

Levi Leonard Diary

Charter Members - L.S.S.

Levi + Eva Spenser, J. A. Sawin,
C. Sawin, George + E. Spenser, James + Sarah
Rowley, Mrs. Bemis, Thomas Morgan,
Hiram Spenser, Charles Spenser, Harvey
+ Darinda Prentice, Levi + Sarah Leonard,
P. F. Spenser, Mary Winston, Henry and
Emaline Bevier, Elijah Bullock, Dr. E. W. Beebe
Mrs. F. Beebe, A. Spenser, Mrs. Johnson -

Officers elected Jan. 8, 1871 - -

Diary 1872

Oct 30, 1872 - Joel Campbell deeds the Downing
place to me. - a farm -

Diary 1873

Jan 22, 1873 - Downing moved the last of his goods
+ Harvey (Prentice) + I nailed up the house

March 25 - 1873 - Paid toward foundry \$5.00

Levi Leonard
Diary 1874

June 8, 1874 - Town Board moved into our
Hall today. They rent for one year + pay
rent 60.00

Diary 1877

March 2, 1877 - West Johnson + Self wrote up
Early History of Union + Evansville

Assessors

House 2000

Land adjacent 400

1879 Diary

Address for Theodore Robinson
81 Boulevard
Mont Parnasse
Paris France

from Bill of sale for milk.

The Devereaux Cheese Association

E. Blakely - Pres.

E. Devereaux Treas + Mang.

H. C. Weber - Secretary

D. Johnson, Salesman

June 3, 1879. Levi Leonard pd \$1.50 Poll
tax in the village of Evansville.

(Drawing of Tombstone in back of 1857 Diary to read: Wife of Levi Leonard died May 31st 1856. A. E. 24 yrs
10 months and 20 days. Charlotte Taggart. (5 feet long, 17 1/2 inches wide at top, 22 inches wide at base.

March 17, 1857, Money got of Rhinehart at times Wednesday Oct. 14, Meeting House \$10.00 ; Ben Francisco,
Oct 22, \$6.75; Hank Bevier, Nov. 2, \$20; self \$2.00; Chas Taggart Nov. 11th \$15.

April 2, 1857, Mrs. Brett from Cooksville to Waukegan from then to Lasalle, Ill. here till after New Years.

May 16, 1857: Went up to Hank Beviere stayed there all day very cold and stormy.

May 17, 1857, Very cold morning at Beviere. Frank went out to shot pigeons and gophers. Emiline and Mary went to Elijah's started for home 3 o'clock came by Mr. Noyes and Higday's meeting just out as I passed Evansville. Wrote letter to Crocker with a request to father about Juliett.

May 18, 1857: Very pleasant but cold morning commenced furrowing corn ? took dinner to J. West. A letter came from A. Smith and will be returned for want of due from P.M. came down to S. C. Smith with Dr. Quivey. Louise got ague.

May 19. Pleasant but cold morning went up to Evansville with Doc Quivey. Took dinner at Emmons paid Kelly 25 cents for the same see the celebrated horse tamer perform went up to see Morg to go to Janesville. Came down to Carl Smiths to tea see L. Spencer price wheat 1.12. Olivia ? at Uncle John's

Wednesday May 20: Pleasant rather cold breakfast ½ past six. Started for Janesville. Montgomery to 46.10 bush wheat sold at 1.11 cents went up to get gravestones, left them at Bachelors marble works for Palmer to examine. Left 2 deeds to be recorded. Deposited \$50 for Rhinehart. Rhinehart paid me \$38. Road home with Phillips of H Higdays. Received \$6.00 for oats

Thursday May 21: Very pleasant morning. Settled with Rhinehart. Changed \$20 for gold talked trading land with Hamilton Winston talked with Maria Blakeley and A. H. West on spiritualism; took dinner at Phillips; afternoon cleaned wheat ; Andrew Kelly engaged my oats at 51. ? potatoes.

Friday May 22: warm and pleasant; finished cleaning wheat; Elder Davis came to get 4 1uarts of seed corn; wrote a letter to A. Smith about gravestones, read till after tea; went up to Evansville; Recd a letter from father with 2 drafts one \$200 and one of \$300 for Juliett. Eve star gazed for comet.

Saturday May 23: Very warm and pleasant; A. Kelly came down to get some oats got first load 55 bush next 17 ½ at 51 per bush; paid 19.00 took dinner to Rhineharts went up to see Mr. Rook who broke his ankle; came home and took tea went up to the division but few there. Drew my card pd. 13.

Sunday May 24: Looking very like rain; feel rather stupid; wrote a letter to father in answer to one containing drafts; went down to see Emily Jones; some sick but some better; eve went up to Temperance lecture.

Monday May 25; quite cool for this season; killed worms in apple tree; went up to Evansville; bot a coat and vest of Winston; cost 4.50; took dinner to A. H. West went with Rhinehart up to Sivers to trade for farm. Winston took last of potatoes; went to the Templers Lodge.

Tuesday May 26; looks very much like rain. Started for Janesville got quite wet; sold wheat for 1.25 pr bush. 47 ½ bush; got a spool silk for Gust West 1.00 got 1 set Braf's shirt hooks..38 c. made a contract with Mr. Bachelder of Janesville for 2 set of gravestones; give the old stones and \$65 besides. Got home safe.

