wife, Anne Willsey &c About 32
	A Rainy forenoon, Wind Southeasterly, Cloudy Afternoon a Scud and Over cast at Night
	Prayer Meeting Again at My house to Night, a Good time. William Gesner spoke, About 26 George Gesner not here nor his Wife otherwise nearly as Night before last

1842	Memento
Augt. 25 Threshed rye	I Jon Lawrence and Alfred threshed rye to day, When cleaned little more than 6 Bushels
26	Cloudy Wind SE sun shines by turns, About 4 PM Rains some: at Night thick overcast. Warm
I Alfred 26 Jerry S. Wm. Law.	I Alfred and Jerry near 9 AM on Salt Meadow, Spread Grass, all Spread by Noon. William Lawrence came with Dinner, We Raked and cocked 80 Cocks, began to Rain About 5 PM, Went home, it had Rained, We Quit 3/4 Day
At Herbts. 26	At Herberts 1/2 pint Rum, unpaid
At Larry's 26 paid	At Larry's 1/2 pint Port Wine 8 pence, paid
Pain 26	My leg & Hip Very painful
Gracy 26	Gracy little Better
1842	Memento
Augt. 27 Rain	Mostly Overcast to Day, sun out by turns, thunder in the Afternoon, Some Rain last Night a little rain
Who 27 helped Stack	I, Alfred, William Lawrence and Jerry, Sidney Smiley on Salt Meadow to day, Raked and cocked About 54 Cocks yesterday 80 = 134 perhaps 3 or 4 More, some Wet, the 54 not dry, put all on a Stack, Went there near 9, had done 5 PM 3/4 Day
at Herbts. 27 unpaid	At Herberts 10 1/2 lb Sugar 6 shillings, unpaid, And 1/2 pint rum for Meadow, unpaid
at Larry's 27 paid	At Larrys 1/2 pint Brandy or Rum 6 pence, paid
28 Rain	Misty Clouds, wind Southwesterly, thunder Shower before 12, it passed by, in Afternoon About 4 a Heavy flaw of Rain
Brs. 28 Brown & Mayo up Preached on Camp Ground	Brother Brown and Brother Mayo up from the city of New York Yesterday, preached at Margaret Smiths at Night Habakkuk 3 Chapter 2, to Day they Preached on My camp Ground, both forenoon and Afternoon

1842	Memento
Augt. 28 Mayo Preachd.	Mayo Preached forenoon to About 30 or 40 from 1 Corinthians 1 Chapter and first of 23 Verse
28 Brown Preached	Brother Brown preached in Afternoon Above 100, A Shower came up, Rained very hard for Some time, Our tent and the fly both spread, all in, Rained hard, I think on the Ground More than 100 all in the tents, text Job 36 and 18, near done began to Rain, prayed and Sung in tents
Mayo 28 Prd. at Nt. Ja Ges. in	Mayo at My house at Night, About 40, excellent Sermon, Romans 14 And 12 Verse Jacob Gesner Attended this one Meeting
29	A clear Day, very warm, cloudy Afternoon, clear Night, Wind Westerly
Mayo & 29 Brown for city did not go, too late Brown Pd. Margt. & Both stayed	Mayo and Brown, After breakfast too late to go off At Snedens, Went to Pier mont on foot, came 5 Minutes too late there, came back, and Alfred took them with Waggon to river for to cross over River to take steam boat, concluded to Stay and go to Morrow. Brown Preached at Jerry's to Night, about 25, text "So Run that you May obtain the prize" He stayd Margarets
1842	Memento
Augt. 29 Who at Meeting	I, Jonathan Lawrence, Mary, Sarah, Cornelia, Alfred William N Gesner, his wife and George Gesner's Wife to Meeting at Margaret Smiths, besides Lucy was there, Eley — Rachel Gravestine and Daughter &c &c
30	A Clear Day, Wind Southerly or Southeasterly, tides Run high
Br Mayo 30 a Lawyer & Minister Br Brown a Physician and Minister	Brother Mayo, a Lawyer by Profession and practice, and a Minister of the Gospel, also apparently a talented Man and of piety, With Brother Brown, a physician by profession, Also a Minister of the Gospel of Christ, came up from the city of New York Saturday the 27 Instant and preached Saturday Night at Jerry Smiths, Sabbath Morning and Afternoon in My Camp Ground where Jon Lawrence had Raised the tent and the fly separately; but adjoining at the ends, It Rained very hard just as Brother Brown had finished his sermon in the Afternoon, all collected in the 2 tents, better than One hundred, Sung and prayed, Rain continued an hour William D Concklin being intoxicated Made Some confusion, conducted Shamefully — I talked with him, he diverted it; but without Asking gave 1 shilling for Collection
Some Acct. of the Meetings	

1842	Memento
Augt. 30 of Collection	But no Collection Was then Made, prevented by the Rain, and crowded in the tent it was Omitted till the Evening, About 40 Collected, then Sabbath Evening Collected but 3 shillings 9 pence With the one Shilling of William Concklin Made 4 shillings 9 pence this Sum was Made up to 16 shillings by me 3 shillings, Lucy 3 shillings and Jon Lawrence 5 shillings 3 pence and gave each Minister one dollar. The Meetings as before Stated was Attended with much Solemnity, and apparently much good feelings; God Seal the labours
30 They Went	They Stayed last Night at Margarets after Meeting About 12 to day went down to the landing thence On Board the Steam Boat for New York
Alfred 30	Alfred helped Gather fruit took to landing, Went to fetch Meal from the Mill ploughed this Afternoon all Day
31	A Clear Day, wind brisk from the Southward
Alfred 31 Geo. Ges. Salt Mead	Alfred and George Gesner cut salt Grass for me to day, All day or Nearly. I went, got there 11 AM with dinner, Spread the Grass
1842	Memento
Augt. 31 at Herbts. unpd Sept. 1	At Herberts 1/2 pint Rum for Salt Meadow, unpaid A Nice day, Clear with some clouds, Brisk wind from the South
Alfred 1 Jerry self	Alfred and Jerry Salt Meadow Mowed till near 12 Afternoon Raked, I came with dinner there by 10 AM. I Spread by 12 all what they cut this Morning, I helped Rake a While and put up 87 Cocks, Alfred put up 18 all on cock, Home by sun set or just after, a Day or Nearly
Meetg. 1 at Jerry Smiths to Night	Meeting at Jerry's to Night, I Jon Lawrence Sally Mary Sarah, William Gesner George Gesner and their Wives, Nancy Sneden Eley Rachel Gravestine — Anne Waldron &c &c, there More than 20
2	A Very handsome Day, Warm, clear, the Wind Southerly
Who 2 Stacked	I, Alfred, Richard Van Wickle, Jacob Gesner and Jerry Stacked Salt Hay to Day the 2nd Stack see over

1842	Memento
Sept. 2	We were pretty early in the Salt Meadow, Jerry and Richard Carried Alfred pitched, Jacob Gesner Stacked, I Raked after the cocks, None of the Wind Rows had been Raked up after cocking Yesterday, there was 108 Cocks, had the Stack done by one PM the handsomest Stack on the Meadow, on the Northernmost lot 2 Acres
Salt Meadow Done &c	
at Herbts. 2	At Herberts 1/2 pint rum, unpaid
unpd	
Juliet 2	Juliet Sneden Lawrence here to day
Sneden	
3	A Nice day Warm, clear wind Southerly, a Shower in the Evening, continues to Rain in the Night
Worked 3	Worked on the Road York State, I and Alfred for Me each 1 Day, this is the first this Year
Road	
I & Alfred &c	
Br 3	Brother Stickley Stickland up from New York city just before it Rained About sun set, up at Piermont, Walked here
Sticklayd up &c	
1842	Memento
Sept. 3	At Herberts 1 lb candles 1 shilling 2 pence, paid
at Herbts. pd	
Sabbath 4	A Nice day, clear, wind Westerly, Overcast in the evening and Wind seems Northeasterly
Br 4	Brother Stickland Preached on My Camp Ground this Morning, the tent and fly put up — his text 2 Corinthians 4 Chapter and 17 Verse “For our light Affliction, which is but for a Moment, worketh for us a far More exceeding and eternal Weight of Glory a great sermon truly, about 50, Eley, Anne Waldron and Husband, Margaret Jerry Lucy William Gesner and George Gesner and their Wives — &c &c — good Attention
Stickland Preached this forenoon	
Name is Stickland	
He Preached in the Aftn.	In the Afternoon he preached from John 17 chapter 22 Verse “And the Glory Which thou gavest Me, I have given them, that they May be one, even as We are one” — This Was one to be numbered with the first Rate Sermons, About 100, Yes upwards, a Solemn Attention Applied in the Most sympathetic Manner; the hardest Heart could not resist its energy and power; our Members all attended &c —
a great Sermon	

1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 4 Br Stickland Pd. at Night</p> <p>Collection</p> <p>4 Understood Ja. Gesner has joined the Episc. Mts.</p>	<p>Brother Stickland preached to Night to About 40 or upwards at My House from Luke 24 Chapter 47 Verse "And that Repentance and Remission of Sins, should be preached in his name Among all Nations beginning at Jerusalem" This Another very excellent Sermon, After Sermon ended, a Short prayer Meeting, with some declarations of Gods goodness &c, Lucy and all her children, Margaret, Eley, William Gesner (not his Wife) George Gesner and Wife &c &c</p> <p>In the Afternoon After Sermon On the Camp Ground a Collection was taken 9 shillings 4 pence, Jonathan Lawrence put 8 pence by and I 2 shillings, Made 12 shillings</p> <p>I have this evening understood that Jacob Gesner has joined the Episcopal Methodist Church at Rockland He is one who has Exclaimed Much against the power and despotic principles of said church, I am fully persuaded Not from candid and Sound considerations; but from prejudices and Jealousy he has left the Methodist Protestants, disappointment and unauthorized reasoning. What is Man! He has been</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 4</p> <p>Some Acct of his Reasons</p> <p>Shamefully unprincipled</p> <p>Monday 5 Rain</p>	<p>a Member of the Methodist Protestant Church, has strongly advocated its causes, for 9 or 10 years He also one that preaches the Gospel of Christ, And would no doubt have Received promotion in the church he has left, had he not been il liberal in treating and handling Matters and circumstances unfriendly and unfeel ingly, thereby loosing the evil influence necessary for its Acquisition; Shamefully urging unwarrantable and unauthorized Assertions Against Jon Lawrence and some of My family for his justification, using language to degrade innocence un grounded Suspicions, With the encouragement no doubt of the Episcopalians or some of them, to injure Reform, which has been an object with them, evinced by Many efforts Made heretofore, unjustly and falsely against Reform</p> <p>Rain before day, About sun rise and Alternately through the day, this Morning Wind Southeasterly, Afternoon Westerly</p>

1842	Memento
Sept. 5 Br Stickland went &c Gave 5 Alfred 1 Dol no work at Herbts. 5 paid	<p>Brother Stickland After Breakfast Went for the city of New York the Collec tion Made yesterday of 9 shillings 4 pence Made up to 12 shillings see the 3rd was given to him this Morning, Also a small Basket with plumbs</p> <p>Gave Alfred 8 shillings this Morning, he Went to Company Parade, no Work</p> <p>At Herberts two 7 lb Sugar at 4 shillings each = 8 shillings, paid, for Sweet Meats plumbs</p>
6	A Nice Day, this forenoon Northerly, near Night seems Southerly, cool evening
Alfred 6 Crabbing Wm. L Gunning D. Blauvt. 6 team	<p>Alfred Crabbing all day, got 36, William Lawrence went a While with him, came back and Went a Gunning, got 3 Red Squirrels one Highho and one Juniper William got sea sick, high swells</p> <p>David Blauvelt team drew Apples to Peter Rikers Mill &c no charge</p>
1842	Memento
Sept. 7	A Clear Nice Day, Warm, wind Southwesterly
I picked 7	I picked up Apples to day
Alfred 7	Alfred dug a little potatoes this forenoon, and Afternoon went later And ploughed; taken together these not more than 1/2 Day
Wm. Law. 7 to Albany Back to day Gunning 8	<p>William Lawrence first of last week to Albany with young John Willsey Sloop, back with Steam boat home last saturday To Day Gunning</p> <p>Clear, but cloudy, wind variable, Morning Northwesterly, Afternoon Southerly, in Evening gets overcast</p>
Alfred 8 I Picked Apples Wm. Law	<p>Alfred ploughed to Day, not a full Day, not More than a full 1/2 Day, not early not late, large Noon Spell</p> <p>I Picked apples, William Lawrence helped a little, forenoon Gunning, towards Night Gunning</p>

1842	Memento
Sept. 8 Prayr. Mg. to Night	A little prayer Meeting at My House to Night and Class Meeting, Margaret Smith Lucy William Gesner and Wife, George M Lawrence, Henry Concklin and Daughter, Lucy's Eliza and family George Gesner and Wife not here
Rain 9	A Rainy Day, it Rained some last Night, continues till About 8 or 9 AM, gets cloudy, Wind Southerly, partly clear Midday, in Afternoon a thunder Shower, Smart Rain, thick overcast at Night, the Wind seems Northerly
I & Gracy Alfred little done 9	I and Gracy put up of Apples I gathered in cellar 1 Barrel one 1/2 Barrel and 2 One Bushel Baskets Summer pippins Alfred took them to landing, all he did to day, with taking the Apples to cider Mill, the Waggon was loaded
10	A Cool day, clear wind Northwesterly, cool Evening
Alfred 10 cider	Alfred ground Apples this forenoon at Peter Rikers, Afternoon helped lay it up &c and Squeeze — 1 3/4 Barrels took home — Went River
1842	Memento
Sept. 10 Cider Made Wm. Law	Made About 1 Barrel and 3/4 of a Barrel cider at Peter Rikers to day, took it Home, William Lawrence helped this Afternoon at Mill
Br Black= 10 more up	Brother Blackmore up from the city of New York to day
at Herbts. 10 Paid	At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings, Paid
Return 10 of Zeb	Return from Zebulon Woolsey clear 16 shillings, see the 8th Instant the Barrel 10 shillings and 1/2 Barrel 4 shillings, the 2 Baskets each 3 shillings 6 pence, expenses and a loaf of bread leaves 16 shillings
Thunder 11 Shower, sharp lightning Rain	Very Cloudy all day from Westward, at Night a very hard thunder Shower With Much rain; Its thunder and lightning very Sharp and frequent
Sabbath 11 Br Blackmore Preachd.	Blackmore last June from England Preached this Morning on camp ground My Woods, the tent and fly raised, from Numbers 14 and 24, About 35 or 40, a very Systematic discourse from the Stand Eley Margaret Smith, Lucy William and George Gesner and their Wives &c &c

1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 11 Blackmore Preached this Aftn. Camp Ground Good &c</p>	<p>Brother Blackburn preached this Afternoon from Revelations 6 Chapter and 1 and 2 Verses this was a sermon delivered with Much energy and Ability, and illustrated, with much Scripture Authority; great Sermon, diversified into all its relative connections, Solemn attention About 70 or 80, Lucy and her Girls Mary, Sarah and Sally Lawrence, Jon Lawrence, George Gesner, William Gesner and their Wives, George Lawrence, Eley, Alfred Who Kneeled with us &c &c, Peggy Post and Doctor Wright and Wife there</p>
<p>Br 11 Blackmore Pd. to Nt. at My House</p> <p>Doctor Wright & Wife here to Nt.</p>	<p>Brother Blackmore Preached to Night at my house from 1 Timothy 1 Chapter and 15 Verse "This is a faithful Saying and Worthy of all Acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the World to save Sinners" the latter part not included; this also was systematic preaching but with Energy and impressive, a Good Sermon Eley, Margaret Smith, Lucy, Girls, and David Blauvelt, Henry Concklin, Peggy Post, George, Mart Hagens Wife and Girl, William Gesner and George Gesner and their Wives, A Thunder Shower just at the Close of the Meeting, Much sharp thunder and lightning, Some Went Away</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 11 Rain Thunder &c Collection 9 sh + 4 sh = 13 sh</p>	<p>As it began to Rain Eley, Margaret and Lucy and Girls and David Blauvelt, Mart Hagens Wife, they Stay'd all Night, it did Rain very hard and continued till After 12 at Night, in the Morning of Monday Alfred took Lucy and children home With Waggon before Breakfast</p> <p>In the Afternoon A Collection was Made of 8 shillings 9 pence, Alfred put 3 cents by, Made 9 shillings, I put 2 shillings by and Jon Lawrence 2 shillings made 13 shillings</p>
<p>Rain 12 last Nt. &c 12 Alfred</p>	<p>Clear all Day, Wind Westerly, Warm, Rain last Night</p> <p>Jon Lawrence — William Lawrence — Alfred threshed Rye to day; how steady, I Know not</p>
<p>Gave Br 12 Blackmore 13 Shill. Gorman 12 here Rain 13</p>	<p>Gave Brother Blackmore the 13 shillings Above Mentioned</p> <p>Gorman Pedlar here to Night</p> <p>It Rained the first of the forenoon, no thunder, Nice Weather from 9 AM, Wind Westerly</p>

1842	Memento
Sept. 13 Br Blackmore to N.Y. Alfred 13 to Market Return	<p>Brother Blackmore to Piermont, Alfred took him with Waggon for New York city: he Wished to be in the city before the Warren could the Arrow from piermont went at 10 AM and the Warren from Snedens about 1/2 after 12</p> <p>Alfred took Blackmore to Slote or Piermont With Waggon and took 4 Small Baskets plumbs Sweet Damsons to River with Waggon, threshed a little this Afternoon</p> <p>Returns 6 shillings 9 pence</p> <p>Jon Lawrence threshed all Day, William and Alfred Some</p> <p>At Herberts 3 quarts Molasses 2 shillings 3 pence paid, got to Make up plumbs</p>
J L. Wm. threshed at Herbts. 13 paid 14	<p>Overcast and a Misty Day, sometimes with a little Rain, wind Northeasterly</p>
Alfred 14 JL Wm. L threshed 14 St. Anthony's dance	<p>Jon Lawrence William Lawrence and Alfred threshed all day</p> <p>A Man here from Baltimore, having Saint Anthony's Dance</p> <p>NOTE: St. Anthony's Dance is a nervous condition characterized by involuntary muscular twitching of the limbs or facial muscles, usually a complication of rheumatic fever.</p>
1842	Memento
Sept. 15 Rain uncommon wet season	<p>A Rainy day, Wind North east, cold Raw day, last Sabbath evening fell abundance of Water and also since, Roads are very Much injured, ploughed ground run out, &c, the past Season has been the Wettest season in My Recollection, I am Now past 76</p>
Jon L 15 Wm. Law. cleaned Rye 23 Bush. & 6 before & 1 More 30 Bush. Alfred 15 very little done Joe Dubois's Rye paid at Herbts. 15 paid	<p>Jonathan Lawrence and William Lawrence with a little of Alfreds help cleaned up the Rye thrashed, the last few days 23 Bushels, Once before since Harvest 6 Bushels, with the Rye on the barn floor After drawing and Some over in the Measures, when thrashed about one Bushel would make 30 Bushels thrashed of the New crop already</p> <p>Alfred helped a little clean Rye And took 1 Bushel to Joe Dubois's This Bushel was borrowed last fall to Sow, is Now paid, Alfred took it there</p> <p>At Herberts 1/2 quire paper 1 shilling, paid</p>

1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 16 Rain continues Injuries sustained by Rain Alfred 16 & Wm. L Crabbing at Herbts. 16 Paid</p> <p>J. L. oats 16</p> <p>Sent 16 Market</p> <p>Beef of 16 Doremus paid 2 sh, all pd</p>	<p>Another Rainy Day, Rain last Night and Rainy and Misty till 1 or 2 PM continues overcast and the wind Northeasterly, Wonderful Wet Season last Sabbath Night a flood of water fell, the Roads are much injured; it is said at Snedens landing the greatest flood of water poured down the Hollow ever Known before — over turning Rocks and stone &c, also very heavy Weather</p> <p>Alfred and William Lawrence crabbing although Rainy all Day, they caught about 70 good crabs, mostly She ones</p> <p>At Herberts 10 1/2 lb Indian Meal at 13 pence the 7 lb, paid 19 pence full paid, Also 1 lb Candles 1 shilling 3 pence, paid. I got</p> <p>Jon Lawrence threshed some Oats</p> <p>I gathered 2 big baskets and 1 Square Basket Apples, took them to landing sent with Zeb</p> <p>Bought of Cornelius Doremus 7 lb beef at 7 pence per lb = 4 shillings 1 pence, paid on it 2 shillings, leaves all 2 shillings 1 pence, all paid since</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 17</p> <p>J. L. & 17 Alfred oats Alfred &c</p> <p>Wm. L 17 to Bogerts Mill</p> <p>Return 17 of Apples</p> <p>Br 17 Strickland up</p> <p>Sabbath 18</p>	<p>A Clear Day, Wind Seems southerly, Moderate</p> <p>Jon Lawrence and Alfred finished thrashing Oats and cleaned them up; not Measured Alfred Shook some apple trees over Road, got oven Wood, I suppose About 3/4, the day not early nor late nor persevering</p> <p>William Lawrence Gunning forenoon, Afternoon Went to Bogarts mill with Waggon, took 7 1/2 Bushels Rye</p> <p>Return from Zeb of 2 big baskets and one small of Apples, clear 4 shillings 9 pence, this is Small</p> <p>Brother Stickland up from the city of New York this Afternoon, came up at piermont</p> <p>Very Cloudy all Day, cool, the wind Westerly</p>

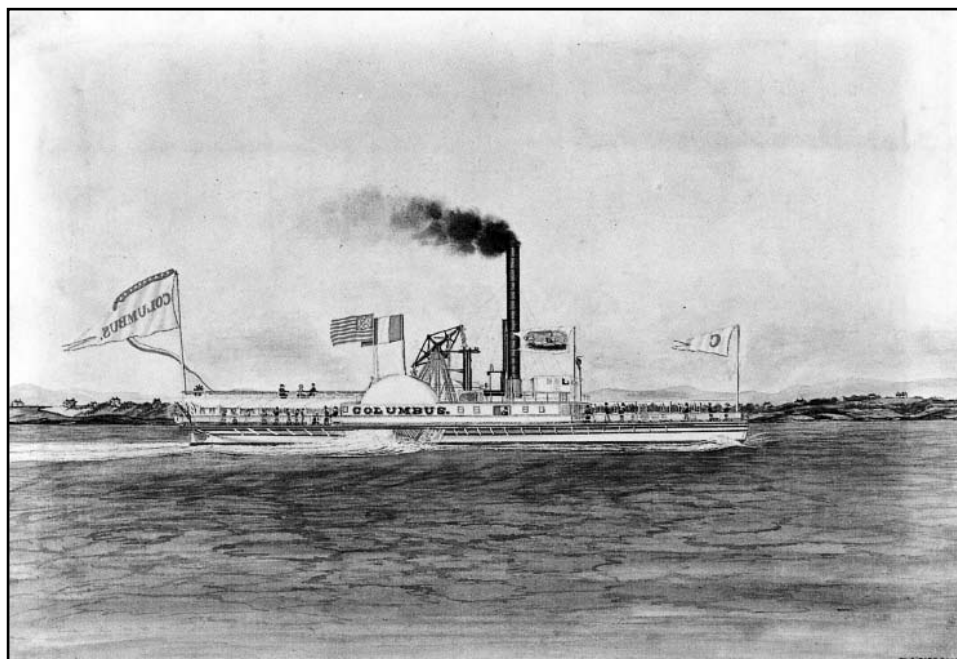
1842	Memento
Sept. 18 Brother Stickland Preached	Brother Stickland preached on My Camp Ground this forenoon, the tent raised to About 25 or 30, from Luke 19 and 10, a Very good discourse, Anne Waldron, Rachel Gravestine Eley, Lucy, Girls, Margaret, William and George Gesner and their Wives &c &c
Br Stickland Prd. Aft. Collection	Brother Stickland Preached this Afternoon from John 11 Chapter and last clause of the 28 Verse "The Master is come and calleth for thee" A Great Sermon to About 50 or 60, those Named Above Were also on the Camp Ground in the Afternoon, Doctor Wright and Wife, George Lawrence and Wife, Jerry not Margaret Mary Ann Gesner, Obb Cooper Collection this Afternoon 9 shillings
Br Stickland Prd. to Nt. Great Sermon	Brother Stickland preached to Night at My House to About 40, from "Occupy till I come" this was lengthy and an extraordinary Sermon, impressed with the greatest Solemnity. May God seal it to every heart
1842	Memento
Sept. 19 Rain	Clear most all day, cool, About 3 or 4 PM black clouds, a Smart Rain, wind North Westerly; no thunder, Ground uncommon Wet —
Alfred 19 No Work for Wages Wm. W. 19 Stickland & Jon. L to NY Stickland a Doctor Gave Stickland the collection 9 sh More 3=12 Gave Alfred at different times	Alfred to see Martin Hynes, back About 12 he and William Lawrence 1/2 an Hour picked Apples below, a While over Road picked &c Brother William W. Stickland and Jonathan Lawrence to the city of New York, went to Snedens 1/2 past 11, Stickland has been some years in this country from England, is an excellent preacher, professes physic Gave Stickland this Morning the 9 shillings see last page I gave at the Collec tion and Gracy together 1 shilling 10 pence to day 1 shilling 0 pence more and Jon Lawrence 2 shillings to day = 3 shillings to the 9 makes 12 shillings gave him. NB the 1 shilling 10 pence is in the 9 shillings Gave Alfred a few days ago 1 shilling to put in the Collection and Sabbath 18th Gave him Again And to day for him to Strickland for A box of pills 2 shillings; Gracy present

1842	Memento
Sept. 20	A Clear cool day, wind Northwesterly
Alfred 20 very little	Alfred ploughed this Afternoon, put in about 3 PM or later, this forenoon got Oven Wood, hardly pay board
Wm. L 20 &c	William Lawrence Gunning till After 12, got 6 Pigeons and some Red Squirrel, helped Me cut up Corn About 2 Hours
J. L. up 20	Jonathan Lawrence up from New York
Obb put 20 staples &c	Obb put Staple in Wiffletree — not paid now — all paid since
21	A Cloudy Day, in the forenoon the Wind seems Northeasterly, Afternoon Westerly, a few Drops of Rain before 12
J L 21 Wm. L Alfred	Jon Lawrence William Lawrence and My self and Alfred Got the little field Corn in Stouts, Alfred with team late this Morning, 3/4 not More
Jon L. 21 Shot a fox	Near Sun set Jonathan Lawrence Shot a Red fox in my Orchard, he Went slowly, but was got; Lear's Concklin Jonathan Gave it too, Jonathan had John Blanches Gun

NOTE: A Wiffletree is a crossbar, pivoted at the middle, to which the traces of a harness are fastened for pulling a vehicle or a plow. Also called whippletree, singletree.

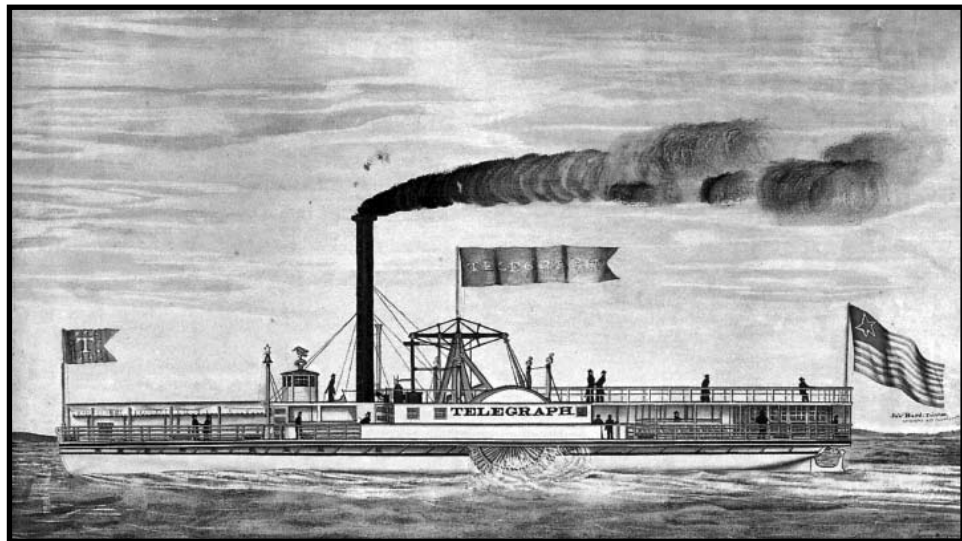
1842	Memento
Sept. 22	A Cold NW Cloudy Day, very clear at Night, But a Windy Day
Wm L 22 Ploughed Myself	William Ploughed Near 3/4, went late, I picked Apples, Moved heaps of stalks too Wet to be burned
J. L. 22 Alfred Stalks	Jon Lawrence and Alfred cut corn Stalks over the Gulley and back of Old Barn, dug some potatoes, begun late 3/4
22 Class Meetg. exhortation Prayer	To Night a Class Meeting my house exhortation and prayer, good Meeting. William Gesner and Wife Anne Waldron Margaret Smith Lucy and Girl George Lawrence and Wife, Margaret Gesner and Jonathans family, I and Gracy Lucy and Margaret Smith, William Gesner and Wife Gave in their experience But George Gesner and Wife not here
Frost 23 the first since June 11	A White frost and the top of ploughed Ground a little frozen, Wind Westerly, this is the first frost since the 11th Morning of June last
J. L. 23 Alfred near 1 Day	Jon Lawrence and Alfred dug the long Reds back of My Barn, the red headed White Worm has destroyed them Much
1842	Memento
Sept. 23	William Lawrence ploughed
John 23 Myres tidings Benjamin Snedden Died None of Relations Went	John Myres from New York brought tidings this evening that Benjamin Sneden Ship Carpenter Died this Morning about 4 o'clock, About this hour he called to his daughter Sally Ann, She hasted to his Bed, Spoke not a Word and died before the family could be called together. This truly is Melancholy: I have worked Many Days with him in Younger life, And as a friend, was Much esteemed by Me to be Buried 3 PM to Morrow, Myres brought the tidings to his Brother Samuel and relations here. And Not one Went to his funeral a Shame!
Frost 24	A heavy frost this Morning, Clear cool Day, Wind Westerly
Alfred 24	Alfred Mowed Buckwheat 1/2
Wm. L 24	William Lawrence Harrowed 1/2 Day nearly

1842	Memento
Sept. 24 Sowed Rye	I Sowed North side of the hollow in Orchard below 1 3/4 Bushels Rye this Morning, William Lawrence Harrowed it in before 12, this the first
25 Frost	A Clear Nice day, Wind early seems Northerly, Afternoon Southerly frost this Morning
Br Jones 25 up Preached his boy with him abt. 9 Years	Brother Jones from New York city up this Morning, came with Columbus opposite Snedens, crossed over, was time enough to preach on Camp Ground, the tent up, Only About 12 or 14 this Morning, he was not expected to preach till Afternoon. Eley, Anne Waldron, Margaret, Lucy, William Gesner, our family George Gesner and Wife not there this Morning William Gesner and Wife to New York text Psalms 57 and Middle Clause 11 Verse "There is a Reward for Right
25 Br Jones Pd. this Aft.	Afternoon Brother Jones preached from Matthew 16 and 26 About 50 an excellent sermon. Anne Waldron Rachel Gravestine Eley Margaret Smith Lucy and Girls William Gesner his Wife at New York George Gesner and Wife Anne Willsey Matthew Concklin, George Lawrence and Wife &c



