

DIARY OF A SOLDIER

This diary was transcribed by Judith Cone in 1989. It was written by Nicholl F. Jones who lived in Catherine during the Civil War years. Many of his descendants still live in that area and in Tompkins County. Mr. Jones entered the war near its end and was seriously injured in his first battle. He spent the end of the war in a hospital and although he was not in the fighting the view from a hospital is original and valuable for the day to day care given the wounded soldiers.

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Note: This diary of the Civil War was kept by Nicoll Jones. It was loaned to me by William Jones of Ulysses and his aunt, Mary Jones of Odessa on Feb. 28, 1988.

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Names of the Officers of company I 179 Reg. N.Y.V.

Capt.	E. C. Bowen of Newfield
1st. Lieut.	D.G. Marshall of Danby
2nd. Lieut.	Wm. Kinney "
Orderly	Cook Yankey
1st. Sargent	Blackmer of Newfield
2nd. "	O. Jenings of Danby
3rd. "	Geo. Brown of Newfield
4th. "	V. R. McAllister of Newfield
1st. Corporal	C.E. Sebring of Newfield
2nd. "	S. Patterson
3rd. "	C. Elliot of Danby
4th. "	Nicoll F. Jones of Newfield
5th. "	N. Bedell of Newfield
6th. "	Geo. Shaw (?) of Newfield
7th. "	L. Bower of Newfield
8th. "	J. Beardslee "

Soldier's Diary

Newfield Sept. 6th. 1864. I came from Havana yesterday, & today I am getting ready to start for Owego. I sold my army shoes to Mr. Underdown. Went to Ithaca in the afternoon got my boots taped. Took tea with Mrs. Rogers & spent the night with Mr. Wetmore.

7th. Came to Owego after parting with friends at the Ithaca Depot. Apparently many hopeful hearts went away & many sad ones left behind. We go trusting in God and knowing that all things work for the best to those who love him. We took dinner at the town hall eating such things as were put before us asking no questions, except I asked them if they had any pie. My answer was an ominous shake of the head. after we paraded some & finally all who had received our clothes were dismissed until 5 o'clock. The first 100 men went up to eat about 1/2 past 5 o'clock. We had a very good supper; after which Frank Jones and myself went on the river in a boat and had a very pleasant ride.

8th. Last night we sleep at the Court house under guard. We had to wait a long time for our breakfast after which we went to the park to receive our bounty money. Just got through with the Garfield boys at dinner time. some have gone to dinner already. Congdon & myself & some others stay and watch knapsacks & such like things. Our mess consisted of Bread butter beef and beans. It looked much like rain about noon but now it has cleared off very pleasant and warm. The boys here in the park have enjoyed themselves by playing ball & mossey, &c, but we are now about to leave and take a walk. We have had supper again and have met in the Court House, (where we expect to sleep), to hear some remarks in favor of little Mc., but their speakers did not come and so we went and heard a good union meeting addressed by 4 good men.

9th. Owing to James Ely getting into a scrape last night at suppertime the guard was made stronger than usual. I stood on guard & took breakfast at the Hotel afterwards. Then reported at the park preparatory to leaving for Elmira. Arrived at Elmira about 4 oclock were greeted at the barracks by the salute of fresh fish. -- things are rather tough. Today at Owego I saw Elder Woodworth & he gave me a testament so I sent my bible home.

10th. Slept very well last night on the floor of the barrack. Been to breakfast, & now nothing much doing, the sun is shining pleasantly & the boys look quite cheerful. Bean soup for dinner, which was very good but a bad place to eat it. Our colonel elect has been in among the barracks this afternoon. Says that he thinks we will go into the ninth corps, under Burnside. If this be so we will probably see servis, in a short time. There has been much rest for all of us boys today. That is nothing much to do, so I have had much time to read. I received much consolation from reading the 1st chapter of the 1st epistle of John.

11th. Sunday, detailed to go into the city to do some writing with six others; but I was taken sick & not able to do much. got some brandy & paragoric, then layed down on the floor. Got up about noon & went to a Hotel got a cup of tea drank about half of it, felt very sick. Finally got a chance to go to bed, with a dreadful pain in my head. Got up late in the afternoon feeling somewhat refreshed, but quite sick.

Ride down to the barracks with Mr. Curtis (?). Took some pills and went to bed. They opperated & I felt better.

12th. All of the diary for Sunday was written this morning. It is rather cool this morning & thretens rain some. I feel much better. Went into the city, with Marshal, Chas. Congdon, Noyes, & King. Went to see the rebes; afterwards saw brother William. Stayed at the Branard House all night with him.

