

Amanda Stanwood Babson Diary

1838

Jan 1

Unpleasant day - call from Elias - Solomon - feel anxious to hear if E has sailed.
HSH at the spring - call from Mrs. Appleton - passed the eve alone - a letter from my dear E - how tedious for him to stay in B[oston] so long I wish I were with him.

Jan 2

Invitation to visit Mrs Ober - declined - Call from Mother B - Elias - Capt. Foster - Think E sailed this morn, fine wind, weather cleared - call from Mrs. Indiana P and Mary Low - A. Foster in the eve A.K. Johnson

Jan 3

Think E has a fine chance - Call from Mr. Woodbury with a bundle of E's clothes. Elias came in found cards from E and AM Low who called did not hear the bell - went into mothers afternoon with the children. Call from Ann Davis, Eliza Babson - went to the Lyceum - obliged to return being faint - accompanied home by Mr. Hough.

Jan 5

Call from Mrs Rowe with a letter for HSH - call from Mother B saying that Esther etc would visit me in the afternoon - I was happy to see them all - call from Lucy Low - Mrs G. Parsons - pie taken from the kitchen

Jan 6

Call from Elias - went after dinner at the stores with HSH - Maria Somes' babe buried - Mr. Stacy died yesterday

Jan 7

Call from B. Somes told me of his positive engagement with *Emma* - Went to meeting in the afternoon, heard Mr. Austin from Danvers - left alone after ten all gone to lecture - a call afterwards from Mr Redding wife - Mr. W. Stevens - E Saville - C Low - Fuller etc.

Jan 8

Rainy day - attended Society in eve at Aunt Johnson's, quite a large number there.

Jan 9

Went out with HSH to purchase some bocking - in the evening Mrs Parsons came in Father, Mother, David Low, Sewall etc had a turkey that I expected Elias would have dined here upon but his engagement prevented him.

Jan 10

Went to Mrs Center's with a bundle of clothes.

Jan 12

Went out in the morn with sister H to Mrs Center - at Mrs Hersey's Maria Somes saw her think her much altered - fear she will never again leave her chamber - invitation to visit Lucy Ellery this eve - had a pleasant visit with a number of other ladies and gent'n - call from ES and C Low, Mrs Pearce, Mary, Elias - a Salem vessel from Surinam.

Jan 14

Attended meeting heard Mr. Fulsom that E liked so well when he was at home - did not attend in the evening but past most of it in tears - retired very unhappy.

Jan 15

Past a wretched day. Went up to Grandma D.. in the eve with the rest of the grand children retired weeping wishing most sincerely for my dear E.

1838**Jan. 16**

Rose with the unhappy feeling - conversed with H told her she was welcome to stay but I should never feel as I had done - she thinks it best to go and I myself think it the wisest plan - invitation to visit Mrs Brown - declined as I had a previous one at A.K. Johnson with Elias and Esther - call from Lucy - Elias - Esther - MC Babson - Emmeline Rogers married

Jan 17

HSH at Mrs Beach - call from Elias - went up to Mrs Hersey's with some jelly, found her better - Attended the Lyceum heard Mr. Upham - from there to Johns where all the gentlemen assembled for a supper.

Jan 18

Call from Mrs Beach - went to Mrs Brown's in the evening with HSH - Susan - Hannah - found E. Stacy and brothers - Sarah Mackey - A Gilbert

Jan 19

Call from Elias - gave him some caesa - invitation to visit Mrs Mansfield

Jan 20

Call from Elias, Esther, Annette, Mrs Parsons, Mother B went with them and others to Lydias -ate ice creams

Jan 21

Little H not very well - shall not attend meeting today on her account - went in the afternoon heard Mr. Ben Whittemore - again in the evening - liked him much. Called at Mother B's to bid E and E good bye

Jan 22

Society at Mrs H. Pearce - did not attend - call from Grandma Smith, Mrs Susan Smith, Annette, C. Low, Eben Stacy - Esther left for Danvers in the morn

Jan 23

Into Lydia - ate ice creams

Jan 24

HSH at the spring - went to Lyceum - called at Mrs Babsons with sister H, Aunt Haraden etc.

Jan 25

Invitation to visit Mary Pearce - call from Annette - went with her to Lydia's and other stores. Attended the party at Mrs. Pearce's. Capt. Driskell from Surinam - a lady.

Jan 26

Left alone - dreamed of E. - all gone to Debating

Jan 27

Attended to baking in the forenoon - violent storm

Jan 28

Attended meeting heard Mr. Brimblecomb - liked him pretty well - snow.

Jan 29

Sun and snow, wind all sorts of weather

Jan 30

Wind still high severe cold - HSH at Mrs Beach's - Mr. Stevens died last night

Jan 31

Annette came in Society at Mrs Grovers - went down to Emmeline Babson's in the evening - HSH at the spring.

Feb. 2

HSH gone to Essex - One month since E sailed. Hope he is in Surinam - call from J. Corliss who was married last evening - Attended the Institute for the first time found the exercise tedious

Feb 3

Call from Father to see if I have any coffee to spare - snow storm.

1838**Feb. 4**

Attended meeting heard Mr. Brown - did not like him very much - WFD engaged *Phoebe*

Feb 5

Very cold - attended Society at Mother's - D gone to Boston - chance to go to sea.