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1842	Memento
Sept. 25 Br Jones Prd. at Night	Brother Jones Preached to Night at My House, about 40, from Hebrews 6 and 1st Verse Middle clause — “let us go unto perfection” this was a first Rate sermon, Sound Gospel doctrine What perfection was not, and What it was not the perfection of Angels not the perfection of God, but Christian perfection substantially Argued and proved Nearly the same as in the Afternoon Were present &c
Collection 25 6 sh 1 p Made to 12 sh 7 p Gave &c	A Collection Made 6 shillings 1 pence, it was Made up to 13 shillings 7 pence by Myself 3 shillings William Gesner 2 shillings 6 pence and Jon Lawrence 1 shilling = 12 shillings 7 pence, Gave to him
Frost 25 again	A Handsome Day, Clear, wind variable and light. Some frost this Morning
J L 25 Alfred	Jon Lawrence Alfred dug some potatoes Seal feet below, William Lawrence Gunning this forenoon, ploughed a little this Afternoon
Wm. Law. Br Jones 26 & I to Snedens	Brother Jones and Boy went early to Snedens to cross over to steam Boat Telegraph I went down with him



The Hudson River Steamboat Telegraph, built in 1837

1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 26 at Herbts. paid at Herbts. unpd 27</p> <p>This day 27 took up again 6 Dol of P. Riker, gave him a Note of 12 Dol and the first Note destroyed since paid Paid 27 to J. Lawrence Esq 6 D in full for Joe Demaray</p>	<p>At Herberts 7 lb Sugar 4 shillings, paid, and a few days after 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 2 pence, unpaid, fetched by Margaret Alaya Concklin</p> <p>A clear Warm Day, wind light mostly Southwesterly, seem by turns Easterly</p> <p>This Morning I took up the Note given to Peter Riker dated July 2nd 1842 of Six Dollars payable in 4 Months from Date I say took it up, and Gave him another Note of 12 Dollars bearing date the 27th Instant, Now the 6 Dollars included in the first was included in the Note given to day of twelve Dollars ie to Say this day I took of Peter Riker 6 Dollars, with the first 6 Makes 12 Dollars for Which I gave a Note, and destroyed the first Note, Made the two in one sum, this last Note payable December 1 1842, all settled</p> <p>Paid John Lawrence Esquire to day 6 Dollars due to Joe Demaray for Boards and plank, took the Esquires Receipt in full Was by said John Lawrence Esquire forbidden to pay Demaray</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 27 Some Acct. further It Appears Denison at NY Seized on the Goods &c J.L. 27 Alfred Wm. Law. I to 27 New landg.</p> <p>28 Nice</p>	<p>NB Joseph Demarests books of Account it Appears Was put in Lawyer Blanches hands for Settlement, thence to the Justice John Lawrence, he informed Me of the business so I paid the 6 Dollars which was due on Boards, and took the Esquires Receipt in full this Day that Denison at the city of New York had seiz'd on the Goods in the Store and in the Lumber &c</p> <p>Jon Lawrence and Alfred dug potatoes to day, Alfred this Morning first finished cutting Buckwheat 2 or 3 Hours, William Lawrence ploughed some, harrowed</p> <p>To Day I went as far as New landing looking for Boards, paid 6 Dollars to John Lawrence the Account due for Boards Bought of Joe Demarest last spring, took his Receipt &c</p> <p>Early this Morning, cloudy soon clear, a very Nice Day, wind variably from NW to SW</p>

1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 28 J. L. Alfred Wm. Law I Sowed 28 Rye again Geo. Law 28 Had Rye at Herbs. 28 Unpaid 29</p>	<p>Jon Lawrence and Alfred dug potatoes below, William Lawrence ploughed, Harrowed, Near a day Alfred</p> <p>I sowed South side of Orchard Hollow, About 1 1/2 Bushels Rye to day</p> <p>George M Lawrence had Yesterday One Bushel Rye to Sow</p> <p>Gracy at Herberts 2 lb Sugar 1 shilling 6 pence, unpaid</p> <p>A Clear Nice day, moderate, Wind Westerly</p>
<p>29 Jacob Gesner Child Born female JL and 29 Alfred Wm. L.</p>	<p>Jacob Gesner his Wife a Child born see opposite</p> <p>Jon Lawrence and Alfred Dug potatoes 3/4 day, Went late, quit a little soon William Lawrence Gunning the forenoon, Ploughed some this Afternoon, broke open hills, stalk Ground</p>
<p>Class 29 at Jerry's</p>	<p>Our Members Met to Night at Jerry Smiths, Class, &c good. Eley, Lucy, Margaret, William Gesner, George Gesner and wife, Myself, Jon Lawrence, Mary and Sarah, Rachel, Anne</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Sept. 29 Geo. Ges. & Wife joined class 30</p>	<p>George Gesner and Mary his Wife joined the Class to Night</p> <p>An overcast Day, Drissels, and Rains a little Midday, Wind Southerly but towards Night clear and wind SW</p>
<p>JHL & 30 Alfred Wm. L fetched from Mill 30 Jacob Gesners Child born yesterday Abt. one AM</p>	<p>Jon Lawrence and Alfred dug a few potatoes this forenoon, William Harrowed the Stalk ground over, took up 23 Bushels potatoes, Rain'd a little, William and Alfred Gunning, towards Night Went to Bogerts Mill and fetched the flour and Bran of 7 Bushels Rye took there a little ago</p> <p>Jacob Gesner's wife Elizabeth (Cooper) Confined, a female child, Born about One O'clock before day the 29th instant see opposite. Now living at Rockland, in the house of Leonard Beasley</p>

1842	Memento
October 1	A Very handsome day Wind SW
J L 1 potatoes Aft. went to J Waldrons Alfred crabbing Wm. ploughg. Self &c Sabbath 2	I and Jon Lawrence dug about 4 or 5 Hours potatoes this forenoon, I and William Lawrence picked up what was Dug, 19 Bushels big and 7 little potatoes. Alfred Crabbing to Day got 80 or little better — William ploughed in little field 1/2 Day nearly and Jon Lawrence Went this Afternoon to Assist John Waldron in Arranging Accounts, the potatoes we brought home
John Westervelt 2	Another Nice Day, Clouds from the Westward This Morning a lamentable circumstance happened About Breakfast time. John Westervelt son of Peter and Eley Westervelt clerk in Larry Snedens Store, Was Drowned by the Dock at Snedens landing, he was seen bailing out a Small boat, a few Minutes after Nothing Was seen of
1842	Memento
Octo 2 Drowned Sabbath Morng. &c	him, Larry Sneden Stepping down to the Dock, saw his Hat, reached down felt him and drew him out being Yet Warm, exertion was instantly made by Rubbing &c but past recovery, Doctor Wright was immediately sent for but to no avail — the Water was at this time only About (near) the Waist deep, a Jury was called; but no injury discovered, by some supposed he had a fit; but never being the subject to fits, My conclusion is that by reaching over the Boat he has taken a Slip and pitched head foremost between the dock and boat and in a fright struggling, head in the Mud was soon unable to help himself his death is lamented, was good to his Mother, whose heart Rending Sorrows can not be expressed
Pr. 2 Mg. My house	Prayer Meeting My house to Night, Jon Lawrence Spoke well About 25 or 28 Margaret, I Lucy George Gesner and Wife Henry Concklin and Daughter, a few Young Men and Women

1842	Memento
Octo. 3	A Handsome Day, the Wind Westerly
Gracy's 3 Birthday	Gracy's Birth day, is now 78 years
3 Stickland Preached John Westervelts Funeral Sermon commenced at 3 PM Buried &c 5 Dol &c	Brother Stickland came up from the city of New York before 12, being sent for. He preached John Westervelts funeral Sermon from 1 Peter 4 and 7 "But the end of all things is at hand, be ye therefore Sober and Watch unto prayer" a Most Affecting discourse Applied to the Young, Middle Aged and Aged, the Sympatis ing Mode of addressing the vast Audience, seemed to Rend the heart and burst forth in floods of tears; the soothing, comforting language in Addressing our Afflicted Sister Eley, the Mother of the unfortunate Drowned, could no More than humiliate the hardest heart into the Most potent Sympaties: there Was a Vast concourse of friends and Neighbors. He was buried at Lawrence's Burying place Rockland About 5 PM. Larry Sneden gave to Jon Lawrence 5 Dollars to give Brother Stickland, which was done
1842	Memento
Octo 3	Brother Stickland preached at My house to Night to near 40, from Revelations 3 and 20 Verse "Behold &c" this Subject diversified in all its various parts connected with it, was enough to Rend the hardest heart into pieces, to humble the Most Haughty and exalted Mind down in the dust, without the least resistance, Seizing the Rational Powers with irresistable demonstration, silencing every possible effort of opposition, a Solemn time — Our poor Afflicted Sister Eley here to Night, Melted in tears, Also our little Number, as usual, all present
4	Another very Nice Day, wind Westerly
4 Br. Stickland Went Sam. Sneden 4 Jun. from NY his father's Will	Stickland went about 7 AM to Snedens landing to cross and take Steam for city Samuel Sneden Junior Benjamin Snedens son here last evening from New York, to let me know about Settling his fathers Will; himself and Me being executors, Went Away After Dinner

1842		Memento
Octo. 4		Jon Lawrence and Alfred potatoes, Alfred About 3/4 not that, Jon Lawrence this
J. L. &		Afternoon Brought in 25 Bushels
Alfred		
Wm. L	4	William Lawrence ploughed, Harrowed, About 3/4
I Sowed	4	I Sowed 3 Bushels Rye to day, little field to Orchard fence —
	5	Nice Weather, handsome Day, wind Westerly; A General White frost this Morning
Wm. L.	5	William Lawrence Harrowed nearly all Day
J. L. &	5	Jon Lawrence, Alfred Near a Day digging potatoes below, there is now 241
Alfred		Bushels, little and Big, nearly done, Quite done below
B 241 in		
Scaffold	5	I fixed Apple Scaffold — &c
	6	A Clear nice Day, wind Westerly, White frost this Morning
Killed	6	My Ducks continually on My apple heap and under trees. I threw a Stick and set
a duck		one a fluttering, Which I told in the House, for Which I Received
Sals abuse		

1842	Memento
Octo 6 and insult Alfred 6 J. L. Wm. L.	An impudent, insulting, ridiculous abuse from Jonathan Lawrences Wife Alfred, Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence, Myself a little threshed My buckwheat About 1/2 Day
Class 6 at Jerry's	Class Meeting at Margaret Smiths to Night, Eley, Anne Waldron Rachel Gravestine Jon Lawrence and Mary Lawrence Sarah Lawrence William Gesner and George Gesner, Alfred Lucy, Myself present, good Meeting
Frost 7	White frost, clear Sky all Day &c, the Wind light Northwesterly, Nice day
Buckwt. 7 cleaned Sent Market J. L. Alfred Domina &c	Buckwheat cleaned, Only 7 or 8 Bushels, Jon Lawrence and Alfred, Alfred took to landing 2 Barrels Summer pippins 50 quinces and a pair of ducks cleaned to Zeb, I got them Ready Afternoon Jon Lawrence and Alfred picked off the Domina Apples at John Willseys, William Lawrence helped little
Mary Law. 7 & Sarah to Eley's	Mary Lawrence and Sarah to Eleys to day, they Stay to Night till About 10
1842	Memento
Octo. 8	A little foggy this Morning, breaks Away into Clouds, the wind seems Southeast erly, Notwithstanding its a Nice day
Wm. L 8 Alfred to Genl. training J. Law. 8 Apples	William Lawrence and Alfred Miles to General training, each a Horse of me About 8 Miles, Pete Demarests place Jon Lawrence Gathered Some Domina apples and put them in Barn
I hooped 8 Cask &c	I Hooped a Pipe, tied stalks over run, brought in White beans, I pulled them up Yesterday, the White Worm with Red head, destroyed them Nearly all, they have made sad havock this Year in My potatoes and Corn
Sabbath 9	Cloudy Day, More clear in the evening, cool, the Wind Southwesterly
Br. Mayo 9 not Here still had Meetg.	This Afternoon it was expected that Brother Mayo would be up from the city of New York to preach for us; but did not come — We Still had our Meeting Among ourselves

1842	Memento
Octo. 9 Meeting	Jon Lawrence and William Gesner Spoke, good Meeting, Eley, Rachel Gravestine and Daughter, George Gesner, Lucy, Mistress Rice, Mary Ann Gesner, George M Lawrence and Wife, our family, Margaret Gesner, also Ginnet Lawrence, About 22
At Nt. 9 Meeting &c	At Night Meeting at my house, Exhortation by William Gesner and Jon Lawrence, about 25 or 30, Several Young Men, Phebe Sneden With us to Night, A Solemn time, serious Attention Lucy Eley Margaret Smith Margaret Gesner Obbs daughter Richard Van Wickle, Jacob Outwater, John Renwick, Ginnet Lawrence, &c a Very Solemn and good Meeting
10	Cloudy Day, clear at Night, wind to Day seems Southwesterly, not cold
A little 10 Work J. L Alfred Wm. L	Not Much Work done to Day, Jon Lawrence picked Some Apples and Myself, Alfred and William Lawrence picked some this Afternoon up at John Willseys, and rode Some home from there
Good Mg. 10 to Night Wm. Gesner very Zealous	A Good Meeting at My house to Night. George M Lawrence, George Gesner, William Gesner, Eley, Anne Waldron, Margaret Smith not Lucy William D Concklin, Henry Concklin and daughter John Renwick and family. The Lord Was here, Seldom exceeded, Jon Lawrence spoke well.
1842	Memento
Octo. 11	A Clear Day, Moderate Wind SW
Not any 11 Work of Consequence to Day Rye Sowed below 7 1/2 Bushels Herbt. 11 had rye paid on it 1 peck 12	Not much work done to day Jon Lawrence to Snedens, William Lawrence Gunning all Day nearly Alfred in the Mountain took Gun, helped pick some apples below and Harrowed about 20 Minutes. I Sowed the Wet streak in Orchard below, I Ridged it this Morning, Sowed on it about 1/2 peck and a 1/4 of Rye all Sowed below, Now about 7 1/2 Bushels Rye, the Orchard part South of Willows and all little field I owed Herbert, borrowed last fall, 2 Bushels rye, he Got 6 Bushels here a little Ago, the 2 I owed he Borrowed 4; to Day I had 1 peck on it to finish below A Clear Day, the wind Westerly
Wm. L 12 & Alfred	I picked Apples all Day, pippins, Alfred and William helped a little not 1/2 Day by a good deal

1842	Memento
Octo. 12 Jon L NY	Jonathan Lawrence to New York to Day
Richard my 12 Wag. & Horses this Aftn.	Richard Van Wickle My team and Waggon took 2 Loads from Joe Dubois's to Stephen Parsels for Sam Garrison, he is About moving from Joe's, the cause I can only Guess, no charge
13	Continues clear, the wind Westerly, Cool Nights and Mornings
I thrashed 13 White Beans &c	I thrashed White Beans and cleaned them this Morning, picked up Apples the Rest of the day
Leo. Beasley 13 here	Leonard Beasley here awhile this Afternoon
13 Meetg here to Night by J L &c	Meeting at my house to Night, Jon Lawrence from New York kept Meeting, good Exhortation, a few Anne Waldron and Boy, Eley Rachel Gravestine and daughter Margaret Smith Lucy and Girl Elizabeth Trenchard, Mary Renwick — Henry Concklin and daughter — Charles and Sidney Gesner &c
Alfred 13	Alfred ploughed a little, William Lawrence Gunning
1842	Memento
Octo 13 Paid to Geo. Gesner 1 D	Last Wednesday Morning the 12th Instant Paid to George Gesner one Dollar, he Was going to New York to a Wedding, his Wifes Brother Was to be Married Gracy gave it
14	Clear forenoon, cloudy Afternoon, the Wind Southerly, Shifting eastward and in the Evening looks Stormy
Wm. L 14 Alfred	William Lawrence Shot to Day 40 or 50 Robins Alfred took to landng at Snedens 2 Barrels, one of Domina And the other Rhode Island Greens and one Basket Summer pippins and 4 Ducks
Self J. Law.	I picking Apples nearly all Day, Alfred and William and Jon Lawrence helped a little late in afternoon
at Herbts. 14 unpd paid	At Herberts 2 1/2 Scant Cheese at 8 pence = 20 pence, Unpaid, since paid
Hard 15 Rain last Nt. clear to day	A Very hard Rain last Night, like a Shower. The wind About 9 or 10 last Night seemed Easterly, the brooks overflowing, Roads, run out. But Clear this Morning, the Wind Westerly

1842	Memento
Octo. 15 Worked on Road, done Alfred 15 on Road for Ja. Ges. &c	I Worked on the Road to Day, New York State a half Day, My time is done. This Year I have been Assessed 2 1/2 Days Alfred Gunning With William Lawrence this forenoon, Alfred Worked this Afternoon for Jacob Gesner, for Leonard said that would Answer for his helping Me Stuck in Salt Meadow
J. L. 15	Jon Lawrence picked Some Apples over Gulley
Sabbath 16	Clear, but cloudy, wind Southwesterly
Mg. at 16 My house to Nt. John Renwick Religion	Prayer Meeting to Night at My House, About 30 or better Lucy Eley Margaret, Rachel Gravestine and Daughter, William Gesner and Wife, George Lawrence John Renwick, Anne Willsey, Mary Ann Post Maria Powers and daughter, Henry Concklin and Daughter — &c &c. Jon Lawrence spoke and exhorted Well William Gesner very much engaged John Renwick experienced religion. A Meeting of much excitement
17	Wind Southerly, clear Nice Day
1842	Memento
Octo. 17 Alfred NY Wm. L. J. L.	Alfred to city of New York to Day William Lawrence Gunning, Jon Lawrence but little done. I loaded Waggon and sorted Apples &c
Richd. 17 Wagg. horses drew boards &c	Richard Waggon and Horses, William Lawrence with him, fetched 2 or 3 loads boards from Snedens to his New building this Afternoon, first Went with William to cider Mill, With the loaded Waggon
18	Wind high Southerly, a Nice day, Smoaky to day as well as Yesterday, cloudy at Night
I did 18	I Sorted Apples, some in the barn and Some in the cellar, I picked up 3 or 4 Baskets in the quite old Orchard and some over Gulley
Wm. L. 18	William Lawrence Gunning this forenoon, helped late in Afternoon pick a few over Gulley, took about 12 Bushels More to cider Mill
Alfred up 18 J. L. &c	Alfred up from New York. Jon Lawrence very little, Went to River

1842	Memento
<p>Octo. 18 Meetg. at Hen. Conck</p> <p>Good Mg. J. Law. hinted a Protracted Meeting</p>	<p>A Meeting at Henry Concklins to Night, exhortation by Jon Lawrence, prayer and mostly all giving their experiences; a Good Meeting. Lucy and Girl — William Gesner and Wife George Gesner, George M Lawrence Eley Margaret Smith Myself Sally Mary Sarah Maria Powers and daughter and Henry Concklin &c — Also John Renwick Who seems to have experienced the love of God, a Good Meeting. George Lawrence considered himself a Great Coward, but Still Stood up and testified of the Goodness of God &c &c. Jon Lawrence hinted to Night about a Contracted Meeting to commence here With us Next Sabbath, then expecting Brother Jones to come and preach for us, and probably will then continue</p>
<p>at Herbts. 18 Paid</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Yesteday at Herberts 7 lb Sugar, Paid, for Quinces Sweet Meat 4 shillings 6 pence</p> <p>Wind Northerly, cool and clear</p>
<p>I to NY 19 An executor in Ben. Snedens Will</p>	<p>I Went to the city of New York on Benjamin Snedens business as one of his executors on the business of the will</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Octo. 19 at NY Stayed at Saml. Snedens I very unwell To 20 Surrogates Office &c paid Surrogate 5 Dol.</p> <p>done at Present</p>	<p>Came to New York, Herbert Lawrence at the North River, Went with him to Samuel Snedens, also an Executor to his Fathers Will, Stayed there to Night This whole Night I was Much discommoded in My Body, not 1 1/2 hours in bed</p> <p>Cloudy, quite cool, wind Northerly all day, cold. I and Samuel Sneden to the Surrogates Office with Benjamin Snedens Will (drawn by me in the Year 1832) Herbert Lawrence with us in order to have the Will proved Nothing More done, than the Name of the heirs taken to which Samuel Sneden made oath 6 Weeks required by law for the matter to be Advertised that the heirs Might show cause or any one of them if Any they had why the Will should not be proved, one Witness in the City, Samuel Sneden paid to the Surrogate or Clerk 5 Dollars Who Said I must be there the 5th Day of December next following, Samuel Sneden promised to Write 2 or 3 Days before</p>

1842	Memento
Octo. 20	Having done for the present at the Surrogates Office I hasted down to North River, Herbert Lawrence accompanied Me there, came a little before the hour of 12 — Samuel Sneden Went from the Office back to Herbert Lawrences and fetched My Umbrella, down to the Steam boat Warren; I came home; passage down and up together 6 shillings
came home passage &c 6 sh	
Mg. at 20 Jerry Smiths	Meeting at Margaret Smiths to Night, I'm unwell, nearly all Night up last Night, did not go to Meeting
21	Clear, Wind Westerly, some Clouds cool
J. L. 21 Alfred Wm. L	Jon Lawrence Alfred husked corn to day by the Willows below, not full day, began late. William Lawrence helped Some this Afternoon, Got done there, corn in the Crib
Myself 21 not well	I am and have been Some days Afflicted with a Disentery
1842	Momento
Octo. 22	Wind Southerly, Mostly Clear, cloudy Near Sun set, Rains in Evening
22 Alfred Wm. L Made cider	Alfred early Ground Apples, he and William Gesner Went put up the Cheese And pressed it nearly out by 12, I then Went down, we came home with team, Made this time About 2 1/4 Barrels most excellent press juice
JL fixing 22 protracted	Jon Lawrence fixing for protracted Meeting
5 sh 22 paid Alfred training	See the 7th Instant. Gracy gave Alfred 4 shillings, I just before 1 shilling. Went to training ie 5 shillings
23	Cloudy, wind high from Northwestward
Br John 23 Jones up & son	Brother John Jones up from the city of New York this Morning, with his little son Named John Alfred and John Renwick fetched him Across river

1842	Memento
<p>Octo. 23 Br John Jones Prd. this Aftn. at my house</p>	<p>Brother John Jones Preached this Afternoon at My house, about 70. A good Sermon from Philippians 3 &c. All our Members present, George Lawrence and wife &c &c, A Solemn Attention</p>
<p>23 At Night B Jones Prd.</p>	<p>Brother Jones at Night from Mark 14 and last clause of 72 Verse "and when he thought thereon he Wept" This Also was a Good sermon and the best attention Paid, About 35, All our Members Present</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>Cloudy all Day, Mostly from the Westward, overcast evening, Wind Easterly look for foul</p>
<p>Alfred 24 Wood drew</p>	<p>Alfred drew Cord Wood from below 6 loads, good 1/2 Day +</p>
<p>Wm L 24 L. Beasley J Law</p>	<p>William Lawrence and Leonard Beasley Junior Gunning, Jon Lawrence Mending Yard fence front</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Octo. 24 at Herbts. Paid Not paid</p>	<p>At Herberts the day I went to New York the 19th the Instant Got by Gracy 1/2 Gallon Molasses 1 shilling 2 pence and 1 lb Candles 1 shilling 2 pence = 2 shillings 4 pence, paid, not entered before Also 1/4 lb tea Not paid, got the 20th, Paid Since</p>
<p>at Herberts 24 paid</p>	<p>At Herberts 1/2 lb Candles 7 pence unpaid, Paid since</p>
<p>25 Rain</p>	<p>A Rainy Day, high wind Southeasterly, much Water fell, clouds break towards Night, clear by 8 PM Wind Westerly</p>
<p>Br 25 Stickland wife up &c Preach'd to Night</p>	<p>Brother Strickland wife and 3 Children up from New York Preached to Night to About 30, our Members not all here, had Rained, Wet, Muddy, Lucy and Margaret not here from George Lawrence and Wife here, excellent Sermon</p>

1842	Memento
Octo. 25 Alfred Wm L	Jon Lawrence Afternoon did a little repair in front Yard fence Alfred and William Lawrence not Any thing &c
26	Clear Nice Day, Wind Westerly, cool Morning and Evening
J. L. 26	Jon Lawrence Mended front fence Again
Wm. L 26	William Lawrence today Shot 73 Robins
Alfred 26	Alfred Drew Cord Wood from below near 3/4 day
Br 26 Stickland Preached to Night	Stickland Preached to Night from Romans 5 and 1st and 2nd, About 30 again, Margaret, Lucy, Eley, William and George Gesner and wives, Henry Concklin and Margaret George Lawrence not here
Frost 27 &c	Clear all day, a very heavy White frost this Morning; ground some frozen, Wind Westerly
Alfred 27	Alfred drew cord Wood from below and one load to hill
1842	Memento
Octo. 27 at Larrys paid Br 27 Stickland Prd. to Nt. at My house Mg. continued	Gracy Got 50 Clams 1 shilling, paid Alfred at Larry's 1/2 Gallon tar 1 shilling, paid
28	William W Stickland Preached a Great Sermon to Night here from the Remaining unfinished part of last Nights text which see — a Solemn heart Melting discourse, Serious Attention, upwards of 40 Afterwards held Class, our Members all here, a Blessed time
J. L Wm. 28 & Alfred Kirk 28 here	Clear Day, this Morning another heavy White frost, Wind Northerly by Northwesterly
	Jon Lawrence William and Alfred got in 1 1/2 load corn from over the Gulley
	Brother Kirk from Bergen Circuit here, Preached to Night from Mark Strait is the Gate &c

1842	Memento
<p>Octo. 28 Meeting Br Kirk Stickland NB this Kneeling was April 2 1843 All Kneeling Down frost 29</p> <p>Wm. Law. 29 & Alfred gunning J. L. 29 fence Herbts. 29 pd.</p>	<p>A good Sermon An Awful Contrast, a Great Solemnity pervaded the Minds, and the house filled, All our Members here (not William Gesners Wife, sick) Brother Stickland Spoke Afterwards and Made a Very energetic prayer; Brother Kirk spoke again, it appeared that the power of God was Among the Congregation, 50 or 60 present, When the Meeting was Closed they continued to sit and Keep their Seats</p> <p>by Request of Kirk they all fell on their Knees</p> <p>A very Nice warm day, frost this Morning, cool Night and Morning, wind Westerly</p> <p>William Lawrence and Alfred Miles Gunning All day</p> <p>Jon Lawrence Again repairing front yard fence</p> <p>At Herberts 1 lb Candles 14 pence, paid</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Octo. 31 at Herbts pd Nov. 1 1842 J Law 1 & Mary also Br Stickland & Wife to Br Storms the church trouble</p>	<p>At Herberts 1 lb Candles 1 sh 2 pence, paid</p> <p>A Smoaky Nice Day, the wind Southwesterly</p> <p>Jonathan Lawrence And Mary Lawrence in Jacob Rikers Waggon My Mare, Also Brother William W Stickland and his Wife Rebecca With My horse and George Lawrences Waggon Went About 11 AM in company together to the Pond to see Brother John Storms for a Ride And to inquire into the State and Standing of the Methodist Protestant Church, found it down, and Refusing to have Anything to do it appears with Methodist Protestant preachers Any More; Saying they had been So ill teated by them &c &c they had let their church to the presbiterians. Jon Lawrence and Brother Stickland concludes that Brother Storms was Rather the head cause of the trouble of excluding the Methodist Protestants from them and their Meeting House</p>

1842	Memento
Nov. 1 Alfred	Alfred no Work the forenoon, Got Rikers Waggon for Jon Lawrence to Pond, cut cord Wood over Gulley 1/2 Day +
Br Stickland Pd. to Night	1 Brother Stickland Preached to Night My House from Luke 15 About the Prodigal Son A Great Sermon, great Solemnity, tears, closely applied After dismissed the congregation remained, sat down on their Seats About 50, All the Members here Nancy Sneden and Daughter, Mistress Wright, George Lawrence — &c &c a good time, Yet none to be prayed for except when All stood up &c. George Quidor and Wife here also
Frost	2 A clear very Nice day, Wind Northerly and Northwesterly, light, frost in the morning
Wm. L to NY	2 William Lawrence to New York to Day
Alfred	2 Alfred drew cord Wood to hill to day
1842	Memento
Nov. 2 Female	Prayer Meeting all females at Margaret Smiths
Prayer Meetg.	2 Female Prayer Meeting at George Quidors Monday Afternoon
D Blt. Measles	2 David Blauvelt sick Measles
At Herbts. paid & paid 8 p & 2 cts. due	2 At Herberts 6 Broken Sheets paper 4 cents, paid And a 10 penny loaf Bread paid 8 pence on it; and 2 pence yet Due
	3 Clear all day and cold, Wind Northerly
Prayer Meetg. Da. Blauvt.	3 Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts 3 PM I, Gracy Jon Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Sally Lawrence Eley Rachel Gravestine Margaret Smith, William Gesner, Mary Gesner, Latey Ackers, Henry Concklin Brother Stickland and Wife, good Meeting

1842	Memento
<p>Nov. 3</p> <p>Br Stickland Prd. to Night</p> <p>great sermon</p> <p>4</p> <p>Alfred 4 cut wood</p> <p>J L 4</p>	<p>Brother William W. Stickland Preached My house to Night from Hebrews 10 Chapter and 35 Verse, this was one of the Greatest Sermons I ever heard, displayed in all its Various Connections; What an affecting Solemn caution and Warning, Not to cast away their confidence, tears, tears. About 40, With the Greatest attention, the Subject suited as a farewell Sermon. Our Members all here George Lawrence, Margaret Sarvent Post, Jane Post, David Parsels and Wife With Waggon, Abner's Wife &c Mary Ann Gesner and George Manns Daughter</p> <p>Clear, cold, Wind Northwesterly</p> <p>Alfred 1/2 day Mountain, cut cord Wood Nut</p> <p>Jon Lawrence drew some firewood and cut some</p>
1842	Memento
<p>Nov. 4</p> <p>Prayr. Mg. My house</p> <p>4</p> <p>Br Stickland to NY for Washington Valley</p> <p>our protracted closed &c</p> <p>Collection 4 gave</p>	<p>Prayer Meeting My house to Night a few William and George Gesner their Wives Eley 2 or 3 Young girls here from River &c [part of this page missing, top corner torn off]</p> <p>Brother William W. Stickland this day to to New York intending to Go to Washington Valley New Jersey to assist Brother Blackman in a protracted Meeting, last tuesday Night a Week ago and closed last night, none joined; But Much good has been done from every Appearance and confessions</p> <p>Collection twice at this Meeting, first 13 shillings 6 pence, second time 5 shillings 6 pence = 19 shillings to which I put 8 shillings Borrowed of William Lawrence but I had 1 shilling of the 19 shillings so I put 7 shillings by, makes 26 shillings See over</p>

1842	Memento
Nov. 5	Clear, Warm, Wind Southwesterly
5	Alfred cut cord Wood Mountain 1/4 Day, Went 12, home early
J. L. 5	Jon Lawrence drew Wood by door and cut Some up
5	Sow put in big pen, Jonathan helped
6	Clear And Warm, Wind Southwesterly
Br Jones 6 not up	Brother Jones not up from New York as we Expected to preach to day
1842	Memento
Nov. 6 Isaac Wheeler here & Pd. Aftern. Preached to Night	Brother Isaac Wheeler here before 12, Preached this Afternoon at my house from Luke 11 and 13. Spoke well, About 30 — Our Members all here &c Brother Wheeler preached to Night from Deuteronomy 29 and 29 "Secret things belong to the Lord Revealed things to us and Our Children" Very Good discourse, Our Members all here, David Blauvelt and Jerry here &c, about between 30 and 40 perhaps 35
Alfred took Wheeler on his Way	Alfred with Waggon took Brother Wheeler About 9 PM or half After 9 at night on his Way to Nyack Village as far as 6 Miles Where John Gesner did live
7	A Warm pleasant day, very Smoaky but Mostly clear, cloudy towards Night, clouds from Westward
Alfred 7 no Work	Alfred no Work, took an emetic

