

Sat. Jan 1, 1887  
Another New Year's  
day had dawned  
upon me, I had hardly  
expected to see it -  
perhaps my Life  
is prolonged for some  
purpose I have yet  
to see, - I rode down  
to see Cousin Lizzie  
wood in the morning  
I was not feeling very  
well then, in the  
afternoon I was  
seized with one of  
my old bilious turns  
I vomiting & diarrhea  
that afternoon and  
thro the night my  
liver got a pretty  
thorough shaking  
up

Sun. Jan. 2, 1887  
I continue sick and  
weak not able to get  
up Mary Stewart  
McFadden came  
last night and  
staid with me  
Amelia has not  
been well for a week  
George Chase and  
Mary Sylvia were  
married and set  
up housekeeping  
in the old Wilbour  
house

Mon. Jan. 3, 1887  
Still in bed it is  
the first time I have  
been obliged to keep  
my bed for even one  
day since I came  
here in the fall of  
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Tues. Jan. 4, 1887  
Begin too feel some  
better, took a cup

of tea and a cracker

Wed. Jan. 5, 1887  
Up and drest, but  
feel week still  
Amelia is feeling  
better and thinking  
of going to Boston  
on a visit to her  
aunts & Dora

Thurs. Jan. 6, 1887  
For the week  
following I staid  
in pretty close  
I am careful and  
try to keep able to take  
of myself  
Willie has a cold

Fri. Jan 7, 1887  
Colds are prevalent  
the weather is very  
changeable

Sat. Jan. 8, 1887  
nothing worth  
noting I have been  
knitting some for  
Grace fine white  
yarn on course  
needles I can see  
to do that, sewing  
I cannot see to do

Mon. Jan. 10, 1887  
Got letter from Ed-  
=win he is busy  
his family have  
arrived in Cairo  
a card from Lottie  
she says keeping house  
on three Continents  
is wearing to flesh  
and spirit

Tues. Jan. 11, 1887  
got a letter from  
Victor, he was very  
sick on the voyage  
from Marseills to

Alexandria, he says  
a worse rolling motion  
than on the Ocean  
Steamers  
also one from  
Linnie she is  
greatly amused  
with the people, their  
manners and costume  
and every thing so  
different fom any  
thing she has ever  
seen in her previous  
travels

Wed. Jan. 12, 1887  
Willie is out of  
school on account  
of his cold his mother  
is doing all she can  
to get him well  
Isaac went to  
Providence yesterday  
and from there to  
Boston staid with  
Dora and came  
home tonight

Thurs. Jan. 13, 1887  
Wrote to Edwin

Fri. Jan. 14, 1887  
Dora's baby is not  
well, teething, she  
wants her mother  
to come I should  
think with Grand  
Mother Patten and  
three Aunts a Doctor  
and nurse girl in  
addition to Father &  
mothers care, that  
the child might have  
all the care that would  
do her any good

Sat. Jan. 15, 1887  
Rode down to  
see Lizzie Wood  
the first time I have  
rode out since New  
years day

Sun. Jan 16, 1887  
went to meeting  
Mary Burlingame  
has sent for me to come  
to see her this week  
poor Lonely child  
confined to her bed  
for 33 years and now  
her Mother is dead no  
one to depend on to  
do for her but her  
father who is old and  
feeble and a brother  
who has to work for  
others to get the mean  
to live on, and of  
course is absent  
much of the time

Mon. Jan. 17, 1887  
Got two letters from  
Cairo They had left  
for up the river, had  
ate their Christmas  
Turkey, the table trim=  
=med with roses and  
green, two boats  
were going up and in  
company, they seem  
to be in good spirits  
when they come to a  
town that look as if  
it would be interest  
=ing, they tie up go on  
shore the girls ride  
on donkeys, Lottie  
rode on a straw  
chair set on bamboo  
poles carried by four  
sailors, four more going  
by the side to take turns,  
I dont believe she liked  
it she said she was glad  
to get home i-e to the  
boat

Tues. Jan. 18, 1887  
Ther. 2.  
Amelia had got off  
at last, she looked  
for much pleasure  
sleigh riding and

going to the theatre  
Got New Year's cards  
from the travellers  
a picture of the boat  
and a Goddess of Egypt  
watching over it with  
some other emblems  
which I do not under-  
stand This morning  
is the coldest thus  
far this winter, but  
it moderated toward  
night

Wed. Jan. 19, 1887  
Isaac took me to  
see Mary Burlingame  
I do pity her, she is in  
such a helpless condit-  
ion, all her relatives  
who were able to any  
thing for her, are dead  
or far away

Thurs. Jan. 20, 1887  
Wrote out some  
directions for Mary  
Burlingame as to  
how to proceed to  
get possession of a  
little property left  
by her mother  
went down to Kates  
read Edwins letter.  
they had a New Years  
card The Mormons  
have been holding a  
series of meetings  
made some converts  
cut a hole in the ice  
to baptize them

Fri. Jan. 21, 1887  
I wanted to go  
to Fall Fiver on some  
business but the weath-  
er has been so change-  
able I was afraid to  
go, so much ice and  
snow on the streets  
it is really dangerous  
for an old person to

be abroad

Sat. Jan. 22, 1887

I rode to the  
Common with  
Isaac, left a 5 \$ bill  
with the Treasures of  
the Church for the  
minister, thought he  
might preach better  
tomorrow if he had  
a crisp note in his  
pocket, called on  
Mrs Borden carried  
some old papers she  
had lent me -  
Her Grandson W.  
B. Hunt is to be  
married to Stanton  
Beebe's granddaughter  
the 1st day of February  
the cards are out

Sun. Jan. 23, 1887

Isaac and I have  
colds I am glad I did  
not get out from home  
I am more comfortable  
here than any where  
except my own home  
when Charles & I were  
there together, that has  
been so changed and  
all the ways of living  
so different when  
Edwin & his family  
are there, that I dont  
feel as if I had any  
real Home -  
Tho I call this by  
the name, for I know  
my friends here try  
to make it so, and I  
had ought to be very  
grateful for their  
kindness

Mon. Jan. 24, 1887

It is a very unple=  
=asant day, fog, mud  
and this afternoon  
it rains, Our colds

hold on, we hear  
that Mamie Mc  
Fadden is very  
sick, other children  
of the family have  
been sick, now  
Grandmother  
is in bed with  
a heavy cold, I  
am afraid it will  
go hard with her  
she has been feeble  
for a long time

Tues. Jan. 25, 1887  
Cleared away  
last night, froze  
enough to bear  
the loads that go  
to Providence this  
morning Philly  
takes his Father's  
place I have written  
to our people enclosed  
a letter for Victor from  
a friend of his, now  
in Wales

Wed. Jan 26, 1887  
a snow storm  
came up in the after=  
=noon, very cold at  
night

Thurs. Jan 27, 1887  
a bright sunshine  
snow melting fast

Fri. Jan. 28, 1887  
The weather is  
very changeable one  
pleasant day then  
cloudy if not stormy  
colds prevail very  
generally. Isaac is  
better but did not  
go to Providence to=  
=day. Philip went to  
do the business and  
buy the books for the  
public Library he had  
money from the State

enough to make a  
valuable addition

Sat. Jan. 29, 1887  
Very rainy, the roads  
getting bad, the topic  
of conversation is the  
wedding which is  
to come off next week  
Tuesday some improve=  
=ment among the sick  
The strikes among  
the laboring people  
all over the country  
is makeing a general  
stagnation of business  
it prevents the sailing  
of steamships for want  
of coal, it will be  
likely to obstruct the  
mails

Sun. Jan. 30, 1887  
Warm and foggy  
snow nearly gone  
mud getting deep  
very little getting  
out, I have not been  
out for a week, I  
dont shake off my  
cold as I hope to -  
The strikes in New  
York are fearful,  
much business has  
come to a stand still  
coal is getting very  
scarce and those  
who depend on their  
daily labor for bread,  
will soon be driven  
to desperation by  
cold & hunger if they  
dont resume work  
which their leaders  
seem determined  
they shall not do

Mon. Jan 31, 1887  
Cooler  
Dora & Fredrick  
come today to be  
ready for the wedding

tomorrow The groom  
is a grandson of  
my old friend Mrs  
Borden, he has lived  
in Boston from boy=  
hood employed in  
the druggist store  
of Albert Wilbour &  
is now a partner in  
business, the bride a  
grandaughter of Stanton  
Beebee. Got a letter  
from Edwin & one  
from Lottie for  
Amelia they are going  
slowly up the river  
the wind being light

Tues. Feb. 1, 1887  
Looks like snow  
The wedding guests are  
coming from Boston  
this morning Mr  
Slicer from Providence  
will perform the  
ceremony, Mr French  
and myself had in=  
vitations, but I have  
a bad cold, he is lame  
and has a cold, so  
we will keep house  
Isaac goes to Providence  
Amelia is still in  
Boston, The young  
people will go  
It cleared up at  
night, when the guests  
came home the stars  
are shining

Wed. Feb. 2, 1887  
A snow storm not  
very severe, Dora  
goes home  
today. Amelia comes  
home they meet at  
the station -  
my cold holds on  
I have coughed more  
than ever this after=  
noon