Feb 6

Call from Mother B - went out with H at the store - called at Mrs Browns - Mrs Parsons called - went into Mothers in the even with Mother B

Fed 7

Attended Lyceum lecture of Mr. Upham's - he stayed at John's [Peabody]

Feb 11

Attended meeting all day though it stormed severely in the afternoon- heard Mr Harris from Saugus - liked him very much

Feb 12

Considerable snow fell - call from Mother B went with her into Mrs Parsons to see the table - had a party of gentl'n there

Feb 13

Went into Susan's in the afternoon with the children - Mrs M. Winchester in there with her babe - rain storm in evening

Feb 15

Snow storm - Pudding bean party - heard of E Trask's arrival

Feb 17

More snow than we have had all winter very good sleighing - Sisy Nare returned from Boston

Feb 18

Edward's birthday - I hope he will enjoy it - Sisy very bad cold - went to meeting was delighted with Mr. Bacon from Cambridge - thought equal to Mr. Smith. Sisy very much stuffed - applied onions etc. restless night.

Feb 19

Sister much the same - call from Eben Stacy, TSL for Richard to go with them to invite the ladies to a Sleighing party - expected the Society here but they had most of them gone to the party so no one but the A Foster here. The party had a pleasant time between 30 and 40 - the sleigh that H and brother William was in broke down - quite an adventure.

Feb 20

Went up to see how William was after his little frolick found him better than I expected as he has not been well for some time - Annette rather sick - cal from TSL and ES to enquire for H

Feb 21

Lyceum but did not attend as the children have bad colds - lecture by Dr. Snow was not liked much.

Feb 22

Sister H quite sick with cold - children no better - invitation to eat ice cream at A. Johnsons refused going but by the earnest entreaties of friends went a little while

Feb. 23

Children better - Invitation to go in the Comet tomorrow a party of ladies only.

Feb 24

Went in the comet to Manchester had a pleasant ride - call from AF Johnson, Mother B, E Dolliver went with him to see his wife had a pleasant call

Feb 25

Attended meeting heard Mr. Ballou did not like him much.

Feb 27

Sisiter Lucy here to pass the evening - Sent a letter to Boston to go to Surinam

1838**Feb 28**

Attended Lyceum heard Dr. Smith

Mar 1

Call from Mrs Parsons, Mother B, Annette with an ice cream - went into Mrs Low's eve ate ice creams - A lecture on Babylon - did not attend

Mar 2

Call from William to invite me to ride went with him Annette Mother B the horse not proving good did not go fast - attended Mr Tucks examination was much pleased

Mar 3

Went after dinner to Mother B saw there Uncle James, Aunt Susan, little Sue - went to the shops - call from Mother b - Aunt S - went with them in the eve at Lydia's - John's etc. left Annette, Esther, Saville etc here.

Mar 4

Attended meeting all day heard Hosea Ballou 2nd Call from William, TSL, C. Presson, E. Stacy to talk with R about Cotillion Parties

Mar 5

B Parsons here to cut my dress

Mar 6

Call from Eli Low - cotillion party this sister H going with Eli

Mar 7

Call from E Low with her work - Lyceum by Mr Upham

Mar 8

Attended the lecture on electricity was much pleased

Mar 9

sent letter to E by Capt Sayward

Mar 10

Spent forenoon clearing out closet, cleaning chambers etc.

Mar 11

Heard Mr. Greenwood preach liked him much He stops at Father B's. Capt S. not yet sailed.

Mar. 12

Call from Annette saying Mary was sick - Mrs Parsons came in - went to Mary's afternoon found her comfortable with another son

Mar 13

Our usual calls - went in the forenoon to G. Savilles purchased some cups met Capt. S. who has not yet sailed

Mar 14

Society met here - number of them stayed to tea - Mrs Hough, C Hayes, A Spaulding, E Elwell, H.M. Pearce - Annette enjoyed their unexpected visit much.

Mar 15

Sister not very well last night - coughed great deal - seems better today - invitation to visit Mrs Hayes - Capt. Herrick arrived did not bring any news from E - he had 50 days passage. John called saying a vessel had arrived at B reported E had arrived at Surinam but brought no letters.

Mar 16

Went with sister H after dinner to enquire for Maria Somes found her very low and sick. Call into sister Lucy's - call from John in the eve no letters I cannot imagine why E did not write by Capt. Waterhouse I hope to mercy the Salem vessel will arrive tomorrow that I may be relieved. Was glad to hear E arrived before Capt. Curtis.

1838**Mar 17**

Call from Mother B, C. Low, E Babson, M Rogers Brother William with a letter - how thankful I felt and happy to hear my dear E was well

Mar 18

Quite unpleasant - no meeting at ours - Mr Jones intended preaching in the afternoon but the inclemency of the weather prevented

Mar 19

Considerable snow fell - baked in the forenoon went up to Lydia's in the eve.

Mar 20

Call from Anette Nancy - Cotillion Party in the eve - call from Mr & Mrs Dolliver strongly urged to attend the party - declined - sister H went with C. Presson

Mar 21

Annette, Nancy came to pass some time with me - Called at the spring to see Rhoda Saville. Attended Lyceum heard Mr. Upham last lecture.

Mar 22

The girls made ice cream. Call from Mother B - invited William to dinner - did not come. C. Low came in E. Stacy - call from W in the eve.

Mar 23

M E Low & C here to tea. Eben, Eli, William in the eve ate ice cream

Mar 24

Went out made some calls at A Mansfield, Mary M. - Sister Mary's, Eliza Stacy very warm wore shawls - some calls in the eve

Mar 25

Attended Baptist meeting in the morn - was delighted with the sermon by Mr. Lamson. Heard Father Jones in the afternoon for the first time since his sickness. Call in the eve from William and his friend Eli both had waited upon the ladies home.

Mar 26

Visited Mrs G. Parsons in the afternoon had a pleasant visit returned early.