1842	Memento
Nov. 7 J. L. turnips of Rob. Renwk.	Jon Lawrence Bought of Robert Renwick 5 Bushels turnips at 2 shillings per Bushel to Day, fetched with Waggon
Storm 8 Rain &c	Stormy before day, rains till After 12, high easterly wind, cold, storm seems to break before Night, not clear between 9 and 10 PM
Election 8	Election to day for Governor, Member to Congress, Assembly &c. I did not go, Jon Lawrence went
Wm. L up 8	William Lawrence up from the city of New York this Afternoon
Pray Mtg. 8 here to Nt.	Prayer Meeting at My house to Night, Margaret and William Gesner and George Gesner was all except our family, good little Meeting
Rain 9	Overcast all day, Sprinkling Rain by turns, the wind through the day Northeast erly, at Night very Clear, wind Westerly
Alfred 9 Wm. L	Alfred and William Lawrence cut cord wood, About 2 Hours this Afternoon above John Willsey
1842	Memento
Nov. 9 Mist. Stickland Mary Sarah &	Mistress Stickland, Mary and Sarah, Alfred took About 12 to Eley's, fetched them Again in the Evening They had a little prayer Meeting at Margaret Smiths, went again to Eley's and drank tea
10	Clear cold Day, Wind Westerly
I finished 10 husking	I finished husking Corn in Barn what grew over Gulley, both White and Yellow, did it alone
10 Larry Sneden back from Novascotia	Larry Sneden Returned last evening from Novascotia, been gone About 3 Weeks, saw Abraham Gesner the son of My Brother Henry at St. Johns in New Bruns wick; is a Doctor Surgeon, Received his Education in England and is Now in the employ of the Government there, he sent Me two pamphlets and a Sizeable Book and a letter with Larry Sneden, crossed over the Bay of Fundy, saw Abraham My Brother and his family, Went and Saw Henry Gesner Cornwallis

1842	Memento
Nov. 10 Wm. & John Law. up & Went	William and John the Sons of Charles Lawrence up day before Yesterday Gunning, Went down to Day
10 Alfred	Alfred cut a While to day cord Wood, perhaps 2 or 3 Hours, not enough for Board
J. L. 10	Jon Lawrence cut some firewood
10 Pr. Mg. Jerry's	Prayer Meeting at Margaret Smiths to Night, I, Jon Lawrence Mary, Sarah, Mistress Stickland, Mary George Gesners wife William Gesner John Renwick, Alfred — Eley — Nancy Sneden — Rachel Gravestine — Lucy &c Good &c
11	Clear and Cloudy, cool, the wind Northwesterly
J. L. 11	Jon Lawrence cut firewood below
Alfred 11 Wm. L.	Alfred drew some Cord wood out the Mountain, about 2 Hours +, And towards Night he and William Lawrence fetched in a jag of Stalks
1842	Memento
Nov. 11 I &c Not well	I carried 18 1/2 Baskets small Corn out Barn in Crib to Day I am Not well
Jacob 11 Gesner & treatment	Jacob Gesner giving Alfred to Read certain Chapters evidently to justify his cruel treatment and to condemn Jonathan Lawrence &c
12 Rain	Rainy day, wind Northeasterly, not high, at Night stops Raining, still overcast
Alfred 12	Alfred an hour drew cord wood out Mountain to the field and small load apples to cider Mill, it Rained About 2 or 3 hours, no More
Myself 12	I Sorted apples in Barn all day

1842	Memento
Nov. 12 Obb Axe	Obb upsot Axe for Me to Day 2 shillings, William Lawrence offered pay, he could not change
Br. 12 Stickland back from Washington Valley	Brother Stickland here towards Night, been to Washington Valley, protracted Meeting to Assist Blackman, one conversion and 4 or 5 long backsliders reclaimed
Wm. L 12 Bass	William Lawrence bot of John Renwick Bass 13 lb 5 shillings 3 pence on his Account
13	A clear Day, wind Northwesterly cool, nice
Br. 13 Stickland Prd. here to Aft. Night	Brother William W Stickland preached this Afternoon at my house from Matthew 16 and 26 "And What is a Man profited &c" About 30 Our Members all present, a Very good Sermon
1842	Memento
Nov. 13 Br Stickland Prd. to Night	Brother Stickland preached at My house to Night from Hebrews, 13 Chapter 16 Verse "But to do good &c" excellent discourse, About 30 or 34, Members all here, except William Gesner, he Stay'd home to take care of the Child John Waldron and Wife — Jerry and David Blauvelt here &c
Rain 14	Rainy Alternately all day, wind Southerly, Clear in the evening, cool
Alfred & 14 Eley Wood	Alfred took some Cord wood to the hill, drew from the flat 2 loads down for Eley
I Sorted 14 Went to see Larry &c	I Sorted Domina Apples and went to See Larry Sneden towards Night to hear from Brother Abraham Gesner and Henry &c
14 Stickland Prd. to Night Wm. Ges. to N York	Brother Stickland preached to Night from Psalms excellent &c. Roads wet, a few, David Blauvelt, Lucy and Girl, Bens Girl, George Gesner and Wife and Margaret Gesner, But not William Gesner he went to New York to day nor his Wife Eley not here nor Rachel Gravestine, nor Anne Waldron

1842	Memento
Nov. 14	At Larry's 6 Sheets paper 6 pence, paid
15	A Clear Day, Wind Westerly, cool evening
Alfred 15 Wm.	Alfred took a Small jag of apples to mill with William Lawrence and Ground them, not 1/2 Day
I Wrote 15 4 Letters to Novascotia &c	I Wrote this Afternoon 4 letters, one to Doctor Abraham Gesner son of Henry Gesner living at St. Johns New Brunswick one to Abraham Gesner My Brother living at Granville Anapolis Novascotia, one to Abrahams daughter Maria And One to My Brother Henry at Cornwallis Novascotia
16	Overcast all day, the wind Northeastward, a drizzling Rain by turns
Sent the 16 Above letters &c	Sent the Above letters with Larry Sneden to put on board the Packet to St. Johns New Brunswick to the care of Doctor Abraham Gesner to send them &c
Alfred 16 Wm. L cider	Alfred and William Lawrence laid the cheese to Day, pressed it, About 3 Barrels, brought Home and Watered the Cheese
1842	Memento
Nov. 16 Br Stickland Pd My House	Brother William Stickland Preached to Night My House from Timothy 4 and 8 Verse, good Sermon, in all 21 or 22 with family, a good Meeting Lucy Margaret, Rachel and daughter George Gesner and Wife William Gesner his Wife to New York to day Henry Concklin and Peggy and Margaret Alicia &c
He 16 Prd. last Nt. Ben. G My Leg 16 bad	Last Night he Preached Benjamin Gravestines, the house nearly filled, I not there
16	My Hip and leg very bad this 2 or 3 Days, terrible pain
16	Rainy to Day by turns, at Night rains Smartly, the Wind Easterly, Raw Cold
Lawrence 16 Sneden Died	Lawrence Sneden, the Brother of Boss John Sneden, Died this Morning About 4 AM, laid a long time wasting Away, retaining his senses almost to the last, excepting by turns &c
No 16 Meetg. &c	No Meeting to Night of Methodist Protestants, Cole Preached At Widow Ackers

1842	Memento
Nov. 17 Cold freezing	A Cold, Very Windy day, wind between W and SW, a cold Evening, Ground frozen hard by 9 PM, this the first real freezing Night —
17 Lawrence Snedens Buried Sermon	Lawrence Snedens buried About half After 3 PM to day, invited at one, Dey, Episcopal Methodist preached funeral Sermon, house filled, his text “O that they would be Wise, that they would consider their latter end” Spoke well, he invited Brother Stickland to close
18	A Clear Cold Day, the Ground this Morning hard as a brick, the wind as Yesterday About WSW not so high
18 Stickland Pd. at David Bts. last Nt.	Last Night After the funeral Brother Stickland Preached At David Blauvelts from Hebrews excellent, about 22. George M Lawrence Eley Rachel and daughter, William Gesner, Alfred Myself Jon Lawrence, Mary — Sarah, Margaret Smith— &c Theodore
1842	Memento
Nov. 18 A Young Man drowned Near Snedens	A Young Man Drowned day before Yesterday fishing With hooks to a line some distance from the Shore at Snedens — he was Raked &c for and found, brought in at Snedens dock, Made a Box to take him home from here a considerable distance I think in Jersey
19	Cool day, Clear and the wind Westerly
Br. 19 Stickland Prd. My house this Aftn.	Brother W. Stickland Preached this Afternoon About 30 or 35, A most extraordinary Sermon from Hebrews 26 Chapter 2 and 3 Verse, our Members all present, George Lawrence and wife here William Gesner, Wife at new York
Prayer 19 Mg. at Hen C, 10 AM	This Morning at 10 Prayer Meeting at Henry Concklins Jon Lawrence, Mary Sarah Myself, Alfred, George Gesner and Wife, No More, But Henry’s family, Good
To Night 19 Prd. here	Brother Stickland Preached to Night My House from Psalms About 40, our Members all present, Stephen Powles, son John and daughter here, good Sermon

1842	Memento
Nov. 21	Cold, Ground hard, Wind Westerly
21 Br Stickland to NY his Wife &c I drew Note for Geo. Ges. from D Haring Old Side protracted Mg. 21 Gorman Jacob Ackerson Died &c	William Stickland Went to city of New York to Day, not his wife and his 3 Children, they went to David Blauvelts I drew a Note from David Haring to George Gesner to Night of 125 Dollars at 6 per cent dated this date, payable April 1st Next Old Side protracted Meeting began the 13th Instant and still continues Gorman pedlar here, Waggon and Horse Jacob Ackerson residing at rockland, After a little While illness And being Again Much better, and this Morning Attending to killing his Beef, came in, and soon said, I am dying, and So departed this life
1842	Memento
Nov. 22	Cold, the Wind Southwesterly, Clear, the Sky a little Hazy by turns
Bot 22 of Gorman He went Away 1/2 after 12 Unpaid Since all paid	Bought of Gorman his Name is Bernard Gorman for Myself sh p 2 Yds Cloth at 22 shillings 2.. 4.. 0 2 Yds linen at 2/6 0.. 5.. 0 Buttons and thread 0.. 5.. 0 also 2 1/2 Yds Calico 3 sh 9 p 2.. 14.. 0 1 Skein Yard 1 sh 0 p 4.. 9 4 sh 9 p Paid 2.. 18.. 9
22 Jacob Ackerson Buried	Jacob Ackerson Buried this Afternoon, funeral Invite was 2 PM, Episcopal Methodist Preached from Joshua "Behold this Day I go the Way of all the Earth" — I was not there, Jonathan Lawrence Mary and Sarah there from My house
Jerry 22 Horses day before Yesterday	Jerry Horses and Sled all day, Drew Stone for his Wall, had them day before Yesterday
23	Clear cool, wind Westerly, Evening overcast, Wind Northeasterly

1842	Memento
Nov. 23 took to Mill	Yesterday Alfred took to Bogarts Mill 9 Bags Grain Rye, Corn and Buckwheat
Alfred 23 & Wm Fort Lee	To Day Alfred and William Lawrence to Fort Lee, My Horses on Horseback, Alfred looking to get Money
24 First Snow	Snow this Morning, the wind very Still, stops Snowing by 9 AM or 10. Ground fairly covered, Sloppy Snow breaks Away, Wind in Afternoon Southwesterly, very clear and cold at Night — The first Snow this fall —
24 Prayer Mt. at Jerry S.	Prayer Meeting at Jerry Smiths to Night, Jon Lawrence, Mary, Sarah, Myself Alfred, John Renwick John Waldron and Wife and daughter, Eley, Rachel Gravestine and daughter, William Gesner not George Gesner his Wife and William Gesners Wife to New York Good Meeting, Mistress Stickland and Lucy and Sally and Gracy also not there
1842	Memento
Nov. 26	Wind Westerly, clear, a Nice Day
Potatoes 26 Apples &c and Wood sent to Jerry S. for Stickland Moved up	Jon Lawrence took down to Jerry's 1 Barrel potatoes 1 Barrel Apples, a Basket turnips, and Straw for a Bed for W. Stickland who is going to live at Jerry's with his family; Yesterday took a Small load Wood there also for him — Brother Stickland Moved his things up to Day from New York; My team drew them up from River to Jerry's. Alfred Went with the team All here to Night
My 26 pain worse	My hip and leg very bad pain &c. Been very bad some Days, have been Afflicted more or less since February last
Sabbath 27	A Cold Squally day, little snow, Wind very high from NW, cold Night
27	Brother Isaac Wheeler here, Ate dinner, was at Afternoon Meeting

1842	Memento
Nov. 27 Br. Stickland Prd. to Day	Brother Stickland Preached this Afternoon at My house from Acts 8 Chapter 8 Verse, a Very good Sermon, About 30, Our Members all here But George Gesner his Wife and William Gesners Wife at New York George Lawrence and Wife here Margaret Smith not here
27 Preached to Night Cold	Brother Stickland Preached to Night from the last 3 Verses of Saint James's Epistle, About 30 Again or About 28 Members here as above, Margaret Smith and Jerry here and David Blauvelt here this Afternoon and to Night
Cold 28 Snow at Goshen	Cold SW wind, ground frozen hard for Some days already, Clear Cold. I've understood that at Goshen the Snow is 16 Inches thick, there is none on this Side of the Mountain
To Henry 28 Cooper Taylor &c	I and William, George Lawrences Waggon My horse, to Slote Piermont to Cooper to get My Cloth coat Made &c, see December 17
1842	Memento
Nov. 29	Wind NW, cold Day, clear
29 Boards Got Of Cose Blauvelt	I and Jonathan Lawrence took waggon and Horses to New Landing to Day, got of James or Cose Blauvelt 50 Boards Hemlock at 8 cents each, 20 Do pine at 1 shilling And 3 planks at 16 pence each, to be paid within 3 Weeks Paid the 17th December see 17th
29 Prayer Meeting at D. Blauvt.	Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts to Night. I not there, not very well, lame &c Jon Lawrence Mary Sarah, Alfred, Brother Stickland Eley, Benjamin Gravestine and Rachel Margaret, Henry Concklin John Brush and Wife and daughter, George Quidor &c
30 Snow	Overcast cold, begins to Snow About 8 or 9 AM and Snows all Day and in the Night, Wind About NNE
J L 30 cleared up &c	Jon Lawrence cleared up round and About out of the Snow &c, others little or Nothing

1842	Memento
Nov. 30 Jerry had	Jerry half Bushel corn ears Day before Yesterday
Dec 1 The Snow	The Snow this Morning About 6 or 7 Inches deep, Cloudy very cold, Wind NW, Mostly clear through the Day, in the Evening looks hazy for More Snow
Alfred 1 Wm. L	Alfred and William Lawrence 2 or 3 load Cord Wood out Woods to Hill
1 my pain	My Hip and leg very bad
2	Clear, More Moderate, Wind Northwesterly
Borrowed 2 of Willsey	This Morning I Borrowed 5 Dollars of John Willsey to go to New York, paid
Paid him Alfred 2	Alfred 3 times to Hill With cord Wood lately out one from below to the Road



NOTE: John Willsey house today. The set back addition on the right may not have existed in Nicholas's day.

Before 1835 Willsey had lived in a larger house just north of Nicholas Gesner and south of this house. He sold that house to Leonard Beasley in 1835, the same year that he bought this house from George Mann.

1842	Memento
Dec. 2 J. L. & Wm.	Jon Lawrence and William Lawrence cut some cord Wood below this Afternoon
I Went 3 NY on Business of Will	I Went this Morning to Piermont 10 AM on Board the Arrow to the city of New York to Receive qualification at Surrogates Office as executor in Benjamin Snedens Will &c
3	Southwesterly Wind, all day Hazy, at Night thinly overcast
I Went 3 to Leonard's Stayed	I went from Boat to Samuel Snedens and Herbert Lawrences, neither at Home. I Went to Fulton Market, met Herbert, crossed, went to Leonard Beasleys, slept there; on Sabbath
4 Went to E P church back	After Breakfast went with Young Leonard to Episcopal Protestant Methodist church, went back, Ate potpie for Dinner, About 2 PM Started for Catharine ferry. Young Leonard and Jake Beasley went with me to Near the landing, crossed west to Samuel Snedens, Stay'd all Night
Went 5 Surrogate &c	I, Samuel Sneden, Benjamin Sneden and their 3 Sisters 10 AM to Surrogates Office, no Attendance given, Directed to come next Morning, Witness was there, see over
1842	Memento
Dec. 5 Back from Surrogates Office	Returned from the Office, I at Samuel Snedens at Night, Sally Ann Sneden Received a letter for Samuel, brought it over in the Evening to him, in Which was expressed, that nothing could be done here till the 19th January next, as the Citation (Advertisement) had not been legally done; Thereby signifying that it must be done over, and also that We Need not come Next Morning I Believe that the Deputy Surrogate had either totally Neglected to put in the paper the Citation, which Was to give 6 Weeks Notice previous to proving the Will Or otherwise a Stratagem or Secret Design, the cause of it to Answer some end perhaps not good — &c 5 Dollars had been given 6 Weeks ago to him
Rain 6	Rain'd last Night, clear this Morning, Wind Northwesterly, cold
Went 6 Again &c	This Morning notwithstanding the letter Samuel Sneden and myself Went again, Mr. Daton the Deputy Surrogate said Nothing could be done to prove the Will untill the 19 January Next Nor Yet to take the evidence of Mr. Tyler the Witness Who did Not expect to stay long in the City the other 2, one it was said Was dead, the other insane Having removed from city

1842	Memento
	top of page missing
Rain 8 Alfred cut &c for Stickland	Overcast this Morning, Mists and rains all day, Near Night Rains &c in Evening Alfred cut this forenoon a little Wood for Stickland in Mountain
1842	Memento
	top of page missing
My Birth 10 Day 11	My Birth Day 77 Years old Cloudy all day, the wind seems North North Easterly, Clouds from NW, a few flakes of Snow

1842	Memento
Dec. 11 Isaac Wheeler Prd. here this Aftn. Br. 11 Stickland Prd. to Night 12	<p>This Afternoon Isaac Wheeler Preached from Psalms About 25, our Members all here, William Gesner and Wife at New York city and George Gesner and wife to New Rochelle, he spoke very Well Doctor Wrights wife here, not to Night</p> <p>Brother Stickland Preached to Night from 3rd Colossians and 14 Verse a Great Sermon, sound doctrine, well applied, a Solemn Attention, the Same Number as in the Afternoon</p> <p>Cloudy Day, Raw cold. wind Northerly</p>
At Herbts. 12 paid a Barrl. 12 Wht. flour paid Alfred 12	<p>At Herberts 7 lb Indian Meal 13 pence Round hearts 7 pence = 20 pence, paid</p> <p>John Willsey brought up a Barrel Wheat flour \$5.25, Paid with cord Wood he took down</p> <p>No Work of Alfred &c</p>
1842	Memento
Dec. 14 Wm. L fetched meal from Mill 14 Cut up Beef Jersey 14 tax paid 15 Sent 15 Cow hide to be tanned Prayer 15 Meetg. at John Renwicks	<p>William Lawrence fetched Meal from Bogerts Mill to Day, been there more than 3 Weeks</p> <p>Cut up Beef to Day, black cow, the Quarters Weighted 87 lb each, good Beef She was 12 Years old past</p> <p>Paid Jersey Tax to Day, one dollar and 20 Cents, got the Money of Sally</p> <p>Clear Day, Wind Westerly, Moderate</p> <p>Sent My Cow hide to John R Blauvelt with John Parsels Abraham Riker and William Lawrence to be tanned for Me and the one half Curried</p> <p>Prayer Meeting to Night at John Renwicks, good Meeting, about 25 or 30, Eley Rachel and Ben John Waldron and Wife Margaret Mart Hagen and Wife, Jon Lawrence, Mary, Sarah — Myself — Alfred, Martin Hynes &c &c</p>

1842	Memento
Dec. 15 Killed big Sow	Killed My Big Sow to day, Charles Gesner Jon Lawrence William Lawrence and Self She Weighed 314 lb
Mat 15 C.'s Wife Buried	Matthias Concklins Wife Buried Yesterday
16	Cloudy but clear, the wind the forepart of the day seems Southerly, towards Nght and evening Westerly Moderately cold
J. L. &c 16	Jon Lawrence drew Wood from below Old Orchard
Wm. L 16 & Girls Ride &c all around Return 16 of Wood 17	William Lawrence, Mary, Sarah and Anne Willsey took Ride Round Tappan to Night, Wood Sled and Borrowed Bells, round by Slote, Tappan, Richard Blanches, Richard Vervalens, so home Return of My Wood John Willsey took, very low price &c — Clear, Wind Northwesterly, Raw Cold
1842	Memento
Dec. 17 John Crum Died	John Crum Died the 8th November last, his Wife at Nyack, he died, I think at Michigan
J. L to 17 city NY	Jonathan Lawrence to New York to day, I went along to Piermont and William Lawrence drove the team
Paid 17 for Boards Receipted	I Paid for the Boards I had of James Blauvelt cts. cts. 50 Boards Hemlock at 8 = 4.00 20 Pine Boards at 1/ = 2.50 3 Plank at 16 pence = .50
Paid 17 Taylor Cooper &c Receipted	Paid took Mistress Blauvelts Receipt 7.00 Paid Henry Cooper for Making my Coatee 3 , for trimmings 7 shillings, I am to give a load oak Wood, took Coopers Receipt, all paid

1842	Memento
Dec. 18 cold	Cloudy, Wind Northwesterly, not very cold, in Evening cold cold
Stickland 8 Preached this Aftn.	Brother Stickland Preached this Afternoon at My House from John 12 Chapter 26 Verse, An Excellent Sermon. About 30, Our Members All here except William Gesners Wife and George Gesner and his Wife George Lawrence and Wife here
18 Br Stickland Prd. to Night My house	Brother Stickland Preached to Night at My House from Genesis 22 Chapter 1st and 2nd Verses, a very feeling Discourse, About 30, the Same Almost as to day, William Gesner, Lucy and daughter Eliza Eley Rachel Gravestine and daughter Margaret and Jerry, Alfred and Mart Hynes not George Lawrence, nor Wife David Parsels here to Night
1842	Memento
Dec. 19	Cold Day, the wind Westerly, Cloudy
J. L. 19 Back	Jonathan Lawrence back from the City of New York Went last Saturday
Boarded 19 Hovel	I Boarded, William Lawrence helped, South end of Hovel up to Beam
at Larrys 19 Paid	Last Saturday at Larry's 10 lb of ten penny cut Nails, and 4 lb of 12 penny's 8 shillings 2 pence, Paid. NB the 2 pence he threw in
at Herbts. 19 Paid	Also last Saturday at Herberts a 10 penny loaf of Wheat bread, paid
Gave 19 Ja Ges	Saturday gave Jacob Gesner a piece of Beef And Shank Also
Do Stickland	Gave Stickland piece beef Saturday
20	A Very pleasant day, Clear, the Wind light from Southwestward
Wm. L 20 helped Wm. Ges.	William Lawrence helped William Gesner at his long Skiff boat

1842	Memento
Dec. 20 Prayer Mg. at D. Blauvts. &c	Prayer Meeting at David Blauvelts to Night, John Waldron and Wife, Eley Rachel and daughter, Mistress Stickland William Gesner, Jonathan Lawrence, Mary, Sarah Myself George Lawrence Henry Concklin and Daughter, Harry and his Wife (living at Mistress Ackers) &c — (Margaret to New York and Stickland to New York city Jon Lawrence Spoke much and very well Mistress Stickland, Rachel Gravestine and Lucy prayed
Wm. L 20 & Self Hovel	I and William Lawrence near Night boarded up a little to Hovel, I Made Scaffold, got poles
Rain 21	Overcast this Morning, Rains About 11 AM, continues all Day, Wind Easterly, the Snow very Sloppy
Was Good Riding	Good Riding on the Snow some time past
I & Wm. 21 finished &c	I and William Lawrence finished Boarding South side of Hovel
1842	Memento
Dec. 22	A Cloudy Day, not cold, Wind Westerly
Cut up Hog 22 Gracy boiled &c	Cut up big Hog to day. I and Jon Lawrence and Gracy boiled her Rulachies
Pr. Mg. 22 at Sticklands	Prayer Meeting and Class to Night at Jerry's in Sticklands Room
23	Clear And very Cold to Day, Wind
Obb 23 Sent his Acct. J L paid I not J L 23	Obb Sent over his Account to me And Jonathan Lawrence Jonathan paid his 12 shillings to Ephraim Dubois for Shoeing the horses while I was at New York, I did not pay now
	Jonathan Lawrence to New York to Work, Started About 12 with Waggon and Horses, William Went &c

1842	Memento
Dec. 23 Paid to Wm. Gesner	Yesterday Paid William N Gesner on Account 2 Dollars send to him by Eugene
24	Cold, Mostly Clear, Wind Southwesterly
Salted 24 &c	Salted to Day My Pork
Obb 24 altered Sled bands 1 sh paid	Obb altered 4 bands of My old Sled for My New Sled made last Winter, altered them to Day, 1 shilling Paid by William Lawrence, I gave the Money
25 Christmas Stickland 25 Prd. Aftn.	Cloudy, And overcast by turns, the Wind Southwesterly, Raw cold
Ja Ges. Wife here &c	Strickland Preached here this Afternoon from Mathew 1 Chapter and 21 Verse, a Good Sermon to About 25 or 30, Jon Lawrence William Gesner not here, at New York) Members here, Betsy, Jacob Gesners wife here the first since he Moved back from Williamsburgh, she brought her 2 Children along, went away as Soon as Meeting was out. Josh Martin and Wife and Polly Hagen here



*Old Hagen House,
built circa 1805 by
Stephen Hagen, whose
wife Polly, née Sneden,
attended the meeting
described above.*

1842	Memento
Dec. 26	Cloudy day, not cold, Wind Westerly
Jerry 26 cut wood & Wm. L	Jerry Smith here this Morning, Jon Lawrence engaged him to cut firewood, he and William Lawrence All day
26 I Mended	I Mended one of My boots
27	Cold but moderate, cloudy, clear at Night, Wind Westerly
Salt Hay 27	People drawing Salt Hay
Jerry 27 & Wm. L	Jerry here late this Morning, he and William Lawrence cut Sausage Meat till dinner, ate and Went to Woods — Sawed &c
Cold 28	A Cold Day, wind NW, somewhat Cloudy
Wm. Law 28 to NY to work	William Lawrence to city of New York to work, Jonathan Lawrence there

Joshua Martin, who owned a house opposite the Washington Spring on the way down to the river, and his wife Susan née Stansbury. They were also at the Prayer Meeting on December 25th.