Thurs. Feb. 3, 1887

The ground covered  
with snow, cloudy  
& a chill in the air  
that goes to the bone  
and marrow -

I should be happier  
if I could forget the  
past and enter  
more fully into  
the present views  
and pursuits of  
of those around  
me - I have not  
as yet been able to  
see how a person  
sincerely desirous  
of following the  
example left us  
by Jesus Christ, can  
be so intensely  
interested in card  
playing, theatre going  
and kindred  
amusements

Fri. Feb. 4, 1887

The Queen City  
a steamer to run  
between this Town  
and Providence  
arrived in the river  
and saluted us  
as she passed, she  
will run to Providence  
every day in the  
summer takeing  
passengers and freight  
Isaac has gone on  
his accustomed rout  
Grandmother is  
more feeble  
Flory has gone to make  
her winter visit  
in Providence

Sat. Feb. 5, 1887

Clear and cold  
Lizzie Wood came  
in for a moment  
I did intend to go  
out today, but staid

in, in deference  
to Amelia's judgment  
She is staying with  
Grandmother today  
Eva is not well and  
feels very much cast  
down with fear of  
losing her mother  
Theodore Woods shop  
in Fall River was  
burned this morning  
he has worked hard  
to build up a business  
it will be a sad blow  
to him

Sun. Feb. 6, 1887  
a dull day, snow  
fog makes it very  
chilly Amelia staid  
with Grandmother  
last night, Isaac & I  
are nursing our colds  
hoping to get over them  
soon Telephoned for  
Dr Eddy of Fall River to  
come to see Grandmoth  
-er, I doubt if he does  
her any good she is too  
far gone

Mon. Feb. 7, 1887  
Still snowy & foggy  
I have been writing  
to Edwin today  
a terrible accident  
took place on a railroad  
in Vermont last week  
many lost their  
lives and many  
more were injured  
a broken rail threw  
the Cars off a bridge  
down a ravine 60  
feet they took fire  
it was very cold  
many were more  
or less frozen

Tues. Feb. 8, 1887  
The weather more  
threatening than yesterday

Philip went to Prov=  
=idence for his Father  
today, Grandmother  
remains about the  
same

Wed. Feb. 9, 1887  
Today we have  
a bright sunshine  
Grandmother Abby  
passed away yesterday  
at 2 P.M. she has  
been a most faithful  
wife and mother &  
kind neighbour  
she was 76 years  
old, her youngest  
daughter Eva has  
always lived with  
her and now she is  
quite inconsolable  
all her children will  
miss her sadly

Thurs. Feb. 10, 1887  
Quite pleasant  
preparations are  
going on for the funeral  
the grand children  
from Boston came  
this afternoon  
Got another letter from  
Edwin dated Jany 15

Fri. Feb. 11, 1887  
A dark morning  
threatening rain  
I went to call on Lizzie  
Wood on my way  
to the funeral, the  
first time I have  
been out for more  
than two weeks  
the roads were very  
bad, but many came  
to pay there last  
respects to the departed  
Mr Smith who preached  
here when Franklin  
died and attended  
his funeral, came  
from Providence

and spoke also the  
minister in charge  
here, she had been  
a member of the M.  
E. Church for near  
fifty years

Sat. Feb. 12, 1887  
Cleared away with  
a heavy wind last  
night, frozen up  
this morning,  
Isaac gone to Providence  
carried Dora to the  
station

Sun. Feb. 13, 1887  
Pretty cold but  
Isaac thought I  
could go to meeting  
I went comfortably  
the text was "This is  
Jesus." The minister  
spoke his thought  
which I like to  
hear, tho it differed  
from mine

Mon. Feb. 14, 1887  
Pleasant Isaac took  
me to see Amelia Mc  
Fadden, they have had  
very expensive sick=  
=ness in the family &  
need the aid & sympathy  
of their friends, which  
I think they have -  
we then called at B.  
F's from there I called  
on Lizzie Wood, got home  
to dinner. Isaac  
Potter & wife came to  
see the poultry arran=  
=gements, they think  
of going into the business  
Phebe Brownell &  
Deborah came to tea.  
Got a letter from  
Edwin date Jany 18

Tues. Feb. 15, 1887  
The weather is very

changable rain  
came up suddenly last  
night and continues  
today

Wed. Feb. 16, 1887  
Spring like getting  
very muddy I rode  
round the square  
with Isaac and we  
did many errands  
called on Mary Bu=  
=rlingame, since the  
death of her mother she  
has no woman to  
depend on, chained  
to her bed by an incu=  
=rable disease, she is  
truly an object of pity,  
may she find rest  
hereafter -

Thurs. Feb. 17, 1887  
Pleasant over head  
but very muddy  
Isaac had bought  
a couple of Vermont  
horses, they came by  
railroad, arrived  
tonight apparantly  
in good order

Fri. Feb. 18, 1887  
Looks like snow  
wind northeast  
I have had it on my  
mind to go to New  
Bedford for sometime  
I dont know when  
the weather & travelling  
will be fit for me to  
go Isaac went to  
Providence very rough  
in the morning &  
muddy & rainy  
at night brought  
Floa home she had  
made a two weeks  
visit at the Burleighs  
Bessie Gray is going  
monday she goes  
to the infantry

Ball

Sat. Feb. 19, 1887  
Last night we  
had a heavy storm  
of thunder lightning  
wind and rain  
it passed off, and  
the day is suny &  
I rode with David  
to George Seaburys

Sun. Feb. 20, 1887  
I have just written  
an obituary notice  
of the death of my  
old friend Abby M.  
Wilbour I lived in  
the house with her  
10 years on the most  
friendly terms, few  
knew her better  
than I

Mon. Feb. 21, 1887  
Answered the  
letter I had from  
my Uncle Charles's  
Grandaughters, they  
want to know more  
of their Wilbour  
ancestry they live in  
Milan Ohio, where  
he lived when he  
died got a letter from  
Edwin

Tues. Feb. 22, 1887  
Dreadfully muddy  
I dont know how  
Isaac & David got  
on with their loads  
it will be a dark  
hard ride to come  
home tonight, it is rain  
-ing now have Wrote  
to Edwin

Wed. Feb. 23, 1887  
"after a storm  
comes a calm"  
So we have it about

every other day.  
This morning  
the sun shines  
beautifully.  
I hope it will  
not storm  
tomorrow, I  
I want to go to  
Newbedford  
we all are quite  
well recovered  
for the colds  
which have so  
long troubled us  
The general health  
of the community  
is improving -

Thurs. Feb. 24, 1887  
Snow storm, but the  
carriage was going  
to take Isaac to the  
Common to go to Prov=  
=idence so I got in  
and took the stage  
for New Bedford  
Got there comfortably  
Emily is not very  
well, glad to see me,  
so was Mrs Swain,  
she is a very sweet  
Lady 85 years old  
her daughter made  
me very wellcome

Fri. Feb. 25, 1887  
Cleared off cold &  
windy, went out  
in the afternoon  
did many errands  
Had a very pleasant  
time with the Swains  
and some of the  
boarders

Sat. Feb. 26, 1887  
an old Friend  
went with me to  
see a house which  
my Grandfather's  
Grandfather, preached  
in previous to 1750

he went from Tiverton  
to hold meeting with  
a handfull of Baptists  
who had no meeting  
house or minister  
in New Bedford then  
Came home in the  
stage in the worst  
storm of snow, hail,  
and lastly rain, (the  
stage driver said) of  
the winter  
Isaac knowing my  
perseverance, sent  
a man to bring me  
from the Common

Sun. Feb. 27, 1887

Ther. 18

Fair weather

John Austin wife

and Eva and

Charles Howland

who is just home

from Brooklyn,

dined with us

Abraham Manchester

and sister came in

the evening, it was

very cold & windy

to ride home 7 miles

Eva thanked me very

much for the obituary

notice of her mother

Mon. Feb. 28, 1887

Ther. 22

Cold & windy

The little boy Lincoln

is teething, it goes

hard with him,

riding 40 miles in

the stage, shoock me up

a goodeal, when my

head is rested I

hope to feel more like

writing, there are

many things I would

like to say to posterity

I dont know as they

would appreciate my

effort to enlighten

them .

Tues. March 1, 1887  
went to see Amelia  
McFadden they are  
still suffering from  
colds &c. carried her  
a cut of cotten cloth  
came up to Franks  
dined with them,  
it is lonely there  
without Abby  
walked home  
Mrs Tompkin's  
is suffering from  
a felon on her finger  
a letter from Emily  
asking how I got  
home, answered  
"very well"

Wed. March 2, 1887  
I went to see my  
old friends Isiah  
and Hannah Snell  
we had a real old  
fashioned talk and  
enjoyed it very much  
we hear of the death  
of Our old Friend Ann  
Sisson aged 88 years  
I have known  
her for seventy years  
for sixty seven years  
she has been a most  
devoted member of  
the Methodist Church  
she was the last of  
the seven members  
belonging to the first  
class gathered in this  
Town in 1820 it  
consisted of her Father  
& mother an Uncle  
two sisters & a brother

Thurs. March 3, 1887  
Called on Lizzie  
Wood Isaac took  
me down & Charles  
Howland brought  
me home.