Wednesday May 27; cold and cloudy; came up to Evansville; made a bargain with Mr. Ordway for a pair of boots Kipper price \$5.00; went down with a. J. West for dinner; got buttons for vest; Came up to Williams and Uncle Levi; heard from S. J. Taggart (?); came down; Phillips paid \$60 on land; came home; Palmer's friends came.

Thursday May 28; cold and cloudy; prepared my things for going west; Uncle George Taggart came up a visiting. I went up to Evansville got my satchel got 2 pr socks. Crocker & N. Foster came all well.

Friday, May 29: Warm and pleasant went self, Crocker & N. Foster went up and looked at Mr. Empey place came down to the grave yard from thence home; shaved and fixed for the shows. Had a fine time came down to Phillips took supper.

Saturday May 30; Quite cool and cloudy look like rain. Hank came about 8 o'clock. I wrote to net Hank Crocker. Norman and self came to Cooksville all well. It rained very hard till dark. Stayed all night. Henry and self stayed at Cnares(?)

Sunday May 31, 1857; Pleasant morning when we started to Hanks it commenced raining. Raining.

Monday June 1, 1857; came down to Evansville; Kelly paid 413.81 and Wm. Quivey for 20 bush oats; John Rhinehart \$162.00 dollars; bot comfrafs; rec a letter from Father and one from A. Smith. I wrote a letter to Father and one to Smith; fixed money things to go to Missouri. Very cold morning.

Tuesday June 2, 1857; started ½ past 6 o'clock; arrive in belvedere 12; fare \$4.90; Dinner at Belvidere. 35; rainy weather; came to Galena; stop at the Byrne house; very good house; nothing to brag of.

Wednesday June 3, 1857; a very pleasant morning here in Galena; took passage on the Jacob Joe about 8 o'clock. Took dinner on the boat at Galena; bot 2 books and one paper .55 for all.

Thursday June 4, 1857; cold morning on the Mississippi near Comanche about 5 o'clock got to Rock Island about 10 o'clock. Leave 2 p.m. a little fight at Rock Island cook taken off to jail.

Friday, June 5, 1857; pleasant and cold pass Nanvoo about 7 o'clock and 10 minutes stopped at Montross opposite Nanvoo the thieves head quarters. Leave Keokuck ½ past 10 got to Quincy 2 o'clock Started at 3, pleasant place. Arrive at Hannibal 6 o'clock; Monroe House went about town.

Saturday June 6, 1857; Cold morning quite pleasant; nothing transpired of interest. Pd. B 1.25 each and now readh to start. 8 ½ o'clock , leave cars at Monroe city got conveyance to Shelbyville; dinner at Ruckers; passed Snydersburg ½ after 4.

Sunday June 7, 1857; warm and looks like rain . Bill for a piece .60; bill for ride yesterday for two \$2.50. LaPort sixteen miles from where we stayed. Took dinner at 3 ½ miles west of Laport .15 c; very warm day. Mostly timber in afternoon quite rolling and good timber; beautiful prairie 4 west of Bloomington.

Monday June 8, 1857; warm and cloudy; wind blow hard last night; Panes Head; stayed Mechanicsburg; broke down 10 o'clock at Burke; Dinner at Elliots within 12 miles of Linea.

Tuesday, June 9, 1857; Cold morning & some clouds at Lineas fare from Hannibal to Lineas 7.17. Living 2.75; arrived at Bennetts mill 2 o'clock found all right side up. Mill on Locust 6 miles from Lineas and 6 from Laclud; Bennetts house about 3 miles from mill. Foster had cholic

Wednesday, June 10, 1857; cloudy, warm & muggy; came up to mill all built. Foster not very smart. They are sawing, fixing wagon and nothing up frame; Uncle wishes now to go to Kentucky. Let Albert have his watch and got min; he lets me have one half of his interest in the Brisco oil Manufacture.

Thursday June 11, 1857; cool morning and getting very dry on Lincor Co. Mo. Came up to Bennetts mill passed contract with Sprague help raise a building for lathe mill; went down to house to gun and went after deer got none.

Friday, June 12, 1857; looks very like rain; warm a considerable air stirring; cup up to Mill fixing wagon to go to Brunswick; made trade with Foster for his Missouri Land. Foster backed out.

Saturday June 13, 1857; cold and cloudy looks like rain started ½ past 7 for got to Cheathinics on elk Creek; from thence took across and down the bottom is Salt River there saw a deer. Foster went to shoot him got to Brunswick about dusk. Steamer Silver Heel at wharf.

Sunday, June 14, 1857; very warm night here at Brunswick cloudy very pleasant time; coming up from Brunswick came by Swan Lake from there to Sacleea very pretty prairie. Got home at 5 o'clock eve crock interfered.

Monday, June 15, 1857; Came up to mill rained a little after noon. Nothing going on much. Uncle wishes me to go a soldiering to Kentucky and St. Louis. Mill got out of rig; came down to uncle's; warm day, rains a little.