1842	Memento
Dec. 28 I and Br Stickland to John Storms on business to see Whether they would unite with us &c	I and Brother Stickland to John Storms's to enquire Whether part or all of the Members there of the Methodist Protestant church had left the Principle of Reform, to See Whether they were Willing to join with the Members at Rockland, to get Brother Stickland to preach for us till the Annual Conference next Spring, to Hold a quarterly Conference, choose a Delegate to conference, so that we May be attached to a Circuit and &c — Brother Storms not Home, to New York David Richards to Work on the Pond getting Ice, Mistress Storms seems violently opposed to Itinerary, told me there was not a good Man Among them; said they had a Presbeterian Minister, he Required no Money, he did not preach for Money, yet they had raised up for him 40 or 50 Dollars
1842	Memento
Dec. 28 Some Account	We Went to David Richards, Saw his Wife who fully intimated that Storms and wife were the heads of letting the Church come down &c, that David Richards had been a couple of times to hear William Duling, did not like his Preaching &c, Requested her to tell Brother Richards to come down on Sabbath next (new Year at My house and get all the information he could to let us know Whether if but a few desired William Stickland to come and preach for them, if but once, at any time Sabbath Morning or on the Week at Night, he would come, Saying the church belonged to the Methodist Protestants and none other and had the just Right &c. We Saw Brother Brinkerhof who seemed still a Desire for the welfare of the Methodist Protestant cause, We requested him also to come, We Request ed Mistress Storms to tell her husband that we wished him to come also that we (Rockland &c) had been attached to them &c and lamented our

1842	Memento
Dec. 28	Present difficulties, told her although Some of our Preachers, had left the circuit, this could not be charged Against the Doctrines Preached, nor the Discipline, that perhaps the Members had also been delinquent, in giving Support but nothing would do with her Said that it would not do at all to have Any Preaching there, as they had employed William Duling, that a large Majority had Requested his coming I Answered that the Naming of a Majority could not prevail against the just Right of the church, that 1, 2, or 3 &c Requesting a Methodist Protestant to Preach would be the Majority in this case As the Original right, title, design &c Was entire and exclusively for the Methodist Protestants for they Acted from just Right; and those opposing them evidently would be in error.
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Snow 29	Cloudy Morning, Wind Northeasterly, snows in Afternoon, cold day, a real Snow Storm at Night
1842	Memento
Dec. 29	David Blauvelt and Jerry Smith Drew 3 loads Salt Hay off of George Lawrences Stack for Jonathan Lawrence who had got it cut on Shares; put it in My Barn
Jerry & D. Blauvt. Salt Hay for Jon Law Stuffed 29 Sausage	Stuffed Sausage to Night, David Blauvelt helped &c, Jerry Stay'd till done, Went Bad Storm of Snow
Herbt. 29 Scudder & Theodore here	Herbert Scudder 19 Years old the Son of Benjamin Scudder, and the Grand son of Elizabeth Scudder, here to Night, Theodore With him
Quite 30 a Snow	Partly clear this Morning, a Snow about 8 Inches, a crust on the top, Wind Westerly
Theodore 30 Herbt. Scudder	Theodore Pennoyre and Herbert Scudder Went Away After Dinner
Jerry 30 &	Jerry here late, I had the Sled, Jerry Moved Wood on Wood place, he Drew 2 Jags Wood from below for us

1842	Memento
Dec. 30 D. Blauvt. &c Cold 31 good Riding 31 I & Jerry Salt Hay & Henry Conck. at Herbts. 31 Paid 31 Watch Night &c	<p>David helped a little, unload the Waggon of Salt hay of Jon Lawrence helped a little Making Sled Shelvin, I expect no charge, came on his own Will &c —</p> <p>A Cold Day, Cloudy, the Wind NW, hard crust on Snow, good Riding</p> <p>I and Jerry Smith drew 2 loads of Salt Hay from my Stack Abraham Blanches Meadow and Henry Concklin and Jerry fetched one, Makes 3 loads to Day, the Hay is very poor, dusty, damp and some frozen in cakes good sleigh Riding</p> <p>At Herberts 3 1/2 lb Sugar 2 shillings 3 pence, paid, I got</p> <p>Watch Night at my house to Night, Eley, Rachel and daughter Margaret Smith, John Renwick Brother Stickland and Wife, Alfred Miles Henry Concklin and Margaret, Aleya, Sally, Mary, Sarah, Cornelia Myself and Gracy, was all. A Good Meeting. Agreed to Serve God, with the Aid of his Grace, more faithful than preceding year</p>
1843	Memento
Jan 1 1 Stickland Prd. this Aftn. My House 1 He Prd. to Night 1 Collection 6 sh Gave Stickland	<p>A Moderate Day, Cloudy Wind Westerly</p> <p>Brother Stickland Preached at My house this Afternoon from Hebrews 5 Chapter and the 6th 7th 8th and 9th Verses, an excellent Sermon, explaining the order of Melchisedects Priesthood by Which delineated the Priesthood of Jesus Christ &c &c beautifully compared — About 30 or 34, Our Members all here, excepting William Gesner Sick and Wife at New York and George Gesner and Wife at New York, William Gesner home sick</p> <p>He Preached at My house to Night from 1 Corinthians 9th Chapter 26 and 27 Verses. This was an evangelical Sermon and great delivered in the Spirit of the Gosple, Our Members all here; excepting as above — to Night Daniel Vervalen here and Young John Willsey</p> <p>Took Collection this Afternoon 4 shillings 10 pence And to Night only 10 cents Makes 6 shillings Which I gave to Night to Brother Stickland, I gave 1 shilling of the 6</p>

1843	Memento
Jany. 2	Overcast all Day, cold, Snows a little before 12, Wind Easterly
Jerry 2 D Blauvt. Drew &c	Jerry and David Blauvelt, early Drew 3 loads Salt Hay for me to day
Many 2 conversions the Millenium &c	Great excitement in the different denominations, It seems to be the opinion of many preachers that the second Advent of Christ will be in the present Year I suppose great Numbers are converted
Man 2 Wife and child here	A Poor Man and Woman and young child perhaps a Year Old, here to Night
3	A cold Day, wind Northwesterly, Mostly clear
Jerry 3 & D Blauvt. Salt Hay	Jerry and David Blauvelt fetched for me 3 Loads Salt Hay to Day, this is 9 loads off My stack — some remains yet
Stickland 3 Prd. John Renwicks	Stickland Preached at John Renwicks to Night
1843	Memento
Jany. 4 Cold good Riding	Clear and very Cold, however Sometimes Hazy, and Cloudy; cold SW Wind Good Sleigh Riding
4 Jerry & D Blauvt. Salt Hay Done &c	Jerry and David Blauvelt drew for me 1 load small bottom of Stack to day Salt Hay; 3 Days each 3 loads and one to day Makes 10, the Hay is poor, this year put up in bad Weather, besides, they drew 3 for Jonathan Lawrence, see Dec. 29 last
Jerry & 4 D Blauvelt My Wood for Stickland	Jerry and David Blauvelt cut a Small Load Wood this Afternoon in my woods with My team, took it to Sticklands, cut it below. Stickland and family lives at Jerry Smiths
5	More Moderate, wind Southwesterly, not cold
Class 5 Meetg. at Br Sticklands	Class meeting to Night at Brother Sticklands, Eley Rachel and Ben and Daughter Margaret Lucy, Myself Sarah, Cornelia Henry John Renwick, a Number of Boys and Girls — good &c
6	Overcast, quite Moderate, wind NE, looks for a Storm

1843	Memento
<p>Jany. 6 Wm. H. Ges. Charles & Margaret also Mary Lawrence to NY</p> <p>J. L. & 6 Wm. there</p> <p>Wm. 6 Lawrences Young hound Died his extreme agony lamentable cry</p>	<p>William Gesner Charles and Margaret and Mary Lawrence started near 11 AM for the City of New York to day My Horse and George Manns horse and Sleigh, William Gesner his tool chest along intending to Work in Herbert Lawrences yard</p> <p>Jonathan Lawrence and William Lawrence there to Work some little time Already</p> <p>Night before last William Lawrences young hound Dog Died, he was a promising young dog, for Several Days he seemed sick, ate little, began to Stagger, cry and howl, tumble down, Cry like a Child, appeared in extreme Agony, all his limbs were in an utmost tremor and Shaking, ate a little the day before he died incessant howling and crying, and restless, pitiful and lamentable to hear and to behold, seemed to look to a person for help; the evening of the Night he died, he ceased to Cry, the best Attendance given him</p>
1843	Memento
<p>Jany. 7</p> <p>Paid 7 Obb Cooper on Acct. All square since</p> <p>Team 7 Back who came Geo. Ges. & Wife</p> <p>8 Snow most gone Rain</p>	<p>Foggy and Soft Weather all day, the wind Seems easterly, look for foul</p> <p>Paid this Afternoon to Obbs boy 11 shillings on Account, his Account his boy said was 29 shillings, he sent no bill, Obb has had 2 Waggon Hoops, he and Henry Weighed them and Henry Concklin has forgot their Weight and I do not know certain. I gave a One Dollar Note, a 2 shilling piece and 1 shilling</p> <p>My Horse Charley back, and with George Manns Horse and Sleigh, came up George Gesner and Wife, Charles, Matilda and Margaret Gesner about 4 PM to day see the 6th Instant</p> <p>An overcast Day, foggy Morning, Rained last Night, the Good Sleigh Riding is all gone, Yesterday Grew very bad, Wind sprung up About 10 AM, blew hard from Southward, Rain'd towards Night and in the evening</p>

1843	Memento
Jany. 8 Br Stickland Ped. Aft.	Brother Stickland Preached here this Afternoon, the Roads very bad, but a few John Renwick, Eley Margaret, Lucy and Charlotte Henry Concklin and John Whitehead Coloured Man and family was all from Hebrews 1st Chapter and the last Verse, A beautiful delineation of the Office and the Administration of Angels
Meetg. 8 at Ben Gravest.	He Preached or Spoke at Benjamin Gravestines last Night, I was not there, it Rain'd and very Muddy, I am very lame &c. Eley — Margaret (not Lucy), Mart Hagens Wife &c there
Snow 9 most gone Muddy	Thick Overcast till after 12, breaks Away this Afternoon, Still, not clear not cold. Wind hangs Eastward, Snow Most all Gone; a little along the fences &c, Raind last Night
Jerry 9 all day	Jerry here all Day, Sawing cutting and Splitting Wood, I helped some with cross cut Saw
John 9 Renwk. cut for Stickland	I Showed John Renwick were to cut Wood for Stickland in Mountain, 4 or 5 trees. Stickland along
1843	Memento
Jany. 10 Dull Weather Rainy Cornelia 10 L. Birthday Stickland 10 Prd. at Ben Grav. to Nt. 11 Warm	A Misty cloudy Day, Wind in the forenoon NE and in the Evening; between 7 and 8 PM Mostly clear, not cold Cornelia Lawrences Birthday she was 12 years old Stickland Preached at Benjamin Gravestines to Night, I not there nor Any of the family, rainy, Very Muddy, a small company Clear, very Clear all Day, Warm wind very light from Northward, Evening grows Overcast
Jerry 11 Smith Geo. Ges. 11 & Wife here	Jerry Smith here all day Sawing and cut Wood, Splitting George Gesner and Mary his Wife here this Afternoon with Oxen, Stay'd till 10 at Night
Stickld. 11 Horses &c	Stickland Horses, Sled, drew wood out Mountain in field, 3/4 Day

1843	Memento
Jany. 12	Warm Weather, Hazy Wind Southwesterly
Br 12 Stickland Horses drew Wood &c	Brother Stickland drew with my Waggon 2 Horses Small jags Wood from below of Willseys to Jerry's where he lives
Gave 12 Br. Stickland Barr. potatoes &c &c	Brother Stickland had to Day Another Barrel of potatoes, and in a Basket some turnips, Some Small Apples and a few Small heads Cabbage
Class 12 Meetg at Sticklands &c	Class Meeting at his house to Night, Very Muddy, I there, Eley, Margaret, Rachel and Daughter, Lucy, and 2 Girls, William Pulling Old Side there, good little Meeting William Pulling Made a Very good Prayer
Filed 12 Sticklands Saw	I filed Sticklands hand Saw this Afternoon
Drew 12 letter to Witsel	Drew a letter to Brother Witsel President to Appoint Stickland to preach for us till Conference Dated the 10 Instant &c, gave it to Stickland to day
1843	Memento
Jany. 13 Rain Warm	Rain'd last Night and Some to day, breaks Away near Sun set, clouds from Westward towards Night not cold, frost all out of the Ground, very Muddy
Geo Ges 13 wife went NY	George Gesner and Wife Went down to city of New York Yesterday, to engage in Work, they came up last Saturday see 7th
14	Clear with Clouds, wind NW, cold in the evening, gets Overcast ground freezes
Mare 14 lame	My Mare very lame, right fore leg, not discovered till to day
Alfred 14 here &c	Alfred here to Day, had Millers Book on the Millenium, He says he has engaged to work on the Pond to get ice for one of the companies
15	A Clear Day, not very cold, wind NW but cloudy

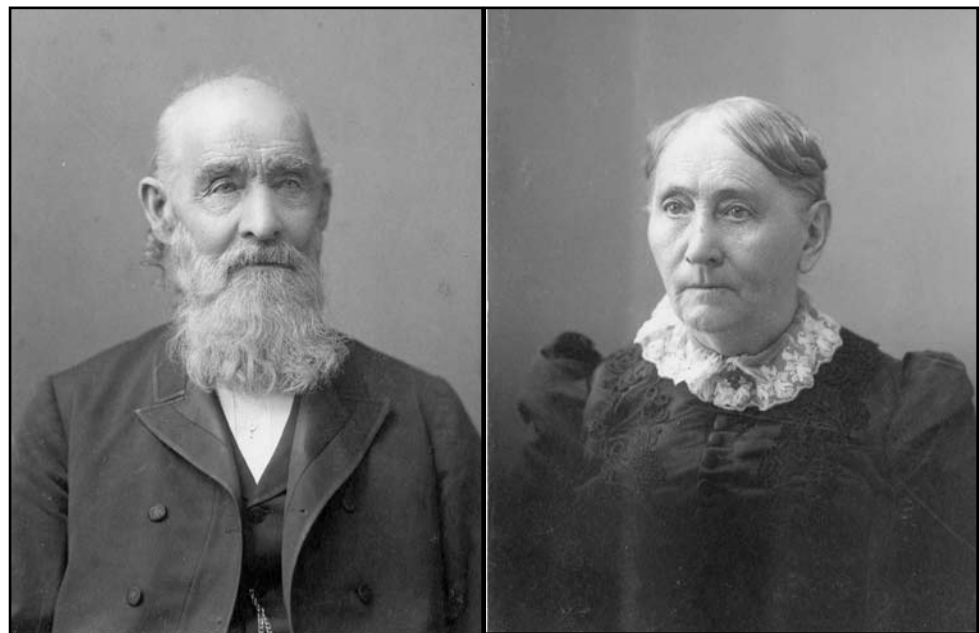
1843	Memento
<p>Jany. 15 Stickland Prd. my House this Aftn.</p>	<p>Brother Stickland Preached at My House this Afternoon from Acts 3 Chapter the 19, 20 and 21 Verses, a great Sermon to a Small congregation Lucy and 2 girls Jerry and Margaret, Rachel and her daughter, George Lawrence and Wife, Sidney Gesner, John Renwick not Eley , Johnny Hynes</p>
<p>15 Prd. to Night Collection 1 sh 4 p Gave Stickd. Nice 16</p>	<p>Stickland Preached to Night at My House, quite few from the same text as this Afternoon Which was unfinished, Eley here — Margaret, Lucy and Girls, John Concklin and Laney Betsy Dubois, Alfred, Mart Hynes, David Parsels &c, very good Discourse — a few, A Small Collection 1 shilling 4 pence, Gave Stickland</p>
<p>Borrowed 16 of John Willsey 5 Dol on it he is to have, all paid</p>	<p>A very clear Day and Night, the wind Westerly, Warm and very pleasant</p> <p>Got of John Willsey this Morning 5 Dollars on Which he is to have one Barrel Apples and one Do of cider together 20 shillings, the rest to be paid back, all paid</p>

1843	Memento
Jan 17	Clear to Day, Wind Northerly, cool
I to NY 17 on Will of Benj Sneden	I went to City of New York to Day tuesday on the Business of Benjamin Snedens Will, this is the third time &c, Spent at Demeray's 3 pence Port Wine, passage 3 shillings down, at Nyack Coffee and 2 Cake 5 Pence
18 Summer	Clear, Summer Weather, Wind SW, Remarkable Nice Weather, like summer Almost some time Already
I to Brook= 18 lyn to See L. Beasley's family &c	To Brooklyn to see Leonard Beasleys family, found Mary Lawrence there, Ate Dinner, left Mary, came back to Samuel Snedens, stay'd last Night and to Night there, I went over at Catharine Market, spent 3 pence for Port Wine and 3 Cents over and 3 back
Warm &c 19 never Known	Weather very Moderate, Warm Wind Southwesterly, Such Weather Never Known at this Season, So Say I and old people &c
To day was 19 to be at Surrogates office not there, gone &c Bot Hat 19	Got Shaved 6 pence to Day I and Samuel Sneden was to be at Surrogates Office; But Surrogate to city Washington, expected Next day or Saturday, Nothing done, Witnesses there Bought Hat for 6 shillings cheap and Good, used it right Away

1843	Memento
Jany. 19	Stay'd at Samuel Snedens to Night also
20 Warm	Summer Weather Continues, although the Wind light from North or Northwest ward, uncommon
Friday 20 Surrogate not Back &c	We Went Again to Surrogates Office, not back from city Washington, nothing done. I think Samuel went Also this Afternoon to see, not back Stay'd to Night at Samuel Snedens
Night & 21 Day Warm &c Summer Saturday We Went again Surrogate in one Witness there & me to prove Hand Writing &c Herbt. Law. not there to prove insanity &c	Very Warm last Night, and all Day to day Wind Southwesterly, people Astonished at the warmness and Moderateness of the Season — clear &c Summer &c Again at 10 AM to the Office, the Surrogate there, came back from Washington About 6 AM, Samuel had to run Well after he was there to get the Witnesses together ie Tyler and Another, they came their testimony was taken it was said one Witness to the Will Was insane, to Which Herbert Lawrence cut could? testify Something, One Witness Was either dead or Moved Away the other one Mentioned above, was only to confirm the hand Writing of Deceased One Herbert Lawrence not being there this Morning And the Surrogate said he was too sick to continue in the office till Herbert could be got, So I had to stay till Monday Morning

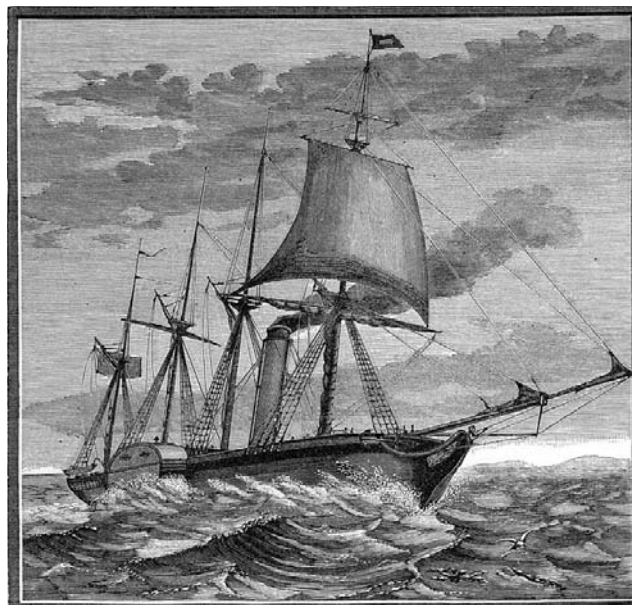
1843	Memento
<p>Jan. 21 I Went With Wm. Gesner to Mist. Pattons &c</p> <p>21</p> <p>Sabbath 22 Summer</p> <p>22 Last Night at Mist. Pattons &c I Went to Attorney St. church, Geo. Gesner Went part of the Way along &c Geo. & Wife in Aftn. at Attorney St.</p>	<p>To Night I went With William N. Gesner to his Motherinlaws, in the Night, We started from Mistress Weeks's, Where he and Jonathan Lawrence and William Lawrence Boarded, Near Herbert Lawrences Ship Yard; they Worked there — Walked part and Rode in the Stage; got in One, got out and Walked, got in Another and Brought to Mistress Pattons Door; We had ate Supper at Mistress Weeks', Stay'd all Night, Ate Breakfast, see next</p> <p>[note from Mr. Gilman at top of page, "Two leaves cut out W. S. G."]</p> <p>Nice Morning, Warm last Night and all day, Wind Seems Still Southeasterly</p> <p>I ate Breakfast at Mistress Pattons, George Gesner came With Me as far as the Bowery, then Returned NB William Gesner and George Gesner with their Wives were at Mistress Pattons, their Wives Mother I went on to Attorney Street Church Methodist Protestant, after Meeting I came to Mistress Weeks, in Afternoon William Lawrence and Mary Lawrence Went over to Mistress Pattons. I went with them as far as Attorney Street, Went to the church Methodist Protestant, the church uncommon full; both Morning and Afternoon Sermons had reference to the 2nd Advent; Much Scripture compared &c, I back Drank tea or Ate Supper with Herbert Lawrence Went and Stay'd to Night with Samuel Sneden George Gesner and Wife in Afternoon at Attorney Street Church</p>

William N. Gesner and his wife Margaret many years in the future. William, born 1817, became a shipbuilder who later lived in Connecticut. In 1900 the couple had 7 children, 17 grand children, and 7 great grandchildren.



1843	Memento
Jany. 27 Rain	Moderate cloudy, red Sky early in the Morning, Wind Southerly, at Night overcast, Wind more easterly, Rains between 10 and 11 at Night
27 John Willsey & Wife Mart Dobbs and Wife here on visit Sat 28	To Night Young John Willsey and Mary his wife And Mart Dobbs and Jane his Wife here on a Visit to Night, stay'd till after 10 They were invited to come Cold Raw day, wind Northerly, Cloudy
I to NY 28 on Will &c	I went to New York at Piermont, Illinois, got down by 2 PM, Stay'd at Mistress Weeks, Ate Supper, Slept with Jon Lawrence
Sabbath 29	Moderate Day, Hazy, Wind Westerly, Ate Breakfast at Mistress Weeks
29 I to Meetg Attorney Where I ate &	I to Attorney church Morning, Jacobs contrasted and compared Numerous passages of Scripture on the Second Advent of christ, back, Ate Dinner at Samuel Snedens, Afternoon I went Again to Attorney Doctor Covel preached, church crowded, he preached Good Sermon Saw Mistress Rice at the church, urged me to go and take tea, I did not far Saw Decator and Rachel.
Mond 30 Ate & Saw big Steam boat Wm. Law Back	Clear Moderate, Hazy, Wind SSW or Smoaky, Ate Breakfast and dinner With Samuel Sneden. This Afternoon Benjamin not Samuel Sneden to See the largest Steam boat ever built in the United States, 333 feet long, launched, not yet finished, Went on Board. William Lawrence Back from Rockland

NOTE: This might have been the *Great Western*, the longest passenger ship in the world, 251 feet not 333 feet in 1843. She was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel for the Great Western Steamship Company's transatlantic service between Bristol and New York. She was launched in 1837 and lengthened in 1840. Great Western was an iron strapped, wooden, side wheel paddle steamer, with four masts to hoist the auxiliary sails. The sails were not just to provide auxiliary propulsion, but also were used in rough seas to keep the ship on an even keel and ensure that both paddle wheels remained in the water, driving the ship in a straight line. The hull was built of oak by traditional methods. *Wikipedia*



The Great Western at Sea

1843		Memento
Jan 30 Ate & Stay'd &c Tuesd	31	I ate Supper at Mistress Weeks with William Lawrence, he came back here at Mistress Weeks this Afternoon, Stay'd to Night with Samuel Sneden Thick Overcast this Morning, Rains some before 12, A Violent Blow from Eastward with Rain this Afternoon, Ate Breakfast and Dinner With Samuel Sneden and Supper with Mistress Weeks
Feb Wednesd. Ate Saw an Afflicted Girl under religious Concern	1	Snow this Morning, Wind Southwesterly not cold, Snow About 2 or 3 Inches, Breaks away in Afternoon, I Ate Breakfast With Samuel Sneden and dinner with Mistress Weeks, Supper with Samuel Sneden. Saw the poor Girl about 13 or 14 Years Old in the Basement Room Where Samuel Sneden lives, in 2nd Story. I talked with her, her parents present, She Seems of Weak Mind, concerned About her Soul, they say she had a turn last Spring, Sometimes seems to know no Body, I talked with her, endeavoured to comfort her, She said she Was concerned About her Soul, Said she loved Jesus &c &c. Samuel Snedens Wife down with me, when I took her by the hand and bade her Good Night, she cryed Aloud And begged me not to go. I Returned, comforting her, she said stay now, stay all Night, crying, holding My hand &c, Retired —
Cold Cold	2	Cold this very cold, Wind NW, clear, Cloudy. Ate Breakfast early, I went North River

1843	Memento
Feby. 2 I Returned from NY	I for Home, down to Duane street, Started About 9 AM on Board Illinois at foot of Duane Street, up at Piermont about 11 AM, cold, I walked home, home half past 12, all Well
Thursd 2 took Inventory	On Monday Night last Jonathan Lawrence and William Williams Father of Samuel Snedens wife took an inventory and Made an Appraisement of the Goods and effects of Benjamin Sneden Deceased, At his Dwelling house
2 Amount of Money &c The Inventory delivered in Surrogate Office NY	And Tuesday Night at Herbert Lawrences William Williams and Jon Lawrence also Myself and Samuel Sneden made out the sum in Cash belonging to the estate, with Herbert Lawrences Assistance, is 10000 Dollars in New York bank and 11000 in Herbert Lawrences hands, Also a Note due of 2000 = 23000 Dollars, some other notes outlawed and Doubtful Leonard Wheeler Married Eliza, Benjamin Sneden Gave them When they Went to Wisconsin 1300 Dollars also a little before 50 Makes 1350 Dollars not included Above On Monday and tuesday Night last the Inventory was taken ie Monday Night at the House, furniture, clothing, &c by Jonathan Lawrence and William Williams, and tuesday Night at Herbert Lawrences the Money, Notes, &c and Wednesday I and Samuel Sneden gave equally closing costs
1843	Memento
Feby. 3	Not very cold to Day, the Wind light from Westward, thick overcast to Night
Alfred 3 drew wood	Alfred here when I came up from New York, Drew 2 or 3 Small jags wood for Me from below, I along once and Stickland twice
Stickland 3 Horses & wood	Stickland My team one jag wood out My field to Day, Waggon —
Ginnet 3 Sally, Sarah Cornelia to David Manns Fetched &c	Ginnet Lawrence here this Afternoon, at evening, Sally, Ginnet, Sarah and Cornelia to David Manns, cross the fields — at 9 at Night Alfred fetched them with the Waggon
Doct 3 Wright here, Stickland here talking on Baptist Principles it seems they practice ?	Doctor Wright here ate Dinner, Conversation &c, he said they (the Baptists) had Set aside the Doctrine of election at the Slote or Piermont and that he never believed into it Remarks, they Preach Methodist Doctrine and hold their Prayer Meetings Class meetings as the Methodists, by this, Meet the opinion of the people and succeed; But the principles or Articles of their church is not altered in this, Seems craft and deception

1843	Memento
Feby. 4	A Clear moderate Day, Wind Northerly
Stickland 4 Wood of D Blauvelt My team &c	Brother Stickland had My Horses and Waggon, Drew 4 Small loads firewood from the New Road near Mat Concklins of David Blauvelts wood. David Blauvelt gave him. I went along, one load
James 4 Woods here	Brother James Wood here to day to see Me, he at Haverstraw living
Baptising 4 NY last Sab	Last Sabbath about 44 persons baptized by immersion, Baptists, at Herbert Lawrences Ship Yard city New York, I present just after Sun Rise, January 29, 1843
A Snow 5 Storm	Begins to Snow About Sun rise and continues all Day, a Real Snow storm, the Wind About NNE, at Sun Set about 8 or 10 Inches thick, not very cold
5 No Preachg. Preachg. last Sab	No Preaching here to Day nor this Evening, a bad Snow storm, no one came Last Sabbath Preaching here Afternoon by Brother Stickland; I at New York city
Immense 6 cold, deep Snow	A Very cold day, High NW wind, drifting Snow, cold, cold, the Snow About 12 Inches, Sky all day overcast, like squally clouds
1843	Memento
Feby. 6 Miller & the 2nd Advent great excitement	One Miller with Several others Preaching last fall and till the present that the Second advent of Christ will be this year, ie 1843, a Wonderful excitement every Where in Many churches, and conversions
Jerry 6 drew Alfred &c	Jerry and I put one Shoe on Sled, he and Alfred drew 2 Small loads Wood for us, Jon Lawrences employ, broke Knee of Sled, Alfred put one in
Drew 6 letter to Wm. Ges.	I Wrote a letter to William N Gesner to day, sent with Jerry to Stickland, he thinks going to New York, the Weather Very cold &c
very 7 cold cold	Excessively cold last Night and all Day, a Brisk NW Wind, drifting Snow, clear with cold looking clouds, intensely cold, I think
Jerry 7 dunged Henry & Jerry Sawed, Alfred	Jerry here late, dunged out cold Stables, this Afternoon he and Henry Sawed logs &c Alfred drew Wood, very cold

1843	Memento
Feby. 8	Cold, but not equal to Yesterday, thinly overcast all day, the wind Westward
Baptised 8 in the Ice	Yesterday excessively cold, at New landing 12 persons Baptized by immersion, Snow drifting and the place Shot with Ice, Baptists
Jerry & 8 Henry, Alfred	Jerry and Henry Concklin sanding Stove, Was not 3/4
9	Wind Southwesterly and Westerly, cold but Moderate and clear
Betsy 9 widow of D Gesner & her Husband here	Betsy late Widow of Daniel Gesner but now Wife of John Whitman the Son of George Whitman the son of Old Jacob Whitman, Married last June, here this Morning, Ate Dinner, Went Away About 3 PM
Pr. Mg. 9 at Sticklands he to NY	Little Prayer meeting at Sticklands to Night, He to New York I, Alfred, Henry Concklin Rachel Gravestein and daughter Eley And Margaret Mistress Stickland was All
1843	Memento
Feby. 9 Jerry a full day Team drew wood for himself D Blt. 9 & Jerry team some days ago	Jerry Smith My team drew Wood from near Mat Concklins on the Road, for himself 7 loads (Snow plenty, but places blown off shoveled on &c) early and late, got of David Blauvelt, full Day
Stickland 9 Horses, Wood &c	David Blauvelt and Jerry My team and Sled Drew Wood from Davids Swamp on New Road, Near Mat Concklins, Got the team and Sled on Saturday a little before the last big Snow of the 5th Instant, I at New York, Returned the team the following Monday Night
10	Stickland team Drew the rest of his Wood, out field before John Willseys, I expect 2 or 3 jags, Waggon, a few Days Ago
Jerry, D Blt. Alfred 3/4 10 John Renwick 1/2 Day, gratis	Raw Cold, Clear early in the Morning, Grows soon overcast, Wind Northeasterly, Snows in the Evening
	Jerry, David Blauvelt, Alfred, Went 9 AM and cut cord Wood below, I showed them and John Renwick in Afternoon, they ate Dinner, went

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Memento

Rockland, Orange Town Co. of Rockland State
of N.Y.

Sabbath
September 16th 1849

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1849	Momento
Sept. 16 Sabbath	A Warm day, clear, clouds from NW this Morning, Afternoon the Wind Southerly
Charlotte 16 Blauvelt Married to Daniel Cole Woodruff 16 Prd. here I collected 2 sh 8 p Woodruff 16 Prd. to Night I Collected 3 sh 2 p Gave Woodruff 4 sh to Night at My house	<p>Last Evening Saturday 15th Charlotte Blauvelt daughter of David Blauvelt and Lucy Rice his Wife) Married Daniel Cole by Robert Woodruff Methodist Protestant Preacher, Sarah and Cornelia Lawrence there</p> <p>Robert Woodruff Preached this Morning here, a real good sermon, About 25</p> <p>I Collected this forenoon 2 shillings 8 pence</p> <p>Woodruff Preached tonight to about 40 from "Ye are My Witnesses" Genuine Sermon, good Attention</p> <p>I Collected to Night 3 sh 2 p</p> <p>This forenoon as above <u>2 sh 8 p</u></p> <p>The two Collections 5 sh 10 p</p> <p>of this Gave Woodruff <u>4 sh 00</u> at My House</p> <p>Left, put in bag 1 sh 10 p</p>
Mond 17	A Clear day, Clouds and Wind from Southwestward, grows more cloudy towards Night

1849	Memento
Sept. 17	Woodruff Went from here this morning for the city of New York, he lives at Tarry town in his own House
Mary's boy 17 continues sick	Mary's little Boy continues Sick, he is called Jonathan Sparks
I gave 14 p 17 for candles	I gave Sally 14 pence for a pound of Candles at John G Concklins
18	Wind Northwesterly all day, a clear Day and Moderate
I Went 18 to city on Church &c Wm. Law. went down came up 1st Sep Mr. Brooks sick when came when went I got in 18 city foot of Hammond St.	<p>I went down to the city of New York this Morning to get information of our concern with the Church</p> <p>William Lawrence and Jane, went also along down to day Jonathan Lawrence took us to landing, we Got down About 1/2 After 10 AM Jane and William came up the 1st day of September this Month</p> <p>Mr. Brooks quite unwell ever since he Went from here thursday 13th, came Tuesday 11th And his Wife</p> <p>I got in the city at foot of Hammond St., I went to Caleb Brushes, not in, I then</p>

NOTE: Since 1843, the year of the previous entries, Mary Lawrence has married William Sparks and now has a son named Jonathan and a new baby about six weeks old. They and the rest of the Lawrence family, as well as Ginnet Lawrence, were living in Nicholas's house according to the 1850 Census. Gracy had died on February 1, 1848, at the age of 83, and is buried in the Palisades Cemetery. William Lawrence had married Mary Jane Brooks and had his own residence elsewhere.