There is a goodeal  
being stirred up  
about the proposed  
railroad Edward  
Howland is pushing  
the matter with dogged  
persistance  
was weighed this  
morning 121 pounds  
of good solid flesh  
pretty well for  
old 83  
wrote to Edwin

Fri. March 4, 1887  
Mr Stoddard  
the Methodist  
minister called  
to get some infor=  
=mation in relation  
to Ann Sisson's early  
life

Sat. March 5, 1887  
a pleasant day  
had many callers  
Mrs Kempton sen  
Mrs Kempton junr  
with her daughter  
Ephraim Sisson  
made a long call  
Anna McFarland  
fell from a carriage  
last night was very  
severely injured  
Isaac is having  
another cold  
Amelia & Willie  
went to a show  
at the Town Hall

Sun. March 6, 1887  
a snow storm  
no going out, except  
what was necessary

Mon. March 7, 1887  
Milder snow  
melting, Isaac  
is out today  
a letter from Edwin  
Amelia had one

from Lottie

Tues. March 8, 1887  
Went to see Lizzie  
Wood in the morning  
George took Polly &  
carried me to the  
Common, stopped  
a moment to see  
Mrs Borden, he then  
took Amelia to see  
Mrs Tompkins, she  
is suffering very  
much with the felon  
on her finger -  
Grace's sister came  
today it is very mud=  
=dy, Isaac walked  
miles on his way  
home with Lizzie  
her brother a selfish  
scamp put her off  
on him instead of  
takeing care of her  
himself

Wed. March 9, 1887  
went with Charles  
W. Howland to trim  
the elms George is  
sawing and splitting  
my wood

Thurs. March 10, 1887  
Very rainy  
turned to snow  
at night.

Fri. March 11, 1887  
Cold with a  
gale of wind  
I shall not go  
out

Sat. March 12, 1887  
A little more  
mild, try to go out  
today Lizzie Ropes  
is coming with her  
music she is a loud  
player, it strikes on  
my brain worse than

thunder. I am going  
down to Kates to see  
them while she is  
here and escape the  
noise

Sun. March 13, 1887  
A tolerably fair  
day. very muddy  
few people stirring  
a very general  
expression of grief  
for the death of  
Henry Ward Beecher  
the papers are filled  
with eulogues on  
his life & work,  
we may long and  
vainly ask where  
is the man, that  
will fill the place  
so suddenly made  
vacant? got a  
letter from Lottie  
dated February 10  
they were at the end  
of their journey &  
about ready to start  
down the river

Mon. March 14, 1887  
a very pleasant  
day, the sun shone  
very bright, but the  
telephone wires gave  
indications of much  
atmospheric disturba=  
=nce

Amelia & I went  
to the Court of Probate  
as witnesses to Abby  
M. Wilbours Will  
It is no doubt the  
last time I shall go  
there on such business  
It is not likely I  
shall ever write  
another will -  
I wish we had the  
material in the  
Town for a more  
intelligent Town

## Council

Tues. March 15, 1887  
Clouded over last  
night, threatens  
a heavy storm,  
we have news of  
a terrible accident  
on the Providence &  
Boston railroad  
by which 32 people  
were killed and  
many more injured  
these accidents are  
becoming fearfully  
frequent. Grandpa  
French went this  
day to Providence from  
thence to Boston for  
a week, Isaac will  
attend the Republican  
Convention tomorrow

Wed. March 16, 1887  
Quite pleasant  
I spent most of the  
day with Abby Dyer  
Wilbour, her only  
child died about two  
years ago, she was  
inconsolable at the  
time, and has not  
recovered from it,  
her health is very  
bad, she leads a sorry  
life, I would help  
her if I could, but  
she is beyond the reach  
of human aid.  
The great spelling  
match comes off to=  
=night, there is much  
competition, all the  
schools in Town  
will be represented

Thurs. March 17, 1887  
Pleasant day  
This is Edwin's  
birthday 54 years  
old. How much of  
toil and change he

has pass-thro. How  
different his life  
from his Father's  
who lived & died  
in the quiet of his rural  
home. I carried  
Lottie's last letter  
to Kate's, she & Lizzie  
are very glad to get  
the news from that  
far off Land. I got  
from Carrie Brown  
the Family Record of  
James & Esther Gifford  
Chase, she was my  
Father's first Cousin  
they had 18 children

Fri. March 18, 1887  
Snowed a little  
last night  
A telephone from  
Adamsville brings  
the news, that Sarah  
Austin Lamunion  
is dead. She was the  
daughter of Joshua  
and Diana Austin,  
life long friends of  
our Wilbour family.

Sat. March 19, 1887  
Rode down to my  
house got some old  
Almanacs for Isaac  
and a copy of the  
original plat of the  
Town for Henry  
Richmond to  
copy. Called on  
Lizzie Wood

Sun. March 20, 1887  
Went to the funeral  
of Sarah Lemunion  
it was a long muddy  
ride George Seabury  
went with me

Mon. March 21, 1887  
Had a long call  
from young Mr

Richmond he seems  
like a good boy  
called on Mrs  
Borden she is very  
feeble

Tues. March 22, 1887  
A rain storm  
I am afraid Isaac  
will get his death  
cold riding to Bristol  
Ferry and then tramp  
-ing over Providence  
He came to my door  
before he left and  
said, he had a grand=  
daughter born at 2  
oclock this morning  
"It rains, but I go in  
good spirits" he added  
Got a letter from  
Edwin dated March  
1st they had started  
down the river are  
now at Cairo if all  
went well, there  
they will leave the  
Seven Hathors and  
start for Greece &  
Italy

Wed. March 23, 1887  
It is a windy march  
day, I feel the effect  
of this weather very  
much. I have wri=  
-tten out something  
for my Wilbour  
Cousin in Ohio  
who is anxious to  
know about her  
Wilbour ancestry  
I have also written  
to Emily and told  
her that I do not  
feel equal to visiting  
her, the first of next  
month, as we had  
agreed The new  
comer and the  
mother are doing  
well

Thurs. March 24, 1887  
Very pleasant  
morning Isaac  
took me to the  
Common to call on  
the ministers in  
relation to the  
Suffrage meeting,  
I engaged Mr Hart  
to preside and in=  
troduce the speakers  
Mr Stoddard seem  
=ed so halfhearted  
about I did not dare  
trust him. Kate &  
I are working for  
the Cause in every  
way we can

Fri. March 25, 1887  
Rained early this  
morning then cleared  
away with high wind  
Kate came up with  
work for the Suffrage  
Cause, I was called  
to see Mary Burlingame  
I hurried home  
walked down to  
Kates, she was gone  
out to solicit funds  
for the Cause the  
house was locked  
and I had nothing  
to do but walk back  
in the wind  
If this campaign  
finishes me, I shall  
have the satisfaction  
of dying in a good  
Cause

Sat. March 26, 1887  
went to the Post  
Office early to send  
our yesterdays work  
by the mail. Charles  
Howland came in  
gave me a dollar to  
add to our contribution  
to the Cause

Sun. March 27, 1887  
We failed of getting  
the circulars which  
would announce  
who the speakers  
are to beat our  
meeting wednesday  
night I am sorry  
I wanted to give  
the full notice  
today. a letter from  
Mr Ropes, he proposes  
to call our new  
baby Ruth, he had  
his choice in Lincolns  
name & now I think  
the choice belongs  
this side the house

Mon. March 28, 1887  
Went to meeting  
yesterday Mr Hart  
preached in the Methodist  
pulpit I think one of  
his best Sermons text  
"Rich toward God"  
In the evening Lizzie  
Ropes & Walter came  
up, He and Kate had  
a spirited argument  
on the Woman  
Suffrage Question  
a letter from Edwin

Tues. March 29, 1887  
A heavy snow  
storm came up  
in the night followed  
by a high wind  
it is terribly rough  
for the season

Wed. March 30, 1887  
The high wind still  
continued, I went  
to Adamsville to see  
about the suffrage  
meeting, there was not  
any there, came back  
to the Common, the  
Speakers for the meeting  
in the methodist

vestry came in the  
stage, they were Ada C.  
Bolls & Adelaide  
Claflin, they did  
well and we had  
a satisfactory meeting  
Mr Hart presided  
Mr Stoddard offered  
prayer the speakers  
came home with us  
to stay the night

Thurs. March 31, 1887  
Isaac took the  
Ladies to the stage  
to follow up their  
labors, I have done  
what I could to help  
the cause along,  
I must try to rest.  
got a letter from  
Emily

Fri. April 1, 1887  
Another snow storm  
when will spring  
visit us, one month  
according to the alman-  
-ac is past, we have  
not had one real  
spring day, two or  
three gave promise  
of good day, but before  
night it clouded &  
stormed before the  
next morning

Sat. April 2, 1887  
A very heavy snow  
storm commenced  
last night and  
continued thro  
this day, the roads  
are so blocked up  
it is hard getting  
round after the eggs  
and they do pile  
up, Clarence got  
five hundred dozen  
on one rout today

Sun. April 3, 1887

A bright warm  
sun, the snow now melts  
fast, This last storm  
makes 36 snow storms  
we have had since the  
5th of December,  
It has been terrible  
along the coast