Mar 27

Girls made ice cream then went out - invited some company in the eve - Eliza Stacy(Story?), Emmeline Elwell here to tea in the eve, the Somes girls, M Dale Brother C. Ferson, M Rogers, Emmeline Babson, Husband, Ann Johnson, sister, E Saville, Low girls etc. While drinking tea received a letter from my dear E felt delighted to hear, and enjoyed the company all the better - by Fitz.

Mar 28

Attended Lyceum heard an interesting lecture on Poetry by Dr Holmes - several friends came in after. Father B called early in the morn before the girls were up with another letter from E by Capt. Grover - received it joyfully but felt rather sad after perusing it to think there was a prospect of him being detained - God grant it may not be so - call from Capt. Grover he thinks E will not wait - call from Capt Fitz happy to see them both

Mar 29

Snow storm - made a call after tea into Anne Johnson, sung and played on Piana - returned met Eben who came in with us

Mar 30

Girls invited to Abby Mansfield - they went out in the morn for a short time returned to dinner I went with them after dinner into Mary's - called at Mrs. Rogers who returned home last eve.

Mar 31

Went out after dinner with the girls call'd at Mrs E. Dollivers Mrs Moriarty H. Sanford E. Hough Mrs F. Low - went to the shops after tea.

1838**Apr 1**

Attended the Baptist church in morn- afternoon heard Mr. Jones. New singers went into the seats today. Call from William & Eli - most perfect evening sat till late hour at the windows

Apr 2

Call from AK Johnson she and Annette went to Mrs. Pearce's to cover Sabbath School books. M Rogers pass'd the eve her C. Low, ME Low, William & his friend

Apr 3

Mother Babson came to tea - call from Mrs Plumer E Stacy Low girls Mrs P pass'd the eve - Rhoda Saville

Apr 4

Passed a pleasant afternoon with Ann Davis return'd home unpleasant - reflection for some time - on account of Mr Tappan

Apr 5

Fast day attended meeting in the forenoon. The girls gone home - I miss them very much but hope I shall not be alone long, before many weeks I hope Edward will be with me. Sister's birthday, dear little creature I hope she will live to enjoy in perfect health many returns of the same day. Attended a concert with William, the Salem Glee Club was delighted - walked afterward at the Cut.

Apr 6

Perfect morn - went out with Annette Nancy at the stores, in the afternoon took tea at Mother B - Rhoda there visiting Mrs. Mansfield, others there in the eve.

Apr 7

Call from Mrs Parsons, E. Saville, Father B came in having just returned from Boston with a letter from E. - was delighted to hear but disappointed that he would not come so soon as we expected. I find there is nothing so easy as disappointments and I must expect them and endeavour to be reconciled to them whatever they are or whenever they come I hope E will not be detained long and that favourable breezes will soon waft him to his dear loved home there to stay during the present summer.

Apr 8

Most delightful morn - attended church in the afternoon - received several calls in eve.

Apr 9

Not very pleasant - clear'd away at night - visited E Stacy with Annette Nancy etc. John came in with letter from E by Capt. Nickerson written before the one I received last.

Apr. 10

Rainy morn - call from ME Low, TSL etc. Heard of the death of Calvin Swift - felt extremely unhappy at the news, his family must be very much afflicted.

Apr 11

R returned from Boston. Attended Lyceum lecture by Dr. Smith on Honey Bees.

Apr 12

Walked to Lyceum - returned in eve with W. Dale who lectured here at Lyceum. Call from William, Eliza

Apr 13

Called at Mother B's, Maria Rogers, N Plumer. Attended a dancing party at Mrs. F. Low's - quite large and pleasant

Apr. 14

Felt quite tired and have taken some cold. Clem came in afternoon. Eli call'd Father B in few moments, said Cadet would probably be at home by the 5th and would be again on her way back by the last of the month - felt very unhappy at this news - could not help shedding tears for I had anticipated a pleasant summer with my dear E this disappointment is almost too much but I will try and not murmur, trusting that whatever is is right.

1838**Apr. 15**

Delightful Sabbath morn, regret I cannot attend church, Mary and her beau are going to Squam, he having just returned from sea in the *Mount Walliston*

Apr 16

Invited to visit Emmeline E - soon after another invite at Mother B's - went to mother to tea with Nat and wife Eliza etc - to the Elwells in the eve - met friends there had a pleasant visit.

Apr 17

Quite rainy - pass'd the eve at sister Lucy's

Apr 18

Passed the day up in town - the forenoon at Aunt Low the afternoon at Aunt Babson's with Nancy, Annette, Emmeline B, Ann Davis, Miss Shaw came up to tea, Returned in time to attend the Lyceum - an interesting lecture and the last for the season from Mr. Peabody of Boston. Went into Nancy P's after Lyceum

Apr 19

Call from Emma and Amelia with an invitation to visit Mrs Tilden declined going to tea went in evening, returned before 10 went into Mother B's ate pie.

Apr 20

Annette and myself went to see Nancy in the morn who left town in the stage with Eliza Babson for home - C. Low in here for tea, went to Debate interesting lecture from Dr. Appleton on Humbey's Quackery.

Apr 21

Mother B called in to tell me the death of Maria Somes, felt very sad at this news 'tho I have been prepared to expect it at any time, yet it seems sudden, and melancholy that one so young and who had every thing pleasant to live for should be taken from among us, but the Lord giveth and He taketh away what ever he sees fit to do, we should endeavor to acquiesce and believe all things are for the best. Called up to Mrs. Somes after dinner, saw Maria oh how badly I felt - but her husband no one can tell his feelings. God grant him comfort and consolation in this affliction

Apr 22

Regret I cannot attend meeting as Mary left me last night to be married. Call from brother W and his friends - call from Capt. T Foster and wife Mr Mrs Sanford, sister

Apr 23

Mrs Hix here clean front entry.