1849	Memento
<p>Sept. 18 I Went to NY Mandaville his intentions with Sherwood opinion of him</p> <p>The Lawyers object the Lawyers circumspection &c Hopper to Flatbush Records Lawyer expected &c</p>	<p>I then Went to Mr. Mandavills 370 Near corner Houston and Bowery. He was home, just came in from Lawyer Sherwoods Office.</p> <p>Mr. Mandaville related to me, after Asking him a few Questions, that he had seen the Lawyer twice, Yesterday and this Morning, Said to Me he never had a better opinion of Mr. Sherwood than Now, he spoke with much caution; that it was not his fee or Money, that induced him, to engage, but not to be beat, or have his character injured. Mr. Mandaville said he understood that he, the Lawyer, Would have preferences in this Great undertaking that every thing must be so well Authenticated in the suit to be filed that nothing should prevail against it, And he Would have all correct &c, that Judge Hopper Was with him at the Lawyers, Who told Hopper his pedigree was not Sufficently ascertained, that Hopper had went over to Flatbush to see the Church Records there if possible to find the deficiency &c Also the Lawyer Said the Bill would be filed as soon as possible, that he expected the suit Would not be tried till next April and the Church would claim a time after the suit is entered, Also he expected After the church had examined the bill and become convinced</p>
1849	Memento
<p>Sept. 18 Compromise expected About whom the Suit would Compromise I was included My Brothers A Man 3 Month in Holland brought box papers Knickerbocker Surveyed &c the land &c</p>	<p>they could not defend their Case, to apply some Way for to Compromise &c, I asked Mandaville Whether the property ought not then first to be estimated And Whether the Committee would consent or Agree for an inconsiderable sum, he Answered Not at all, the Committee would never do it &c — I asked if this suit was for all Anneke's property, he Answered No; only the Bowery &c I asked Whether this suit intended only those who had signed the Power, he signified all that had paid Money. I Answered, I would lament if one should be left out who Was a true legitimate heir, it never would be right or just to leave one out.</p> <p>He further Said My Name Was included And My Brothers &c</p> <p>He said Also a Man had been to Europe and 3 Months at Holland, He said he had seen the Man 2 or 3 days Ago Who told him that a Box of Old papers Was put up and sent with him to America New York in Which all our right was contained and also that Peter Knickerbocker the dutch Historian of the first Settlement had been the Surveyor of the lands granted to Anneke Jans by the Dutch Governor &c &c, that the Lawyer siad there would be no trouble About the Location of it</p>

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Sept. 18 his 2nd No printed I took 8 at 1 sh each paid Gave Mandaville also one D Expenses	<p>Mandaville has his 2nd Number printed not bound but would be Soon, he Wished Me to tarry a little, he Would go and fetch some; But I to William Lawrences, he and Jane just got home, ate About one o'clock, went back to Mandaville, He prevailed on Me to take 8 in My return at one Shilling each. I gave him a dollar for the 8 pamphlets, and I gave him one Dollar besides to assist him. I hasted to foot of Hammond Street, went on Board the Warren, Home at sun Set</p> <table> <tr> <td></td><td>sh</td><td>p</td></tr> <tr> <td>Expenses down and</td><td>4</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>At Larry's 3 pence at Westervelts 3 pence cake</td><td></td><td>6</td></tr> <tr> <td>at NY Brandy</td><td></td><td>3</td></tr> <tr> <td>peaches 7 cents</td><td>0..</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr> <td>Johnny Hynes 2 Candies</td><td><u>0..</u></td><td><u>2</u></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>5</td><td>. 6</td></tr> <tr> <td>And 1 pence for 8 pamphlets</td><td>8</td><td>. 0</td></tr> <tr> <td>And one Dollar Gave Mandaville</td><td><u>8</u></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Laid out</td><td>21</td><td>.. 6</td></tr> </table>			sh	p	Expenses down and	4	0	At Larry's 3 pence at Westervelts 3 pence cake		6	at NY Brandy		3	peaches 7 cents	0..	7	Johnny Hynes 2 Candies	<u>0..</u>	<u>2</u>		5	. 6	And 1 pence for 8 pamphlets	8	. 0	And one Dollar Gave Mandaville	<u>8</u>		Laid out	21	.. 6
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Sept. 19 Died at Piermont Cholera Sickly 19	Died at Piermont last Night 5 with Cholera and 12 Cases said And at Petersons near Jerry a Boarder died little before 12 to Day a few Days Ago 2 also at Permont Sickly in the place
Jon. &c 19 dug potatoes Mary's 19 Youngest babe Whoop ing cough Supposed 20 Thursday Jon did I did Little Jon. Sparks seems better	Jonathan not well, dug some potatoes long Spring Road to day Mary thinks her Young babe has also the Whooping Cough It is certain that little Jonathan Sparks has the Whooping Cough. Dr. Stephens says he has, already a fortnight or upwards Clear, the wind easterly, early this Morning appeared a little for foul, air cool Jonathan Lawrence dug Some potatoes, long Spring road I this Afternoon tied up and Started the Stalks back of the Barn Little Bubby, Mary's little boy, seems little better. His little Sister of 5 or 6 Weeks old I think has also got the Whooping cough

1849	Memento
Sept. 20 Cholera Rages at Piermont J. Willsey 20 Junr. not Worse &c Lucy and 20 Mary Adelia here &c Friday 21	The Cholera Rages at Piermont, 3 died last Night Peter Felter died with Cholera John Willsey Junior is very Sick but seems no Worse, has the Bilious remitting fever or Virginia Fever, came home sick from there Lucy and Mary Adelia here for a Run just before Night Scud from eastward this Morning, Afternoon mostly Clear, the Wind Southeasterly but light
Cholera 21 at Piermont 5 died to day Sent 21 with Zeb 2 Barr. &c Little 21 done Sat 22	It is said that 5 Deaths to day at Piermont with Cholera Jonathan Picked 2 Barrels Riker Apples, After 12 took them to River, Gave Zeb to Sell. Zeb with Arrow to Day — This is the first this Season — Very little done here to Day Mostly overcast to day, the Wind Southeasterly

NOTE: Bilious Remitting Fever and Virginia Fever are alternative names for yellow fever, spread by a mosquito. John Willsey and his father were involved in the business of bringing pine from Virginia to New York by sloop.

1849	Memento
Sept. 22 Jon to city	Jonathan Lawrence to city of New York this Morning, back near Sun set, bought Medicine
Jon. Law. 22 Bought my calf for 8 Dol and paid	Jonathan Bought My old Calf for 8.50 this Morning before he went to city, gave me three dollars and fifty cents, this evening he gave a half eagle which Makes the 8.50
Geo. Gesner 22 took a 2nd No of old Jans' paid 1 sh	a day or 2 Ago let George Gesner have Jans's 2nd No, Written Against the deceitful unjust and Wicked proceedings of Trinity Church. I paid 8 shillings for 8 pamphlets, he paid me 1 shilling
Sabbath 23 Nice Rain &c	Rain this Morning, at sun rise a Shower of Rain from the Southwest, no thunder, soon broke Away and clear but flying clouds, the Wind all day from Southwest ward
No. Prg. 23	No Preaching to day in our Church
Wm. N 23 Gesner here took 2 pam= phlets &c paid 2 Shill.	William N Gesner from Fair Haven here to day, he took 2 pamphlets of Old Jans's 2nd No, paid Me 2 shillings the same I gave
24 cool	Clear all day, Sky very Blue, quite cool. The Wind and clouds Northwesterly

1849	Memento
Sept. 24 Jon. picking appl. &c I dug some pot. Mary's 24 young Baby Whooping cough, hard Her little boy seems better How the cough came here Tuesd 25	Jonathan Lawrence picking some Apples to day on Shares for Market, Apples are Scarce I dug some potatoes on the flat next John Moore, Some very poor, &c Mary L Sparks young baby girl has the Whooping cough hard the Child is but 7 Weeks old Yesterday Little Bub, Mary's boy Seems better. This Whooping Cough was brought here by John Willsey's Rachel, who came here With her Child, Who a few days After began to cough &c. Rachel did not know at the time she Was here it appears, that her child had it A Beautiful day, clear, Moderately Warm, the wind Southwesterly
Jon. Law. 25 cough &c picked appls. Wm. L. 25 up &c	I dug some potatoes again on flat. Jonathan Lawrence has a very hard cough, it really Seems like the Whooping cough, he picked some More Apples &c William Lawrence up from the city of New York, he cut up Some corn this Afternoon

1849	Memento
Sept. 25 Mary's children, the Whooping Cough &c	Little Jonathan Sparks seems better of the Whooping cough; his little Sister has it hard, she is Only between 7 and 8 Weeks old, Stops her breath &c
Gave 25 Mary Ann for Sweet Meats &c	I gave Mary Ann 4 shillings 8 pence this Evening to get 7 lb sugar for Sweet Meats, She had offered peaches, I asked then if she Would Make them, She Answered she Would
Wed 26 Rain in Eveng. &c	Overcast nearly all day, the Wind Southwesterly, in the Afternoon seems Shifting More Northerly, in the Evening begins to Rain, look Stormy, not cold to day
Pomp all 26 day, corn all cut up and Nearly all Stouted Jon. did	Pomp cut up by the Ground About half of the Corn over the Road, Jonathan and William had cut the first half. This Afternoon Pomp and Jonathan Lawrence drew it and stouted it upon the rising Ground near the flat, and Would have finished, in One hour. Jonathan helped draw it and helped Stout it &c
Jon. sent 26 to Markt. with Zeb 7 Barrels	Pomp also took 7 Barrels Apples early this Morning to Landing. Jonathan had all ready got John Willseys Waggon
Little 26 Herbt. gave me 2 Shill.	Herbert Gesner Junior had My horse Charley sunday the 23d, Went out riding to Wood Meeting Greenbush, I charge him Nothing, but gave me 2 pence to day

1849	Memento
Sept. 26 Wm. Law. shot bait caught more than 100 of a Boy 26 pedlar nice Basket 1 sh paid	William Lawrence up Yesterday Which see, Went a Crabbing About 10 or 11 AM, Went out with a boat 1/2 After 12 and caught More than One hundred, boiled them this evening, gave Some away
Thursd. 27 Mary Jon. Law. twice to River this forenoon Mist. Doyle came up Also to Mill He & Wm. Law. drew &c	Last Monday 24th I Bought a Nice little Basket Willow Neatly worked of a Young Lad, paid 1 shilling, its a tender Neat thing, 8 inches long, 5 Wide and inside 2 deep
27 I did At Geo. 27 Ges. 1 lf. bread 1 sh paid	Clear and a very Nice day, Wind Northwesterly, Mary Gesner Confined, See October 1st and 19th Jonathan Lawrence early to river, fetched up the empty Barrels 7 Which pomp took down Yesterday Zeb, Stay'd, No returns yet He also Went down Mistress Doyle where Mary Sparks lived No 11 Sheriff Street. She came up this Morning with the Arrow This Afternoon he Went to Mill I understand, also he and William Lawrence drew the remainder of the Corn cut up and Stouted, About 1 hour or 1 1/2 hour I dug some potatoes At George Gesners 1 loaf Bread 1 shilling paid

1849	Memento
Sept. 28	Wind Southwesterly, a warm nice day
Jon L. 28 took Mary Sparks and Mist. Doyle to see &c Where Maj. Andre was hung &c &c Mist. Doyle went &c I dug 28	Jonathan Lawrence Mary L Sparks and Mistress Doyle Went with Waggon to Tappan, drove up to the place Where Major Andre Was hung, Saw the place &c This Andres death was lamented by our officers even George Washington because of his Magnanimity and the Sympathy Shown to many of our American prisoners &c. If Arnold the traitor could but have been Substituted This Afternoon took Mistress Doyle to river for New York city With Arrow
Wm. L. 28 Gunning &c 28 See opposite Insult offered of the Nature of Mockery	William Lawrence Gunning, few pigeons, Robins &c This Evening insulting Language offered Me by Jonathan Lawrence on apples to cut &c, Also in cutting time of Salt Hay under My hovel Grinding Sythe. On My asking him What a Barrel of hog feed Would cost, Richard Van Wickle Wanted Money of Me, Strange reply

1849	Memento
Sept. 29	Clear day, Wind Southerly Southwesterly, Nice day
Pomp 29 Jon Law. Wm. Law	Pomp ploughed over the Road for Rye, Jonathan Lawrence Mostly all day, William part of day digging potatoes up near John Willseys.
I did 29 &c	I dug a few and finished on flat covered with Straw &c
Joe Dubois' 29 daughter poorly	Joe Dubois' Daughter very poorly, Dissentery
Cholera 29 Piermont	At Piermont, Cholera bad this Week, 4 and 5 per day Deaths
Woodruff 29 here	Woodruff here this evening
Sabbath 30	An overcast day, a Rainy Afternoon. The Wind Northeasterly, Not cold
Woodruff 30 Prd. this Mornng.	Robert Woodruff Preached this Morning, Only a few, about 15 or 16 Stood in the Altar; the Words of his text was "create thou a clean heart in Me and renew a right Spirit in Me," very good.
I collected 1 sh 9 p	I Collected 1 shilling 9 pence, I took 3 cents out Bag to Make 2 shillings
I gave 2 sh to Mary Ann for Woodruff	No Preaching to Night, it Rained, I went up I gave Mary Ann 2 shillings to give to Woodruff, got 3 cents out the bag

1849	Memento
Octo. 1st Monday Rainy Not much done Mary's 1 2 Babes Whooping cough The 1 Cholera at Piermont Joe 1 Dubois's Daughter little better Mary 1 Gesner confined a Boy Jon. Law 1 Bought Sheep Tuesd. 2	<p>A Stormy Rainy day, grows colder, the Wind Northeasterly</p> <p>Not much done to Day in labour</p> <p>Mary L Sparks' 2 Baby's, her little son About one Year and 8 Months old and her young female baby About 8 Weeks old both have Now Yet the Whooping cough See September 24th, have it hard, especially the youngest</p> <p>The Cholera at Piermont last week Was Again Alarming, 4 and 5 per day Died</p> <p>Joe Dubois's daughter Very low with a disenterry; Was under charge of Isaac Barton, it was said could do no more, then Doctor Stephens was called on About 2 Days ago, its now said She is better</p> <p>Mary, George M Gesners Wife, confined, Another Son Born September 17th 1849 Thursday Morning between 12 and one at Night</p> <p>Jonathan Lawrence Bought a Sheep a Wether for 17 shillings I think day before yesterday out of a drove, fat</p> <p>Clear this Morning, Wind Seems Northerly, cold Morning, the Afternoon grows hazy and overcast</p>

NOTE: A wether is a castrated male sheep

1849	Memento
<p>Octo. 2 I by letter to Abm. Vervalen gave timely Notice for Settlement by Next May &c Pomp 2 cradling Buckwheat &c To day 2 Sent 8 Barr. with Zeb Wm. Law & Sarah to city Wm. did</p> <p>Wed. 3</p>	<p>Drew up a letter to Abraham Vervalen giving timely Notice that it is now required that the Bond and Mortgage be Settled by May Next, as the Verbal conditioned promise of 5 or 6 Years is now ? next 7 Years, that he Might be prepared required in all civility, that Samuel Sneden was determined to have it all settled as far as possible. Which I also desired</p> <p>Pomp Cradling Our Buckwheat but first this Morning cradled Mistress Beasley's I expect 3/4 day at our Buckwheat</p> <p>Jonathan Lawrence twice to the River this Morning, had John Willseys Waggon, the first time took 5 Barrels, the 2nd time took 3 Barrels, Makes 8 Barrels sent to day with Zeb, Then He took William Lawrence and Sarah down to Snedens, they Went to city New York, William Lawrence came up the 25th of September about 7 Days Ago He has been Gunning, Crabbing and helped Work</p> <p>Overcast again to day, this Afternoon and evening the Wind easterly, looks Stormy a little</p>

1849	Memento
Octo 3 Gracey's birth day if she had lived	Had Gracey lived, this day she would have been 85 Years of Age, She died February 1st 1848
Pomp 3 finished Buckwht. The Sheep &c	Pomp finished cutting the Buckwheat before John Willsey's before 12, then he and Jonathan Lawrence in search for Jonathans Sheep, a Wether, found and Pomp caught him, brought him home and killed him, only Middling
Margt. 3 here	Margaret Smith here this Afternoon, had 3 quarts Vinegar
Thursd 4	Overcast nearly all day, the Wind Northerly, in the evening very clear and cold
Jon. L 4 sent Straw on Mow	Jonathan put the thatch Straw up on the Mow alone to day
Jerry 4 6 Bunches	Let Jerry have 6 Bunches of Rye Straw to day, Jonathan to River, took it along
J. L. to 4 Mill	Jonathan Lawrence to Nagels Mill
I drew 4 letter to Gar= ret & Elizth. Volk dollars What I gave & stood for	I drew a letter Yesterday for Garret and Elizabeth Volk at Pittsfield, Boston and Albany Railroad, Stating What the Church obtained Possession by fraud &c and also reporting the Suit, not yet entered, Hoppers pedigree not fully Ascertained; but expected soon Would be, also the Money collected, And how Hopper Stood for us

1849	Memento
Octo 5	Little foggy this Morning, no Wind early, soon Clear, the Wind rises Moderately. Midday dark clouds, Some drops of rain, Wind Northwesterly
I Sowed 5 Rye	I sowed 1 3/4 Bushels good Rye in front of house over the road to Day
Pomp 5 Harrowed &c	Harrowed the Ground over before I sowed, finished by 12, this Afternoon drew off potatoe vines by Row of Apple trees and brought in barn Barrels
I sent 5 Garret Volks Letter &c	I sent the letter see 4th Which I drew Yesterday With Samuel Sneden Which I drew for Garret Volk to be put in Post Office at city of New York
5	Ive understood that John Garhagens is dead with Cholera, died last Night
Sat 6	A Stormy day, Wind NE, began to Rain About 9 AM, in the evening or before Sun set, it blew violently and Rained through the Night
I Worked 6 on Road 1 Hour &c	I Worked on the Road one hour Nearly, began to Rain About 9 AM for Snedens &c. John Willsey Road Master, Myself and Richard Van Wickle was all

1849	Memento		
Octo. 6 Jon Law Nich. Cooper &c at Geo 6 Ges. 1 sh pd Sabbath 7 Rain	Jonathan Lawrence and Nicholas Cooper dug Some potatoes, picked Nearly all up. Not quite done digging, hindered by Rain		
	At George Gesners a loaf Bread paid 1 shilling		
	A Rainy day, not very hard, the Wind seems Northeasterly, in the Afternoon inclining to Northwesterly, Still Raining, the wind not very high to day		
Sabbath 7 Quarterly Mg. appt. to be storm none from here &c Mond 8	This Sabbath was Appointed for Quarterly Meeting &c. It was not expected that William R. Woodruff crossed over from Tarry town to Nyack yesterday to At tend the Quarterly Meeting through the bad Storm; None from Rockland went through the Rain		
	Stopped Raining last evening; but continued overcast and Cloudy; the clouds this Morning from NW		
Recd. Returns from Zeb 8 when	I Received Returns from Zeb Woolsey this Morning by the hand of Jonathan Lawrence of apples sent with Zeb. Jonathan Lawrence gathered them on Shares		
		sh.	p.
Sent	Sept. 21st 1849	2 Barr. at 11 sh/	1 .. 2 .. 0
Sent	Sept. 26th 1849	7 Barr. at 12 sh	4 .. 4 .. 0
Sent	Octo. 2 1849	8 Barr. as follows	
		4 Barr. at 16 sh/ each	3 .. 4 .. 0
		2 Barr. at 13 sh/	1 .. 6 .. 0
		2 Barr. 1 Barr. at 10 sh and 1 at 3 sh	0 .. 13 .. 0
			<u>10 .. 9 .. 0</u>
See over		Freight	<u>1 .. 5 .. 6</u>
		To be divided into 2 parts	9 .. 3 .. 6

1849	Memento
Octo. 8 See last Page Returns from Zeb	<p>See last page under, When sent And this Morning Received Returns by the hand of Jonathan Lawrence who Gathered the Apples for half of Returns</p> <p>There was 17 Barrels Sent at 3 different times £ sh. p.</p> <p>Sept. 21 2 Barrels 1 .. 2 .. 0</p> <p>Sept. 26 7 Barrels 4 .. 4 .. 0</p> <p>Octo. 8 8 Barrels <u>5 .. 3 .. 0</u></p> <p>The Whole sum sold for 10 .. 9 .. 0</p> <p>Freight of the 17 Barrels <u>1 .. 5 .. 6</u></p> <p>Left, and divided <u>9 .. 3 .. 6</u></p> <p>My Share Recd. 4 .. 11 .. 9</p> <p>Lacking 9 shillings</p>
I Borrowed of Mary L Sparks paid 8 Back	I Borrowed of Mary L Sparks one dollar. I went to city New York
Jon. did 8 I did	Paid her the one dollar back Again this Morning
Herbt. my 8 Horse, fetched Margt. Ann's Head Stone	Jonathan cut up some corn, by south end of Row of Apple trees, he turned greater part of Buckwheat. I turned 8 long Rows of Swaths on east side &c. Jonathan Lawrence to Zeb's this Morning
	Herbert Gesner My horse to go up to Clarkstown to fetch Head Stone for Margaret Ann his daughter [she died in 1846, at the age of 19]; back in Evening

1849	Memento
Octo. 9 Tuesd. Frost	A Heavy frost this Morning, this is the first frost this fall, noticeable, the Wind Northwesterly, a Clear day
Pomp 9 ploughing Jon. Law. Aft. to his own lot &c	Pomp ploughed the potatoe Ground West of Row of Apple trees, the potatoes all dug — drew the little corn off the ground which Jon Lawrence cut up — Jonathan Also picked up the cider Apples under the Domina Apple trees there Jon Lawrence Went this Afternoon up to his own Lot, dug some potatoes, picked quinces &c
Aftn. 9 cleared &c	This Afternoon I cleared up Along the Stone Wall joining the Road, A Nest of briars and Bushes and Grape Vines, a thicket
John 9 Moore's Turkeys	John Moore's Turkeys frequently in our Buckwheat in Sheaves &c, he knows it, I told his father inlaw &c, 10 or 12 of them, A plague the Whole Season
10 Rains	Overcast all day, the wind easterly, Rains some this Afternoon, the clouds this afternoon seem from the Southeastward, Rains to Night
J. Law. 10 sent of My Appls. 2 Barrs. &c	Jonathan Lawrence to river early this Morning, took 2 Barrels of my Domina Apples and he said of his from his house 1 1/2 Barrels pear Man's and 3 Baskets of his Apples

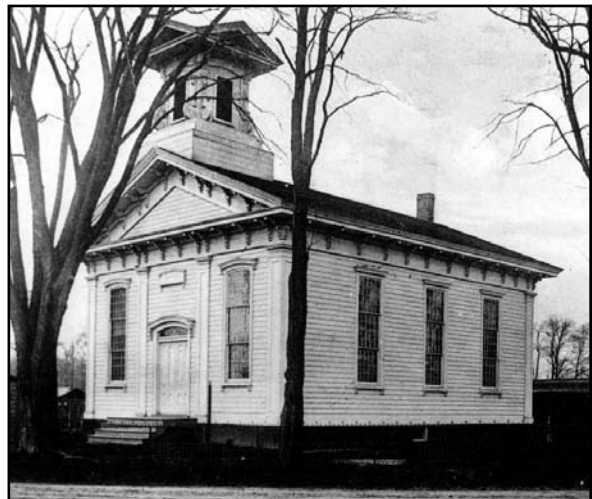
1849	Memento
Octo 10 J. L. dug at his house	Jonathan Lawrence dug potatoes at his house to day
I Sowed 10 Rye &c	I sowed Rye to day up by Row of apple trees where we had potatoes this year, 1 1/2 Bushels and near a quart
Pomp 10 Harrowed &c &c	Pomp Harrowed the Rye in, ploughed first a little, then took team, went up to help Jon Lawrence at his house; brought some potatoes home here
Thursd 11 Rain	Rain'd last Night, a Very cloudy day, Sprinkled some, Rained Some this Morning, the Wind baffling from eastward, to Westward, cold
11	Jonathan Lawrence picked some cider Apples
I drew 11 letter for Jo. Willsey	I drew a letter for John Willsey, See opposite page
Friday 12	Clear forenoon, Wind SW by West, cloudy, hazy Afternoon, looks for a Storm again, in the evening the Wind Seems Eastward
Pomp 12 & J. Law turned Buckwheat I potatoes &c	Pomp here all day, in the Afternoon he and Jon Lawrence turned the Buckwheat. This is the 2nd time it has been turned. I uncovered My potatoes, Some wet, I sorted them, heaped and covered again

1849	Memento
Octo. 12 John Willsey paid me for drawing Letter &c 1 sh 6 p Sat 13	John Willsey paid Me 1 shilling 6 pence for drawing his Letter to Answer one he Received from Freeman Chase Who Wanted to purchase a part of John Willsey's Schooner Named Empire and go on her As Master. John Would Sell the Whole for 42 hundred dollars, But not a part, so I drew in the letter A Clear day, Blue Sky, Wind NW, Cool evening
I Worked 13 on the Road for Sned, Jo. Willsey days, this day and the 6th Make 1 D Returns 13 of Zeb Jon. 6 sh 6 p and I 6 sh 6 p 9 p	I worked on the Road to day, along by Jerry's a quarter of an hour before 8 AM, ie 15 Minutes before 8 AM and quit about 15 Minutes after 4 PM, one hour for dinner, Which Makes 4 Hours 15 Minutes before 12, began 1 o'clock quit 15 Minutes after 4 PM, Makes this Afternoon 3 hours 15 Minutes = 7 Hours 30 Minutes. John Willsey says that I work 3/4 of an hour Makes this 1 Day, see the 6th Instant Returns of Zeb for the 2 Barrels Domina apples Jon Sent, See 10th Instant <div>sh. p. 2 Barrels 8 shillings/ each 0 .. 16 .. 0 Freight 3 .. 0 0 .. 13 .. 0 Jonathan paid Me the 6 shillings 6 pence this Evening 0 .. 6 .. 6 Also the 9 pence back see the 8th 9 0 .. 7 .. 3</div>

1849	Memento
Octo. 14 Sabbath	A very Nice Day, Wind Northeasterly, cool day, cold at Night
Woodruff 14 Prd. here	Woodruff Preached this Morning in our church About 15 — His text Isaiah 40 And the 3 last verses
I Coll. 2 sh 4 p	I Collected this Morning 2 shillings 4 pence
He Prd. to Night	Woodruff Preached to Night About 25 — text Hebrews 6th Chapter and 18th Verse
I Collected to Nt. 1 sh 8 p	I Collected to Night 1 shilling 8 cents
Gave Woodruff the 4 sh	The Above two Collections 4 shillings I gave to Woodruff at My house After Meeting to Night
White 15 frost	Clear all day, a little hazy this afternoon, this Morning a White frost, wind Northwesterly last night, and forenoon, Afternoon Wind Southwesterly
Pomp 15 Courtwright Jon Law &c I to Snedens Ginnet & Ellen along	Pomp turned and opened the Buckwheat, was very Wet inside the Most of it. Jon Lawrence picked Domina Apples South of John Willseys Afternoon, Pomp, Cortwright this Afternoon and my self threshed Buckwheat. Jonathan Lawrence drew it to the Barn, 10 and 11 floors. I took Woodruffs Quinces and Grapes to River with Waggon, he got in at Herberts, took &c

NOTE: Sometime between 1843 and 1849 the Methodist Protestants, and especially the Gesner family, succeeded in building a small church. They had tried earlier but not been able to find suitable land for it.

Apparently their church was built on the corner of Closter Road, where the Palisades Post Office is located today, and was called “Gesner Hall” or the “Steepleless Church.” Sometime after Nicholas died it was abandoned, probably because the different Methodist groups had joined together and begun attending the large Methodist church built in 1858 59 close to the present Route 9W. The former Steepleless Church was used by Dr. Agnew to establish the first Palisades Library, which failed because of vandalism.



*Methodist Episcopal Church
built 1858 59*

1849	Memento
Octo 15 at Wester velts Cheese all paid	At James Westervelts Cheese at 9 pence per lb, I had 2 shillings worth, paid 1 shilling 6 pence, the 6 pence lacking paid octo 22nd
16 Tuesd	Foggy Morning and Clouds forenoon; Afternoon About half clear, the Wind seems between SW and S
Pomp & 16 Cortwright worked for Jon Law. Aftern. We threshed Buckwt. done	Pomp and Cortwright digging potatoes for Jon Lawrence up at his house this forenoon, Afternoon I, Pomp and Cortwright Thrashed Buckwheat in the Barn, Jonathan Lawrence drew by 10 floors this Afternoon, finished thrashing little After Sun set a few Minutes, Done thrashing
Sarah 16 came up	Sarah Lawrence came up towards Night, She Went down with William Lawrence 2 Weeks ago
Mary's 16 2 Children better &c Wed. 17	Mary's babes are getting better of the Whooping Cough
	Mostly overcast all day but no rain, the wind South by West, Sometimes it looks very Rainy, in the Evening it Rains little
Cleaned the 17 Buckwht & paid the borrowed seed	Jonathan and Pomp cleaned up the buckwheat by 12 o'clock. Paid the Borrowed Seed to Sow to Jacob Riker And Jacob Sneden

1849	Memento
Octo. 17 Jon & Pomp	In the Afternoon Jon Lawrence and Pomp picked domina Apples South of Willseys
Thursd 18	Overcast day, Mostly all day, but little Wind, perhaps Southeasterly
Pomp 18 cut dead Appl. tree He and J. Law. picked Dominis Pomp took to cider mill &c Friday 19	<p>Pomp cut dead Vandever Apple tree down for firewood, Next the Bottom in front of the Barn</p> <p>After Breakfast he and Jon Lawrence picked Dominie Apples South of John Willsey's.</p> <p>Pomp took a load of cider Apples from the Row of Apple trees, of What was brought there of the ruffage of Riker and others, to J Harings Mill and run them twice through; the Mill in bad order Pomp Says</p> <p>Jon Lawrence has finished picking</p> <p>Dull Weather, partly Clear, looks threatening for a Storm; Clouds This Morning from Westward, Not Much Wind, cool</p>
Pomp 19 & Jon. L cider 4 Barrels	Pomp and Jonathan Lawrence put the rest of cider apples in The Waggon of John Willsey. Near even fully Pomp to cider Mill of D Havid Haring at Tappan, Ground them. Jonathan Went by 12. They returned dusk With 4 Barrels cider. No Water in, Mostly Domina Apples

1849	Memento
Octo 19 cider Made	Apples all Gathered, Jon Lawrence Made 4 Barrels cider for half; had John Willseys Waggon
J. Law. 19 Bot 2 Barr. &c	Jonathan Lawrence Bought 2 Barrels of Devoe to day, liquor Barrels
Paid 19 Mary Ann Ges &c	Paid to Mary Ann Gesner 3 shillings 6 pence to day for 7 lb Sugar had last year.
Cake 19 paid	I got 6 pence Worth of cake at Herberts of Mary Ann, Paid
Friday 19 Geo. Gesners Wife Mary another Son Born Sept. 28th 1849	Mary, George Gesners Wife Confined Another Son born the 28th of September 1849 After Day break, and before Sun rise I then not having Correct information I entered October 1st. Mary Gesner (George Gesners Wife) Confined Thursday but it Was Friday the 28th of September 1849 as said above See September 27th Also October 1st
20 * over bottom for firewood	A Clear Day, Wind Northwesterly, a little frost this Morning Pomp Here All day I expect, But I cannot say what Work he did. Altogether, He and Jon Lawrence fetched from John Willsey nearly a Barrel of pippin and some Dominas, cut a dry tree *

1849	Memento
<p>Octo 20 I Brought My potatoes in cellar &c I Recd. 20 letter from Mandeville Sabbath 21 Rain</p>	<p>I Brought My potatoes in Cellar to day, Went twice with Sled, once 3 1/2 Barrels good, And once 2 1/2 Small. Jonathan And pomp help put them in the Cellar When I got them by house. I Mean the first load only; I did the other Altogether</p> <p>I Received letter from Mandeville this Evening, paid Herbert 5 cents postage. He Writes that Hopper has as yet failed to Make out his line</p> <p>Overcast all day, the Wind Seems through the day Southeasterly, begins to rain before Night; in the evening Wind More Northeastward</p>
No Prg. 21	No Preaching to Day here
Some 22 Misty Rain	Overcast all day, With some Rain and Mist, also foggy this Morning or heavy Mist. Wind SE, clear at Night, Wind seems Southwesterly
Jon L 22 to city	Jonathan Lawrence to city of New York this Morning, I took him to landing
Tuesd 23 at Night a Thunder Shower	Clear And Moderate, Wind Southwesterly. In the evening a thunder Shower, some Rain, Some lightning