Tuesday, June 16, 1857; Rained hard last night cloudy cool and misty this morning; came up to the mill on our way to Lineas; took dinner at mill; uncle brot us up to Lineas; stage was full hired hack.

Wednesday, June 17, 1857; cold, cloudy, & rainy here in Lineas. Looks gloomy; breakfast ½ past 5; bill 45.00 took dinner 23 miles this side of Lineas going east; cross the Chariton River

Thursday June 18, 1857; cold & rainy at Bloomington; muddy going stayed at Brick Tavern Bloomington, is not a very desirable place to reside had quite a pleasant day to travel had a good dinner came 6 miles east of Shelbyville stayed at George Gaines Bill

Friday June 19, 1857; very cold morning and cloudy good fare, ham, eggs, and honey came to Quincy, in time to cross stayed at the Virginia Hotel, take cars at 5 o'clock in morning.

Saturday, June 20, 1857; cold morning rained. Last evening very hard in Quincy took cars at 5 o'clock got to Mendota at 4 o'clock; took supper or dinner at Mendota stayed there till one o'clock very cold night.

Sunday, June 21, 1857; took cars at one o'clock at Mendota for Dunlith; arrived in dunlith at 8 o'clock a.m. took passage on the packet Galena at 8 'clock for La Cross. Fare 4.50

Monday, June 22, 1857; arrived at La Crosse at 4 o'clock morning; cold morning a little cloudy; paid fare to Black River Falls. Took breakfast at Smith's 12 miles and dinner at Douglas 18 from Falls, arrive at 3 o'clock ½ past 5 p.m. found all well and smart.

Tuesday, June 23, 1857; Pleasant morning here at Black River Falls 12 o'clock has the appearance of rain quite warm.

Wednesday June 24, 1857; a little rainy this morning. I went up to the saloon and over to see the falls; see nothing very extraordinary not a very desirable place to live; society very rough; wrote 2 letters one to E. C. Leonard & Uncle John Taggart; we had a circle.

Thursday, June 25, 1857; very warm and a little cloudy got up ½ past 6 o'clock; rather lazy; very warm day; read spiritual papers and wrote a letter to Micah and Carcinary. Eve we had a circle.

Friday, June 26, 1857; very pleasant morning not so very hot as usual go up ½ past 5 and shaved; read all fore noon; warm day very; Salem to dinner / 4 me to La Cross ½ way house.

Saturday, June 27, 1857; Very warm and pleasant beautiful weather and a growing time; went up to the Iron Mountain; see where they calculate to smelt also where they dug the ore; great chance to get abundance with little expense.

Sunday, June 28, 1857; went to meeting a pleasant day; got elm bark had a circle at Mrs. Stephens influence Mr. Howard and others.

Monday, June 29, 1857; Read most of this day; packed up my things to go to rock County at home; calculate to start in morning, Net washed and brewed and baked went up and paid my fare and Waite brot the money back . the stage does not go tomorrow.

Tuesday June 30, 1857; Very pleasant and quite cook; just warm enough to be pleasant; calculate to start home in the morning 4 o'clock stage.

Wednesday July 1, 1857; started from Black River Falls ½ past 3 o'clock took breakfast 18 miles out no good land till got to Sparta. Got to Sparta 10 o'clock pleasant day got to La Cross 6 o'clock. Took steamer Lucie May. Got to Prairie Du Chien 8 o'clock cars leave ¼ to nine.

Thursday, July 2, 1857; got to Prairie Du Chien 8 o'clock cars leave ¼ before nine; fair 3.50 to Stoughton 2 p.m. halls 4 home at sundown found all well weather pleasant.

Friday July 3, 1857; went up to Evansville found letters from Net 1 for Foster one from Smith 1 from A. J. Mann; went up to Uncle Levi's & stayed all night took dinner with Wm. Winston.

Saturday July 4, 1857; came down to Uncle Johns he just got home from the East. All well &c.

Sunday, July 5, 1857; pleasant today and warm stayed at home wrote one letter to Quivey and one to Father and one to N. D. Foster.

Monday, July 6, 1857; went up to Evansville wrote to Smith at Plover and Waite went with Rhinehart to see horse; came home; very warm took off under shirt; we went down to see W. R. Foster. He is better.

Tuesday, July 7, 1857; went up to Evansville; very warm. Wrote none; not much; signed \$50 for Presbyterian Meeting House on wrote.

Wednesday, July 8, 1857; went down to camp meeting; took dinner at Parker; supper also; nothing occurred of any import

Thursday, July 9, 1857; stayed at home all day till evening and read the new dispensation also Dr. dexter & Judge Edmonds very warm day.

Friday, July 10, 1857; attended camp meeting; very warm day today;

Saturday, July 11, 1857; attended camp meeting; took dinner at John Winstons and supper at Parkers

Sunday, July 12, 1857; Attended camp meeting afternoon rained hard

Monday, July 13, 1857; at home and Evansville

Tuesday, July 14, 1857; at home and Evansville

Wednesday, July 15, 1857; at home. Cronk game to buy a farm made a bargain for Phillips. Attended funeral for old Mrs. Preston.

Thursday, July 16, 1857; At home sold my share of crops to Mc & Hiram Taggart for \$225 dollars took two notes one of \$100 due Sept 1st of one of \$25.00 due on June first 1858, took 25 dollars from purse.