Mon. April 4, 1887  
Monday Fremont  
Wilbour moved into  
his new house today  
there is great change  
going on, on this road  
it dont look much  
as it did when I was  
young, when the old  
spider legs mill was  
standing, and there  
were none of these  
little upstarts so  
slight timbered that  
any breezy northwest  
-er shakes them, while  
in the houses built  
100 or 150 years stand  
firm

Tues. April 5, 1887  
Yesterday completed  
2 years since Zoe  
died, how sad the  
memory of that day  
to us all, especially  
her own family, and  
more than one young  
friend will look  
back and see her as  
they saw her at eighteen  
and feel a thrill of  
pain & sorrow that  
so much loveliness  
should so soon pass  
from our sight

Wed. April 6, 1887  
Our spring Town  
meeting The vote  
for the ammendment  
to the constitution  
giving women the

right to vote on the  
same terms as men.  
we have been work=  
=ing for it a long  
time at great cost  
of labor time & money  
I cant say that I  
expect any thing  
more than increased  
enlightenment of the  
general public -  
men hold to strongly  
to old traditions  
especially when they  
minister to their selfish  
=ness and idea of supe=  
=riority to let go easily

Thurs. April 7, 1887  
The Democrats  
have carried the  
State, it has been a  
long time since we had  
a Democratic Governor  
but the sun will shine  
just as bright the grass  
will grow as green  
as ever - Kate & I went  
to town meeting it  
was the first time that  
women had appeared  
at the polls, we could  
look on, and Kate  
distributed votes, no  
one molested us  
a good many men  
came to speak to me  
The vote on the  
amendment stood  
79 for 78 against -  
women are fertile  
in expedients it will  
come up again in  
some shape

Fri. April 8, 1887  
I went to see Lizzie  
Wood found Lizzie  
Poole there The subject  
is the recent town  
meeting, at the second  
trial John B. Taylor

was elected represent=  
=ative to the General  
Assembly, it would  
seem a very unwise  
thing to send a young  
man of 22 years and  
little education and  
experience to help  
he has the reputation  
of being ambitious to  
learn, he will have  
the opportunity and  
I hope will make  
the most of it  
Amelia went to Prov=  
=idence today

Sat. April 9, 1887  
went down to my  
place, Philip Chase  
and George were at  
work on the wall  
east of the Barn  
There is a beautiful  
speckled bird around  
mating with an old  
fashioned robin red  
breast, we have never  
seen the like before.

Sun. April 10, 1887  
This is Easter day  
Isaac made up a  
beautiful boquet  
and carried it to  
the cemetery and  
put it on Zoes grave  
Willie put an offering  
on Minnies grave  
we the went to the  
meeting, Mr Stoddard  
text was, He is not  
here, he has arisen -  
It is unusually  
warm the snow is  
fast disappearing

Mon. April 11, 1887  
The warm pleasant  
weather continues, some are  
ploughing Isaac put  
the chestnuts before the

carry all, took mr French  
Grace and myself out  
they are a fine span,  
my friend Harriet  
Gray Butler died today  
how suddenly and  
fast we drop away,  
how lonely Diana  
will feel I think she  
is all that is left of  
the ten children of  
Nathaniel & Lydia Coe  
Gray - got a letter from  
Edwin enclosing  
one from our cousin  
Philo A. Wilbour dated  
at Lucknow India  
from there he was going  
China & Japan

Tues. April 12, 1887  
Another fine spring  
day Amelia came  
home, Willie went  
to Boston to spend  
a week with Dora  
I went to Kates and  
carried Edwin's  
letter

Wed. April 13, 1887  
went down to Irving  
Bailey's with Philip  
had a pleasant call  
with Abigail  
Mr Stoddard called  
to see what I would  
do about helping to  
build an addition  
to the Parsonage

Thurs. April 14, 1887  
Went to the funeral  
Harriet A Butler  
Mr Rice came to  
attend the service  
Mr Hart was there  
and took part, there  
were many there  
she and her husband  
were friends of Mr  
Rice when he was

here, and was so  
unkindly driven  
out of the Church

Fri. April 15, 1887  
Staid at home and  
sewed Lizzie Wood  
called while Kate went  
to Otis Brown's, he has  
been very sick for some  
time

Sat. April 16, 1887  
Rains today  
Amelia's aunt has  
sent her alot of old  
carpets, which she  
will put to good use  
The Queen City has  
met with so many  
accidents that Capt  
Petty is quite dis=  
=couraged

Sun. April 17, 1887  
Quite Pleasant  
went to the Congrega=  
=tional Church, where  
they had memorial  
service for Ray Palmer  
as native of this town  
lately deceased in New  
Jersey, he was a min  
ister of considerable  
note in his church  
but cheifly remembered  
by some beautiful  
hymns that he wrote  
some of them when  
quite young, Isaac  
wrote & read some  
thing which was  
very appropriate  
and well received

Mon. April 18, 1887  
we are having  
another snow storm  
when will the spring  
come to stay?  
we hear George  
Church is very sick

with erysipelas

Tues. April 19, 1887  
Cleared off this  
morning but it does  
look like winter  
I hoped to get a  
letter from Edwin  
but it did not come

Wed. April 20, 1887  
Went to look for  
Aunt Harriet, but  
did not find her,  
the snow has gone,  
to the great joy of the  
goslins, I never saw  
so little grass this  
time of year,  
The Methodist annual  
conference meets  
in Fall River tomor=  
=row. The sun shines  
but the air is cold  
and the ground  
so cold can't any  
thing grow

Thurs. April 21, 1887  
Sunshines and it  
is a little warmer  
The yearly Conference  
of the M.E. Church  
meets in Fall River  
today

Fri. April 22, 1887  
I went to see Mary  
Burlingame, she  
is a little more  
comfortable but  
suffers much from  
loneliness. Saw in  
the paper the death  
of Isaac R Potter  
he was here a few  
weeks ago looking  
as much like living  
as any of us, so  
uncertain it is  
who shall go first

Sat. April 23, 1887  
Rode to the Common  
with David called  
on Mrs Borden  
read my story of  
early Churches in  
this Town to her, she  
was pleased with  
my story said it  
ought to be printed

Sun. April 24, 1887  
Pleasant day  
Aunt Harriet  
came home with  
Isaac from meeting  
we carried her  
home at night.  
called at the house  
of the late Harriet  
Butler and found  
that all the newspapers  
she had saved with  
so much care had  
been burned up.  
I felt so indignant  
I lay awake thinking  
"what is the use of  
saving any thing for  
for those you leave  
behind"

Mon. April 25, 1887  
I have finished  
what I am going to  
send to my Ohio  
Cousin, at present,  
It includes the Wills  
of the first Samuel who  
came over from England  
in 1633, His son Samuel  
and William his  
nephew, who was  
our ancestor, also  
the family records  
for five generations,  
and a short History  
of my Father's family

Tues. April 26, 1887  
Rained in the  
morning after

it cleared away  
I went down to Philip  
to call on Mrs Ropes  
she was asleep,  
from there I went  
to call on Kate and  
Cousin Lizzie Wood  
came home tired,  
went to bed, Amelia  
had a small party  
to play cards,  
Theatre going and  
a card playing I was  
early taught were  
amusements that  
led to much evil  
I never have indulged  
in either, and hope  
I never may so far  
dishonor my father's  
memory as to do any  
thing of the kind

Wed. April 27, 1887  
Got a letter from  
Edwin dated April  
4th they were at Sioot  
making their way  
slowly toward  
Cairo

Thurs. April 28, 1887  
went to the office  
and mailed my  
manuscript to the  
Ohio Cousin -  
Amelia had a  
dinner party  
Dr Clark wife and  
daughter Mrs Ropes  
and Philip's family  
a rainy day they  
came & went in  
the rain

Fri. April 29, 1887  
I went to see  
Abbie Wilbour, she  
has little company  
and still feels the  
loss of her daughter  
very much, she visits

the grave and keeps  
flowers on it all the  
time raising many  
for that purpose

Sat. April 30, 1887  
Rode down with  
Philip, made a  
call on Lizzie Wood  
Got a letter from  
Edwin they were  
nearing Cairo-  
Have had good health  
gained much flesh  
Edwin weighing  
over 200 pounds

Sun. May 1, 1887  
a pleasant day  
Mrs Ropes & Lizzie Wood  
came to dinner, and  
Isaac & Amelia took  
them for a ride with  
the Chestnut horses  
It is Willie's birthday  
his mother Mrs Ropes  
and Lizzie made  
him some small  
presents, his father  
and I did not give  
him any thing, I  
could not think of  
a thing that he needed  
he has had so many  
presents from his  
mother's relations, who  
are well able to give.