1849	Memento
Octo. 23	Jonathan Lawrence up by 10 AM, from the city. Went Yesterday
Jon up	
Stirred 23	I shifted and Aired the Buckwheat laying on a flat heap on Barn floor —
the Buckt. &c	
Heifer 23	Dark Brown heifer to day. I fetched Abe Posts B ll, only one Year old last
dark brown	Spring, a Nice Stout Year old +
t k	
24	Wind Westward, cool, and Cloudy all day, evening More clear
J Law. 24	Jonathan Lawrence fetched his potatoes from his lot, some Very thick old plank
fetchd from	
his lot potatoes	About 1/2 past 3 PM He Went to the Slote or rather Piermont Now With Horse
& Some thick	and Waggon, Mary L Sparks and Cornelia Went along
Lumber &c	
Jon. Mary	I gave Mary One dollar to buy me a pattern for a Waistcoat of Black Velvet and
Cornelia to	trimmings. The pattern one Yard 3 shillings and the Buttons, lining &c 3 shillings
Slote, got me	4 pence = 6 shillings 4 pence at Tallmans, Paid one Shilling and 8 pence left of the
pattern &c	Dollar. The 8 pence She gave me; 1 shilling Yet due me, could Not Make change.
for Waistcoat	
6 sh 4 p Paid	My little Barrel came back.
cider Barrl. bk	
Thursd 25	Clear and quite Cool all day, the Wind Westerly, cold last Night
Mist. 25	
Beasley's Will,	Mistress Beasley's Will dated October 24th 1849, her real and personal to her 4
Witnesses	children Leonard, Jacob, Sally and Samuel, Share and Share Alike
Abm. Post Jo	
Willsey Myself	

1849	Memento
<p>Octo. 25 Jon. L Pomp thatching Hog pen I Recd. Letter from Caleb urges Me &c</p>	<p>Jonathan Lawrence and Pomp thatched Hog Pen by Corn Crib to day Pomp in Afternoon fixed fence by Barn Yard &c And Jonathan and Sally to Slote Piermont went late</p> <p>I Received a letter from Caleb Brush his Name Was Not to it Says I had better Sign the Power and fare as the rest, also that the Bill will be filed in a day or two. Wishes me to Come down. Also says that One Smith of Connecticut will take the line of the Kipp family and Hopper for the Quackenbushes. Also that Smith Will raise 250 Dollars. This letter from Caleb Was dated October 24th, I Received it the 25th</p>
<p>Wed 26</p>	<p>Clear, Wind Southwesterly, not cold, afternoon Wind Seems More Southeasterly</p>
<p>I to 26 Tappan at Blauvt. Bought Shoes pd Sarah Bought</p>	<p>I went to Tappan this Morning, Sarah Went along in Waggon. I went to Blauvelts, bought a pair of peg shoes, real clumps. I paid him 9 shillings</p> <p>Sarah at Devoes bought some Articles, Cotton padding, Mackarel &c</p> <p>NOTE: Most 19th century shoes were made in workshops and sold in stores. The uppers were made first, then attached to the soles with wooden pegs.</p>
1849	Memento
<p>Octo 26 Jon L Pomp all day Pain 26 in My side 27</p>	<p>Jonathan Lawrence fixed plan to heap dung, put the Buckwheat Straw for a Shed & dung. Pomp all Day heaping dung in barn yard</p> <p>My pain Continues in my left side</p> <p>Clear, Smoaky, Moderate Wind Southwesterly</p>
<p>Doct Abm. 27 Gesner from Halifax Here Saw My 2 Brothers when Jon L & 27 Pomp &c 47 Bls. Buckwheat</p>	<p>Doctor Abraham Gesner here about 11 AM, he left Nova Scotia the 10th of this Month, has been a Week or better in the city of New York on business left My Brother Henry at Cornwallis and My Brother Abraham at Granville both Well as could be expected, his business is in the employ of his Government, has after a While to go on to Washington &c, his business I am not yet Acquainted with; has also business of his own. NB he saw My Brothers on the 10th of this Month</p> <p>Jon Lawrence and Pomp run the Buckwheat through the Mill Again And Measured 47 Bushels</p> <p>NOTE: See picture and information about Dr. Abraham Gesner on page 226.</p>

1849	Memento
Octo 27 Mary up	Mary L Sparks to city of New York this Morning, back before Night
Woodruff 28 here	Robert Woodruff here towards Night
Sabbath 28	Clear, Somewhat Hazy, Wind easterly
28	Woodruff preached this Morning about 15 or 20; on Angels being Ministering Spirits.
Coll. 2 sh 6 p Woodruff	Collection 2 shillings 6 pence, one 5 cent or 6 pence is smooth. I took the Collection
Pd. to Nt.	Woodruff Preached to Night, about 20 or 25 from Revelation 3 Chapter, Behold I stand at the door and Knock, if any Man hear My Voice &c, Good Sermon —
Collection 2 sh 10 p	Collection to Night I took 2 shillings 10 cents.
Gave Wood.	2 shillings 6 cents
4 sh and	The two Collections Make 5 shillings 4 cents
put in the	Gave Woodruff 4 shillings leaves 1 shilling 4 cents
Bag 1 sh 4 p	This 1 shilling 4 pence I put in the Bag



NOTE: The back of this photo, which comes from the Palisades library collection, reads: "Dr. Abraham Gesner from a photograph taken by W. D. O'Donnell, corner of George and Granville Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Dr. Abraham Gesner, born 1797, was a son of Henry Gesner of Cornwallis Nova Scotia and a Nephew of Nicholas Gesner of Rockland County NY."

Gesner first pursued a career at sea, but was shipwrecked twice by his early twenties. While studying medicine in London, he became interested in geology and later was appointed Provincial Geologist for New Brunswick. Gesner's research in minerals resulted in his 1846 development of a process to refine a liquid fuel from coal, bitumen and oil shale. His new discovery, which he named kerosene, burned more cleanly and was less expensive than competing products, such as whale oil.

1850	Memento
May 26 Sabbath paid the Money 1 sh more than I Borrowed of Collection Mond 27	See last page of last Book under for Making change I took 2 shillings out the Col lection Bag Some time Ago. I gave Brother Woodruff 3 shillings of My Money makes 1 shilling More than I Had taken
27 Br Woodruff Went this is first Jack 27	Wind Northwesterly, Cloudy, Afternoon Warm
for J. Law Jon. drew 3 Jags firewood and Shod sled Jack sawed &c Jon. Lawrence Sally and bub to city NY Jack fetched Wagg. bk &c drew the buck= wheat Straw & 2 loads dung with Sled 1 Day	Brother Woodruff Went down to Snedens for Tarry Town — Stay'd here last Night
	Jack sukes Brotherinlaw Worked for Jonathan Lawrence to day. Jonathan drew 3 Small Jags of Wood from the Orchard with the Horses and Sled, And Shod the Sled with sawed Shoes. Dry
	Jack he sawed and Split, some 1/2 After one Jonathan Lawrence and Sally with little bub to city of New York, Jack took them down with Waggon or Rather fetchd it back from Snedens
	This Afternoon After back from River drew the Buckwheat Straw that lay by the east side of Stable door up on flat And 2 loads dung with Sled out barn Yard, also on flat, a full days Work

*Old Peggy Parcels house,
which Jack with the
wagon would have passed
on his way down to the
river. It was built between
1820 and 1830.*



1850	Memento
May 28 Tuesday some Rain House 28 Cleaning &c	A Nice morning, Wind Westward, Cloudy, Afternoon Some clouds passing, rained quite Some, Weather Moderate; a Wet time — The house for another Cleaning. Washington Whitewashing undergoes another operation, busy as Crickets
Wed 29	An Overcast day, no rain; but the whole day and Evening looks for Rain. The wind Northeasterly and easterly
No work 29 My pain rather worse Thursd 30	No Work of any kind on the Land. My pain in My Hip legs and Shoulders is very bad Overcast and Haziness Mostly all day, evening overcast, the Wind all day Northeasterly. Weather continues a Stormy Appearance
Jack 30 all day Tom &c	Jack here all day I suspect for Jon Lawrence and drew 6 or 7 Sled loads of dung on flat to day, ploughed it Harrowed it And furrowed it One Way nearly — Tom burnt up old corn stacks This day Makes 2 Days in all for Jack
Jon L. Sally and bub 30 up. J L down again	Jon Lawrence Sally and little bub, up from New York, home about 10 AM Jon Lawrence went down Again this Afternoon

1850	Memento
<p>May 30 Jon. Law Saw Mand= avill Jon related to me this day what Mandaville said Friday 31 Rainy</p>	<p>Jonathan Lawrence brought me Word to day that he had seen Mandville and told him. The Bill was to be read to the Committee on Thursday, this day; But did not know, it would be filed in the United States Court to day, further said that he (Mandaville) did not believe there would be 300 who could prove their pedigree; And did believe the property would be Recovered; Also that he would immediately write to Me After it was Read &c</p> <p>The Sky almost all the time, for a long time overcast, With frequent Rains overcast and Rainy this morning Wind Northeasterly</p>
1850	Memento
<p>May 31 Jack here all day I Recd. 31 a letter abt. 12 to day from Mandavill I drew a letter to Ja. Ges. Emalina I paid postage I drew 31 letter to Henry Ges. at Nyack &c</p>	<p>Jack here, furrowed the flat once over the last or second time, drew dung in the hill and planted some, All day</p> <p>I Received a letter from Mandaville to Day, Written yesterday. He Writes that they met Mr. Sherwood this Morning the 30th , Says the Circuit Judge will be, or rather is expected to be here Next Wednesday When the Bill will be filed, further says if My health will permit he wishes to see me Next Monday</p> <p>I drew a letter to Jacob Gesners Emalina, sent it to Herbert to go to Tappan Post Office and Sent 6 pence to pay postage</p> <p>I drew a lengthy letter to day to Henry Gesner At Nyack relating the Necessity of our Gaining a Certain Knowledge Whether all our Affidavits taken are Recorded or not. Requesting him to come and See Me to Morrow if he could &c</p>

1850	Memento
June 1st Sat	Partly clear to day, Warm Afternoon, the Wind light, I think Southwesterly
Jack 1 to day 3/4 on flat and 1/4 at John Willseys drew dung Sabbath 2	Jack and Tom finished drawing dung and planting corn on the flat to day by half Afternoon, then drew 4 Loads dung before John Willseys on heaps. Now Jack has worked in all 3 3/4 days on the flat and 1/4 dung up at John Willsey's Cloudy; But a Moderate Nice day, warm, Wind Westerly
Woodruff 2 here and Lockhart But Lockhart Prd. both Morng. & Night I collected this Morng. 2 sh: Geo Ges. to Nt. 2 sh 5 p	Woodruff here at the Church also Lockhart. Lockhart Preached both this Morning and Evening I dont know his texts About 20 this Morning And I collected 2 shillings At Night George Gesner Collected and I counted it, there was 2 shillings and 5 cents. I took both Collections home. Together Made 4 shillings 5 cents

1850	Memento
<p>June 2 It appears from what Woodruff said Lockhart Wished to Prch. to Night Woodruff in the Altar Spoke Most excellently Woodruff to Nt. would Receive no Money &c I put the 4 sh 5 p in bag The Warrens name is now Swallow</p>	<p>It appears that Lockhart wished to preach to Night, Woodruff told Me — that he told Lockhart, then you can Preach both Morning and evening. This Evening was a Large Meeting, I supposed 60 or 70 — I could not understand Lockhart; He seemed to speak Well; But After Lockhart had done this Evening, Woodruff gave an excellent discourse; that reached every heart; suited to every condition in the most Affecting Manner, it would but seem as though every heart was soothed With the impressive language.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">It was Most excellent for the parting.</p> <p>Woodruff refused this evening at My house to receive the 3 shillings which I generally gave him to bear his expenses at every time so the 2 Collections see opposite) 4 shillings and 5 cents I put all in the bag to Night; Woodruff Said he Went clear With Warren &c</p> <p>The Name of the Steamboat Warren is now Written on the Wheel Box Swallow.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Smiths Controll her Now And have Made a repair upon her &c &c. Captain James Mansell is Captain</p>
1850	Memento
<p>June 2 Henry Ges. from Nyack here &c Mond 3</p> <p>I to city 3 Mary L Sparks along &c we to C Brushes &c to Mandavills long talk Wanted me to sign Bond</p>	<p>Henry Gesner with Peter Brush with Waggon to day, requested by My Letter. He knows not yet correctly How Lawyer Blanch has Managed with my Affidavit &c &c, something of dark appearance About it — Henry intends to see Blanch —</p> <p>A Nice day, clear forenoon, Afternoon cloudy and Showery, little Rain and thunder, Wind Westward</p> <p>I went to city. Mary L Sparks went with me for company. Went at Snedens 7 AM with Arrow, got down a few Minutes before 9 AM, Arrow stopped at Amos Street, first Street North of Christopher Street. We Went to Caleb Brushes, not in. We Went to Mr. Mandavill's, home alone: a long talk with him. He had a few days Ago by letter Wished to see me.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The principle object Was to sign a Bond to Secure the</p>

1850	Memento
<p>June 3</p> <p>About Money to be Raised before bill filed or Secured to be raised before the Bill could be filed</p> <p>Remark</p>	<p>payment of 500 Dollars for Court expenses. Judge Hopper and Mr. Jackson both of New Jersey had Signed the Bond. Mandaville stated that as the Bond Was signed by Hopper and Jackson they Wished One living in York state also to sign it, that if the Money to be raised, the payment whereof secured, the Bill would be filed on Wednesday next. And being once filed, the 500 \$ would then Soon be raised, for the Heirs seemed determined Not to pay Any More Money untill the bill was filed. And the Bill could not be filed untill the payment of the Costs was first Secured, and if not secured would procrastinate the suit.</p> <p>Remark I think the sum could have been secured by having a Subscription drawn up and Money Collected of the heirs depositted in the Bank, not to be liable to be used untill it was justly required with honest design, And if not required each to receive their sum back or so Much as May be left.</p> <p>What this May work will discover itself</p>
1850	Memento
<p>June 3</p> <p>I concluded not to sign but would do &c</p> <p>3</p>	<p>I concluded for the present not to sign the Joint Bond; But in raising Money Would not hold back, being Old and Much ailing, I would not like to increase trouble</p> <p>I will give a More particular account of the form of the Bond laid before me to sign by Mandaville; Mary L Sparks present, Mandaville first undertook to read it, Which was done very badly and Slowly with Much embarrassment</p> <p>I then took it and Read it</p>

1850	Memento
<p>June 3 The Bond laid before Me to sign at Mr. Manda= vills House in 20th Street N.Y. between the 7th and 8th Avenues North Side of St. a lamp hanging in front Wooden Stoop Is as here Written &c as Nigh as I can recollect Mary says so too Short condition &c</p>	<p>Know all Men by these present that we &c Hopper of Bergen County New Jersey And Jackson of &c New Jersey (Room here for Me)</p> <p>Am held and firmly bound unto the Trinity Church (or Vestry Men and church Wardens of Trinity Church) in the sum of One thousand dollars &c to be paid to the said Vestry Men and church Wardens to Which payment well and truly to be made I bind Myself My heirs &c Sealed With &c seals dated &c this &c in the year &c</p> <p>The Condition of the Above obligation is such that if the above Bound &c shall well and truly pay to the above &c then this obligation to be void</p> <p>As Nigh as I can recollect Names &c the above obligation is the true sense and Meaning of the Bond presented me to Sign.</p> <p>And the Condition also as Short and in same sense and Meaning And Mary L Sparks recollects the same after we came Home Not being Well Acquainted with Mandavill I certainly believe he was embarrassed in reading it: I also read it</p>

1850	Memento	
June 3 I, Mary & Jane came up Mary had been to Wms. Read Expenses 3 12 sh	<p>I and Mary with Williams Wife Jane came up. Mary Went after We came from Mandavills to William Lawrences, Mary came back at 3 to Caleb Brushes. William and Jane Went to foot of Chamber Street: they came up to Amos St., William out and Stay'd in city, As he came out I and Mary went Aboard, just Shook hands with William Lawrence, came up with Warren, home little before sun down</p> <p>Expenses down and up to day 4 shillings I gave Mandavill <u>8 shillings</u> to aid his Wants 12 shillings</p>	
Jack 3 all day Tuesd 4	<p>Jack Rode dung to day and Tom some</p> <p>Clear Warm day, the Wind Westerly</p>	
Hip &c 4 very bad Jack 4 all day Wed 5	<p>My hip &c very bad</p> <p>Jack here all day drawing dung before John Willsey's</p> <p>A Nice Warm day and Clear, wind Westerly</p>	
Jackson 5 Wills up says 7 have signed Bond	<p>Jackson Wills up from city to day, by him I Received word from Caleb Brush that 7 had now signed the Bond, that he Caleb has no time to Write. Jackson boards at Caleb Brushes</p>	

1850	Memento
<p>June 5 Jack all day has worked 3 days this Week & 1/4 last Saturday Thursd 6</p>	<p>Jack Ploughed before John Willsey's to day. Tom Spread dung, drew this Morning 2 loads of dung before he ploughed. Now Jack has Worked before John Willsey's 3 Day's this Week, dung ploughing, and Saturday 1st June 1/4 day The Rest of his Work before was on flat</p>
<p>John 6 Willsey gave me a lift &c Young 6 Herbert helped this Aftn. plough</p>	<p>Clear and very Warm, the wind Westerly, Cloudy Afternoon</p> <p>John Willsey with his oxen and plough helped Me this forenoon after Breakfast plough east of Row of Apple trees; a good lift, his son John drove Oxen for him</p> <p>Young Herbert came and helped some Herbert was Herbert Gesner's youngest son, 18 years old.</p>
<p>Jack 6 all day Tom Jack when he first began &c</p>	<p>Jack all day with My team plough Tom Spread dung NB Jack's work Was the first May 27th for Jonathan Lawrence and What he did on the flat, but at John Willseys is not talked about</p>

1850	Memento
June 7 Friday	A very Warm clear Day, Sky looks Smoaky, the wind Southwesterly, cloudy towards Night
Jack 7 all day	Jack all day, Harrowed some, furrowed, and Some Cross furrowed on South side, drew 2 Small loads short dung in the Hill
Tom very little	Tom did little or Nothing all day
Wm. Law. 7 up	William Lawrence up near Sun Set
Caty 7 Trenchard here	Caty Trenchard here this Afternoon
Sat 8 a Thunder Shower, Rain	Morning tolerably clear, Moderate, Warm, About Middle of the Afternoon a Northwest Gust Rain and some thunder, a Nice Rain, not very hard, continues raining till in Evening, the Wind Mostly to day Southwesterly
Jack 8 &c	Jack some hoeing by pear trees and round the House before to dunging or planting, at 9 AM went with a load dung
John Willsey 1/2 Day I not there &c	John Willsey then came, helped plant corn. After dinner to Work Again till the Shower. I suppose About 1/2 day they worked in planting. My hips legs Shoulders bad, hindered My going to the field



Old Trenchard house, probably built about 1800 and moved back from road in 1833, the year after Jesse Trenchard took title to it. Nicholas Gesner wrote that it took about 30 men to move it.

1850	Memento
<p>June 9 Sabbath Rains &c</p> <p>Br 9 Woodruff Pd. this Mornng. Collection took by Wm. Law. & 1 sh 6 p see 16th Rain, no Preaching to Night don't know Whether Woodruff had Any Money</p>	<p>This Morning Wind Northerly, clear, Afternoon cloudy and Wind seems Southerly and clouds Move from Southwestward, warm. It rains before sunset, Showery</p> <p>Brother Woodward here at Church, Preached this Morning from John 14.6 "Jesus saith unto him I am the Way the truth and the life &c" a Small congregation I was told, being unable to be there, very lame</p> <p>William Lawrence took Collection this Morning, did not count it, left it in the plate, perhaps About 1 shilling 6 pence, so it was</p> <p>Brother Woodruff After tea went up to Church, it rained before Sun set, also in the evening. No Preaching. Whether Woodruff had any Money I dont know, William Lawrence took collection this Morning, he said he left it on the plate</p>
1850	Memento
<p>June 10 Monday Rain thunder Jack 10 not here Jon. L 10 up Yested. went yesterd. Tuesd 11</p> <p>Jack 11 here all day I am 11 very ill & Wm. Law. And Jane to city N.Y.</p>	<p>Cloudy, dark clouds and Squally and Showery from the Westward, some thunder, considerable of Rain, Blustering Winds, Afternoon May have done to work some</p> <p>Jack not Here to day</p> <p>Jonathan Lawrence came up Yesterday Sabbath , home between 10 and 11 AM and Went down the same Afternoon 1/2 After 2 PM</p> <p>Clear this Morning, Cloudy Afternoon, Some thunder Rain and Hail this Afternoon, the Wind Southwesterly</p> <p>Jack here this Morning, drew dung and planting late enough all day</p> <p>I am extremely Afflicted with Rheumatism, Shoulders, hips, legs, can Scarcely stir for 3 or 4 Weeks, especially for the latter part of the time; cant get in or out the bed, walk, stand or Sit without continued Misery</p> <p>William Lawrence came up last friday, his Wife Jane came up 3rd Instant see They both Went to city of New York this Morning. Sally took them to river About 7 AM</p>

1850	Memento
June 12 Wed	Mostly Clear all day, a little Hazy towards Evening, Brisk Wind from the South and SW
Jack 12 & Ben all Day finished corn	Jack here this Morning planting corn, drawing dung in Corn hills, and also in potatoe Hills, North of corn hills, before John Willseys He brought Ben (coloured Man) with him, both All day. This is the first Ben has been — finished corn
Will. Law paid Obb to have Charleys Shoes &c He also got bottle linament he paid 2 sh this I paid to him Again &c he paid Obb read	William Lawrence When here first of the Week had Charley's Shoes took off and had the foreshoes corked and Set again; He paid Obb 2 shillings for it. He also While last here, Went to Piermont, got Small Bottle of Tobias's Linament for Me for My bad Rheumatism. He paid 2 shillings for the Bottle; Which I paid to him Yesterday Morning While Harnessing the Horse back of kitchen &c Sally said After he Was gone that she gave him the 2 shillings for the linament. However he paid for the Horse &c Shoeing 2 shillings
1850	Memento
June 12	John Willsey helped perhaps an Hour to day
Thursd 13	Clear and Warm, brisk wind from Southwesterly
Jack 13 here he worked in dung, corn & potatoes 2 3/4 Ben 1 D	Jack finished planting potatoes before John Willsey's about between 3 and 4 PM. Tom helped then planting large Bean poles for Lima Beans Now Jack has Worked dunging hills planting corn and potatoes this Week, ie here tuesday and wednesday 2 Days and 3/4 to day = 2 3/4 (but finished the day) &c Also Ben yesterday 1 Day
13	Jack told me that He had worked in the first place on the flat 3 1/2 Days And in all 13 Days And Ben one Day Makes 14 Days
Letter from Jacob Gesner	Received letter today from Jacob Gesner
Friday 14	Clear and very Warm All day, the Wind Westerly, truly a Warm day

1850	Memento
<p>June 16 Larry's boat did not go out the Girls to city; this went against the Grain</p> <p>Br 16 Woodruff Prd. Geo Gesner took Collec. this Mornng. Wm. Law Read</p>	<p>Sarah and Cornelia had to go down to city, they being at Haverstraw, got on board the Steam boat and expecting to get on board of Larry Snedens tow boat: There Was No freight nor passengers, the tow boat did not go out and the Girls had to go to the city, was at William Lawrences about 7 PM last evening. Jonathan Lawrence came up this Morning, but they Staid</p> <p>Brother Woodruff preached here this Morning to about 27, I was not there being very ill; Ginnet Hunter told Me George Gesner took the Collection. He Must know how much &c. I was not there, bad with Rheumatism</p> <p>Last Sabbath the 9th William Lawrence took Collection, left it in plate. George Gesner told me he gave it to Woodruff, 19 cents or 1 shilling 6 pence</p>
1850	Memento
<p>June 16 Wood. Prd. to Night, good Jon. Law. took Collection 4 sh 3 p Gave Woodruff 3 sh 3 p at my house & gave me 1 sh to put in bag</p> <p>Mond 17 Jon. L to city</p> <p>Tuesd 18 Jo Willsey My horses to= gether 1/2 day</p>	<p>Woodruff Preached to Night from 1 Corinthians 1st Chapter 23 and 24th Verses, in the text was a Great Sermon and he preached it. About 70 or upwards, I was there took with Waggon.</p> <p>Jonathan Lawrence took the Collection, 4 shillings 3 pence, he had counted it 4 shillings 6 pence but there was 1 Copper and had counted 12 cents for 1 shilling. He gave Woodruff 3 shillings 3 pence and Me 1 shilling to put in the Bag which was Done</p> <p>Warm and clear, the Wind Southwesterly Jonathan to city of New York, Started before 7 AM for Snedens &c</p> <p>Very Warm and Clear all day, the wind Southwesterly</p>

1850	Memento
<p>June 19 Wed</p> <p>Jo Will 19 sey, horse</p> <p>Thursd 20 Warm</p> <p>The Girls 20 came Home yesterday &c Word from Mandeville</p> <p>Friday 21</p> <p>Jack 21</p>	<p>Clear and very Warm indeed, the Wind brisk Southwesterly, Sky Hazy Smoaky</p> <p>John Willsey the Horse to finish what was left yesterday, about 17 Rows, had him early</p> <p>Very Warm Day again. Clear and Smoaky appearance, the wind Southwesterly, About 5 PM Cloudy, dark clouds with little thunder</p> <p>The girls Sarah and Cornelia came home Yesterday About sunset, this day a Week Ago they went to Haverstraw, in returning last saturday, No tow Boat came out at Snedens, they had to go to the city and came home yesterday, with them Jon Lawrence sent home a letter.</p> <p>Cloudy But warm, the Wind light Southwesterly</p> <p>Jack here to day employed I expect by Sally , ploughed My potatoes by spring Road, after Breakfast</p>
1850	Memento
<p>June 21 Jack for Jon. &c</p> <p>21</p> <p>I am Much Afflicted &c</p> <p>&c</p> <p>22</p> <p>Sat</p> <p>Awful 22</p> <p>Tidings the Warren burnt</p>	<p>Went up to Jonathans House, ploughed and Hoed there all rest of the day. Tom with him</p> <p>I am in an Afflicted State with the Rheumatism; it darts it pains, then in one place, then another, sometimes by Moving a finger or just moving My hand excites a Miserable pain in the Shoulder, and so of Any other part. My Whole body seems as if bruised to pieces, and the least Movement of any place or part gives the Severest acute pain, leaving the parts with a Serious pain sometimes More than a day. At present I cannot and for 10 or 12 days get in the Bed, nor out, dress or undress without Suffering immensely — At Night a great sufferer</p> <p>A Cloudy Day, this forenoon a little Rain, the Wind Seems Easterly</p> <p>Tidings this Afternoon that the Warren is Consumed, Started from city about 11 AM, Hasted in at 24th Street</p>

1850	Memento
<p>June 22 Warren Burnt &c</p> <p>22 Jack here a While this Afternoon, not long, for Sally in Garden</p> <p>22 Obb, Charley this Morning ploughing potatoes, it Rain'd some. I told him to Remember, perhaps 2 or 3 Hours, left to him</p> <p>Obb Horse &c Sabbath 23</p> <p>Cloudy, Warm, Wind Southwesterly</p> <p>Br 23 Woodruff Prd. No Coll. Charles Ges. & Wife</p> <p>Brother Woodruff Preached here this Morning, the Girls Went, I was too lame and painful, Not there</p> <p>No Collection taken, the Girls said, George Gesner Not in Meeting Charles Gesner and Wife is come Yesterday to Herberts</p>	
1850	Memento
<p>June 23 Woodruff Prd. to Night Geo. Ges took Collect. sum I know Not</p> <p>24 Mond No Work</p> <p>25 Tuesd</p> <p>25 I Am bad</p> <p>25 few lines from J Law.</p> <p>26 Wed</p>	<p>Brother Woodruff Preached to Night to quite a large Company, his text I dont know. After Meeting He came and Stay'd with us</p> <p>George Gesner took Collection to Night, the sum Collected I know not. Woodruff expected George Would give him Something to pay his expenses</p> <p>Clear cool this Morning, Wind Northwesterly, very Clear No help to Work to day</p> <p>Wind Westerly, Clear, Warm</p> <p>I continue very full of pain through My Whole frame</p> <p>I Received a few lines With the Girls, from Jon Lawrence see 20 related to Jon Lawrence by Mr. Mandeville</p> <p>Warm day, Wind Southwesterly and Clear</p>

1850	Memento
<p>June 29 Sat No Jack</p> <p>Grass 29 first cut for horses</p> <p>My pain 29 bad</p> <p>About 10 or 12 Days I have had help &c Sabbath 30</p>	<p>Rained considerable last Night, Warm day to day, cloudy, Wind Southerly</p> <p>No Jack to day</p> <p>Today and yesterday the first grass cut for horses</p> <p>My left Shoulder bad, this two or 3 Days</p> <p>About 10 or 12 Days I have required help More or less to get in and out the bed, and up and down Stairs and dress</p> <p>Clear, Warm, Wind Southwesterly</p>
1850	Memento
<p>June 30 Charley Ges. Coll. He Prd. this Eveng. Geo. Ges. took Coll. sum I dont know July 1 Mond. Jon. Law up down Tuesd. 2 Jack all day</p>	<p>Brother Woodruff here, Preached this Morning, I not there Charles Gesner took Collection this Morning, How much I know not</p> <p>Woodruff Preached this Evening, a Nice Congregation. I think I understood that George Gesner took Collection. How much I know not. Woodruff stay'd here to Night, I gave him nothing. What George did I know not</p> <p>Warm day, Wind seems Southwesterly</p> <p>Jon Lawrence up Yesterday, down this Morning, Woodruff also</p> <p>Wind Easterly, thinly overcast Jack ploughing and Hoeing up at Jon Lawrences place, potatoes, and Tom</p>

1850		Memento
July 3		A Warm day, the Wind Easterly, fell Much Rain before day and poured down this
Rain		Morning after sun Rises, over wet all day
No Jack		No Jack to day
Thurs	4	A Warm day, clear, Wind Westerly
Jon L	4	Jonathan Lawrence up, About 11 AM from city of New York, Went away between
up, went		1 and 2 PM
Doct	4	Last Monday Doctor Stephens was in to see Me
Stephens here		
No Jack	4	No Jack yesterday nor to day
1850		Memento
July 4		John Willsey My Young Horse this Morning ploughing his corn
Doct Stephens		Mr. Stephens the 27th of June Was his 2nd Visit which See And last Monday the
No of visits		1st July his 3rd Visit
Friday	5	Thunder and lightning and Rain before day this Morning from Westward, Clear
Rain before		Day, not much wind, and Warm Wind light from SW
day		
No	5	No Jack to day
Jack		
Sat	6	Clear, wind Westerly, Warm
I am	6	I am excessively bad and painful
very Bad &c		
Sabbath	7	Brother Smith Came here last evening to Preach in Woodruffs place to day and
Br Smith		Woodruff for him At Haverstraw

1850	Memento
<p>July 7 Smith Prd. this Morn. Geo Ges. took Coll. Br Smith 7 Prd. to Night Geo. Ges. took Coll. Smith here And received no Money Mond 8 Br Smith to Haverstraw John 8 Willsey had Charley &c</p>	<p>Brother Smith Preached this Morning, I could not get there, quite some out</p> <p>George Gesner took Collection, How Much I Know not</p> <p>Brother Smith Preached to Night, good Congregation</p> <p>George Gesner took Collection, How Much I Know not</p> <p>Smith After Meeting to Night came here, said George Gesner gave him nothing, he had no expenses and Wanted Nothing &c</p> <p>Warm day, the Wind Westerly, fine Hay Weather Brother Smith to Haverstraw</p> <p>John Willsey had Charley About 2 Hours this Morning, plough in Corn</p>
1850	Memento
<p>July 9 Tuesday Doct 9 Stephens 4th Visit I Recd. 9 2 Letters this Evening J Letter Lawyer is About giving up further prosecuting for Heirs</p>	<p>Wind Northerly, cool; Very clear and Handsome</p> <p>Doctor Stephens just in this Afternoon, this is the 4th Visit</p> <p>I Received 2 Letters this evening, one from Jon Lawrence Who had seen Caleb Brush; the other from Caleb Brush</p> <p>Jonathans Letter. That Jonathan Lawrence had seen Caleb Brush on Saturday the 6th; Jons letter dated the 7th, in short that Sherwoods opinion is that the Law of Limitation Would be against the thing And Calebs opinion Was that the Lawyer Wanted to back out</p> <p>Also a letter has been sent to Doctor Abraham Gesner Who is at city Washington to get confirmation from Senator Daniel Webster relative to the Statute of Limitations &c &c</p>

1850	Memento
July 9 Read this letter	Calebs Letter is very lengthy, it bears date July 7th Instant, gives a satisfactory account of his talk with Sherwood the determination of the Committee to persist and to have it brought to trial
Wed 10	A handsome Day, the Wind Westerly, Clear Warm
No work 10	No one to work here to day
I am 10 bad still	I am Wonderfully afflicted, continues painfull and suffering
Thursd 11	A Very Clear day, Warm, wind Northerly, Good Hay weather
No work 11 on any place done	My Work all Stands Still
Frid 12	Warm, Clear, wind Westward, uncommon Good Hay Weather
1850	Memento
July 12 that Its said Presd. Taylor is dead	Tidings last Wednesday and Thursday that our brave General Taylor President of the United Sates died with Cholera Morbus Thursday the 11th Instant and Was Buried
Sat 13 President Taylor Buried by the people Jon Law Will up	<p>Hazy Sky but clear, Wind easterly, brisk</p> <p>Our President Zachary Taylor was Buried this Day at city Washington, was willing to die, Had done all Well According to ? and his Knowledge</p> <p>The evidences given this day in Washington, city of New York and other cities, is sufficient to say, A beloved Man taken from the Bosom of the Nation</p> <p>Jonathan Lawrence and William Lawrence up this Afternoon</p>

1850	Memento
<p>Sabbath 14 Woodruff Prd. Geo Gesner took Coll. Woodruff Prd. to Nt. Jon. Law took Coll. to Night with the 1 sh 3 p = 3 sh Gave Woodruff Mond 15 J.L. and Wm to city</p>	<p>Wind easterly, Sky thinly clouded, look for a change of Weather Woodruff Preached here this Morning George Gesner took the Collection, How Much I know Not, afterwards William Lawrence said it was 1 shilling 3 pence Woodruff Preached to Night, good Congregation</p> <p>Jonathan Lawrence took the Collection to Night, Added it to the 1 shilling 3 pence, Made it about 3 shillings. This 3 shillings Jonathan Lawrence gave to Brother Woodruff, Jon said</p> <p>The Wind Southeasterly, Nice day, Cloudy look Stormy William and Jonathan to city of New York this Morning</p>
1850	Memento
<p>July 16 Tuesd. Jack 16 here work Doct. 16 Stephens here 5th visit Stomach Medicine Wed 17 My Grass and grain my pain 17 worse by laying at Night 18 Thursday I am 18 bad</p>	<p>Rained Considerable last Night, thick thick close Morning, Warm</p> <p>Jack here to day ploughing, Hoeing Corn up at John Willsey's</p> <p>Doctor Stephens the 5th visit, Just in. Gave Another Medicine to Rectify the Stomach, the first Gualtherian Stopped a While, linament Brandy to be continued</p> <p>Wind Southeasterly, cloudy, Sea jag Grass and Grain Standing</p> <p>I am some days little better and then Worse; in general pain not so Acute; but bad in Morning</p> <p>Wind NE, Sky looks Stormy</p> <p>I continue bad With Rheumatism, Much pain</p>

1850	Memento
July 19 Friday bad Storm Jack 1/2 Say yesterd. Sat. 20 I seem &c	A bad Storm last Night, Rain Hard Wind NE, Wind high, small limbs of fruit trees blown off, Apples under trees, Grain corn nearly flat, misty and rainy, Stormy all day Yesterday Jack a half day; so says Tom Cloudy, Scud from SE I seem some Afternoons better
Sabbath 21 Geo Ges took Coll.	Cloudy, Wind Easterly, Warm Woodruff Preached here Morning and At evening, I not able to go George Gesner took each Collection, how Much I know it not

NOTE: This is the end of the diary. The US Census of 1850 lists the following residents at Nicholas's house that year: Nicholas Gesner age 84, Jonathan Lawrence age 54, Sally Lawrence age 53, Mary Lawrence age 31, Sarah Lawrence age 24, Cornelia Lawrence age 18, Jennet Hunter age 11, Ellen Hunter age 8, Jonathan Sparks age 2, Mary Sparks age 10 months, and Jennet Lawrence age 53. Nicholas's daughter Sally died in 1854.