13th. Rose this morning at 1/2 past 4 & went to the Rail rode with William and left him on the cars. Saw my capt. & came down to the barracks with him. Do not feel very well, but am in hopes that I shall not be sick again. We mustered today between 10 & 11 A.M. and were payed \$33.33 government bounty it 1/3 of what we are to receive in that direction. I have eaten a little dinner but not much. We think of leaving these barracks today for Washington; but we may not do so. Leave today for the Depot, but do not start until about dark. We travel all night in Pennsylvania through a cold valley.

14th. I feel sick in the morning as well as many others, arrive at Williamsport about 1/4 of ten. I undertake to get a cup of tea but am not able to do so & come very near losing the train. Some of our boys got left behind. I continue quite sick all day with diareah & severe headache, am laying down most all of the time. Towards night I get some tea & crackers of Lieutenant Marshal, which did me much good. He is very kind to all. After that I sit up some & enjoy the scenery which is

beautiful along by the Susquehannah. Then I lay down again & sleep until we stop to change engines. I then get up like a new man & try to behave myself, my head feels much better & I am better otherwise. We started up again about dark & I sit up a spell with Banzette, Asbury & others and get sight of the lights of Harrisburgh. We are able to see them & stay some time there in order for a trane to pass by. After we start up & go a few miles we all retire & do not wake up again untill we come to Little York, where we stop some time; women are there to sell provisions, they are dressed neat & there baskets & towels look clean. I get a peach pie & feel much better after eating it & then I lie down again.

15th. Got up about daylight about 15 miles from Baltimore, we arrive at the city about 8 oclock get off the car's & march through the city to the soldiers rest & after being under some shade trees for about an hour we get some breakfast. We are to leave on the transports at about 5 oclock. Leave at about that time, run down the Chesapeake bay. It is very pleasant on the water there is a nice little swell. We sleep on the deck, I sleep sound as well as most of the boys.

16th. I arise this morning feeling the better for my sleep on the boat after washing I read some in the bible & then we land at a dock a little below fortress monroe & here upon the dock we sit. The sun is shining/very nice. I have just eaten a little dry bread & two peaches for my breakfast. I understand that we will go from here to city point. After staying here for more than an hour, we struck for the above named place. The mouth of the James River is very wide, as well as the river, the water has kind of a muddy appearance. Got to City Point about 5 in the afternoon. And then we marched up on the green & rest. George Brown (Sargent) looses his Knap-sack.

17th. Rise at roll pretty early. I get a ittle butter of John Beardslee & eat it on a piece of bread. I write to William & then go down to the river with King & others and wash, while there we are ordered to march & we start for our Reg. about 11 oclock or later. About one oclock we stop in the woods & eat a little. We then start on. Lieutenant Marshal looses his carpet sack.

The loss is partly made up by the company. We march untill after dark & finally find our regiment; quite tired & having marched about 16 miles; though some get it as high as 20 & 25. We sleep on the ground as we did the night before.

18th. Sunday. Although its a day of rest we have to pick our tents, & have three in a tent. I'm far from home & friends & comforts, but I have my bible to read, & the same providence to watch over me as ever.

There is much profanity here notwithstanding the article expressly against it. It rained some about noon or a little after. Today I wrote to Ransom & sent it out. For supper we had hard tack codfish & coffee. In the evening we had singing & prayers.

19th. The same for breakfast as we had for supper last night. The sun is shining pleasantly. We do some police duty & drill from three to four hours & went on dress parade. Singing & prayers in the evening.

20th. Up at about 5 & went on police duty before breakfast a little. After breakfast about 1/2 of the company was called out on the same duty. Gosline would not come out & the capt. fetched him out. Fresh beef for dinner and one potatoe to each. drilled about 1 1/2 hour this afternoon & then 21 of us went & drew our arms. Most of them are old Springfield rifles. I get a very rusty gun.

21st. Rise at 5 again. Police our street, then go on drill for an hour. In a short time we are ordered to pack our knap-sacks; leave them in our tents and take our guns & march out. Our regiment goes down about a mile & forms a line of battle, fix bayonetts & stack arms. Draw some cartariges

& remain there about an hour and a half; and return to camp. After dinner we drill on the manual of arms for some time. I feel quite tired & go to bed early.

22nd. It was a rainy night, last night; but this morning it does not rain much. Roll call at 10 minutes of six. There was a great deal of firing last night. We drill considerable in the A.M. & P.M. & then we fix our tent some. Go on dress parade at 1/2 past 5.