Friday, July 17, 1857; at home doing not much. Recd a letter from Messrs Bachelder to deliver tombstones. At home all day.

Saturday, July 18, 1857, at home recd a letter from Messrs Bachelders.

Sunday, July 19, 1857; went to meeting 3 times; Davis preached twice and Morehouse once; afternoon funeral old Mrs. Walker's mother-in-law.

Monday, July 20, 1857; commence painting house; warm weather

Tuesday, July 21, 1857; paint house

Wednesday, July 22; paint house; Bacthelders came up and set those tombstones I paid them \$65.00

Thursday, July 23, 1857; finished painting house went up to Evansville; subscribed for Age of Progress 6 months.

Friday; July 24, 1857; went down to John Winstons. D. P. Dawson 7 wife;

Saturday, July 25, 1857; started to go up to Hank Beviers but went to Magnolia with Wm. Quivey, 1 o'clock attended sale of a yoke steers belonging to Cyrus Francis; took dinner at Henderson got to Hanks about 3 o'clock a.m. all well.

Sunday, July 26, 1857; stayed at Henry Beviers had a very heavy rain. Henry got me to subscribe for the Spiritual age. Six months. \$1 dollar; it rained so I did not come home.

Monday, July 27, 1857; came home ; cloudy rainy kind of a day. Recd a little advice from A. h. West thankfully recd sent cradles up to Uncle Levi.

Tuesday, July 28, 1857; pleasant morning. Boys gone to mowing. I think I shall go up to Uncle Levi's.

Wednesday, July 29, 1857; came down to Evansville from Uncle Levi; returned again; went down to see Dan Clark's wheat.

Thursday, July 30, 1857; went down to Uncle John's took dinner self & William got back to supper; went to see the village lots in Evansville

Friday, July 31, 1857; commence harvest; pleasant day; worked till 5 o'clock ; pleasant day.

Saturday, August 1, 1857; worked for William Taggart harvesting till five o'clock; pleasant day.

Sunday, August 2, 1857; Went down to Uncle john's wrote a letter to Foster; stopped To Phillips on return; a pleasant day.

Monday, August 3, 1857; Harvested for William Taggart till about ten o'clock, rained and continued showery through the day; went down to Evansville; rec. 5 ct. as of the Age of Progress; wrote a letter to Ace Smith.

Tuesday, August 4, 1857; A rainy morning or misty forenoon. Harvested in orchard afternoon worked for William quite pleasant afternoon.

Wednesday August 5, 1857; cradled in forenoon for William in afternoon cradled for Uncle Levi, over neaqr cow yard.

Thursday, August 6, 1857; Cradled for Uncle Levi, looked much like rain.

Friday, August 7, 1857; cradled for William till five o'clock at home; Uncle Levi went to Stoughton.

Saturday, August 8, 1857; Worked for William down on the marsh farm commence 8 o'clock and quit at ½ past four finished. Pleasant day; went down to Uncle John's.

Sunday, August 9, 1857; came up to Mr. Phillips. Afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Sarah & self went up to cemetery; came up to Uncle Levi ; eve rained hard.

Monday, August 10, 1857; cradled for Uncle Levi till five o'clock then cut a little for William Pleasant day.

Tuesday, August 11, 1857; worked for William till ½ past nine the rest of the day for Uncle Levi; Pleasant day.

Wednesday August 12, 1857; worked for Uncle Levi stacking in forenoon. Afternoons stacked for William pleasant day; wind blew hard.

Thursday, August 13, 1857; Forenoon stacked for Uncle Levi afternoon stacked for William till 4 ½ o'clock; pleasant day.

Friday, August 14, 1857; cradled for William till ½ past nine rained till noon went to Evansville afternoon.

Saturday August 15, 1857; worked cradleing till two o'clock then put up oats for William near the stable; went down to Uncle Johns.

Sunday, August 16, 1857; at Uncle John's all day

Monday, August 17, 1857; came up to Evansville and to Uncle Levi's afternoon worked for Stephen Johns.

Tuesday, August 18, 1857; cradled till machine came and then threshed the rest of the day. Pleasant day.

Wednesday, August 19, 1857; cradled Williams Oats and bound some. Uncle Levi went to Janesville.

Thursday, August 20, 1857; cradled oats till ½ past three o'clock; recd cash of Uncle Levi Taggart, \$8.50 for work in harvest; red a letter from Father, Albert Sprague & Smith

Friday, August 21, 1857; cleaned up wheat for Uncle Levi till nine o'clock then cradled oats till after 10 o'clock; rained a little while; cradled the rest of the day; Uncle Levi went to Janesville.

Saturday, August 22, 1857; worked for William forenoon, bound oats on marsha place afternoon bound oats at home for William.

Sunday August 23, 1857; at Uncle John's wrote a letter to Father, one to Waite and one to A Smith

Monday, August 24, 1857; stacked for homes. Pleasant day.

Tuesday, August 25, 1857; Threshed; wheat for Mac and Hiram.

Wednesday, August 26, 1857; Threshed for Uncle John at noon; came up to Uncle Levi got back to uncle John's about four o'clock and help finish thresh oats. Pleasant day.