The Denikes, who later lived next door to Nicholas Gesner, remembered his "coming to the front door to observe the weather just before retiring." They also recalled that he "used to have a bandanna handkerchief over his head at meetings" Gilman, *Palisades Notes*, page 180 .

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July 21 Cloudy, wind from SE
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Geo Ges
 took both
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 1858.

The last page of the Nicholas Gesner Diary.
 The note at the bottom of the left hand column
 was written by Winthrop Gilman

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THE NICHOLAS GESNER DIARY

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Nicholas Gesner (1765-1858) of "Rockland," now Palisades, kept a diary in the first half of the 19th century, from 1829 to 1850, telling in detail about what he did and what happened around him. In spite of certain faults, Gesner was an exceptional man. Besides being an active farmer, he was a schoolteacher, surveyor and lawyer for his neighbors. He bought books regularly, and he commented on many matters of interest to present day readers. Although the diary is available only in the Palisades Library and its crabbed handwriting and many abbreviations have never been fully transcribed, it has been used by several historical and sociological researchers. Carl Nordstrom, in *Frontier Elements in a Hudson River Village* actually Nyack, quotes Gesner in detail throughout his book. Joan Geismar, in *The Archaeology of Social Disintegration in Skunk Hollow: A Nineteenth Century Rural Black Community*, often uses Gesner, a near neighbor of Skunk Hollow, to supplement what she learned from exploration, deeds, censuses and other official records. How the diary was saved for posterity is told in *The Story of the Ferry* by Winthrop Sargent Gilman, who lived in Palisades from 1861 till his death in 1923 and gathered a remarkable collection of historical material about the small hamlet:

When Mrs. William Sparks (daughter of the "Sally" of the "Diary," i.e., granddaughter of Nicholas Gesner removed from Palisades a few years since, she brought in a wagon to Mrs. Julia Denike's house, a large quantity of books and papers belonging to her grandfather. During all of one day she occupied herself in burning them. Many numbers of the "Diary" were destroyed at this time, since, to quote her words, there "was no use in keeping them around." Finally she turned to Mrs. Denike, saying, "I will not have time to burn them all, but you can burn the rest." After her departure Mrs. Denike did continue to destroy the papers, but her mother, the late Mrs. Abraham Post ... remonstrated, saying, "I wish you would not burn the Diaries, for I knew many of the people mentioned in them, and I like to hear about them." No more were burned after this. During the preparation of this paper, in 1898, the "Diary" was presented by Mrs. Denike to Winthrop S. Gilman, and by him to the Palisades Library.

In the 1950s, I often talked to Mrs. Adeline Van Blarcom, the daughter of Julia Denike, about her memories of Palisades. One day I learned that a couple of the "cahiers," Mr. Gilman's name for the separate parts of the diary, which Gesner called "Momentoes," had been withheld by her mother, undoubtedly because they referred to an old scandal. Eventually they were handed over to the Palisades Library to be added to the rest of the diary.

Mr. Gilman's first cahier was dated October 3, 1830, but he assumed that there had been many before this. One of the two from Mrs. Van Blarcom was dated April 25, 1829; however, the cover might be interpreted as being the first. It reads: "The following is a Memomento [sic], or Memorial, without any Design of Debt or Credit or charge or demand." (As one reads on, one will be better able to judge the accuracy of this disclaimer.

At first glance, the diary seems to be a straightforward account of a farmer's life, with constant weather bulletins and an emphasis on church affairs, interspersed with cryptic references and abbreviations, but as one reads on, they begin to make more and more sense. Suddenly there is a jolt, and one almost finds oneself in a Victorian novel, full of intense feeling, religious fervor and dramatic scenes.

One learns that Gesner had an obsessive interest in his widowed niece by marriage, Mary Quidor Concklin, or "Pol. Conck," usually referred to in the diary by what can only be described as a squiggle. This obsession filled his life for the first two years of the diary and caused quarrels with his children and her children, not to mention frequent flare-ups with Polly herself

Apparently Polly had found herself in financial trouble after her husband Jacob died in 1811, and Gesner came to the rescue. Perhaps dating from this time, he seemed to have a hold on her and expected her to give him meals, make his shirts, wash and mend his clothes, and supply who knows what other services. This was true even though he was ostensibly living at home with his wife Gracy Post and often entertaining relatives and friends.

In spite of his protest on the cover, the first part of the diary, long withheld, includes an account of the many days Polly spent away from home, visiting relatives or working as a midwife even that seems to have been a grievance to Nicholas and of the few scanty meals she gave him. When she was at home, he complained that there always seemed to be a visiting relative dividing her attention, even if it sometimes was only one of her young grandsons. Nicholas Gesner, who was there several times a day, must have been a disturbing presence, whether censorious or a bit too friendly.

The relationship between Nicholas and Polly, as described in the diary, is hard to define. In their many arguments Polly accuses Nicholas of "jawing, jawing, jawing," and says she will let no one tell her what to do. According to Nicholas, he answers her calmly and reasonably but writes passionately about her "miserable lyes" and "most bitter temper." Then when he returns to her house, usually a short time later, his description of his reception is often an ambiguous "friendly."

There is not much of sociological interest in the first two years of the diary, but the intense attention focused on a small group of neighboring families makes for a particularly detailed background which gives interest and meaning to many later entries.

Gesner's daily descriptions of the weather serve to set the scene, as is done in an old fashioned novel. They also bring Gesner to life as the man described by the Denikes, who lived next door. They remembered his "coming to the front door .. to observe the weather just before retiring." They also recalled that he "used to have a bandanna handkerchief over his head at meetings" (Gilman, *Palisades Notes*, page 180 .

Polly's Family

Polly Concklin lived on a lane west of Closter Road in the old John Gesner house "o.ho." in the diary. Her husband Jacob, whose mother was Nicholas Gesner's sister Elizabeth, had bought the house from his father. Most of the action described by Gesner took place while she lived there. In 1832, she moved out and not long after, it was torn down.

Three of Polly's daughters and one son lived nearby on parcels of land inherited from their grand father, Jacob Concklin. Their houses are all just over the state line in what is now Rockleigh, New Jersey. They have been studied in detail by Reginald McMahon, a Bergen County historian who made plentiful use of the Gesner diary. Although Polly's husband had left the old house to the youngest son, Nicholas, he preferred to live elsewhere as did his brother Jacob.

Polly's daughter Elizabeth Dubois — "Bets," or "Bs" in the diary — especially disapproved of her mother's relations with Gesner and often sent her young son, Ephraim, to stay with Polly, as a "guardian," Gesner once said angrily. There is said to be a ghost in the Dubois house, a severe-looking woman in black. Perhaps this is Bets, still disapproving.

Another daughter, Mary Anne, married Albert "Obb" Cooper, of a nearby large Dutch family, who are chiefly remembered nowadays for their unusual nicknames. Obb's brother James was called "Cose," Cose's wife was "Wynchy," his daughter, "Tyney," and his sister Hanna, "Nautchy" or "Naut." Cose and Obb often worked for Gesner on his farm.

The third daughter, Phebe Van Wickel, "Pe" in the diary, and her husband, Richard, lived across the road from the other two. It was to her house that Polly went for refuge when the situation with Nicholas became intolerable.

The son, John Gesner Concklin, "J.G.C." in the diary, who lived next door to Phebe, was a bitter enemy of Gesner. One time, on June 20, 1832, when Cose and Obb Cooper were hauling a load of dung for Nicholas on a right of way across the Concklin property, J.G. forcibly stopped them and struck Cose with a club. Nicholas heard the quarrel and approached. He wrote later:

Above all provoking abusive and scandalous abuses this was the most daring, malicious and hell like of all ever I saw or heard and where a persons life seemed More in Danger with his club than this. his eyes sparkled with the most hellish looks that I ever was acquainted with.

According to Gesner's account, his own reply was almost saintly. When he in turn was threatened by Concklin, who "swore the bitterest oaths ever heard," he picked up the dung fork in self-defense, but soon put it down and turned away with a mild protest.

Polly's two other sons came often to visit her, much to Gesner's annoyance. Nicholas was a gun smith. According to McMahon, he worked in New York City in the summer and Georgetown, South Carolina in the winter. Gesner seems to have had amicable relations with him, as he did with Jacob, except when he had been drinking. Jacob's visits were a mixed pleasure to his mother because his wife Elmira was always making trouble. At one time there was a real scandal. Gesner described it on April 1, 1831:

P[hebe] came down. She Ja[cob] Concklin] & Elmira had high Conversation Ab[out] Rich ar d Van Winklers attempt on the Body and Chastity of s ai d Elmira, who said that he made an attempt on her in the house and Running A Round the stove. She fled out Doors and hid behind the Apple Brush back of little house. That Rich[ar]d Came and looking for her, he went to Nicholas Barrack, with that she Ran into the

house Again, locked the Door That Rich ar d came to the Door and forced it open
&c.

When, later, Jacob died suddenly, Gesner gave a lurid account on October 2, 1832 under the heading "Jacob Concklin Dead. But how did he come Dead. Elmira his unlawful Wife a Stinking Beast."

This Day we Had correct information that Jacob Concklin Died, being ill abt 3 only Hours. Died yesterday about 9 ock o'clock A.M. It is also Related that Elmira his unlawful wife a few Days Ago While Ja cob Conck li n was up at Rockland Went to be Married again. The Carriage overset & She broke her arm which interrupted this Beastly Woman from performing this act. Applied to a Doctor, who knew her Design (it is said) told her she must go somewhere else he would not set it &c. This is now Reported. But the poor mortified Man is Dead supposed with the Cholera. But circumstances present to the Mind the question. Dont you think perhap a Dosse sic of Laudanum or poison has been taken or Given him. This man was the most deplorable victim of Mortifying affection for a Beastly woman & an [?] Strumpet (so said) that ever was &c She proved a total destruction to him, his [?], his constitution by drinking and harassing him sold his property last May and she had consumed nearly all. He was married to her & she had a husband living & no divorce a stinking beast.

Gesner's Family

Nicholas Gesner lived over the New Jersey state line in New York on Closter Road in a beautiful old house, still standing. There is in front a very old white oak tree, which is said to have been planted by his wife Gracy when she was a little girl.

Poor Gracy, one wonders what she was doing while her husband was scandalizing the neighborhood! One imagines her to be a faithful, dumpy little woman, probably a poor cook, and not very bright. She is on record as asserting herself once, in connection with a meeting of the "class," a small group of fervent Methodists who met during the week in various houses to pray together. When it came time to meet at the Gesners, Gracy refused to allow Polly to enter her house. At the next meeting Nicholas was taken to task for "breaking up the class." He replied indignantly that far from doing so, he had offered to leave Gracy and go to live with their daughter, Sally Lawrence, so the class could all meet at the Lawrences'.

Sally was married to Jonathan Lawrence, son of Jonathan Lawrence, Jr., the village's Revolutionary War hero, and great grandson of the Jonathan Lawrence who had owned the historic Big House and most of the land in the center of Rockland Palisades see *South of the Mountains*, April June 1977 for more on Jonathan Lawrence, Jr. . They lived either in the Big House or in a house on the west side of the present Route 9W. Either place was large enough so that they could put up most of the many visiting Methodist preachers, who then often held services in the house. Nicholas sometimes housed the preacher's horse and wagon.

Sally and Jonathan didn't seem to get involved in the family scandal at all. Gracy often stayed with them, and often she and Nicholas, Sally and "Jon. Law" would go to church services together. There was a pleasant interlude on September 15, 1831 when Nicholas took their little daughter Mary crabbing in the river.

Gesner's son Herbert lived in a house on the corner where the Palisades Library now is and had a cobbler shop there. His father thought he charged too much. He wrote on April 18, 1842, "At Herbert's one half sole and apiece for a welt, 1 shilling. (Its too much) unpaid." Next day he wrote, "I mended my shoe." (Gilman remembered the cobbler shop being there still in the 1860s).

His other son Jacob was sometimes critical of his father for his treatment of Gracy. Nicholas described one conversation on June 6, 1832, after Gracy's hens had scratched up a few hundred of the corn hills Nicholas had just planted:

Ja co b Ges ne r Abused me very much about the fowls, the destroyed Corn because I found fault with his Mother not being ambitious in trying to help get the fowl. Stayd out late last n igh t instead of coming home soon to help catch them. I told him I had not Abused his Mother. I asked and seriously requested him to tell me what I had done, that if I had done anything wrong I was willing to acknowledge it & that I wished to know. He ans were d I was not worth talking to further.

One can feel Jacob's exasperation. When he married Elizabeth, or Bets, Cooper on October 15, 1831, Nicholas didn't go — probably was not invited — but described the wedding in detail:

Jacob Gesner went to Get Married abt 2 ock PM. with Bets Cooper and was Married. Started from Old Coopers at John Willse's I think or expect that the Revd Mr Cole Tappan married them. from thence to Slote had supper at Ab raha m Sarvents, had 3 Waggons besides his namely, David Mann of Geo Mann and peggy Riker of Ja[cob] Riker) the Groomsman and Bridesmaid — and George Law[ren]ce & Eliza Willse and Abraham Post son of Ja cob Post and Naut Cooper. The Married Couple Returned to Old Coopers in N igh t. N.B. they had each Couple a one horse Waggon A Beautiful Day.

The first phase of the diary ended in February 1832 when Polly moved in with Phebe, and Gesner's relationship with her was abruptly ended. On February 25, Gesner wrote, in part (there are five closely written pages in the diary giving his side and explaining how blameless he was :

There is a mis erab l e malicious and wicked talk in the neighborhood. The Report Runs that M ary C oncklin has said that she left Old house and w en t to Pe that I should come no more there that she had told me to keep away ... Pe bade me to come there no more to Make the people talk about her Mother who had moved th ere with her father old Peter Quidor it must be Remem bere d that M Conck told me the same Day I think that... she had thought to move the Old Man her father to Pe that there was 2 or 3 who had given her Notice to be Ready to attend their wives as midwife and if she should be called it would not do to leave the old man th ere alone, the Brook high, &c She moved him and also s[ai]d she would be there a few Days herself &c Now the report in circulation is that she had to leave Old Ho that I would be coming and I would not stay away.

They seem to have had only one more real conversation after the move, on March 15, when Polly tried to explain, saying that "she was so beat and so struck, and so mortified that she didn't know

what to do." After that Gesner saw her only in passing, generally in the company of Richard Van Wickel. Polly and her father must have crowded the house uncomfortably. The Van Wickels had at least one and probably three children at the time, and Reginald McMahon describes the house as "a small tall narrow dwelling, consisting of a hallway, one large room with fireplace and brick chimney, and stairs leading to a garret of two rooms." Old Peter Quidor died about a month later. Polly lived until 1838. Nicholas Gesner wrote:

Jan. 6. Mary Concklin daughter of old Peter Quidor and the widow of Jacob Concklin died this afternoon about 2 o'clock. Her death seems to have been unexpected.
Jan. 7. Mary Concklin Buried this afternoon about 4 o'clock, near SunSet; I not there. A Respectable Burying. A large number. They never gave word to Nicholas Concklin [her son] of her death, which was unexpected; but hurried her into the grave in the Burying ground of John Gesner of Rockland.

Her burial was almost the last in the small Gesner Concklin Burying Ground on the Gesner property, and hers is now one of only three stones still standing. One wonders why the grave is outside the low wall of the burying ground, although there was room for one more grave inside. Perhaps she had killed herself, life being too hard for the poor woman, and was not allowed to be buried in consecrated ground.

The Methodist Church

After Polly moved out of the old house, Gesner turned more of his attention to church matters. There were two rival branches of the new Methodist Church in the small village of Rockland. One, the Methodist Episcopal Church, or Old Side, had the advantage of a well to do adherent, Moses Taylor. He lived over the border in New Jersey but devoted his resources to helping the church in Rockland. He helped them build first a small building north of the Big House on the road to Sparkill, then, in 1859, the large impressive one across the road, which is now the antique shop, Yonder Hill Dwellers.

The other branch, the Reform Methodists, held its own for some time with the help of Nicholas Gesner's determination, pious intensity and power of invective. It even succeeded in building, in about 1850, a small "steepleless church" near where the present post office is, called Gesner Hall. For a long time, however, the Reform Methodists met in private houses or at the schoolhouse in New Landing, today's Piermont. Visiting preachers would ride the circuit and, in between their visits, the devoted church members would meet together in "classes" to pray, confess and reinforce their deep religious feelings. They believed that without constant religious struggle they would fall from grace.

According to the diary, there was animosity between the two groups. Gesner writes that "Moses Taylor etc." were "circulating their venom against Reform." On January 21, 1835, he writes: "The barefaced impertinence practiced by the greater part of the Old Side, this seeming Sanctity under all their Wicked Strategems &c are truly despicable."

In the cahier dated June 3, 1832, Gesner replies to certain criticisms of his attitude by milder members of his class by a rather confusing explanation:

He never said anything about the Doctrines they Preached exclusive of the Church government, nor had any Design to be understood any further than that much which bore on Resemblance thereto in Aristocratic and Absolute power.

At both churches the services were full of excitement. On September 27, 1833, Gesner writes of a Reform preacher: "He is a great singer. He is considerable noisy in his devotion." Of the Old Side he writes on November 5, 1834:

Methodist Episcopal meeting I have been informed was attended with Great shout ings. A.V Sturr, their local preacher and present School master in District No. 1. He is among the people pulling and haling sic a few young people into the altar. Jesse Trenchard's wife fell. The whooping and screaming in the Meeting House was never equalled in this place.

He describes a camp meeting lasting from September 18 to September 24, 1832, which took place on George Mann's property west of the village and north of what is now Oak Tree Road. There were usually two or three hundred attending, but on the 23rd there were more than a thousand.

Members and mourners and many others, experience related in an extraordinary manner. God with us a blessed time, singing and praising God. A farewell sorrowful parting with tears. May it be long remembered.

Not everyone in the village was a Methodist, however. Gesner reports a discussion with Herbert Lawrence, Jonathan's older half brother, on August 22, 1832:

I & Herbt Law[ren]ce. Argument on the Way of Salvation. It appears he supported the idea that what Christ had suffered on the Cross &c was nothing to Man's Salvation, that Christ was only a Man, possessing more of the Divine nature than any other Man, that Christ was only an example to us, that what he suffered on the Cross was nothing to us, and that it was only Christ within us &C, & further there will be no Resurrection of the Body, that Man was not conceived in Sin and brought forth in iniquity, that the Spirit which was given to every Man was all that was Necessary. Follow its Dictates.

Remarkably, Gesner makes no comment in the diary on these iconoclastic sentiments.

The Brower Concern

After Polly and his church, one of Gesner's absorbing interests was what he called "The Brower Concern." His mother Famiche Brower was supposed to have been a direct descendant of Anneke Jans, whose granddaughter married Jacobus Brower. Anneke Jans was a reputed illegitimate descendant of William the Silent of Holland and in the 17th century had owned 62 acres in downtown New York, including the site where Trinity Church was built. The property was bought from her, taken over by the king of England and ended up in the possession of the church. Her descendants never acknowledged the legality of the process.

At least 12 of the interconnected families in Rockland Palisades were among the thousands of

descendants of Anneke Jans. Every so often a lawyer would take up the case and circularize the ever growing group of seekers after fortune. One such case was in process in the 1830s, and Gesner often went to New York City to consult with lawyers and other interested parties, backed financially by many of his relatives in the village. Like many others before and after, this case failed, benefiting only the lawyers. The practice was ended by the disbarment in 1913 of the latest lawyer to circularize the descendants with the aim of bringing another suit.

No doubt the prospect of royal descent and possible riches provided rosy dreams for Gesner and his neighbors, but unfortunately they never had a chance of materializing. Recent studies have proved that Anneke Jans had no connection with the Dutch royal family and that Famiche Brower was descended only from a brother of the Jacobus Brower who married Anneke Jans's granddaughter.

Even if these facts had not come out, a writer, Munsell, who narrated the Anneke Jans story in 1870, wrote, "It has been calculated that if their ancient farm in New York, now in possession of Trinity Church, and supposed to be worth several millions, was recovered and equally apportioned among all who claim to be descendants of Anneke Jans, it would give them about twenty shilling apiece."

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Although in the early years Gesner's first interest was in keeping an eye on Polly Concklin and later in continually reaffirming his religion and seeking fortune through "The Brower Concern," he also noticed and commented on what went on around him in his vicinity and in the world. The diary is a wonderful resource for anyone studying almost any aspect of that period of Rockland County history.

Joan Geismar, for example, making a study of Skunk Hollow, the settlement of free blacks on the "mountain" south and east of the village, was able to find several pertinent quotations, in particular the interesting account on November 19, 1841 of the life of Jack Earnest, one of the first settlers:

Last Night Jack Earnest at Home laid himself before the fire probably in his sleep his clothes took fire got outdoors, and before he could get his clothes off was mortally burnt Was about 71 years old and was born in My fathers house, a Slave I bought him of My father John Gisner sic when he was about 23 year old for 80 which is 200 dollars as I ever was opposed to slavery, I told him after he had served me 7 or 8 years I would set him free...But after he had been with me one year or thereabouts my brotherinlaw Jacob Concklin By flattery and persuasion, promising him a piece of ground to Raise Some potatoes & Broom-corn for himself that Jack was overpersuaded; promised him to set him free after 7 or 8 years I told Jack how Concklin would Serve him, being acquainted with Cs disposition as a Miser ... Concklin detained him untill sic he had stay'd 14 years instead of 7 or 8. Now Jack being determined to stay no longer, twitting C that I had told him how he Concklin would serve him, Concluded to let him go on Condition Jack would secure him One hundred Dollars!!! ... After he left Concklin ... acquired for himself a Nice little property by hard Industry the Surname Earnest was Attached to him Because he was in great Earnest when purchasing some land in the Mountain.

Gesner's Economy

Carl Nordstrom, on his part, found enough indications in the diary of Gesner's way of life to characterize him as a frontiersman, independent, resourceful, self-sufficient. (The only frontier characteristic lacking was isolation. Gesner lived in a close complex of related families. He describes in *Frontier Elements in a Hudson River Village* how Gesner supported himself

Nicholas Gesner was primarily a farmer. He devoted part of his efforts to subsistence production and the remainder to a cash crop which he sent to New York City ... Among the crops Gesner produced for sale in New York were apples, raspberries, currants, and potatoes. He also gathered nuts and cut firewood. [He also is on record as sending flowers, chickens and lamb] ... In addition to his farming, Gesner served as surveyor, schoolteacher, and sometime lawyer for his neighbors. In his youth he had been a boatbuilder Gesner was also active politically ... During the War of 1812 he ... eventually rose to the rank of Colonel the Gesner farm of the 1830s operated on a mixed currency basis involving both cash and barter.

Nordstrom analyzes Gesner's accounts for the months of July to September 1834, when they happened to be comparatively complete, and finds that for the three months his reported income was 6.41 and his expenses 13.52. What Nordstrom neglects to mention, although it is of interest to those living in the vicinity today, is his taxes. For his 30 acres of farming land in New Jersey he paid taxes in 1830 of 90 cents; but they went way up in 1832:

Jersey Collector came to collect taxes. I was taxed for 30 acres of land 3.20, and old Campbell in Closter for 30 acres 1.17 I think it was 15 or 17 cents, look at it I did not now pay it.

Diseases and Injuries

The diary contains interesting information on many subjects, not only facts from a conscientious observer but striking or pertinent stories. One interested in the medical history of the time, for instance, can find references to cholera in New York City and even in Piermont, smallpox in a small house near the waterfall south of the landing and how the villagers rallied to help, and many indispositions in his neighbors and himself and how they were treated.

He describes on June 19, 1832 how his son Herbert was injured:

Some years ago by a bank and large Rock falling on him near Snedens Landing, and mortification, first the loss of his foot. Then the ankle off, and perhaps a year afterwards by reason of not healing and intolerable misery increasing Again, he was obliged to go down to New York in the first of the winter and had his leg taken off just below his knee, I, Nicholas Gesner his father, was present. Dr. Mott, surgeon no doubt the famous Dr. Valentine Mott, the Professor of Surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons with 8 or 9 young students present.

Then there is the account on June 21, 1836 of Gracy's bizarre ailment:

Gracy is much troubled with the animal on her Stomach and throat, is quite Sick seems all that can be done cannot destroy it one year and more is elapsed with this Plague in her Stomach, frequently and quickly fly's up in her throat, almost chokes her. Harsh medicine sends it down a Moment, but starts up again as though it would flee from the severity of the Stuff taken—large portions of the spirits of turpentine has been taken; Doctors medicine and every harsh attempt to destroy it has hitherto failed. It has been suggested that this may have been hiatus hernia.

Boating

Gesner's diary contains many references to boat building, boat trips to New York and boats. In general, he describes one trip to New York on May 11, 1831, which started in a schooner and ended in a steamboat:

Went New York from home about 9 or 10 o'clock .. Went with John Willse & Geo Quidor from Snedens [In the margin he adds, "Gracy w(en)t too."] a Violent South Wind. first Single Reef. Then Double Reef, just below the Leech Rope or Mainsail Broke and tore the Sail Amazing. There was a terrible Swell We got in near West Shore, where it was more Calm. The Rockland Steam boat came near Along. They Attended to our Signal took from the Schooner Abt 15 passengers, and Got in abt 4 o'clock PM. John and George Got in the same night late &c.

He was present at a couple of incidents showing the intense rivalry between steamboats on the Hudson. On May 28, 1831, after a trip to New York to see about "The Brower Concern," he wrote:

Black from N York abt 3 o'clock to Snedens at first start the 2 Steam Boats Orange [from Nyack, captained by the hotheaded Isaac Smith] & Rockland [from Piermont] Crowded Against each other and Jambled Yawl Boat all to pieces. The Rockland was outside The Orange was better than 12 ft clear of Dock and instantly past the end of Dock.

In 1837, he reports that the *Arrow* from Nyack, captained by that same Isaac Smith, ran at the *Warren* from Haverstraw with the intention of ramming her amidships:

Went on board the Arrow State Prison Dock ... Arrow ran up on the Warren Side by Side, Arrow next east Shore Running no other course but parallel with the Shore at sufficient distant off ... The Arrow in which I was on board, crowded towards the Warren who continued directly forward. Then the Arrow slacked her motion and Rounded against the Warren aft of her center, carried her Stern Around and brought the Warren Across her bow of Arrow touching hard This excited a lamentable outcry on Board the Warren. The moment appeared perilous, however the Warrens bow was partly forced down the river the Arrow passed by her Stern and proceeded. Capt. Isaac Smith of the Arrow pretended that the Capt of the Warren intended to crowd him on the Shore I told Smith that he had done wrong to Hazzard so many that I was an Eye Witness Some hotheaded men on board said they would have run her over if they could. I answered, would you endanger the lives of 150 or 200 person, &c.