23. Out in the morning at 4 o'clock & ordered to pack our knapsacks; fill our canteens & be ready to march immediately after breakfast. We march from 2 to 3 miles on the lines & halt fix bayonets stack arms & sit down, being told that we are on the second relief of fatigue duty. We arrive at the place about 7 o'clock. The morning is cloudy & looks some like rain. Mule teams are passing along a road, near by, from both ways. There is a general hum of conversation as we wait for orders. We go in trenches to throw dirt on a fort at nine o'clock & stay until eleven. Eat our dinner & listen to some conversation from brother Marshal. Go to work again at one & stay till three; on again at 1/2 past 4 & stay until six, then come home quite tired. For supper we have fresh beef & coffee.

24th. Late roll call. It looks rainy. We go out & drill on offering our gun for inspection; stay till it rains & come in. Elias Williams comes over from the 109 which lies about two miles off. It did not rain much, but looks as though it might rain more in the course of the day. There is not much doing today. Go on drill & learn the order inspection arms. Dress parade late in the afternoon.

25th. Sunday. A great amount of firing last night & it is kept up so far through the day. It is reported that the gun boats are operating on the James River. The day is very pleasant, a beautiful sabbath day, and yet how unlike Sunday it seems. Everything here in camp looks bellicious. Company K that came in a few nights ago are receiving their arms and ammunition. Our guns are stacked along our company st. & occasional strains of martial music fills the air. We have been out & been inspected in arms ammunition & knapsacks; & then the colonel, major adjutant & Dr. went through the street & inspected the quarters. There were religious exercises about three o'clock lasting about 3/4 of an hour preaching by Lieutenant Marshal. Immediately after we are ordered to pack up tents and all; which we do and march about five miles or so right in front of Petersburg, stack arms & bivouac in the woods there. We all have heavy loads to carry & some fall out by the way.

26th. Last night was quite cool but the sun comes up --- this morning. There was a great amount of firing last night, & is kept up to some extent this morning. The woods is all alive with troops; & no one seems to know where we are going. We have no rations to speak of with us; but I am thankful to God that I feel well. We are expecting to start every moment & it is only 1/4 after six now. Our cooks have just arrived we may get a little something of them. It is now some after two & we have not moved nor pitched our tents. Our cooks brought nothing to eat except some coffee & sugar. We now learn that we have left about two days rations behind. But our captain is trying to get some more for us. I was much amused by a colored man learning his letters. Some excitement occasioned by a brush heap getting on fire near the sutlers tent. But it is got along with, without any particular damage being done. Big guns are heard this afternoon reported to be on the James River. Six of the boys are just sent after rations Jonathan went, for one. We drew hard tack, pork, & cod fish. Immediately after which, we were ordered out to police a piece of ground for our encampment. We carry poles, burn brush & scrape & get on the ground with all of our things at night.

27th. Fell in for roll call early with our guns & accutriments. Got our own breakfast, for the first time I made a very good cup of coffee & eat raw cod fish & hard tack. Then built our tents, after

which I helped on officer's quarters some. Considerable firing all day at intervals. Yesterday Banzette went to the hospitle & returned today. Someone stole his gun & he got one he is not quite satisfied with. I am thankful that he is better. I am detaled as corporal of the guard to go on at one oclock; with two men & stay 4 hours. We have a very good meeting in the evening.

28th. I am awakened by the other corporal at one oclock. I take one man & go over to headquarters; just before I relieve him a sargent comes with orders to the colonel. The revelee is to sound at 4 & we are to be in readiness to start by daylight. Do not start however until about 7 oclock. March back to our old camp. Tare up & put the streets the other way. Rumor that we will leave here & go back again before night. The sky is now overcast with clouds & it looks much like rain.

29th. We were awakened at two oclock with orders to be in readiness to start at 4 oclock. It is a quarter after nine & still we do not move the sun is quite warm & our tents are packed. But we got an early breakfast by the means. The wind is blowing nicely from the south & I have found a shady place to write & feel quite comfortable at present. I have been in the servis about a month, & writen about eight letters; but have not as yet received an answer to any of them. We expect now to start quite soon. The wind is raising some, & it may be that the rain which has held off thus far will come in a few days. Last night there was quite a squirmish (skirmish) among the pickets; said to be at fort Alf. Hays. But we have not heard from there this morning.

We take twenty rounds more of amunition this morning; making 60 rounds that we have now. Our regiment is called out at about 5 in the P.M. We come in line in front of our camp ground, everything packed & on our backs; then stack arms & rest. The guns on the extreme left fortel a battle. About dark we fall in for roll call, after which I am detaled as corporal of the guard. To see to our guns. Mine is the second relief to come on in two hours. I go to bed & sleep about that length of time & wake up without calling.