Apr 24

Attended the funeral of friend Maria - a large number of people there and many followed to the cemetery. Call in the eve from C. Low, E. Saville, Eben and Fuller, William etc.

Apr 25

Went to the bonnet store for bonnets for the children - was not successful - call from Mrs. Moriarty, Eliza Stacy, N. Plumer, Sarah and Abigail Somes, Low girls, Eli

Apr 26

Mr. Wilson buried yesterday - called into Mrs. Parsons, inquired for Mrs. Appleton she has a daughter Went into Mrs Lows to see Charles Davis' baby- not having seen it since its mother's death

June 6

Edward has again left me for Surinam, may his voyage be short and prosperous, return in safety to his beloved family - delightful morn but cloudy towards night, rainy, hope dear E did not feel any inconvenience from the weather God continue his protection over him, conduct him in safety, and return him soon to his anxious friends.

1838**June 7**

No one in the evening passed alone, felt sad and lonesome.

June 8

Rather pleasant, wind very high, went and purchased satin ribbon for sister E., little Sarah E. Haraden here to tea - call from her mother - all alone again in the eve how much I miss dear E

June 9

Call from E. Saville who went with H to make calls.

June 10

Attended meeting in the forenoon carried both children but was obliged to come out with sister, talking all the time, left Fanny with little Susan who was perfectly good excessively warm, took a walk after tea with children at the spring - call from Emmeline, Amelia, Mrs Ellery.

June 11

Very warm indeed, the warmest weather that we have had since 1837 - past the afternoon at Amelia's with children, sister H, Miss Thomson

June 12

Another excessively warm day - heat almost insupportable, thunder shower, call from ME Low.

June 13

Expected Esther to visit me but the heat prevents, after tea went out with the children but a shower coming on obliged us to return,

June 14

Invitation to visit MC Babson - went and took tea, heavy shower, thunder, lightning

June 15

Richard came from B left David much better- call from the girls.

June 16

Call from Mrs Honeycomb, Capt. Johnsons lady and little boy from Salem - Mary came in - went after tea at the stores - called at Mrs Hough who leaves town Monday for Philadelphia etc. call from C. Hayes, M Pearce Mr Mrs Hough, Clem, Esther, Fuller, Eli

June 17

No meeting at ours Mr Jones too much indisposed to preach - unpleasant day very heavy thunder lightning in the afternoon, struck a house in Back Street - E Saville came in to tea call from Clem C. Ferson, Fuller, they all went to walk left alone as usual - wish very much for my dear E - God protect him and return him soon to his family

June 18

Went after tea at Father's store for some cloth etc. - called at Mary's, at Lydia Fersons

June 19

The family to tea- father, mother, two Mary's and babies, Esther, Rhoda, John, William, Mother Stanwood - quite cool day

June 20

Cold morning, what a difference in the weather! last week it was so warm it was more than anyone could bear, today cold enough for winter garments, it requires a strong constitution indeed to bear these sudden changes - Rhoda here to make my chaley dress - E Saville to tea

June 21

Went with the children to Marys to tea called at Mrs Beach's, Maria Rogers.

June 22

Note from Clem Dolliver to visit her with the children - had several showers, but cleared off pleasant and went - down to Clems had a delightful visit the children enjoyed every moment

1838**June 23**

Went in the morning to walk with Mary and Sisy - called at father's store - at mothers and Lydias - went out again in the afternoon and made calls at Mrs Mansfield, Lucy Rogers, Mrs Waite, Martha Dale, Mrs Frances Mansfield, David returned from Boston apparently much better.

June 24

Went to meeting in the morn expecting to hear Mr. Smith but was disappointed as our worthy pastor preached tho' with difficulty as he had a bad cold - no meeting in the afternoon - call E. Saville, Fuller, Brother John etc.

June 25

Went over to G Saville and other stores call from Mrs John Parsons, Nancy Elwell

June 26

Went to walk with the children, called at Mother B's to see Aunt Mary Stacy who came last night - went to aunt Haradens, Mrs G Parsons, Mrs Redding

June 27

Invitation to go to Mrs Hutchins with ladies to roll nine pins - was very busy baking and did not go over till near 12 o'clock when they were just returning home - called to see Esther in the eve as she intended going in the morn - went into Lydia's with her and Mary, ate ice cream.

[Nine pin bowling was the precursor to ten pin bowling. It was played outdoors on the dirt with the pins set up in a triangle. The wooden ball had no finger holes and was rolled down the lane at the pins. It was banned in several cities in the 1830s for fear of its influence on the players' morals.]

June 28

Father, mother and little Sarah accompanied Esther home this morning in a Carryall - quite an unpleasant rainy day.

June 29

Delightful day - visit from Clem Dolliver and Mrs ED with little boy - Emmeline, Nancy, Rebecca, Amelia

June 30

Father, mother returned today noon - left Esther perfectly well - John came in afternoon and said *Mary Eliza* was going to sea in the morn - sat down immediately and wrote to E - carried the letter after tea gave it to Father B - took a short walk with Mrs Dolliver.

July 1

No meeting at ours today - quite unpleasant - wrote a long letter to Annette - call from Rebecca, Fuller, W. Pearce.

July 2

Continues unpleasant - cleared off at night - took the children to walk called at Louisa Haskell's - C. Lows - Rebecca, Clem, Fuller, Eli here.