Mon. May 2, 1887  
Went to the common  
with Isaac in the  
morning, walked  
down to my house  
in the afternoon,  
George planted the  
nasturtions, the  
peas begin to come  
up. The painters are  
at work on the house  
here, the lawn is  
being ploughed up  
it has been a nice

day for work

Tues. May 3, 1887  
not quite as pleasant  
Mrs Ropes has gone  
home,

Wed. May 4, 1887  
I have let the  
time  
slip by, and  
have nothing to put  
down worth the  
trouble, Amelia is  
cleaning house, doing  
a goodeal in the  
way of fixing a  
carpet for her front  
entry & stairs, out of  
one of her Aunt Eliza  
gave her

Thurs. May 5, 1887  
spent a season with  
Lizzie Wood, went  
to the Common with  
Isaac, mailed a  
letter to Edwin I  
written in the fore  
=noon, hear that  
Sarah Borden is sick  
Deacon George Church  
had been sick several  
weeks, Otis Brown  
also, all I think  
are consumptive

Fri. May 6, 1887  
I got some Elm  
trees of Isaac, George  
took me and trees  
down, and we sat  
them out, I came  
up to Kates and  
spent the afternoon

Sat. May 7, 1887  
Sat George and I  
set out the lilacs  
and geraniums,  
planted beets & carrots  
it looked like

rain, the painters  
worked in doors  
painting blinds  
Got a letter from  
Edwin  
a company of gunners  
from Providence want  
George to wait on them  
next week, the work  
at my house must  
wait

Sun. May 8, 1887  
Staid at home  
Mr Ropes came to  
dine

Mon. May 9, 1887  
went to New Bedford  
with Isaac in the stage  
Celebrated my birth=  
=day with Emily, came  
to Adamsville in the  
stage at night and  
Abraham Manchester  
took me up to Sarah  
Carrs stopped the  
night with her-  
my friends greeted  
me most kindly,  
and complimented  
me on my ability  
to do so much  
business and visiting. -  
I went to the Banks  
and got my spring  
dividends the Bank  
officers said they  
hoped to see me many  
times more, but the  
future is all unkno=  
=wn, may I be ready  
to meet it patiently-

Tues. May 10, 1887  
spent the forenoon  
with Sarah, she took  
me to Adamsville  
in the afternoon -  
spent a few hours  
with Abby Church  
a friend brought

me to the Common  
in a buggy, which  
saved me from riding  
in the stage and  
was much easier,  
another friend took  
me home, every  
body was kind -  
may I be thankful

Wed. May 11, 1887  
a warm day  
went down to my house  
to see how my plants get  
on, went to the black=  
smiths got Polly shod  
called on Mrs Borden  
Sarah is slowly  
recovering -

Thurs. May 12, 1887  
Rode down to  
my house, called  
on Lizzie on my  
way home, she  
gave me a pretty  
little vase for my  
birthday, we have  
had but very little  
rain for two weeks  
need it to bring up  
the seeds

Fri. May 13, 1887  
still dry Mr French  
left this morning  
he had been here  
five months, made  
himself very useful  
attending to the funeral  
and conservatory  
he goes to his brothers  
in Barnard Vermont

Sat. May 14, 1887  
some signs of rain  
I rode down to  
see George, carried  
the hellbore for  
the currant and  
goose berry bushes

he has made a  
good weeks work  
waiting on the  
gunners, three  
dollars a day pays  
well -

Sun. May 15, 1887  
went to the Methodist  
meeting. Charles  
Howland came to  
dinner and staid  
untill night, there  
was much coming  
and going, The furnace  
fire out and it is  
chilly in the house,  
the painting the house  
is nearly completed

Mon. May 16, 1887  
The weather is still  
warm & dry  
nothing to put down  
worth the trouble

Tues. May 17, 1887  
Did some things  
at home  
got the ground  
ready for some  
fine seeds George  
got in the dry wood  
mowed the Lawn

Wed. May 18, 1887  
Picked up and  
carried some things  
spent an hour or  
two with Lizzie

Thurs. May 19, 1887  
Rain is needed  
very much

Fri. May 20, 1887  
made a last call  
on Lizzie Wood,  
she goes to N. Bedford  
tomorrow for an  
indefinite period,  
I shall miss her

very much

Sat. May 21, 1887  
a very exciting  
meeting on the question  
of a railroad, Edward  
W. Howland is pressing  
the matter, wants  
the Town to vote  
\$25,000 toward it,  
we dont think it  
will pay and dont  
want to leave a tax  
on our posterity,  
he is stubborn as a  
mule and spends  
money freely to have  
his own way  
the subject was  
postponed to the  
June meeting -

Sun. May 22, 1887  
staid at home  
taxed my eyes by  
reading too much

Mon. May 23, 1887  
went to the Commons  
much talk about  
the railroad, Amelia  
got a letter from  
Lottie they are at  
Athens, dont say  
when they will come  
here

Tues. May 24, 1887  
Very foggy and  
some rain

Wed. May 25, 1887  
Samuel came to paint  
the dining room  
I was at my house  
most of the day

Thurs. May 26, 1887  
The fog continues  
I staid in and  
sewed some  
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Friday May 27, 1887  
we also found the  
grave of a soldier of  
the Revolution with  
this inscription  
To the memory of  
Samuel Church of  
Rochester, son of Samuel  
and Bethiah [?] Church,  
aged 25 years, he  
taken sick and died  
on his way to his  
home 1775

Fri. May 27, 1887  
Charles Howland  
took me to Tiverton  
to the burying place  
of old John Almy near  
fogland ferry, we found  
the grave of Bridget  
Whitney, who was an  
Almy, she saw many  
and sad changes in  
her life, she was early  
married to a Mr Seamore  
and lived in the West  
Indies, in affluence, he  
died she was reduced to  
poverty, then she married  
Whitney and lived South  
he died and she came  
back to her friends  
thro all the changes  
she retained her lady  
like manners & interesting  
company, we called on  
Eliza Almy now 91 years  
old, who retains her faculties  
wonderfully

Sat. May 28, 1887  
Thundered and  
lightened last night  
now a northeaster  
Expected Mary French  
she did not come on  
account of heavy storm  
in Boston this morning  
copied from the books  
I got at Tiverton

Sun. May 29, 1887  
went to see Mary  
Burlingame  
she begged me to  
come and sit with  
her one day this  
week, I will go if  
I can get there, she  
is such a sufferer  
and so lonely, it is  
cruel to deny her

Mon. May 30, 1887  
Charles Howland  
took me to my house  
did some things  
George mowed the  
lawn planted the  
last peas, the Elm  
trees are sprouting  
Mary French came  
on Queen City

Tues. May 31, 1887  
I walked down  
to my house and  
sent George after  
Polly and a carriage  
he took me to Mary's  
Philip came for me  
at night. Got letters  
from Edwin & Lottie  
last date May 13th  
they were still in  
Athens, enjoying  
the sights and scenes  
of storied Greece,  
with but one draw=  
back, "Zoe is not there  
to enjoy it with them",  
That thought comes  
like a cloud between  
us and the sun,  
wherever we are -

Wed. June 1, 1887  
The much needed  
rain has come down  
copiously this morning  
for which may we  
be daily thankful

Thurs. June 2, 1887  
Very foggy with some  
rain

Fri. June 3, 1887  
Nothing worthy  
of note

Sat. June 4, 1887  
Went to my house  
and worked in the  
garret arranging  
my old papers and  
other things

Sun. June 5, 1887  
went to meeting  
the text was "I am  
the vine ye are the  
branches" Aunt Harriet  
has come home, there  
is great excitement  
about the railraod

Mon. June 6, 1887  
went down to my  
house renewed my  
acquaintance with  
many old newspapers  
and pamphlets, I  
am trying to arrange  
things to leave

Tues. June 7, 1887  
The Town meeting  
about the railroad  
The people seem to  
be insane over the  
matter and I am  
afraid will get the  
Town into much  
trouble I am sure  
we shall be over run  
with irisponsible  
people, our homes  
will no longer be safe  
from pillage, nor our  
persons secure from  
assault, we shall be  
down at night under  
fearful apprehins  
of what evil may

befal us before  
morning

Wed. June 8, 1887  
went down and  
to my home and did  
what I could. I did  
hope to hear from over  
the sea this week, but  
the letter dont come

Thurs. June 9, 1887  
spent the day in  
sweeping & dusting  
George helping me

Fri. June 10, 1887  
Spent the day with  
Mary Burlingame

Sat. June 11, 1887  
worked at my  
house

Sun. June 12, 1887  
Had my sunday  
meeting with Mrs  
Borden, carried the  
newspaper dated June  
6th 1823 which contain  
=ed the notice of her  
marriage, she was  
very much pleased  
and showed me a  
piece of the cloack  
her husband had  
at the time

Mon. June 13, 1887  
worked at home

Tues. June 14, 1887  
Philip carried  
Amelia and I to call  
on Isaac B. Richmond  
it was his birthday  
89 years old  
His father died when  
he was young leaving  
a widow and five chil=  
=dren dependent on  
their Grandfather

Isaac Bailey, Isaac  
learned the trade of  
a carpenter, by industry  
and enterprise he  
had been able to rear  
a large family who  
like their father, are  
respected in the  
community and  
pecuniarily independ=  
=ent

Wed. June 15, 1887  
worked at my  
house

Thurs. June 16, 1887  
Worked at my house  
wrote to Emily  
Lizzie Gray is sick

Sun. June 19, 1887  
Went to meeting  
Charles Howland  
came to dinner

Mon. June 20, 1887  
Monday foggy  
we hope Lizzie Gray  
is better Isaac went  
to the Annual  
meeting of the Ins  
Company did not  
get the letter I hoped  
to