30th. Still here on line. I receive two letters this morning, which are the first that I have received. It is cloudy but warm this morning. We fall in about eleven oclock & start for the left front. March a mile or two & rest for a short time; guns are firing. Soon fall in & move on. Get to where the Dr. are stationed & wounded being brought in. We are ordered to load, after which we move on a short distance, halt & rest for some time & listen to the battle raging. soon there are loud cheers & our boys drive the rebs. forward again see the works & the fort they have taken. Go to the left into a piece of woods & rest in line for some time. Finally after 5 oclock march back & go through a piece of woods come out at a house, the occupants of which left this morning for Petersburg. Lay there a short time & march down into a piece of woods. The balls begin to whishte around, they have cannon planted so as to rake a road we are on a ball flies in front & rear of us the former felling a tree the latter wounding some & striking the fence behind us. We left face, file right & march out of there in line & march up towards the works. Rest by laying down; balls flying in all directions. There is one line of battle concealed ahead of us, besides some engaged. Up and about, 20 minutes, & forward, balls fly thick, one man in our company falls, wounded in the jaw. March up, crouch a few monents & rise. There is a general advance & the rebs pour in a great volley flanking us causing us to break & retreat at duble quick. I have to throw off my knapsack. Pass out of the woods. The colonel commands us to halt & form a line. We all try to rally the boys but they soon brake again, some discharging their pieces. I do so & take a cartrage to load, when I am hit with a ball through the hip. I am helped on to the rear about a mile or more, by a kind fellow from Ohio. I see Dr. White & orderly Cook. Asa gets me in an ambulance & I went to the hospitle feeling quite weak, But I sleep quite well.

Oct. 1st. Wound is dressed by a nurse who says that I will have to go to the table, to see if there is any bone injured or not. The day passes off rather more rapidly than I supposed it would. The nurse came along towards night & spoke about my going to the table again but I do not go. We are encouraged by the thought of going to City Point but we do not go tonight.

2nd. Sunday. I cannot lay on the boards very well; so I sit up a good deal of the time. Towards night we get transportation to City Point. Stay in the cars a long time. Bert, the sanitary commissioner is very kind to us; bringing us soda crackers & coffee. Get up to the hospitle about 12 o'clock at night.

3rd. I rest quite well. One of the nurses comes & brings water for me to wash. There is much profanity here. It sounds very bad & a very foolish & sinful thing.

We have bread & butter & coffee for breakfast; we are dieting which I presume is best for us. I write a letter to John telling him of my wound.

4th. Did not rest as well as usual last night. But after breakfast & having my wound dressed I feel some better. Take a nap but the flies will not let me rest much. It was quite foggy this morning but now it has cleared off pretty much (though somewhat cloudy the sun shines most of the time) Some of the wounded have gone to Washington. I learned yesterday that our Adjutant had his left arm smashed & had to have it amputated above the elbow. I have sent to the Post but get no letters.

October 8th. I've been so unwell for the past few days that I have not written anything. My wound is quite painful at times. I am still at City Point with no prospect of getting to Washington.

May 16th, 1865. Sickels Barracks Hospitle. I left City Point on the 11th. of October last & arrived here the next day (the 12th.) about noon. It has pleased God to bring me through my wound and although it is still running I have been for some months now considered out of danger from it, & although life is uncertain it may please him to restore me to health. I realize that I am indebted to him for every breath I draw. Yesterday I had a pass & went out into the city, went up to where there was a detail of the boys doing guard duty. Murry Beardslee & Richard Chapman were among them, with the former I went down to the room of the Christian Commission. It is the first time I have been beyond the guard since I came in here except one day I went into a garden near by lying next to the hospitle on the east. I have read some this morning & written a letter to J. C. Moot. Looked over a little latten at the head of the Psalms in the prayer book & read some after which while sitting without the ward some Quaker ladies entered, one of them read some in the testament and wanted the boys here to come to Christ. After which she offered prayer, and then we had supper. 17 men went down to Bentley's headquarters and were examined for pensions, no discharges here today that I know of.

17th. A warm pleasant day but there is a nice cool wind. I have read some, rec'd a paper from Del. Chris. Com. also received a letter. A young man on a bed next to me that was wounded the 18th. day of last Jan. He is quite reduced, but seems to be gaining, has been sitting up some this afternoon.

18th. Warmer today, not so much of a breeze as there was yesterday & the day before. Most are quite impatient under the restraint of being kept here now that the war seems to be over. I pray I may be patient under a little delay. A little breeze sprang up this afternoon making it quite refreshing. we have had a little shower, another seems to be approaching.

19th. It rained some through the night & is cool & cloudy this morning & feels refreshing, it had not rained any to speak of today & now just after supper the clouds are light & the sun is shining dimly. I have read some today & saw one from our company by the name of Buck. There was a small piece of bone came out of the wound last night at dressing time.