July 3

Pleasant morn - Mrs Low M Elisa, Charles Davis gone down East - went to walk with the children called at Mother B's at Mrs Redding at Lydia's as their uncle John gave them a cent to spend.

July 4

Passed one of the gloomiest days possible entirely alone with my little girls all day - Mother and the children - David and his family having gone to Essex to pass the day and Richard, Hannah at a party on the water, thought much of my dear E - had several crying spells hoped that E passed it more pleasantly in Surinam if he had arrived and I hope sincerely he had.

1838**July 5**

Invited at Emmeline's to tea went at ½ past 5 found quite a party assembled - Capt. Elwell arrived home just as I got there - quite a joyful meeting he seemed very well and happy at returning once again to his family - seemed to feel a good deal at the loss of his mate Mr. Allen who was washed overboard. He had not been married long to Miss Leach, D & L sister - she has not had her senses since she heard of it till the last week. Very many shower thunder and lightning. I left the party and came home for I shld not be content away from my children in such a shower.

July 6

Expected Aunt Stacy to pass the day with me did not come till afternoon accompanied by Mary and babe - Capt. Elwell left - Solomon to sail in a few days - walked round town with Aunt S and left her at Mother B's gave her 5 dollars thinking that Edward would do so if at home - she seemed very grateful for it - shed tears.

July 7

Delightful morn and my birthday - expect dear E will think of me today - look back with gratitude and thankfulness to the past year, for the health of my children and husband and the great happiness I have enjoyed I cannot be too thankful and trust the ensuing year will be attended with as much happiness - Cousin David Harraden came to pass a few days in town was happy to see him and invited him to spend his time here.

July 8

Attended meeting all day heard Mr Faye - found him quite tedious - went to walk in evening - several called in as they returned.

July 9

Invited to a party at Bass Rocks - declined going as the heat was excessive thermometer at 96 in the shade. Richard and Cousin D went around the Cape - stopped at Ann Norwood- tuned her piano. R was delighted with her. Went up to mother B's in evening heard some fine singing and playing from David, Mrs Shipley, Clem Low - returned found people singing in Mrs Lows yard- joined them - was delighted at the performance W Dale, C Presson, Cousin D and Mrs Shipley sang many beautiful pieces.

July 10

Richard, Brother D and Cousin D went fishing - invitation to visit Aunt Haraden and C. Dolliver went down to Aunts to tea and Clem in the eve - had pleasant visit

July 11

David and Richard round the Cape - went up to Mother B's in the evening had some fine playing and singing

July 12

Went down with Cousin D to Mrs Davis to tune Lydia Ann[']s Piana - call from Miss Shiply Clemy Low - went with them into Aunt Thurson[?] heard some fine singing from them and David went to Sandy Bay with children, sister H, cousin D. Wrote to E to send to Boston to go by Capt. Nickerson

July 13

Cousin D into Mrs Johnson's to tune Piana - went with him, Rebecca, Rich'd and Hannah down to Marietta to hear one more song before he left - returned found the stage here - the girls and R accompanied him in the stage from here - he left with regret having enjoyed his visit much - Marietta Rebecca to tea - several calls from others in the eve.

July 14

Wrote to E to send by Capt. Curtis - call from Rebecca - Capt C. called at the door gave him my letter. Went out made some calls with the children at E Fosters to see Mary Lane and her husband - found her perfectly well but he I should think no better - calld at Mrs C. Fosters, Miss A. Fosters Mrs W. Parsons Mother B and Lydia's, C. Low's - was treated in the evening with ice cream by Mrs Low

1838**July 15**

Attended meeting in the morn but the weather was so warm and Mr Jones tedious concluded to stay at home in the afternoon. Call from several people among them John and Mary

July 16

Nothing occurred worth mentioning several came in but none to see me Hannah's company.

July 17

Aunt Stacy came down to sit with me an hour or more - went out after dinner called to see Eben found him better but looking very thin - at Mrs Sanford, Tilden, C. Ferson to see the Somes girls who returned from Cabotville Saturday left Annette in Charlestown. Mrs Pearson sick

July 18

Went up in town after dinner with Emmeline Babson, took tea at Aunt Babsons with C. Shaw her cousin, Ann Davis etc. rained very hard after we got there, rode home with Nat his wife and Charles, enjoyed my visit very much.

July 19

Mrs. P confined at eleven o'clock- has a son- suffered much-had 3 physicians. Visit from Charles Babson his lady and cousin, Eliza B., Emmeline, Nat, Solomon D arrived home

July 20

Went out with children - Mother B gone to Beverly with Solomon who was going to Boston alone - returned in stage Mary came in gave her some silk to fix a dress Solomon brought home - call from Somes girls, Moses Low.

July 21

Unpleasant morn - went out after dinner to the stores, call from Charles Babson, H. Pearce - went after tea with Nat and Emmeline to see the Indians - returned found the girls here went with Emmeline Elwell to Lydia's ate ice cream, from there to the meeting house

July 22

Attended meeting three times - was delighted with Daniel Smith he had a full house all day - he is to preach 4 sabbaths and I hope sincerely we might be fortunate enough to have him always. In the evening George Somes called with E Saville, Richard, Eliza Stacy etc. They had just come in when a drunken man came in and sat down- I was quite alarmed but the gentlemen soon put him out - he probably thought it was Peabody's but being so intoxicated could not tell, I felt thankful I was not alone for I had been toill then all the eve as I almost always am till 10 or 11 o'clock.