Thursday, August 27, 1857; Cloudy, let John Rhinehart have one hundred and fifty dollars till next week. came up to Uncle Levi's commenced cutting oats rained and settled with Uncle Levi; he took up his note at 15 dollars went to Evansville.

Friday, August 28, 1857; forenoon went down to see Hanson Johns. Came up to Uncle 's afternoon ; finished cutting oats, almost 4 o'clock over near marsh.

Saturday, August 29, 1857; Recd. One dollar for the a.m. remaining due for work in harvest. Worked for homes up on Mrs. Jones' place. Quite five o'clock

Sunday, August 30, 1857; Down to Uncle Johns & Phillips; went to meeting; Smith preached.

Monday, August 31, 1857; worked for Homes. Binding oats up to Mrs. Jones' place.

Tuesday, September 1, 1857; threshed for William; pleasant day.

Wednesday, September 2, 1857; threshed for William forenoon. Afternoon came down to Uncle John's; eve went up to Phillips heard some strange revelations about self. Pleasant day.

Thursday, September 3, 1857; at Uncle John's went down to Ballards to see about getting a piece of land; would not sell; went over to see Mr. Wood about the 40 north of my place affected nothing.

Friday, September 4, 1857; went up to Evansville; traded watch for wagon with Rhinehart; gave fifty seven dollars to Boot

Saturday, September 5, 1857; went up to Evansville; bot a pillow of Winston; paid \$11. Sent wagon home by Bill Carpenter; stopped at Phillips.

Sunday, September 6, 1857; went up to Methodist meeting Mason preached; went up to Uncle Levi's & William came home and went down to Ball Tavern to meeting. Mason preached.

Monday, September 7, 1857: went up to Ben Francisco to get a yoke of cattle; did not get them till most night. Pleasant day.

Tuesday, September 8, 1857; Commenced drawing manure; seven loads forenoon; afternoon broke wagon tongue went up to Evansville to get a new one made. Pleasant day.

Wednesday, September 9, 1857: went to Evansville to get wagon and got plow fixed. Afternoon Hiram loaded manure and I drew 12 loads. Pleasant day.

Thursday, September 10, 1857; drew manure. Hiram helped all day. Pleasant day. Mr. Wood came over to sell me 40 acres land. He asked \$600. Too much.

Friday, September 11, 1857; drew manure. Pleasant day

Saturday, September 12, 1857; worked drawing manure.

Sunday, September 13, 1857; went to meeting to Methodist House. Man that preached came to see about building Seminary.

Monday, September 14, 1857; Drawed manure; finished pleasant day.

Tuesday, September 15, 1857; commenced plowing.

Wednesday, September 16, 1857; a rainy morning; rained all forenoon. Afternoon plowed.

Thursday, September 17, 1857; Plowed forenoon. Afternoon went up to Evansville got Age of Progress took supper with S.& C. smith. Quit raining

Friday, September 18, 1857; rained and quite wet spread manure in forenoon and went down to Carpenters. Plowed non today.

Saturday, September 19, 1857; cold, wet rainy forenoon done nothing bot 50 bushels of wheat of William Taggart at .75 per bushel; harvesting there came to 14.00.

Sunday, September 20, 1857; Attended church at Baptist, Elder Davis preached. Text serve God Rather Than Man; stopped at Phillips.

Monday, September 21, 1857, Plowed ground. Rather pleasant

Tuesday, September 22, 1857, plowed, pleasant day.

Wednesday, September 23, 1857, commenced plowing in morning went two rounds and broke plow; went up to Evansville; Rockwell fixed plow charged \$1.25; pleasant day; recd a letter from Father, to let money.

Thursday, September 24, 1857; plowed all day, pleasant day.

Friday, September 25, 1857; plowed all day; pleasant day and warm;

Saturday, September 26, 1857; plowed all day; pleasant day; quite unwell this eve

Sunday, September 27, 1857; looks like rain; at home all day sick.

Monday, September 28, 1857; Pleasant day; frost; at home; called on Evans for medicine. Angnstns here. Boys cutting up corn. Denton a considerable better than yesterday. State Fair commences today and continues the week.

Tuesday, September 29, 1857; Pleasant day, frost; quite unwell not able to do anything. Recd \$11.75 cts of Mac Taggart and am to have 50 bush wheat. W. H. Taggart I gave up Uncle Johns nof oc Eww.rq

Wednesday, September 30, 1857; Frosty pleasant morning; not able to do anything on read.

Thursday, October 1, 1857; Rainy weather; not able to do any work; wrote 4 letters one to Father, Albert Sprague, W. Betts, & M. E. Waite.

Friday, October 2, 1857; cloudy cold morning; not able to do anything.

Saturday, October 3, 1857; cloudy in morning; plowed all day; today makes 13 days worked Oxen; 5 hauling manure and 8 plowing.

Sunday, October 4, 1857; At Uncle Johns took some medicine. Janie came down. Pleasant day.

Monday, October 5, 1857; feel better today; cloudy & warm. Rhinehart came down to get money. Plowed till middle of afternoon, went to Evansville. Let Rhinehart have 2 drafts of \$200 dollars in gold. Gave mortgage and notes security.