20th. Rained again last night & it is cloudy this morning. I have been down and had a good wash & bath. Some of the patients are going to be transferred, three are getting ready in this ward, one going as a nurse from our ward if the Lord will.

22nd. Yesterday was Sunday, warm but somewhat cloudy in the afternoon, we went down to the cook house to meeting, this morning it is cloudy, and there was quite a shower in the night. I have read some today. I got a tract a little book of Del. Chris. Com. Mr. Speer came in this afternoon being down here on a little business. The ward Dr. came in inquiring after me & asked me if I had applied for a transfer, he had a paper in his hand it may be one, as I made an effort last winter to get transferred to Elmira. I think of the time that I came here last October lying in an ambulance, God in whose hands are my times has spared my life thus far and I am almost recovered from my wound. I pray that I may be suitably affected by his mercy & love.

23rd. Today is the first day appointed for the grand review of the army at Washington. The ward Dr. came in last evening and gave Pery a ticket for the review & asked me if I could go. I thought that he ought to know best, & he thought that I had better not risk it. It is a beautiful day. To our heavenly Father we owe the return of peace to our land. It has been cool & pleasant today & now the sky is clear & beautiful. There has been some more patients brought into this hospitle tonight, one in this ward. There is a man at the end of this ward who is quite sick. It may please God however to restore him to health.

24th. It (is) pleasant but rather cool this morning, the man spoken of last night is no worse, but seems a little better. I received a letter yesterday from brother William. He is at Buffalo & has been for several months. It is evening, the sick man thought a little better this morning has died since supper. I wrote a letter.

25th. This morning is cloudy and it looks some like rain. The Chaplain had just come into the ward. The young man spoken of the 19th. (Hunter by name) has been sitting up on the side of his bed this afternoon, he first raised himself up on his elbows, for the first time. The nurse, Mr. Wait, held him up for a few moments on his feet. I think perhaps that he feels somewhat encouraged. Just after I had finished my supper Banzett, Asbury, J. Beardslee & E. Sebring came in. They were from Washington & went down to the second table for supper.

26th. This is a rainy morning & has rained without much of any abatement until now between 11 & 12. A.M. I have been reading some in Jacobus' notes on the Gospels. It has continued to rain, a good share of the afternoon and is still raining a little. I received a today Washington in reference to a transfer. It seems that I am to stay here a little time yet. If I live, I hope that I am patient and submissive to God's will. I have been reading some this afternoon. It is quite cool.

27th. It is still cool and raining some, but the clouds seem a little broken in some places. We feel cool here in the hospitle but the boys in camp must be quite uncomfortable. (I have changed my woolen shirt today and sent the one out to wash that I took off)

Today I have written to Uncle Green at Howell, Mich. The rain seems over for the present.

28th. Sunday. It is some warmer & not very cloudy. I thought to go to church today but have no pass yet. I have not been to church today. Hunter suffered very much this afternoon the pain has

moved down from his thigh into his knee & leg & ankle. I pray God that his affliction may be sanctified to his good.

29th. It is a pleasant morning. There are some expect to get discharged this morning, how many I do not know yet, so near as I can find out between 70 & 80 went this morning & now Dr. Purly says there is 66 men just come in.

30th. This is a very pleasant morning. I hear that there are more discharges ready this morning. I wrote a letter to John yesterday & a young man has taken it today to take to him, as he expects to go to Havana on his way home to Michigan. I was down to the washroom when he came in & he came down there. It was very kind of him, his name is Smolage.

31st. It is quite warm today. There are quite a good many expect to be transferred from here today or tomorrow. Hunter seems better today. There is a great amount of profanity in the hospitle and much in this ward. It is warm and mucky like, this evening. A sad; sad affair secured down town this afternoon; a young man stabled himself & was brought in here just alive.

June 1st. This is the day appointed by our president for humiliation and mourning for the violent death of President Lincoln. It is a pleasant morning, do not know if there will be any chance to attend church or not. The officer of the day let Sergent Blain & myself go out to attend church; We went to the Episcopal Church, where Gen. George Washington used to worish (worship?). The sun does not shine very brightly but it is quite warm.

2nd. It will probably be warm today. Hunter is not suffering much pain this morning & he seems to look better, it is lamentable that at times he is quite profane. It has been warm. I have written to Rebecca today. I have received but one letter this week & that came from Canada.

3rd. It is quite a misty morning but the sun seems to be breaking through, it has been quite a warm night. Hunter I think is better this morning. It may please God to raise him up from his bed. Wrote to brother William today.

4th. Sunday. I expect a pass to go to church, is a pleasant day and will probably be a warm day.