Tues. June 21, 1887  
I went to Fall River  
with Charles Howland  
got my dividends  
and groceries for  
housekeeping, returned  
the records Eliza  
Almy lent me,  
I feel so sorry for  
her, when I was  
young, her father was  
one of the welthiest  
men in Tiverton  
she lived in a beauti=  
=ful home, very  
different from mine

at that time, how  
little we know  
what changes time  
will bring to us  
I sent in a dollar  
with the book

Wed. June 22, 1887  
no letter, a foggy  
morning, feel  
tired, tho I endure  
such a ride and  
doing my errands  
well, for one of my  
age for which I should  
be duly thankful  
Grace came home  
Mary went to Narra  
-gansett Pier to visit  
her Cousin

Sat. June 25, 1887  
For three days  
including this, I  
have worked at home  
puttings in order  
tonight I go to Philips  
to tea I have not been  
to break bread with  
them since they kept  
house. Their baby  
is a very delicate  
child, I doubt her  
living very long,

Sun. June 26, 1887  
a very dry day  
we have had so much  
fog that it is very nice  
to have sunshine  
I have put my things  
in my trunk & will  
settle up, and depart  
tomorrow. Is it my  
last leavetakeing from  
this house? or shall I  
come back in September  
Who knows?  
Some who have sat  
at table with me  
since I have been  
here, have passed to

the long Home

Mon. June 27, 1887  
Put up my last  
package and went  
to my old home  
Aunt Harriet  
came to stay till  
Edwin comes  
a letter from him  
says they expect  
to be in New York  
the 3 of July

Tues. 28, 1887  
very busy  
went to Providence  
with Isaac & Amelia  
Mary French came  
home with us

Wed. June 29, 1887  
Emily is at  
Adamsville  
wrote to Anna  
Kirby to come  
this week

Thurs. June 30, 1887  
Very warm & dry  
Lizzie Gray is  
still very sick

Fri. July 1, 1887  
George went to  
Adamsville for  
Emily she came.  
wrote a letter to  
Edwin on  
his arrival in  
New York

Sat. July 2, 1887  
George went to  
Providence Anna  
came on the stage  
near a hundred  
people came down  
on the Queen City  
to spend the fourth  
in a quiet place  
a very warm day

Sun. July 3, 1887  
Very warm  
Aunt Harriet  
& Anna went  
to Church

Mon. July 4, 1887  
a telegram from  
Edwin says we  
ate our Sunday  
dinner at the  
Westminister N.Y  
so they are safe  
over once more  
Amelia had her  
fair and netted  
50 dollars

Wed. July 6, 1887  
Anna went  
home  
very warm

Fri. July 8, 1887  
Emily went to  
Adamsville

Sat. July 9, 1887  
we are doing  
the last things

Sun. July 10, 1887  
we are together  
once more, today  
Edwin and his  
family came, only  
for a few weeks

Mon. July 11, 1887  
Dora is quite  
ill with sore  
throat

Sun. July 17, 1887  
The weather is  
extremely warm  
with fog in the  
morning. I feel  
weak and all  
complain of the  
heat

Wed. July 20, 1887  
Got a letter from  
Emily she and  
Isaac are at Nantu=  
=ket at the Sea Cliff  
House

Fri. July 22, 1887  
Lottie is in bed  
today dizziness  
and nausea

Sat. July 23, 1887  
Rode with  
Isaac to Davids  
paid him for  
mowing & bringing  
the screen doors.  
took dinner at  
Isaacs, Lottie is  
better. a letter  
from Emily, she  
will be in New  
Bedford next  
week if Edwin  
feels able we will  
see her there

Sun. July 24, 1887  
Mr Slicer opened  
his house by a  
religious service  
about 50 people  
attended. The  
subject was the  
omni [?] of God  
"all things are open  
to Him with whom  
we have to do"  
we had green corn  
for dinner

Tues. July 26, 1887  
Ther. 90  
Edwin and I  
went to Fall River  
from there to New  
Bedford, saw Emily  
she goes to North  
Conway next friday  
Mrs Swain is very

feeble the weather  
is very warm

Wed. July 27, 1887  
Came home in  
the stage

Thurs. July 28, 1887  
Dr Sweet came  
to see Doras foot  
Sophie Peckham  
came to make my  
wrapper, continues  
very warm

Sat. Aug. 20, 1887  
Two weeks from  
today the Steamer  
leaves New York that  
will bear my dear  
ones away, will  
they return while  
I am here in the  
body?

Sun. Aug. 21, 1887  
Edwin and I rode  
to the south shore  
Saw Mr Clough's  
house for the first  
time These summer  
houses cost an amount  
of money above what  
they are really worth

Wed. Aug. 31, 1887  
Edwin and his  
family leave for  
New York today -  
we may meet again,  
we may not;  
time will tell.  
They are living their  
life I am living  
mine, this going  
& coming is rather  
trying to old nerves  
but I endeavour  
to be content  
may sunny skies  
and smooth waves  
cheer their path

over the Ocean  
Linnie remains  
here, they set up  
their Home in N.Y.  
and the rooms are  
not quite ready

Sat. Sept. 3, 1887  
For three days  
I have had people  
coming to ask about  
their ancestors  
I am glad to impart  
any knowledge I  
have relating to  
the early days of  
Compton, whether  
it be of the people  
their habits & customs  
where they lived  
and died & where  
they are buried

Sun. Sept. 4, 1887  
Linnie's Husband  
came last night, they  
have gone to Isaac's  
to dine today, aunt  
Harriet has gone  
home for the day,  
I am alone in the  
House, it does seem  
still

Fri. Sept. 9, 1887  
Linnie went to  
New York. we  
shall set about  
putting the house  
in order the season  
has been a busy  
one, many things  
are to be done & help  
is scarce, George  
is in a hurry to  
begin his fall fishing  
which is much more  
profitable than work=  
=ing for me aunt  
Harriet want to go  
to California has  
much to do to get

ready

Sun. Sept. 11, 1887  
I hear of fearful  
storms on the sea  
I cant help feeling  
anxious about  
my dear ones

Wed. Sept. 14, 1887  
I am looking for  
a telegram from  
Paris

Mon. Sept. 19, 1887  
I have turned the  
key on the old Home  
it looks desolate  
memories of the  
past make the tears  
start, shall I ever  
go back to it & meet  
those gone over the  
sea. I have taken  
aunt Harriet home  
carried the minister  
some things that  
were left and I am  
now at Isaac's,  
with the prospect  
of a comfortable  
place to stay the  
winter for which  
I ought to be very  
thankful

Tues. Sept. 20, 1887  
Called on Gertrude  
Otis & then on Lydia  
Beebee, her Husband  
has bought the Simeon  
Taylor place, and  
intends to build a  
house I have seen  
the model, it is  
very pretty - Lydia  
is feeble, dont look  
like enjoying a  
new house long

Wed. Sept. 21, 1887  
Called on Mr

& Mrs Slicer they  
shut up their house  
and leave tomorrow  
for their winter  
home, So the summer  
birds flit as the cool weather  
approaches  
The paint for the  
house has come

Thurs. Sept. 22, 1887  
I have given up  
all hope of Polly's  
ever being any better  
there is nothing  
to be done but to  
lay her away with  
as suffering as  
possible, she is a  
beautiful animal  
we are much attac=  
=hed to her, but so  
goes our pets

Fri. Sept. 23, 1887  
Tonight I have  
received a letter  
from Edwin, they  
are safely housed  
in their Paris home  
The weather on the  
voyage was hardly  
average good, Edwin  
& Victor were very  
seasick for two or  
three days, Lottie  
had a hard cold when  
she arrived but said  
the land air would  
cure it

Sat. Sept. 24, 1887  
a letter from Lottie  
tonight gives us  
a description of  
some of the passengers  
and some events  
of the voyage, she  
always writes an  
interesting letter.  
I spent the day with  
Mrs Borden

Sun. Sept. 25, 1887  
Charles Howland  
carried me to call on  
Mary Burlingame  
she is suffering on  
with no hope of ever  
being any better

Tues. Sept. 27, 1887  
Went with Isaac  
to Charles Howland  
Charles said "shall  
we make that trip  
to Assonet? we had  
been talking of seeing  
Col E.W. Piere [?] who  
has given much time  
to geneological and  
Historical subjects,  
we started at once  
stopped in Fallriver  
to dinner and then  
over the "hill Country"  
to where he lived -  
found him with  
one empty sleeve  
having left his right  
arm "before Richmond  
in 1863. he received  
us kindly, and gave  
us all the information  
he on the subject I  
was interested in  
stopped all night with  
the minister Mr Walker

Wed. Sept. 28, 1887  
Started after a  
very agreeable visit  
with the minister  
and his wife, called  
on my neice Abby  
Lawrence & her  
brother Philip H.  
Wilbour at Steep=  
Brook, then to Fall=  
River and home  
Isaac took me from  
Charles's where he  
left me the day  
before. Follen Beebe  
Charles's sonin law,

has bought the Simeon  
Taylor place, at the  
corner as you turn  
from the main road  
to go to the Common  
and will commence  
improvements soon  
his wife is very  
feeble

Thurs. Sept. 29, 1887  
The long ride  
as it often does, gave  
me a sore throat -