Tuesday, October 6, 1857; plowed in forenoon. Afternoon worked on road self and team. Charley sick.

Wednesday, October 7, 1857; cloudy morning; cleared off; got news of H. G. Spencer of test meaning. Mrs. Coan of in Jaensville went down in afternoon to Janesville. Attended at Young American Hall fee 15 cents. Uncle John plowed.

Thursday, October 8, 1857; Came home. Paid Dan Rockwell for fixing plow 1.25. Uncle John plowed till middle afternoon; I plowed till night; Boyce horses, pleasant day.

Friday, October 9, 1857; Plowed all day; pleasant day.

Saturday, October 10, 1857; plowed forenoon; afternoon Henry & wife came down and made a visit. I went home with them in afternoon.

Sunday, October 11, 1857; at H. Beviere till about middle afternoon. Darron and Betsey came over to Henry's Evening it rained nearly all night.

Monday, October 12, 1857; Pleasant day; plowed all day.

Tuesday, October 13, 1857, Pleasant day, plowed all day. Eve went up to Phillips

Wednesday, October 14, 1857, Plowed all day. Let Uncle John have five dollars on board. Pleasant day. Morehouse came to get \$10 dollards for meeting house sent to Rhinehart.

Thursday, October 15, 1857, Rains this morning; rained and snowed all day.

Friday, October 16, 1857; pleasant day; pulled stumps self and Hiram all day. Used oxen.

Saturday, October 17, 1857; plowed all day. Cloudy. We came up to Uncle George's was in Division. Uncle Geo. Better.

Sunday, October 18, 1857, came down to meeting (stayed to Uncle Levi's) Methodist Robinson preached to Sabbath school children. Rained all afternoon.

Monday, October 19, 1857, Drawed stumps part forenoon and plowed rest of day.

Tuesday, October 20, 1857, Ground froze to hard to plow. Plowed afternoon went to Evansville in forenoon.

Wednesday, October 21, 1857, Plowed all day. Used oxen 25 ½ days up to now. Board 7 weeks up to this evening. Have paid 10 dollars, Board.

Thursday, October 22, 1857; rainy morning; went up to Evansville afternoon. Plowed.

Friday, October 23, 1857; Plowed all day. Cloudy weather. Finished plowing. Need Oxen 27 ½ days in all.

Saturday, October 24, 1857; took oxen home went to Evansville. Took dinner at Phillips afternoon. Came up to Hanks. Spoke to Rhinehart about some money for Bevier and Hall rainy day.

Sunday, October 25, 1857; pleasant morning; went down from Henry's to Uncle Johns. Stopped at Phillips got my hair cut.

Monday, October 26, 1857, came up to Henry's stopped at D. M. Rowley's got to Hanks at noon. Worked in afternoon. Pleasant day. Cut broom corn.

Tuesday, October 27, 1857; cloudy day; cut broom corn all day.

Wednesday, October 28, 1857; rainy day; went down to Evansville. Done nothing got a letter from Albert and Spiritual Age.

Thursday, October 29, 1857; dug potatoes forenoon. Afternoon cut broom corn at Beviers.

Friday, October 30, 1857; Dug Potatoes; forenoon and afternoon cut broom corn at Beviers.

Saturday, October 31, 1857; Pleasant morning; dug potatoes forenoon; self and Hank. Afternoon came down to Uncle Johns

Sunday, November 1, 1857. Went to meeting at Baptist. Sermon by R. M. Coy. Stopped at Lewis Spencers at noon. Afternoon went o Mr. Morehouse meeting at Methodist House. Eve went up to Wm. H. Taggarts at Uncle Levi's all night.

Monday, November 2, 1857; Came down to Uncle John's wrote a letter to W. M. Seabury and Dane

Tuesday, November 3, 1857; Came over to election. Let Bevier have 20 dollars. I got of Rhinehart; got Lewis Spencer buggy to come down to Janesville to attend lectures by Miss Hewlett. Stayed all night at Spencers.

Wednesday, November 4, 1857; At Spencers all day. Pleasant in Janesville. Hiram Taggart Died at 2 o'clock. P. m. Evening attended a spiritual lecture at America Hall. Miss Hewlett.

Thursday, November 5, 1857; Rained last evening went up to Auston Popes. Evening attended lecture; Miss Hewlett spoke in trance state.

Friday, November 6, 1857, came home; pleasant morning. H. G. Spencer came up this side Leyden House met here and went back. I came home foot. Uncle Johns folks gone to Funeral.

Saturday, November 7, 1857; went up to Evansville. Wrote a letter to Crocker and A Smith got Age . October 31st.

Sunday, November 8, 1857, at home till noon; went up to Phillips a little while in afternoon. Mr. Henderson died in congestive chill.

Monday, November 9, 1857: Let out apple trees all day; 35 in all; today rather cold; ground frozen a little.

Tuesday, November 10, 1857; Let out eleven apple trees today and attended Mr. Henderson's funeral – eve went down to Mr. Boyce's.

Wednesday, November 11, 1857; helped Phillips husk corn in forenoon. Snowed slightly all day. Charles brot his steers to Uncle John's got \$15.00 Rhinehart and let Charles Taggart have to go North.