5th. I did not get my pass yesterday in time to go to morning servis but I went in the evening with Serg. Blain, we went to the same church that we did on Thursday. It was the day called Whitsunday & we heard a good sermon. Received a letter from Abbie this morning. It is quite warm.

6th. It is somewhat cooler this morning and feels quite refreshing. Yesterday afternoon Banzett & Asbury came over to see me & they expect to muster out & start for home today. I wrote to George Jones at Washington this A.M. Mrs. Parker & Dr. McMurdy had some talk this morning. It has remained cool & cloudy all day but has not rained. I am able to walk around the ward some without crutches. Thank God for a return of health & strength. Hunter seems to be better, sit up on the side of his bed & stood up twice a little time with help today. A few discharges came in this afternoon we are told.

7th. It rained a little last night. Patric Castetto in our ward got his discharge last evening. Hunter was sick during the night. I received a letter from Aunt Maria yesterday. The mail has come. I got a letter from Havana from E. M.

It has cleared off quite pleasant & there is a cool wind. Hunter has been up a short time, had his bed made, but is not feeling very well at the stomach.

8th. Pleasant this morning, quite a cool breeze from the south. Hunter seems better. This is inspection day, Fred has mopped out the ward. I went down & took a bath this morning. There are said to be some more discharges here this morning. I have written to Ransom this A.M. Dr. Colwell took my name this morning for further treatment. Some that went away this morning on discharge have returned, not being able to get their business done at Washington. They got back about supper time. We know not the future "we know not what shall be on the morrow." Mr. Wait, wound dresser, went to Washington today & I dressed my own wound tonight. Fred dressed the rest.

9th. I am not feeling quite as well as usual this morning but slept very well. Some light clouds and a strong breeze from the south. I was refreshed today by a nap. I feel some better this evening. I do not know how soon I will be permitted to go home if my life is spared. Hunter seems pretty well today. Received a letter from George Jones.

10th. Some cloudy & quite a wind from the south. I took a bath this morning. I feel much better this morning. Hunter seems some better. It is quite warm about noon when the sun shines. Yesterday I commenced to go down to the table to eat. Many are impatient here to get home (be discharged & get away from the hospitle). There are some discharged and sent away every week. Hunter had a visitor this afternoon, a lady of Maine a few weeks ago from City Point. The last delegate of the Christian Com. that went through our wards. Walton by name, has left a new delegate, came in the afternoon. The air has been much refreshed by a nice shower of rain that came gentle and easy.

11th. Sunday. Not feeling very well but hope that I may be able to attend church. Went to a little meeting in the old Sanitary room. The new delegate that came yesterday talked to us a short time from St. John XV. 7.

12th. Dr. Boice passed Perry from this ward, and I last evening and we went to church, sit again in "Washington Pew" as we did a week ago. They were troubled some with the gass, it all went out at one time & below it went out frequently. There are some leaving. I heard 95. I took a bath this morning. At noon, somewhat cloudy, sun watery(?), with a cool refreshing wind. Dr. Colwell & our ward Dr. Boice looked at my wound this afternoon & the former said he thought they had better muster me out on disability. With the "Will of Providence" I may be further examined tomorrow & after a few days return home. Hunter's brother came to see him this afternoon from the sixth Corps, he had been sitting on the side of his bed & had just lain down when one came in & said he was here, he has been up twice since for a short time; he has some pain in the knee today but he slept quite well last night thank God.

13th. I had a very good nights rest last night, and feel very well this morning. It look some like rain, Hunter seems quite easy. We generally get papers on Tuesday from the Chris. Com. We got some this morning.

14th. I took a bath this morning. Yesterday afternoon I was examined for a discharge and the Dr. said that my papers would go in today. Received a letter from John & his wife; & wrote to Aunt Maria last night & this forenoon, & sent a paper to her; In John's letter he speaks of receiving the letter that Smollage took from here for me on 30th. of May last. I think Hunter appears much better today, he was up for a short time this forenoon & thought that he would again this afternoon; He has been up for a short time, It commenced to rain about 4 oclock & it continues now after supper between 5 & 6 oclock.

15th. It is cloudy this morning. I got a letter from John Elliott this mornings mail; he sent me a dollar, I had let him have a pair of second hand government shoes. Hunter has been up some today. I have written a letter (to) a friend in Hamilton, C.W. There was a meeting tonight in the Sanitary building.

16th. Cloudy, cool & pleasant. Perry has had his discharge for some days & has had some difficulty in getting his affairs arranged, is expecting to start for home today. Fred expects his discharge this morning. I engaged part of the time in reading Doddridge 'Rise & Progress'. I have just been in the headquarters & been interrogated some & my wound looked at by Dr. Harvey. I wrote to John Elliott this morning. I think Hunter seems a little better tonight.