July 23

Sent the children out to wlk with Lucy took tea at Emmeline Babson's with C. Shaw Ann Davis, Eliza B and Charles B had a pleasant visit

July 24

Call from Emmeline Babson, Moses Low went up in town after tea with them Nat Charles and Caroline Shaw and ate mull berries called on aunt Low

July 25

Rainy day call from Eben Stacy who is much better, Amelia Foster, Rebecca others - went up to Mother B's with cousin Charles

July 26

A large party at the Magnolia House- had invitations, was urged very strongly by everyone to go but declined - call from several that were going - commenced at 2 o'clock to go down - carriages going all afternoon - left entirely alone, took the children went into Mothers got some tea.

July 27

The party returned last night at 12 o'clock - had a most glorious time, handsome supper, music, dancing in the evening - 110 people there - call from C Low, Eli, C Babson - went out with the children, called at Amelia's at Mother B's found her distilling - went after tea met C Hayes walked round town with her - everyone blaming me for not going to the party

1838**July 28**

Done up blackberries - call from Eli, C Low, E Saville - went with E Foster Mary Jane Mer[?] to the meeting house to see and hear D Smith sing - many people there.

July 29

Excessively warm morning - attended meeting all day - call from William, from John and sons, several others

July 30

Lucy went home early in morn - her eyes so much effected could not see at all.

July 31

Aunt Stacy came down to sit a while in forenoon - came again after dinner to tea Aunt Babson and Charles also - call from H.M. Pearce - a lecture in eve by D Smith could not attend as I am alone - had a letter from D. Harraden saying that Mrs. C would visit me next week in the [B--?] Tuesday when the Rangers will come.

[This is a reference to the Boston based brass marching band called the Rifle Rangers that performed in parades etc.]

Aug 1

Went to see B Parsons to cut my black dress - called at Mother B's found aunt Stacy just ready to start for Squam to go from there home she seemed sad. Attended Society at Mrs. Driskill - Mr Smith there had a pleasant meeting - call from Mr Smith

Aug 2

Attended Mr Smith lecture liked very much the house crowded to excess

Aug 3

Made some calls at Mrs SH Rogers Mrs Carlile C. Shaws, Mother B found Aunt Susan Uncle James who had just arrived - started to go up in Town to see Lucy met her aunt - heard she was no better so did not go - Mrs Hix here to wash

Aug 4

Had a large ironing - call from Charles Caroline in evening

Aug 5

Attended meeting all day was delighted with Mr. Smith, had a third service in evening - went to that also - came home wrote to E having heard that a vessel was ready for S - while writing GH Rogers came with good news that E had arrived out Capt. Saywards note Boston

Aug 6

Sent my letter to Boston - Uncle J and Aunt S here to tea Nat Emmeline in eve Father Mother B letter from E, disappointed will not come so soon but felt happy to hear he was well

Aug 7

A busy day with everyone - prepared pudding - had roast dinner - Steamboat came between 11 and 12 with the Rifle Rangers - Maud Mrs C daughter came here, Mrs C returned in boat, cousin David called he's a member of the company, call from Merietta other ladies, Rebecca to tea, Annette came home.

Aug. 8

Many calls from different people, Mr Lang Miss Coffin and others to see Mrs C - cousin D in a number of times not allowed to leave the company only for so many minutes - went down last night by the encampment to hear the music - had some dancing tonight - they have tried for a ball but I suspect with no success. By invitation of the Gentlemen of the town the whole company have gone to Bass Rocks to have chowder etc escorted by Gentlemen on horseback - invitation to visit Mrs Parsons - went had a pleasant time tho the company were more than half strangers. Mrs C enjoyed it much serenade at night by the Brass Band

1838**Aug 9**

Another busy day expected the steam boat to take the company of Rangers - prepared my dinner expecting Mr & Mrs Clapp then went made calls with Mrs C leaving Mrs Hix to see to matters and things - Cousin D here to breakfast - called at Mother B's, C Fersons, Ann Johnstons, Aunt Haraden. Mrs Parsons returned found Davis here, stayed to dinner, steam boat came about one o'clock such a scene of confusion I would not describe it was supposed there were 700 people came. Mr and Mrs Clapp did not come but Mr Mrs White, and Solomon came, here to dinner and returned in boat Mrs C went in the stage for so many people on board she felt afraid to go - All left between 2 & 3 and the town once more still, I felt completely tired out.

Aug 10

Quite unpleasant - feel really sick, was obliged to go to Betsey's to try on my dress

Aug 11

Mrs Hix here to wash, Lucy returned in eve felt glad to have her come, went to the stores called at Emmeline's with George Somes, Esther

Aug 12

Attended church in morn heard an excellent sermon by Mr. Jones. So very warm did not go out afternoon - call in eve from C Dolliver, Helen, Eben Stacy, Eliza and others - perused many old interesting letters.

Aug 13

Heard of Mrs. Pearson's death quite sudden for she had apparently been better for a day or two - died this morn at ½ past 2 - her husband how wretched he must feel to be a second time deprived of a dearly beloved wife under so much the same circumstances - but he will be again supported and sustained by our heavenly Father who watches over us all and will give him strength to bear with this severe dispensation - this evening brought good tidings from Esther who was confined at 7 this morn with a beautiful boy. We all felt thankful and hope she will still do well - went up to Mother B went and procured a bonnet for her - called with Mother S up to Frances Davis

Aug 14

Started after tea to go to Mothers met her and Annette, called at Mary's, from there went to the Cut with William and Annette - went to Lydia's had ice cream - sent a letter this morn to go by Capt Rowe to my dear E - hope however he will be from there when he arrives.

Aug 15

Attended the funeral of Mrs. Pearson - a large assembly of people.