The Revolutionary War

The occasion of the visit of Nicholas's older brother Abraham and his daughter Maria from Nova Scotia in July 1834 started him on reminiscences of the Revolutionary War:

N.B. It may not be improper here to note that our Father and Mother, namely John Gesner and Famiche Gesner Brower wished to remain neutral in the war of the revolution, refused to sign the Association dreading consequences, was called a tory but truly he was a peaceable man in every Respect threatenments were made, and his sons grown up were Menaced to be taken and brought to New England and confined in dungeons (or mines), violence was used in many places and with many. Father Gesner, now abt 52 or 53 years old, admonished his sons, Jacob, Isaac, Henry, and Abraham to take opportunity & go to New York now in possession of the English. With some others after Father Gesner had admonished them to be good boys, went off with an open Small Pettiauger belonging to Dennis Sneden who went also from Snedens, &c.

Nicholas, being a boy of 11 at the time, stayed at home with his parents. He goes on to describe what happened to his brothers after that. Father Gesner sent them to an acquaintance, one Bayard. Isaac found work as a tailor, but the other three went to Staten Island and cut wood for one dollar a day. Eventually they were enrolled in a regiment commanded by Colonel Bayard. They served as guards at Powles Hook and Hoboken and were later taken to Halifax, Nova Scotia, like so many other Loyalists. Henry and Abraham settled there, acquired large farms and had 12 children each.

With all that has been written about Gesner's diary, the surface has hardly been scratched. Gilman, McMahon, Nordstrom, Geismar and perhaps others may have skimmed through the whole 21 years of the diary; but only the first two or three years have been transcribed. Who knows what treasures may turn up when the whole diary is studied?

NICHOLAS GESNER

from pages 47-51 of *Frontier Elements in a Hudson River Village* by Carl Nordstrom

...Nicholas Gesner, our second diarist, owned a farm that straddled the border between the states of New York and New Jersey at Palisades, a neighborhood located near the southeastern part of Rockland close by the Hudson River. From his diary, dated in the 1830s and '40s, we find that Gesner still lived in much the same manner as Tunis Smith had lived at Greenbush at the turn of the century,

Gesner was born in 1765, well before the Revolution, and died in 1858 at the age of 93. He was the youngest son of one John Gesner, who had purchased land near Tappan in the 1730s and settled there. Nicholas spent his whole life in Rockland. Throughout, he must have been an exceedingly sturdy individual; it is clear from his diary that he was active and involved in local matters until he was a very old man. In 1835, at the age of 70, he recorded the state census for Orangetown, traveling over most of his territory on foot while completing the survey. In his diary, an entry dated 1841 mentions walking from his home in Palisades to the Slote New Landing Piermont out of curiosity. He took the walk with a neighbor, he says, to view the railroad works standing at the end of the "long pier" at Piermont. These works, which had recently been completed, were designed to provide terminal services for the Erie Railroad which was then under construction in Rockland. The round trip between Palisades and Piermont is about five miles, and the grade is quite steep in one or two places along the road.

Nicholas Gesner was primarily a farmer. He devoted part of his efforts to subsistence production and the remainder to a cash crop which he sent to New York City in the care of his son, Jacob, for sale. Travel between the city and the various river landings in Rockland was already commonplace in the 1830s, when Gesner began writing in his diary, and farmers who lived near the landings had little difficulty arranging with boatmen to carry their produce to market. Among the crops Gesner produced for sale in New York were apples, raspberries, currants, and potatoes. He also gathered nuts and cut firewood.

In addition to his farming, Gesner served as surveyor, schoolteacher, and sometime lawyer for his neighbors. In his youth he had been a boatbuilder, and in 1836 when evil reports were being circulated about a boat then on the ways at Nyack, he was called there to inspect the hull and judge its seaworthiness. Gesner was also active politically and the party intermittently repaid him for his support with patronage appointments such as the census work mentioned earlier. During the War of 1812 he saw service with the militia and eventually rose to the rank of Colonel. He served as trustee on the school board and, as a dedicated, articulate, and argumentative Methodist, he devoted much of his time to the "glorious work of God." Yet, respected and trusted with important neighborhood affairs as he was, he still had his practical community responsibilities. The 70-year-old patriarch was still obligated for his allotted two days a year of physical labor repairing the county roads. Some years he worked himself, along with his neighbors; in other years he lent his wagon in lieu of his physical presence.

He used the diary both as an account book and as a record of agreements

In producing goods for market as well as for subsistence, the Gesner farm of the 1830s operated on a mixed currency basis involving both cash and barter. Often the cash was used to strike a balance in

transactions primarily involving the barter of goods and services. A review of the Gesner accounts for three months July September, 1834 provides a description of his ordinary transactions.* In addition to the money he earned at the New York City farmers' market, Gesner received a cash income from his many school, surveying, and legal service activities. In partnership with Jacob Gesner he purchased clams and oysters from river fishermen and peddled them throughout the Palisades neighborhood. When funds were short Gesner borrowed from his more prosperous neighbors. Such loans seem to have been given for short terms at six percent with extensions possible should the need arise; they were formalized in writing. There were no banks in Rockland at the time.

Gesner's routine expenditures were chiefly for groceries to supplement the produce of his own farm, for farm and household equipment, for taxes, and for labor. Approximately half his expenditures for the three months were for groceries. Three rough categories can be discerned from an examination of the Gesner grocery list. First, there were the import products from overseas, including sugar, salt, tea, rice, molasses, and chocolate. According to the local historian, Dr. Frank Green, such goods were bartered for local products even during the earlier phase of the agrarian period, prior to the time when communication between Rockland and the city had been regularized. Cloth, butter, and eggs, for example, might be exchanged for tea, coffee, tobacco, sugar, and crockery. The second category of food routinely purchased was fish, which Gesner obtained from neighbors who owned land adjacent to the river and fished as well as farmed. Finally, Gesner also purchased beef and flour — indicating thereby the degree to which market oriented farm production had already displaced subsistence production in his neighborhood by 1834.

From time to time Gesner purchased farm tools and household equipment from local merchants. These were people who kept stores in their houses, which generally were located at points convenient to transport and communication, such as a river landing or next to a junction on the King's Highway. They also farmed. Over the three month period in 1834 Gesner spent, for all purposes, a total of 106 shillings nine pence. Of that sum, only fourteen shillings were spent on items other than food or labor. A scythe and material for repairing a chair comprised the largest part of these residual expenditures. In addition to purchases of farm tools and household equipment, Gesner also bought paper and numerous books for his library. These books seem to have been the only "luxury" items he bought. They were mainly on religious subjects and ordinarily were purchased from itinerant peddlers.

Other than food, labor was the most important expenditure item. Approximately one third of Gesner's outlays from June through September paid for the labor of the hands on his farm. Included in the labor account were both cash and barter transactions. One such hand received four shillings 50 cents at the standard exchange rate plus a half pint of rum for a day's work. For boy's work he paid a shilling a day. He hired his helpers by the day or part thereof, and settled his accounts with them on either a daily or monthly basis. Such workers were often neighbors, farmers themselves, or farmers' sons; others were day laborers who worked from farm to farm regularly. Because Gesner was sick for approximately half of the three month period, it is probable that his labor outlays were larger than normal. During his sickness work continued on the farm under the supervision of his son Herbert, who lived nearby and was a cobbler by trade.

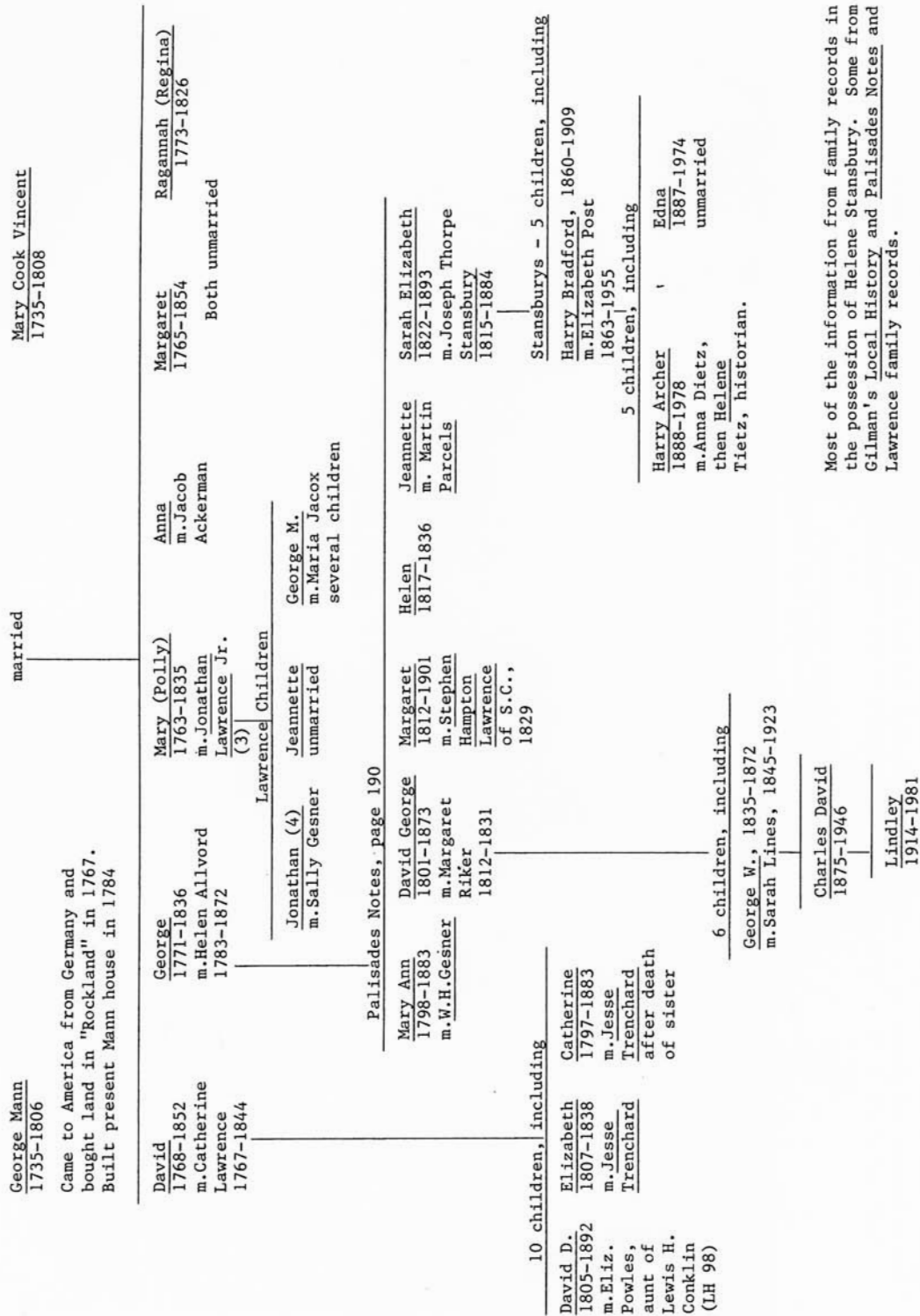
With the exception of property taxes, Gesner's other outlays involved payment in kind of one form or another. He carried his own Indian corn and rye to a nearby miller for milling. The miller's fee was set, in the one case reported, at one tenth by weight of the total product. The farm also sent yarn to

the weaver and fuller to be manufactured into cloth. In addition to maintaining the house, Gesner's wife, Gracie, spun the wool into yarn, supervised the cloth production, and kept chickens which she sent to New York for sale. Her accounts were often recorded separately from those of her husband.

Both Tunis Smith and Nicholas Gesner spent their lives in the gray area between two critical moments of social development. They were born into a society dominated by frontier type economic relationships, that is by subsistence farming carried out by relatively isolated households. During their lifetimes trade relationships with New York City expanded considerably and were formalized. These new relationships provided a major impetus to the development of village communities in Rockland later in the nineteenth century. The testimony of Smith and Gesner, however, is rooted in ordinary existence on back country farms.

* July 1, 1834 to September 28, 1834. Prior to this period the diary is too fragmentary to provide us with a running account and subsequently Gesner discontinued keeping accounts in the diary. For the three months his reported income was 6.41 and his expenses 13.52. He received no income at all during September. Conventionally, he kept his accounts in pounds, shillings, and pence.

THE MANN FAMILY OF PALISADES

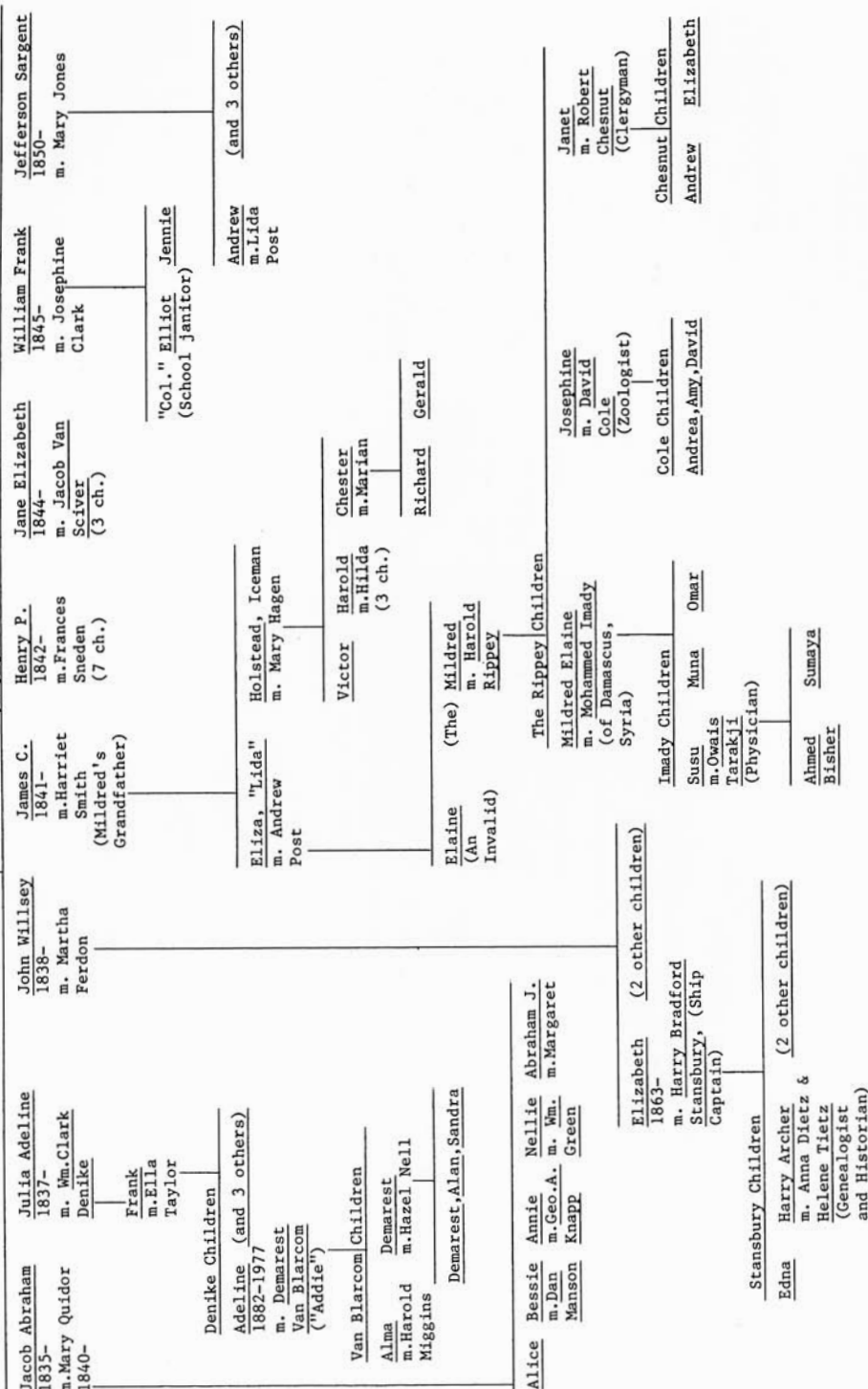


Most of the information from family records in the possession of Helene Stansbury. Some from Gilman's Local History and Palisades Notes and Lawrence family records.

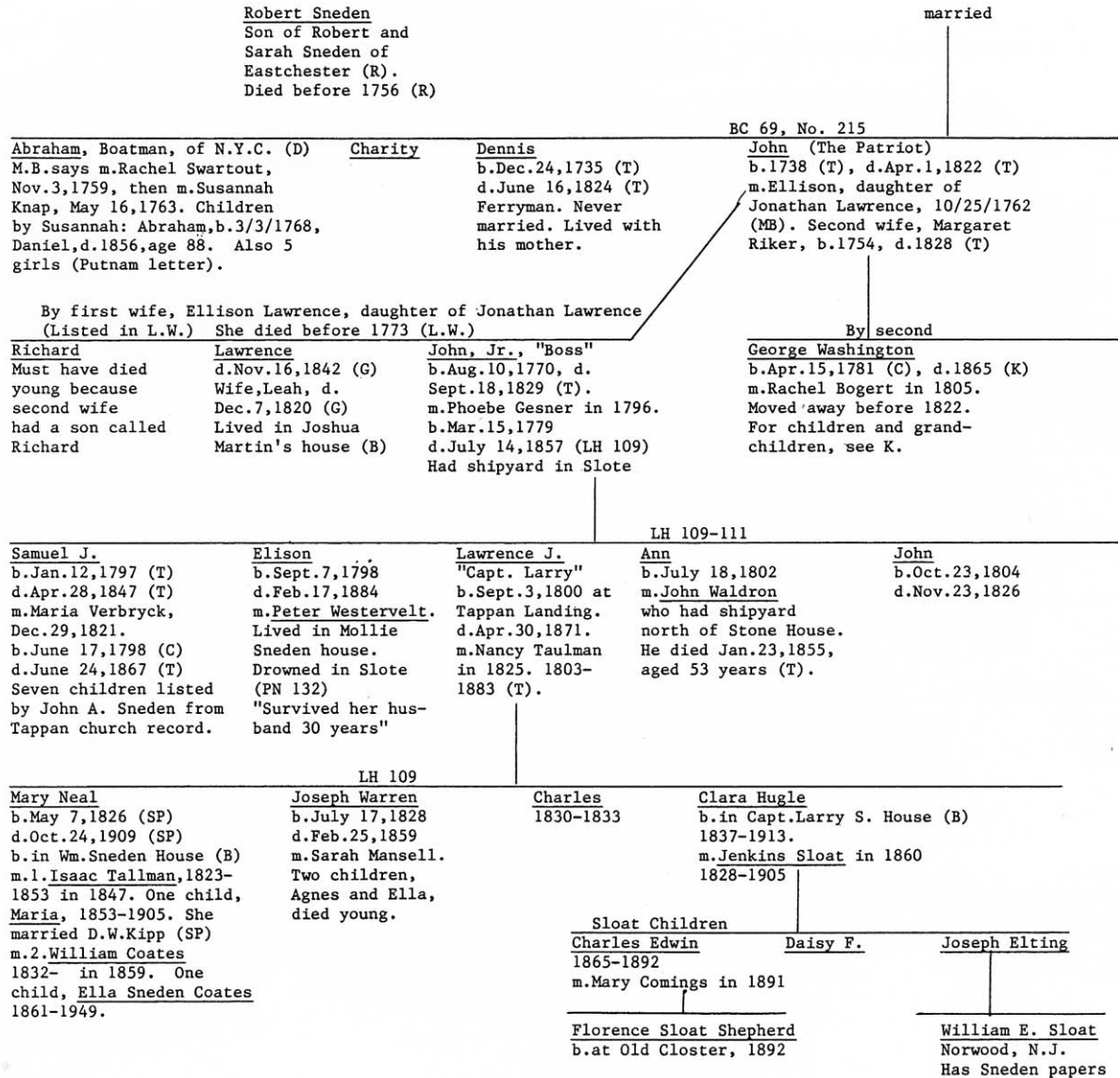
THE POST FAMILY OF PALISADES

Abram or (Abraham) Post married Euphemia (or Faniehe) Eliza (or Elizabeth) Willsey (or Willse) in 1835
1814-1872 1814-1896

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THE SNEDENS OF THE LANDING



Mary ("Mollie") (Maybe Maria Dobbs - R)
 b. Jan.13,1709 (T)
 d. Jan.31,1810 (T)

<u>Mary</u> b.May 28, 1739 m. <u>Samuel</u> <u>Lawrence</u> June 7,1765 (MB). He was probably son of J.L.,I.	<u>Robert</u> m.Miriam Fowler, May 28,1782 (MB) Pilot for Brit. ships in Rev. Grantee of St. John, N.B. in 1783 (Sabine)	<u>Jesse or Jesper</u> m.Sarah Berrian (D). Listed in NYC Directory as Mariner, 1802-1809 (D).	<u>William</u> Went to Shelburne, N.S. (BC 34)	<u>Samuel</u> Carpenter (R) Went to Shelburne, N.S. during Rev. m. Mary, had son Samuel and daughter Mary, b. 1784 (PN 40). It may have been Samuel who came back to marry Eliz. Concklin and founded "Snedens of the Field."
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Wife, Margaret Riker (LH 107) 1754-1828 (T)

<u>Elizabeth</u> b.May 10,1783 (C) d.Sept.9,1870 (T) m. <u>Leonard B. Rice</u> 3 daughters, one m.David S. Blauvelt	<u>Richard</u> b.Nov.23,1785 (C) m. Eliz. Wood. Lived in N.Y.C. See LH 111-2 for 6 children.	<u>Mary "Polly"</u> b.July 18,1787 (C) d.July 20,1867 (T) m. <u>Stephen Hagen</u>	<u>Robert</u> b.Nov.16,1788 (C) d.Feb.2,1874 (T) m.Jane Crum 1788-1868. Their daughter, Eliza m.Peter Van Orden, May 28,1831 (G).	<u>Rachel</u> b.Dec.18,1790 (C) m. <u>Benj.Gravestine</u> <u>Abraham</u> b.Dec.7,1792 (C) d.Feb.25,1829 (T) <u>William</u> b.Sept.5,1795 (C)
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<u>William</u> b.July 6,1807 (T) d.June 15,1871 (T) m.Peggy Concklin b.Sept.1,1806 (T) d.June 1,1866 (T) Painter, lived in Stone House. He was also a surveyor.	<u>Mahala</u> b.Oct.4,1809 (T) d.Sept.27,1866. "An idiot", PN 139.	<u>Emaline</u> <u>Juliet</u> Twins b.Mar.16,1815 "These twins were excellent singers" LH 107. Emaline married Dr. J.E. Smith of Nyack. Juliet married John J. Lawrence of Sparkill.
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B - Bailey, Pre-Rev. Dutch Houses
 BC - Budke Collection
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 D - Durie - Personal Communication
 G - Gesner's Diary
 K - Kakiat Patent, Durie
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 LW - Will of Jon. Lawrence, 1773
 MB - N.Y. Marriages (Mar. Bond)
 PN - Palisades Notes, Gilman
 R - Relics, Durie
 Sabine - American Loyalists
 S.of F. - Story of Ferry, Gilman
 SP - Sneden Papers, Sloats
 T - Tombstones, Doughty

Letters from John Sneden and Gary
 Putnam are in Sneden notebook.

<u>Sherman</u> 1838-1869 (T)	<u>John Newton</u> Ferryman in 1870, S. of F.	<u>Horton</u> b.Mar.2,1840 (T) d.Mar.28,1886 (T) S.of F. says he was ferryman, 1875-1886. Lived in Stone House.	<u>Mary Frances</u> m. <u>Henry Post</u> He was b.1842. (LH 74A lists 7 children)
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All four died young, probably of consumption.

SNEDENS OF THE FIELD

Samuel Sneden, born in Rockland, moved to Nova Scotia

<u>Benjamin Sneden</u>		<u>Samuel Sneden</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>Elizabeth Conklin</u>
<u>Samuel</u>		b. Apr. 17, 1775 (T) d. Oct. 10, 1863		b. Jan. 13, 1778 (Elizabeth was the daughter of Jacob Conklin and Elizabeth Gesner, older sister of Nicholas.)
Jacob, b. Nov. 27, 1796 (C) d. May 25, 1862 (T) m. Cornelia Ann Rudd 1805-1901	Elizabeth, b. Nov. 10, 1798 (C) m. Leonard Beasley in 1816 2. Daniel Durie (SSSP) (Duryea?)	Samuel S., b. Dec. 15, 1800 (C) d. June 18, 1877, m. Maria Onderdonk in 1823, who was b. June 11, 1804. 11 children-see Dauphine Taylor's Family Bible.		Phebe Ann, b. May 1, 1804 (C) m. John Moore, d. before 1863. Children Jacob & Samuel (SSSP)
Mrs. R. N. Sneden's Rudd Family Bible (MPR said there were 4 Kates - Kate Newt, Kate Wat, Kate Len, and Kate Wes)				
Elizabeth Rudd 1828-1880, m. Abraham Riker	Cornelia Ann b. 1830, d. before 1863, m. Weyant, son, Alfred F. (SSSP).	Moses Taylor b. 1835, m. Maria Haring 1837-1887	Robert Newton* b. Sep. 6, 1840, m. Kate Terhune in 1869.	Leonard Beasley b. 1846, m. Catherine Evans in 1881 (D) Smith
Nicholas H. Delphine, m. John Durie.		Samuel Watson Sarah M., 1849-1879 (Must have remarried to a Kate).		
Albert, Harvey, and Robert were all presidents of financial institutions				
Albert Terhune b. 1869, m. Evelyn Sophie Dobbs, b. 1877	Percy, m. Elsie Aitken 4 children	Harvey Towt m. Martha, "Mattie" Durie, John's sister, 2 children.	Robert Newton II* m. Ann Janette Aitken, 1904 (D)	John Wesley b. 1848, m. Catherine Ann Smith
Helen Alberta AMH talked to in 1978. Janet, m. E.W. Frederick. AMH talked to in 1982.	Ethel 1896-1974 m. John T. Knox Her daughter, Janet, m. E.W. Frederick. AMH talked to in 1982.	Robert Newton III* 1907-1975 m. Elmira Weaver AMH talked to in 1978.	John Aitken m. Jean Mackey AMH met in 1980	Frank, a carpenter, m. Maud
References		John Aitken, Jr. Visited AMH in 1980 with his mother. For wife & children, see his letter of Feb. 4, 1980.		
AMH	- A.M. Haagsen	Rudd II m. Grace Hilton Ferryman.		
C	- Cole, Baptismal Record	Joe m. Miriam Hill "Sis"		
D	- Durie Research	Nancy, m. Stanley Zaczkowski (These four went to school in Palisades in the 40's.)		
G	- Gesner Diary	Jackie Joseph Wm. Robert "Bill" Leland "Lee"		
MPR	- Mildred Post Rippey			
SSSP	- Will - Samuel S. Sneden's Petition			
T	- Tombstone			

THE WILLSEY FAMILY OF PALISADES

The first American Willsey was Hendrick Martensen Wiltz, born on the Atlantic on the way from Holland in 1623. He married Maria Meyarts, had 5 children. One son, Jacob, born 1676 in Newtown, L.I., married Abigail Ferguson. They had 8 children, including Jan, born in Phillipsburgh, N.Y., in 1712. He married Hannah Odell of Tappan, and their 5 children were recorded in Tappan. One of these, Jacob, born 1734, married Abigail Farseur, had 4 children, and later signed the Patriotic Association in 1774. His son, Peter, was the last in the family to speak Dutch.

(1767-		<u>Peter Wilse</u>		married		<u>Famiche (Phebe) Gesner (1768-1821)</u>	
<u>Abigail</u> b.1790 (C)	<u>John</u> 1792-1855 (T) m.Elizabeth Hendrix. Lived in "Bolting" house, torn down for parkway	<u>Elizabeth</u> b.1795 (C)	<u>Famiche</u> b.1798 (C)	<u>Peter</u> b.1800 (C)	<u>Jacob</u> b.1802 (C)	<u>Isaac</u> b.1805 (C)	<u>Henry</u> b.1808 (C)
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<u>Famiche (Euphemia)</u> <u>Eliza (Elizabeth)</u> 1814-1896 m. Abraham (Abram) Post. See Post Genealogy.	<u>Henry Peter</u> b.1816	<u>Catharine.</u> Lent, b.1818 m. Daniel Vervalen	<u>John</u> Gesner, "Capt." 1821-1897 (T) m. Mary Lyon in 1842. First to live in Capt. John's house on Closter Road.	<u>Jane</u> b.1822 m.Martin Dobbs	<u>Abigail</u> b.1824 m.John Dobbs	<u>Rachel</u> b.1827 m.Daniel Adriance	<u>Andrew</u> Jackson b.1832 m.Virginia Noe
<u>Charles</u> 1846-1930 m.Christina Buchanan in 1874 by Henry Ward Beecher.	<u>John</u> b.1851 m.Eva Quidor Briggs. She m. Wm. later	<u>Marietta</u> b.1854 m.George Sparks		<u>William</u> b.1860 m. E.Q.B. Willsey	<u>Laura</u> b.1862 m.Frank Lawrence	<u>Ada</u> b.1868 m. John Beasley	2 girls, b. 1829 & 1834, died young.
<u>Helen Barry</u>	Reference: A genealogy compiled by Helen Barry.						

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- 3, July 24, 1841: Clinton Van Wart's wife left him, lived in same house Jacob moved to
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- 4, July 26, 1841: Jacob Gesner's daughter died
- 4, July 27, 1841: Mare bolts, injures wagon and perhaps William Lawrence
- 5, July 28, 1841: Nicholas fell off sled when mare started, was injured in shoulder, neck and arm
- 6, Aug. 1, 1841: Nicholas reports that July 30 William Gesner's wife had daughter
- 9, Aug. 8, 1841: Nicholas and other family members to Tarrytown Camp Meeting
- 12, Aug. 11, 1841: Jacob Gesner's male twin died, both twins buried
- 13, Aug. 14, 1841: Tyne Cooper married William Dickerson
- 14, Aug. 16, 1841: Nicholas and George Lawrence settled accounts
- 21, Sept. 14, 1841: Nicholas writes deed from Obb Cooper to Robert and John Renwick
- 23, Sept. 18, 1841: William Lawrence and David Blauvelt caught eels in river
- 24, Sept. 23, 1841: William Lawrence and William Harris crabbing in river
- 27, Sept. 29, 1841: William Lawrence and William Harris crabbing in river
- 29, Oct. 5, 1841: Nicholas and William Harris walk to Slote to see new railroad dock
- 30, Oct. 8, 1841: Length of William Harris's visit
- 31, Oct. 11, 1841: William Lawrence shot 31 robins
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had stone in bladder, David Blauvelt moved from Nicholas's house to John Willsey's house
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- 46, Nov. 12, 1841: Nicholas drew up quit claim for Peter Riker to help Jim Oliver with deed
- 49, Nov. 19, 1841: Jack Ernest burnt to death
- 50, Nov. 19, 1841: History of Jack Ernest's life
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- 125, Aug. 8, 1842: Abraham Clark's wife died
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- 148, Sept. 29, 1842: Jacob Gesner's wife bore a daughter
- 149, Oct. 2, 1842: John Westervelt drowned at Snedens
- 154, Oct. 14, 1842: William Lawrence shot 40 or 50 robins
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- 167, Nov. 16, 1842: Lawrence Sneden died
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- 185, Jan. 6, 1843: William Lawrence's young hound died
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- 194, Feb. 2, 1843: Nicholas and others settling Benjamin Sneden's estate
- 200, Sept. 18, 1849: More about lawyers and Brower estate

202, Sept. 19, 1849: Five people at Piermont died of cholera
218, Oct. 13, 1849: Nicholas, aged 84, worked a day fixing the road
240, June 21, 1850: Nicholas afflicted with rheumatism
245, July 12, 1850: President Zachary Taylor dies of cholera