17th. I took a bath this morning. It is cloudy, it rained some last evening & through the night. There is (a) german now in this ward, came in one day last week, quite sick with fever. Some few went off on discharge this morning, the Hospitale is not as full as it was. I wrote a letter to Havana this forenoon to E.M. ----- had all the beds out this afternoon, but three, & scrubbed the floor. It was quite warm in the middle of the day but now there is a cool breeze sprung up. They have taken the beds out of the 1/2 of a tent ward where the library is, it is to be used as a chapel as it was before, there was meeting there this morning, for the first since it was laid out.

18th. Sunday. Not very well last night, slept late this morning, did not get around to the first table at breakfast. Ambulances came & took me and some others down to Bentley's for a little examination. Meeting again in the chapel this morning by Dr. McMurdy. I did not get there until after it was part through. There was a meeting there about 3 o'clock. This afternoon I went down.

19th. I had a pass last evening and went down to church. I went to the same place that I did a week ago. I am not very well. I took a bath this morning. Samuel Wait, the head nurse & woundresser in this ward expects to go to Washington as his discharge came last night. I copied a hymn in the back part of this book today on page 138 & 139. I wrote to Sergent Blain who wrote to me from home. I got his letter yesterday, he has lost his little son.

20th. I sent a little paper to Minie Bishop this morning. It is warm but cloudy. The german is quite low this morning. Hunter suffered much pain last night. Wait left today. There has been some nice showers through the day. I feel a little better tonight, in health. The german is some better tonight. Hunter feels quite easy.

21st. I am a little unwell this morning, ground rather wet & it is cloudy. Hunter rested well last night, appearances seem to be in his favor, he seems, by the blessing of God, to be improving. I received the present of a cane from Del. Chris. Com. Rev. W. Farrington, Massachusetts, and also a little bottle of cologne from Mrs. Mayhew from Maine, the lady spoken of the 10th. inst.

22nd. I have not been very well today & kept my bed a good deal of the time.

23rd. I felt some better this morning, though quite sick part of the night. I got some more medicine of the Dr. this morning. Yesterday I received a letter from Ransom & enclosed one from Henry Nightingale. I am feeling a little better. Tonight it has been quite warm. Hunter has been up on the side of the bed, & stood up (as he did once before) with a crutch on one side & bed (?) on the other.

24th. Not very well last night and keeping bed pretty well this morning. McGill has put me on diet again.

25th. Sunday. I thank God I feel better this morning. Hunter was somewhat restless last night, his leg pained him much, a little cloudy with a nice breeze. George came down to see me this

afternoon, he has his discharge & wants to start for home in the morning. Since I have heard that my discharge had come in to headquarters "if the Lord wills I shall live" & go to Washington tomorrow.

26th. This is a wet morning. I have heard nothing more of my discharge but will doubtless get it today. I wrote a few lines to Abbie this morning. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Sunday March 11, 1866. I went to Cayutaville to meeting. It has been quarterly meeting there today & yesterday. I went to the communion. I walked over & back; Coming back had to encounter a wettish snow, But I guess the walk has done me no harm. My wound is giving me some pain at times.

13th. Today I have closed my school at the lake, it has been very muddy but there were a few visitors there.

14th. I went to Trumbulls Corners in the forenoon & got my colt shod, in the afternoon I went to William Sydneys & got some corn and in the evening I called on Miss Sherwin & we went up to the church to singing school. After which Deborah & myself had some private conversation which resulted in apparent satisfaction to both parties.

15th. Went to Dr. Georgea's vendue but did not purchase anything. It has been a rainy day, the roads very muddy.

July 2nd. 1866. I have this day signed a note with Nathan W. States due the 30th. day of March next. amount forty five dollars.

16th. I finished sowing a piece of buckwheat over in a back 3 acre field.

17th. Finished dragging the same today about 5 oclock' some rain and heavy thunder in the afternoon. William Sidney's horses were struck by a flash of lightening & killed just last night.

24. I have today commenced haying Jonathan Chapman helped me. Mowed around the house, the orchard & commenced over back by the woods. Alexander Clanhearty from Havana was here just at night; he is insurance agent.

29th. Sunday. at church at the flats. a sermon on the centenary of American methodism, 1766 methodists first began to preach in this country. During the revolution, the Rev. Mr. Dean says all churches were used for army purposes but one on John St. a methodist church.

30th. Monday, Fixed the milkhouse some & Wm. Duncan came up to settle Aunt's account with me.