Thursday, November 12, 1857; cold morning; came over to see Wm. D. Brown. Pleasant afternoon. Wm. at work on mill.

Friday, November 13, 1857; Stayed at Browns till after dinner; got home about five o'clock.

Saturday, November 14, 1857; went up to Phillips in forenoon to see horse. Afternoon helped Phillips husk.

Sunday, November 15, 1857; went to meeting at Baptist meeting.

Monday, November 16, 1857; forenoon fixed stable and covered up grape vines; afternoon ent up to Evansville see Doolittle expense barn; took supper at Uncle Hiram Griffith's eve attended lecture by Smith on Immortality.

Tuesday, November 17, 1857; went up to Evansville in to school. Some classes were on examination; came home at eve; attended lyceum at Baptist House. Pas. Henry H. Taggart stayed all night with me.

Wednesday, November 18, 1857; went up to help Phillips husked part forenoon; commenced snowing. Snowed rest day. Exhibition by the students of Evansville Seminary; stayed at Phillips.

Thursday, November 19, 1857; Done nothing. Reading at Uncle John's; cold weather.

Friday, November 20, 1857; Done nothing but read at Uncle John's; cold weather; went up to Phillip's. Horse better.

Saturday, November 21, 1857: went up to Evansville; got mail; recd two letters one from E. Quivey the other from Seabury also got a Chemistry.

Sunday, November 22, 1857; went to meeting. Robinson preached. Rode home with Boyce folks

Monday, November 23, 1857; stayed at Uncle John's all day and read.

Tuesday, November 24, 1857; went up to post office and bot a letter from a. Smith; wrote a letter to Waite and A. Sprague.

Wednesday, November 25, 1857; went up to see how Phillips horse is a little better at uncle Johns most all day.

Thursday, November 26, 1857; Went to Thanksgiving at Methodist House. Davis spoke; recde. A letter from Ellin Meddaugh and mother; at Uncle John's pleasant day.

Friday, November 27, 1857; At Uncle johns we went up to Phillips

Saturday, November 28, 1857; worked for Phillips; we went to Division; Mrs. Britt lectured in Janesville in trance state.

Sunday, November 29, 1857; At Uncle John's rained all forenoon.

Monday, November 30, 1857; Dug potatoes for Wm. H. Taggart ; stayed at Uncle levi's all night/

Tuesday, December 1, 1857; Came down to Uncle john's; pleasant morning went up to Henry Beviers very muddy. Hank was not able to go and get Maple & Butternut trees.

Wednesday; December 2, 1857; Came down to Uncle John's rained and snowed last night; pleasant day over head very muddy.

Thursday, December 3, 1857; wrote a letter to Ellen & Frank Meddaugh; put it in PO office ; borrowed Volume 1st Great Harmonica of A. H. West. See Miss Kelly and Miss Brown; spoke to Rhinehart for money. Pleasant day. A. Smith came.

Friday, December 4, 1857; At home all day till eve went up to Phillips. Pleasant day sent boots up to Ordway to be mended.

Saturday, December 5, 1857; At home; done nothing but read; went up to Evansville; they plastered meeting house.

Sunday, December 6, 1857; at Uncle John's W. H. Taggart came from Janesville. A. I. Davis is a going to lecture in Janesville this week.

Monday, December 7, 1857; went up to Evansville; Pleasant day.

Tuesday, December 8, 1857; went to Janesville; attended a lecture at Janesville by A. J. Davis; subject, Fraternity of ideas. Started at H. G. Spencer.

Wednesday, December 9, 1857; at Janesville Eve heard Mrs. Mary Davis subject ministry of Angels.

Thursday, December 10, 1857; Lecture Davis. Subject Spiritual intercourse.

Friday, December 11, 1857; Lecture by Mrs. Mary F. Davis, subject. Uses & Abuses of Spiritualism.

Saturday, December 12, 1857; Lecture Davis. New Dispensation.

Sunday, December 13, 1857; Lecture afternoon subject: Natural evidences of the immortality of the Soul. Same subject in the evening.

Monday, December 14, 1857; Came home with H. G. Spencer, all well at Uncle John's warm day. Quite muddy.

Tuesday, December 15, 1857; went up to Evansville got a letter from recd a letter from Crocker and one from Woodbury of Cooksville. Mrs. Britt commences a course of Lectures at Cooksville.

Wednesday; December 16, 1857; came home from Cooksville went up to Evansville, got a letter from ? and attended the festival at the new church at Evansville got up by the ladies of sewing society.

Thursday, December 17, 1857; Went up to Evansville gave up the idea of getting Mrs. Britt to lecture went over to cookstown Smith also had a good lecture.

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Friday, December 25, 1857; went up to Evansville. Rec. 450.00 from Uncle John's. recd. 20 bush oats of Carpenter.

Saturday, December 26, 1857; went up to Wm. Taggarts settled with John Rhinehart. Recd. 40 dollars.

Sunday, December 27, 1857; At Uncle John's all day. Rec. \$5.00 dollars from Carpenters. The amount that was due.

Monday, December 28, 1857; start for York State.