Aug 16

Invited to visit C Shaw felt obliged to accept the invitation as I was invited last week and could not go - had a pleasant visit with Emmeline, Nat etc - rained in torrents when we returned home.

Aug 17

Annette came in after tea went to walk at the Cut came back found Emmeline, Clem, Rebecca, Amelia here, they went out - the somes girls came in with Moses Low - G. Somes engaged to E. Saville

Aug 18

Attended Mr Calefs auction in afternoon - in forenoon walked with children - evening went to the meeting house saw Mr Smith happy to learn he has accepted invitation to become our minister

Aug 19

Attended church in morn heard an excellent sermon from Mr Smith - went again in evening

Aug 20

Call from Emmiline Amelia invitation to Ann Johnsons did not go - Esther George came in went with them to the spring to see Mrs Stoddard - ate baked beans

Aug 21

Call from Clem Low ate hot gingerbread - several in the evening

1838**Aug 22**

Spent the afternoon at Mother B with children Mathew Smith called there he came in town in forenoon with his wife and other friends - had a lecture in evening.

Aug 23

Went down to the beach at 7 o'clock in morn with the children, met John who accompanied us had a delightful walk it being a splendid morn - took tea into Susans with Mrs Carlile, Mr Beach, Annette and others called Charles, Caroline

Aug 24

Made some calls etc - Mrs Pressons Ann Davis G Shaws met Charles then he went with me to Emmelines found her quite unwell could sympathise with her - attended a party at Mrs Whites

Aug 25

Had a party of little folks - quite a heavy shower toward night - call from Esther George Maria Rogers etc

Aug 26

Wind blows fresh - attended church in afternoon heard Mr Spear did not like him at all no singing on account of the death of Mrs. Barnes, Clarissa's sister - call from Rebecca Emmeline etc

Aug 27

Visit from Annette, Rebecca, Amelia, Emma call from G Andrews

Aug 28

Annette and myself past the afternoon up in town, called into C Shaws first then proceeded on our walk, had a pleasant time, called into Aunt Babson's, JL Babsons, Isabella's, H Curtis, Abigail's, Mary Ann Tuckers, then took tea at Hetty's, felt rather tired on my return

Aug 29

While at breakfast - Annette told me Capt. G was coming, soon Father came with letter how thankful how happy I was to receive it and to learn my dear E was well. Mrs Stoddard, Esther, George, Mother took tea with me - went to Society little while at LE Ellerys

Aug 30

Invited to Mrs Ellerys this eve, went, had a very pleasant time, many ladies and gentm there been expecting Capt G would call but am disappointed.

Aug 31

Went out with children, called at Mrs W. Dolliver, Mrs E Dolliver, Mrs M Parsons, Cousin Nat's, Lucy Ellery's to see Mrs T Saville took tea into Mothers with Rebecca, Emma, Amelia, Esther, Annette, E Stacy in eve with Gentm.

Sept 1

Very unpleasant, thunder, lightning, with heavy rain, call after tea from E. Dolliver and wife - went with Mother up to Mother B's she leaves for Charlestown Monday how delighted Esther will be to see her and show her darling boy, I should like much to see them.

Sept 2

Went to church in forenoon, Rebecca came in the eve went with her and Eli to Amelia found Emmeline there all went to walk at the swing - call from John

Sept 3

Mother in to assist in making spread for the childrens beds - told me of Hannah being engaged to Fuller - went in the forenoon at the stores took the children with me - Charles and Caroline called went with them at the Cut - most lovely evening I wish dear E was expected and could get home this beautiful morn.

Sept 4

Wet out - made some calls at Mrs Carlisle to see Sarah Nowell, Mrs Fitz, Mrs J Somes, Mrs Tilden, Mrs F Low, Aunt Haraden.

1838**Sept 5**

Went with children to see Aunt Nancy Babson called at Annettes - Mrs Atkins Mrs E Brown's - a call from H Brown in evening

Sept 6

Call from Rebecca - took tea into Mothers past the evening at Mrs Reddings with Amelia Emmeline etc.

Sept 7

Went after tea to walk with children call from Mary Pearce Mary Parrott W Pearce.

Sept 8

Went after tea to Mr Stevens store, met Fuller just returned from Boston took tea here, George, Esther in.

Sept 9

Attended church all day - heard Mr Leach from Squam - liked him better than expected

Sept 10

Put in a quilt for my dear E - mother in to assist me - G Somes gone to Boston to go to sea - Ben left his vessel at Trieste, as usual

Sept 11

Hannah assisted me some today at quilting she was at Emmelines to tea. Clem in here all evening, Eli called.

Sept 12

Very rainy - little H not well - Clem and Hannah quilted some in the afternoon - up most all night with Hanny attack of the Cholera - heard from E by Capt. Kendall

Sept 13

Hannah not much better, call from Mother B brought down two little baskets for children - Emmeline, Amelia, Rebecca came to quilt. Capt Fitz and wife past the evening here call from Annette, Moses Low

Sept 14

Mother came in afternoon, call from Mrs Nancy Davis HM Pearce E Saville

Sept 15

Got my quilt out in morn - call from Rebecca from Charles, Caroline - C [Charles Babson] is going to sea with Brother David to Havannah in brig *Imogene* - went to Mother B's in evening, Rebecca Emmeline Amelia there.

Sept 16

Went to church all day, call from E Saville, Eli, C Babson who leaves tomorrow for Boston to sail in cruise of the week - went into Clemy's with E Saville - call from John

Sept 17

Call from Aunt Thurson, Anna, went with A to Lydia Fersons - the story of Moses discussed

Sept 18

Went up to John's Society to tea found little Sam quite sick - Mr Reed came to Mother B in afternoon, Father B in Boston.