Aug. 8th. 1866. Sowed the wheat from one head of wheat by a squash vine near the woodpile. We went a visiting on a hill west of the little lake at Charles Kellog's.

9th. The hens scratched up the wheat that I sowed yesterday, & this morning I sowed three heads more and covered it with brush. Wrote to sister Abbie & Henry Nightingale.

10th. Went to Havana & John came home with me.

11th. John helped me get in some barley & then we went over to Ransoms & I got 10 lambs that I had engaged some time before.

14th. Lyman King & wife came over, got here a little before noon. Mrs. King told Deborah 16 lbs. of blackberries to 4 lbs. sugar for pickling, better without vinegar.

September 6th. Went to a little picnic down in Nelson Loveless's woods our Sunday school met (at) the lake school & we went together. I saw Alfred Moot there & he claimed \$2.00 of Aunt Maria Fosdick for drawing wood at the time of Uncle Charles last illness.

7th. Took a lamb for 4 years to double of Mr. Underdowns pepole for their little girl.

Oct. 18th. 1866. Bought a cow of William Sidney & gave a note for 1 year of forty dollars.

Oct. 19th. Finished threshing, had the same machine that I had before. Ellen Beebe came up to see Mrs. Jones, but started for home before tea.

Oct. 26 Friday. Had the first snow today of the season, it came quite wet & melted quite fast. I went to Newfield village & took over a little wood for Samuel Hendershot.

27. Went down to Uncle Daniel Todd's & got 3 bu. of apples a present to us from them. Burried 2 1/2 bushels & a few beets with them, some dadier (or cladier ?) roots also.

28 Sunday. Went to the Lake, Lowisa Nooning was immersed. We then went to the flats to meeting & heard a very good discourse from Rev. Mr. Woodin.

19. A rainy day, We churned twice & I fixed some shelves in the house. Marquis came up & brought some bags & took home a yearling of his father's that had been running here since some time in July.

1867 Feb. 18th. This morning there was a little son born us two weighing 9 1/2 pounds. Deborah as well as could be expected.

March 5th. illegible

March 20th. illegible

April 1st. Monday. Our little boy was six weeks old this morning. We weighed him and he weighs 13 1/2 pounds. He seems very well and grows finely. (rest illegible)

Saturday, April 13th, 1867. Sowed timothy and clover on field --- north of house and --- & took potatoes out of ----

Thursday May 16th. Sowed 1 bushel wheat and about 2 bushels of oats on back knoll field, the first grain that I have sowed there. (rest of page illegible)

June 12th. ----- my sheep, George States helped me.

June 17th. Planted some potatoes north of the rye, 2 rows on the south side & 2 on the east end are early ones.

18th. Finished planting the --- all but ----, fixed some fence and killed a ---- woodchuck.

19th. Planted a few potatoes at the lower --- of the garden & -- manured them in the hill. Rye is coming in blossom.

Sunday, June 23rd. We were at meeting at Cayutaville & had our little boy baptized & named Samuel Fosdick.

July 4th. Went to Jehiel King's in the afternoon.

July 5th. Went to the lake and had a little strawberry festival. We had quite a pleasant time.

1868.Feb. 6th. Went to Havana with George H. Bishop & got a deed of the old homestead & gave him a mortgage of a thousand dollars which amount received of him. Said mortgage runs for five years interest due annually.

March 10th. 1869. It rained today the first rainy day this spring.

1870 March 16. The biggest snowstorm that we have had since we have been married, we think. It must have commenced about midnight. We measured Samuel & Lucy today. Sammy's height 3 feet 2 inches. Lucy's height 2 feet 5 1/2 inches.

1872 September 15 Sunday. Went to Cayutaville to church and had our little Fanny (?) baptized by Rev. Mr. Northway (?).

Feb. 25, 1873. David Taber died, buried the 28th.

March 13. Patrick Carmon(?) died today.

Nov. 24, 1884. Paid Cobacker 30 cts. for eye glasses.

HYMN

*Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou providence my all shall be:
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or know;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.
Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Saviour too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not like them untrue;
And while thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate, and friends may scorn me
Show thy face and all is bright.
Go then, earthly fame and treasures,
Come disaster, scorn and pain,
In thy service, pain is pleasure,
With thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba, Father;
I have set my heart on thee;
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.
Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh! 'Tis not in grief to harm me,
While thy love is left to me;
Oh! 'Twere not in Joy to charm me,*

*Were that joy unmixed with thee.
Soul, then, know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do, or hear.
Think what spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to save thee
Child of heaven, canst thou repine;
Hast thee on from grace to glory,
Arm'd by faith, and wing'd by prayer,
Heavens eternal day's before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly visions
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.*