Land Adjacent, \$400

1879 Diary had address for Theodore Robinson

Theodore Robinson
81 Boulevard
Mont Parnasee
Paris, France

From Bill of Sale for Milk: The Devereaux Cheese Association: E. Blakeley, Pres. E. Devereaux Treas. & Manf., H. C. Weber, Secretary, D. Johnson, Salesman. 1879

June 3, 1879. Levi Leonard pd. \$1.50 poll tax in the village of Evansville

Jan. 4, 1883, Estella & Lyle went to Madison to school. Paid for Lyle \$1.30

Jan. 15, 1883, Rachel Sorge came to work

Jan. 31, 1883, Pd. Rachel Sorge, \$1

Feb. 2, Snow hard 5 o'clock

Feb. 3, Snow 2 ½ feet deep, trains 3 hours late

March 20, I was bearer for Reuben Palmer funeral

May 7, 1883, Pd. Steve Baker for buggy \$140.

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Expenses to foreclose on J. R. West, \$118.00

January 2, 1880, held the following notes:

Dakotas, Dec. 7 -78 2 years, 150

A. J. Allen, 29 Aug. \$100

B. F. Emery, 19 July x

H. Bevier, Aug 6, '79, 1 year, \$100

Frank and Mr. E. Lee, 27 March, \$100

John Lee and others, \$137

Henry Campbell, Jan. 29, \$300

E. Blakeley, April 13, 4200

Wm. Benson, May 22, \$100

R. w. Johnson, March 1, \$100

E. E. & Frank Lee, Aug. 17, \$40

Dakota, August 1st, 79, one year \$100

Shette, \$1,000

Mills, \$1,040

Total \$4,317

15th day of Sept. is the time I set for foreclosing Mills' mortgage.

List of payment for goods: Review, \$1.50 per year; Taxes, \$110.12

January 25, 1880: Bill for Dr. Beebe for Lyle, \$1.00

January 26, 1880: sold 10 calves, \$10.00

January, threshed Rye for 3 days

February 5, Paid Riley to draw rye, \$.25

Received for 28 bus. Rye. \$13.

Paid for slate for Lyle, \$.15

February 20, 1880; paid for photograph, Lyle, \$1.00

March 2, 1880; Lyle's shoes, \$.70

April 13, 1880: Vernet (?) started for the Blackhills & family

April 14, 1880: Harvey and I bought 2 bush. Clover seed at \$4.00 bu.

August 1: Went up to farm to mow wild hay

August 24, 1880; Dick threshed oats and had 525 bushels

September 15, 1880; The Seminary dedicated by the Free Methodists

September 23, Harvey started for Dakota, \$20.00

October 27, 1880, Picked apples at farm, made cider, 45 gals. Cost \$2.00

October 30, 1880: Worked in cemetery. Mr. Rossiter lettered monument and put in stones at Mrs. Smith and child's grave all cost \$35.00

November 25, Thanksgiving Day: Paid for turkey \$1.00; paid for cheese, \$.25 Burr's family, Anna, & Lillian here. Lewis, Eva, Lillie, Daisy & Uncle Harvey and family

December 28: Justin and Nellie passed here on their way to Dakota

Personal Property taxed: 1 horse \$75

1 cow, \$15

1 wagon, \$50

3 watches, \$75

Money in bank, \$300

Notes and mortgages, \$3,500

Lyles, \$460

Household goods, \$50

Total \$4,525

Tax on \$4,525, \$72.31

Land back of house, \$6.35

House and Barn lots, \$30.37

Total Tax, \$109.08

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	Account for Cash Account - Dec.
	Paid \$1.50 every two weeks starting in Jan.
	received - rise to \$2.00 in March -
	Bever family births + death dates in Lewis & Clark Leaves - 1883

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Taxes 1888

West: Lot 2, Block 17 Assessed value: \$900 tax, 414.84
 House Assessed value: 1,900 tax \$31.31
 Bullock, lot 7, 8, 9, Block 20 Assessed value, \$630, tax \$10
 Lot 1 & 5, Leonard & Mygatt addition, Assessed value \$115, tax \$1.90
 Dawson place, Assessed value, \$540, tax \$8.92
 Personal, assessed value \$2,225, tax \$36.69
 Crown place, assessed value \$315, tax \$6.01

May 15, 1889, Bullard & Hubbard paid their note \$1,100 interest \$68.90
 July 24, 1889 served papers on Elmer Bullard for \$350. and interest for one year at 8%
 July 31, 1889 H. C. Spencer died last night 11 o'clock
 August 13, 1889, Bullards time expired today for judgment
 September 4, 1889, pd. History of Rock Co. \$15.00
 November 14, 1889, Rob Antes married Miss Cornelius tonight.

Diaries

1890

March 31 Pd. Colman ½ term for Lyle \$4.00

June Pd. 25 cents a week to have road sprinkled

Aug 20. Harvey Prentice died

December 31, 1890, J. A. Pettigrew died last night at Sioux Falls

1890 continued:

to work on West House

Wilder Lumber Doors 15.00

Libby paid 21.75

House: Bedroom 3 7 ½ x 8 ½, 7 high

Dining Room

Parlor 13 x 14, 7 high , 6 rolls

Bedroom upstairs, 13 x 10, 7 high 1 door 1 window