Fri. Sept. 30, 1887  
The cold has gone  
to my head, my  
nose requires  
constant attention  
we had a thunder  
shower this morning  
remained dull  
thro the day

Sat. Oct. 1, 1887  
Showery this  
morning Amelia  
& Willie went to  
Providence to have  
his teeth filled,  
Mr French is com=  
=ing back with  
them tonight =  
The cold is slowly  
leaving me Lizzie  
the cook is back  
from her visit to  
New York and Anna  
the chamber maid,  
goes today for a visit  
to Fallriver, I got a  
letter from Linnie  
she has had a very  
bad cold, and a fire  
in the building  
gave them a great  
fright, but none of  
their things were  
injured, damage  
\$10,000

Sun. Oct. 2, 1887  
The weather is  
dull and warm  
for the season

Mon. Oct. 3, 1887  
Amelia went to  
take her last  
wrote to Edwin  
and Lottie, Isaac  
put in a scrap

Tues. Oct. 4, 1887  
I made a mistake  
it was this day that  
Amelia took her  
last tea with Mrs  
Tompkins, they have  
been intimate friends  
for many years, each  
will miss the other  
very much. She goes  
to Braintre to keep  
house with her dau=  
=ghter. got a letter  
from Edwin, from  
which I judge they  
are getting along  
comfortably  
Fifty years ago today  
my Father died in  
this room where I am  
now writing. In the  
same room his only  
son Philip died 11  
years afterwards  
January 1848

Wed. Oct. 5, 1887  
Continues warm  
Charles Howland  
made us a visit  
busy with the plants  
a slight cough  
makes me feel  
weak

Fri. Oct. 7, 1887  
I have not done  
much but nurse  
my cold for several  
days. Mr French

went to Providence  
in the morning  
on Queen City,  
came back at night  
with Isaac, bringing  
his nephew Henry  
French of Barnard  
Vermont

Sat. Oct. 8, 1887  
a pleasant day  
Mr French & his neph=  
=ew rode out, I went  
as far as my house  
I called on Amelia  
gave her the stockings  
I had just finished  
for her

Sun. Oct. 9, 1887  
a quiet day

Mon. Oct. 10, 1887  
Monday Isaac took  
me to Mary Burlingame  
I staid the day  
she is suffering on  
no abatement  
James brought me  
home, I got yarn to  
knit some mittens  
to give way

Tues. Oct. 11, 1887  
a stormy day  
Mr French and  
Henry went to  
Providence from  
there to Boston  
when the young  
man has seen the  
sights he will  
go home

Wed. Oct. 12, 1887  
The painters came  
to work on the house  
it is fine weather  
I went down and  
saw them get under  
way, spent the fore  
noon with Clara

Seabury and the after  
noon at Kates  
Amelia sent a  
letter to Lottie

Thurs. Oct. 13, 1887  
a very windy  
day Isaac & Amelia  
went to New Bedford  
I spent most of  
the day alone  
finished a pair  
mittens

Fri. Oct. 14, 1887  
The weather is fine  
for the painting  
the wind went  
down last night

Mon. Oct. 17, 1887  
Called on Mr  
Walker & wife, who  
are visiting their  
former Parishinors  
Got a letter from  
Edwin, he leaves  
Paris for Egypt the  
26 of this month  
Lottie and Dora  
follow 3 or 4 weeks  
Later, they going  
by rail from Cairo  
to Sioot

Tues. Oct. 18, 1887  
The weather is fine

Wed. Oct. 19, 1887  
went to my house  
did some things  
Samuel was away  
which delayed the  
work

Thurs. Oct. 20, 1887  
Went down again  
Amelia helped me  
washed and ironed  
got a letter from  
Emily, she is still  
in New york

a Judge and attended  
Court here, came  
in and invited  
me to ride with her  
to Wakefield and  
Peacedale, two pretty  
villages situated on  
the road to Narraganset  
Peir the famous  
watering place in  
that part of the state

Sun. Oct. 30, 1887  
Passed the day quietly  
Hannah's health  
not permitting her  
to go out

Mon. Oct. 31, 1887  
Several members  
of the Potter family  
called on me  
Miss Mary sent me  
some books, a book  
written by her brother  
Elisha R. on the early  
History of Rhode Island  
In memoriam of  
the class he graduated  
from / Mrs James  
Potter Called on me  
Mrs William Potter  
gave me a beautiful  
pin cushion mounted  
on tortoise shell,  
Thomas the oldest  
living brother took  
me to his house, showed  
me a wonderful coll=  
=ection of rare things  
inherited, and picked  
up in Europe. Oh!  
such old China 6  
punch bowles, other  
things to match

Tues. Nov. 1, 1887  
Went over the Doctor's  
grounds and hot  
houses such rare  
plants, beautiful  
exotics, he took me

over the house, such  
an amount of rare  
old furniture, I  
was delighted -  
He seemed to enjoy  
shewing it

Wed. Nov. 2, 1887  
I have made a  
mistake it was this  
day I went to Dr  
Potters, yesterday  
morning it rained  
the wind blew  
hard I did not go  
out -

Thurs. Nov. 3, 1887  
Miss Orpha Rose  
a granddaughter of  
Christopher Raymond  
Perry of Newport, and  
Cousin of the Commodors  
Mathew G. & Oliver  
H. Perry, came to see  
me, invited me to her  
she has many inter=  
=esting things, portraits  
of old relatives, old  
Glass & China a  
Trummel frome the  
Chimney of her great  
Grandfathers house  
she had never seen  
the two parts put to=  
=gether, I shewed her  
how it was done -  
I hung my kettles  
on similar hooks  
when I went to house  
keeping in 1829

Fri. Nov. 4, 1887  
Doctor Potter came  
to see me off, I met  
Isaac in Providence  
and arrived home  
in safety found a  
letter from Edwin  
he was packing  
for his departure  
for Egypt, he sent

me 4 copies of Lottie's  
treatise on "Egyptian  
women" read before  
the Association for  
the Advancement  
of Women, at their  
meeting October  
27, 28, 29, 1887

Sat. Nov. 5, 1887  
Amelia's sister Mrs  
Ladd with her children  
are here

Sun. Nov. 6, 1887  
we rested

Mon. Nov. 7, 1887  
Rode to the Common  
with Isaac Amelia  
and Mrs Ladd

Tues. Nov. 8, 1887  
finished my  
mittens for the Mac  
Fadden children

Wed. Nov. 9, 1887  
Went down to my  
house and washed  
my clothes, found I  
was not so helpless  
as most women at  
my age Got a letter  
from Edwin

Thurs. Nov. 10, 1887  
went to my house  
Amelia cleaned the  
closet and ironed  
Edwin's coats &c  
Mrs Ladd went  
to Boston today  
also Mr French he  
going to Barnard

Fri. Nov. 11, 1887  
It rained heavily  
last night, cleared  
with high wind

I staid at home  
and knit

Sat. Nov. 12, 1887  
went down to my  
house George put  
on the blinds and  
we did many last  
things Hear by  
Lizzie Wood that  
Emily is back to  
New Bedford

Sun. Nov. 13, 1887  
a very pleasant day  
at nine oclock this  
morning got a tel=  
=egram from Edwin  
just one word  
"Alexandria"  
so he is safely over  
the Mediterrainium  
sea, they had a very  
rough passage last  
year

Mon. Nov. 14, 1887  
James Burlingame  
came for me, to  
spend the day with  
Mary, she fixed  
my hood. I am  
very busy with  
my knitting for  
Bazaar, I bought  
of Mary a pair of  
leggings for a child  
paid her 75 cents

paid the additional  
for the new room  
at the Parsonage  
I shall give them  
fair warning not  
to expect any thing  
extra from me, in  
future

Tues. Nov. 15, 1887  
Isaac & Willie  
started for Boston  
intending to go on

a trip to Albany  
and Hartford to  
give Willie a  
pleasure excursion  
on the cars, he is  
intensely interested  
in car riding

Wed. Nov. 16, 1887  
James Burlingame  
came for me  
Spent the day with  
Mary, Got a letter  
from Edwin,  
mailed at Marsaills  
he was on the  
boat, Proffessor  
Joy of Harvard  
University is with  
him Isaac says  
Joy go with him  
[Entry crossed out]

Isaac came home  
very unexpectedly  
left Willie in Boston  
to visit his sister  
and go about, looking  
at locomotives  
Cars & machinery  
generally

Thurs. Nov. 17, 1887  
a rainy morning  
Isaac & Willie  
started for Boston  
[^These lines XXX out]

Amelia went  
to the Sociable

Fri. Nov. 18, 1887  
a good bye party  
at F. R. Brownells  
for Mrs Tompkins  
Amelia went  
Eva came with  
some work for  
Amelia to do, she  
is hurrying to get  
ready to be married

Sat. Nov. 19, 1887  
I finished my  
baby waists for  
the Bazaar

Sun. Nov. 20, 1887  
This morning  
the home of the  
Brown family for  
the last hundred  
and fifty years, and  
recently purchased  
by William Vance  
of Ohio was burned  
nothing was saved  
The family left  
for Ohio a few weeks  
ago, no one in the  
house and the  
origen of the fire  
a mystery, rode  
past the smoulder=  
=ing ruins

Mon. Nov. 21, 1887  
William Case came  
to dig for the founda=  
tion of a memorial  
building for our  
Wilbour family  
I suppose it will  
be a long time before  
it will be finished,  
what is begun is  
generally finished  
sometime, Edwin  
& Isaac have been  
a long time makeing  
up their minds as  
to what they would  
do, and decided  
when Edwin was  
here last Summer

Tues. Nov. 22, 1887  
Isaac went to  
Providence, Willie  
will meet him there  
and they will go  
to Kingston  
The burning of the

Vance house has  
shocked my nerves  
so I dont know  
what to set myself  
about, I seem to see  
my own home a heap  
of ashes

Wed. Nov. 23,  
a very pleasant day  
wrote to Emily  
Herbert & Eva were  
married at the M.E.  
Parsonage at noon  
today, he is a widower  
with two children  
a good, honest, hard  
working man  
carpenter by trade

Thurs. Nov. 24, 1887  
Thanksgiving day  
Philip & his family  
came to dinner  
I rode out with  
Isaac to the south  
east part of the  
Town where I had  
not been for a  
long time

Fri. Nov. 25, 1887  
James Burlingame  
came for me  
I went with him  
met Susan Brownell  
there, heard from  
Aunt Harriet, she  
is very happy with  
her friend in their  
splendid California  
homes

Sat. Nov. 26, 1887  
The weather is  
very warm for the  
season I rode with  
Isaac to pick up  
Saw Stephen and  
Mary Ann Howland  
he is suffering from  
a fall off his cart

he struck his sho=  
=ulder, I could  
but look back 70  
years, when I went  
to what was called  
the "point mill"  
An Old Quaker tended  
the mill, his family  
lived in a small house  
that stood near where  
the elegant mansion  
of Dr Gardner now  
stands, from the school  
house to the point every  
house except where E.  
Seabury lives, that was  
there then, is gone & the folks  
with them

Sun. Nov. 27, 1887

Warm & pleasant  
I rode up to Mrs  
Borden's and sit  
with her during  
Church service

Mon. Nov. 28, 1887

Carried my  
muff to be lined  
Got what appeared  
on the outside to  
be a letter from  
Edwin, but lo! it  
was a letter to Lottie  
put into the wrong  
envelope. I sent it  
back at once -

also a letter from  
Emily who is look=  
=ing for me daily

Tues. Nov. 29, 1887

Rained last night  
but cleared toward  
morning and the  
day has been pleasant  
Isaac went to  
Providence, I was  
glad he had so good  
a day

Wed. Nov. 30, 1887  
went to see about  
my muff  
Amelia got a letter  
from Lottie, it appears  
that Edwin's letter to  
her, was sent to me  
by way of New York  
from Linnie

Ther. 5 below Zero  
Thurs. Dec. 1, 1887  
Winter has come  
in earnest  
Isaac & Amelia  
went to a party  
at Philip Almy's

Fri. Dec. 2, 1887  
went down with  
Philip got some  
things for him  
attended to the  
frozen things  
knitting mittens for  
Charity. Mr French  
returned been  
gone three weeks.

Sat. Dec. 3, 1887  
Sent by money  
order to Worthington Co  
15 dollars to pay for  
books sent here for  
Edwin Got Jeffrey  
Champlins will made  
1717 from Mary O Wilbour

Sun. Dec. 4, 1887  
Went to see  
Mary Burlingame

The members of the  
Party The Congregation  
=al minister  
William D Hart & wife  
The Methodist minister  
Walter Stoddard & wife  
Mrs Tompkins & Son  
Henry Brown & wife  
Oliver Brownell & wife  
Thomas Briggs & wife

Fredrick Brownell & wife  
Philip Almy & wife  
Henry Richmond & wife  
Irving Baily & wife  
Deacon James H Baily  
Mrs Drown  
Mrs Cowen  
Mrs Kempton  
Philip Wilbour & wife

Mon. Dec. 5, 1887  
Rained in the  
morning cleared  
toward night  
Amelia received  
a party of about  
30 of the friends  
of Mrs Tompkins  
to say good bye to  
that Lady she will  
leave town this week  
to live with her  
daughter in Brain=  
=tree Mass., she has  
lived in this town  
25 years been a very  
active useful woman  
will be greatly  
missed. Alfred Clark  
died this morning

Tues. Dec. 6, 1887  
a beautiful  
morning, clear &  
warm as October  
Got a letter from  
Edwin saying  
"he had not ordered  
any books and  
send no money"  
but it is too late  
the money is gone  
I cant help fretting  
some about,

Wed. Dec. 7, 1887  
Rode out with  
Isaac and tried  
to forget about my  
money

Thurs. Dec. 8, 1887

Alfred Clark  
buried today, one  
more inmate in  
our little cemetery  
how fast it has filled  
up; only one lot  
left unsold  
Got a letter from  
Mr Blake in relation  
to our Post Office  
and one from Henry  
Turner of Newport  
asking for information  
as to our Physians  
since the settlement  
of the Town If I  
undertake to answer  
it make me much  
work

Fri. Dec. 9, 1887  
Amelia went this  
morning with Isaac  
took the cars at Providence  
for Boston to visit her  
relatives there and in  
Brighton

Sat. Dec. 10, 1887  
went to the house  
lately purchased  
by Follen Beebee  
to see a stone found  
in the cellar, the top  
is broken off, what  
remains has this  
inscription  
"Jonathan Blackman  
who departed this  
life aged about 32  
years July 3, 1690"  
this is the oldest  
lettered stone yet  
discovered in the  
town, there has not  
been any of the name  
in the Town since this  
Century commenced  
Called on Lizzie  
Gray with Charles  
Howland

Sun. Dec. 11, 1887  
Rained all night  
very foggy all day

Mon. Dec. 12, 1887  
Philip took me  
to look up items  
about the Doctors  
who have practiced  
in this Town to be  
put in the new county  
Book

Tues. Dec. 13, 1887  
a beautiful day  
George Seabury took  
me out on the same  
errand

Wed. Dec. 14, 1887  
another beautiful  
day a letter from  
Lottie says she  
will sail from  
Marseills on her  
way to Egypt today  
the 14th December

Thurs. Dec. 15, 1887  
Went to the Town  
Clerks office, got  
a few items

Fri. Dec. 16, 1887  
Isaac went to  
Providence from  
there to Boston  
met Amelia  
they stopped at  
her rich Cousin's  
David Nevins  
who is one of the  
rich men of Boston  
counting millions

Sat. Dec. 17, 1887  
Isaac came home  
chilly day look like  
snow

Sun. Dec. 18, 1887  
very thick fog

with rain all day  
no church going  
[Entry crossed out]

a heavy rain  
last night  
probably snow  
north

Mon. Dec. 19, 1887  
Philip took me  
to Mrs Cowens  
Abigail Baileys  
and Henry Richmonds  
to see what information  
I could get about  
the Doctors who  
have practiced in  
this Town  
[Entry crossed out]

Tues. Dec. 20, 1887  
very pleasant day  
George Seabury  
took me to several  
places in pursuit  
of Knowledge  
found some at  
Abraham Wilbour  
who I am going  
again to copy  
somethings about  
our Wilbour  
ancestors

Wed. Dec. 21, 1887  
another lovely  
winter day

Thurs. Dec. 22, 1887  
Samuel Field  
our painter  
buries his only  
son today, the  
community  
feel much sympathy  
for him and his  
feeble wife  
I went to Abrahams and  
copied some, but there  
is much I doubt the

correctness of  
wrote to Edwin  
at night, perhaps  
he can find out  
rather cold but  
pleasant in the  
morning blew  
up rough at night

Fri. Dec. 23, 1887  
Cold but still  
and sunny  
Amelia came home  
today much prepa=  
=ration is being made  
for Christmas

Sat. Dec. 24, 1887  
Went to the Com=  
=mon ordered  
a barrel of flour  
to be carried to  
the ministers as  
my Christmas  
gift also carried  
a pretty bowl  
which I bought  
when I went to  
Kingston to Clara  
Seabury

Sun. Dec. 25, 1887  
spent part of the  
day with Mrs Borden  
Philip and his family  
came to dinner -  
Mr French made a  
green wreath which  
Willie and I put  
on Zoe's grave -  
I gave Philip the  
towel his cousin  
sent him from  
Kingston, it belonged  
to his great great  
grand father whose  
initials are on it,  
it is a hundred  
years old -  
Philip is very kind  
to me I gave him  
a five dollar gold

for one my age,  
But I got along very  
comfortably  
Monday Jany 9  
Charles Howland  
took me to see our  
Cousin Sarah Slocum  
I carried a bag of flour  
a bag of Sausages and  
Isaac sent some pork  
for which she was very  
grateful, we called  
on Joseph Allen he  
is suffering from a  
disease which I fear  
he cannot recover  
from

#### MEMORANDA

Tuesday Jany 17, 1888  
sent a letter to Linnie  
also one to Sarah Carr  
Got a letter from Edwin  
last night, it was bright  
early this morning  
but by ten o clock it  
had clouded over  
promising snow  
before night, it has  
stormed about every  
other day since the  
month came in -  
we have had four  
stormy sabbaths in  
succession