Sept 19

Call from Capt Grover, Mr Reed, S Nowell - went with Mother, Hannah, Susan to Mrs Nancy Dais' to tea had a pleasant visit

Sept 20

Went out with children - call from C Ferson and William, Mother B

Sept 21

Did not go out - call from several friends as usual, Father B came from Boston

Sept 22

Went over to purchase shoes - called at Mrs G. Parsons to see Mrs Appleton who leaves town for Westfield Monday - called at Nrs John Somes with E Saville she stain here to tea - David came down from Boston, will sail first of the week - call from Mrs Redding, Fanny and Mrs Francis R

1838**Sept 23**

Attended church in forenoon, heard Mr Smith, went again in evening tho quite rainy increased my cold considerable.

Sept 24

Past the afternoon at Mother B with Mr Smith and wife - had a pleasant visit - they went to Anna M Lows in evening. Heard of Elias arrival - how rejoiced he will be to see his son.

Sept 25

My cold quite bad - call from Annette, C Low, Eli etc. - expecting father every minute - hope he has escaped uninjured among the many sad disasters that have happened this month - what a continued anxiety - I would give worlds if Edward was only safe at home - God grant that he may be soon

Sept 26

Quite unpleasant, went out however to the Lyceum to hear Mr Choate lecture on the Romance of the Sea - it was most delightful lecture and a crowded house - a poem by Mrs Nowell was read by B Corliss - call from TSL

Sept 27

Call from Sewall, E Saville, still unpleasant

Sept 28

All gone to Institute a lecture by Mr Rantoul, left alone

Sept 29

Children have bad colds, as well as most every one else the weather has been so unpleasant. Elias Knight and wife arrived tonight. I long to see Elias [cousin Elias]

Sept 30

Did not attend church all day as we all have colds - call from Father B, Capt. Parsons, Mary Pearce, C. Hayes - wonder Father does not arrive David sailed G Somes sailed

Oct 1

Delightful day, I hope this weather will bring in the Surinamers. Call from Cousin Elias was delighted to see him, he looks well but regrets he is so soon to leave us again I am very sorry for I should liked much to have had him at home with Edward - call from Cousin Charles B. Annette A Somes Mrs G Rogers - went with E Saville to take a walk met Charles and Caroline went with them at the Cut - most perfect evening I ever saw, I wish dear E was near enough to arrive home the beautiful moonlight night

Oct 2

Children no better carried them out thought this delightful air would improve them - visit from HS Haskell her sister Lucy and two children from Essex - Father not yet arrived

Oct 3

Call from Elias, M Dale, ATE Johnson, Annette going to Society at Head of the Harbour. Dr P to see the children - call from C Babson Caroline S.

Oct 4

Father B came from Boston with the good news that E was spoken with and think he must be here in a few days. Where can be father - I hope no accident has happened.

Oct 5

Capt Center arrived, hope dear E will be in today as he sailed the same time - left Father to sail in a few days - just heard he had arrived - where is dear E - God grant he may be here to night or I shall feel very anxious

Oct 6

E arrived home - heard the death of E. Trask and his sister Mrs. Thomson also about this time Moses Low's unhappy affair.

1838

The Whig Ball Dec 6th

Dec 6

Dear E once more left me for Surinam. God grant him a short and prosperous voyage and return home in safety is my earnest prayer

Dec 7

How lonely I feel - dear little Hannys 4th birth day how fervently I hope she may live to pass many very many more to be a comfort to her parents - [?] took her and Sisy as far as Mother B and into Mrs Corliss - she has fine babe - spoke of our absent friends what a fine chance they had met - felt quite unwell in evening took hot drops.

Dec 8

Rather unpleasant rainy afternoon - Father burnt my chimney - evening Clem was in - received Dear E surtout [overcoat similar to a frock coat], but no letter was disappointed

Dec 9

A very blustering day - attended church however heard Mr Smith all day - Mr Hough and wife in the evening A Foster

Dec 10

Not very pleasant - sent to Boston to get the leaf for lard - Clemy spent the evening here - Annette in - the Installation of Mr Smith the 20th

Dec 11

Devoted the forenoon in writing to dear e to send by Capt Saunders - took the children out to the meeting house to their aunt Mariy's, Mrs Johnson went into Susan's with my work as I was alone - Eben Stacy called

Dec 12

Not very pleasant in afternoon quite a gale of wind - Lyceum lecture by Mr Pierpoint also a lecture at Mr Whaites church by Mr Taylor in regard to seaman.

Dec 13

Week today since E sailed it seems certainly months since - a fine day went out with children over to stores into Mother B's into Mrs Parsons - called in evening with Annette and Richard to see Mrs D. Smith had a very pleasant call - the curtain arrived for meeting house.

Dec 14

Another pleasant day, delightful weather for Dec - call from Mrs S. Foster Amelia Mary D and Mary B - went over to E Fosters to spend the eve did not find her at home - went into Mrs FG Low

Dec 15

Delightful spring day - invited last eve to visit C Dolliver with children - could not go as Amanda seemed quite ill - taken some cold I think

Dec 16

Attended church in forenoon - Sister broke out with chicken pox - did not go out again - call from C Dolliver after lecture - M Low E Saville

Dec 17

Sisy seems quite sick has not been out of my arms today except a half hour - she slept on sofa

Dec 18

Sis rather better - weather rather unpleasant - D gone again to Dr. Thomsons.

Dec 19

Went in the morning as far as Mr. Stevens - he has taken the chickenpox - call from Mr Mrs Waite - went in evening to Lyceum heard a splendid lecture by Hon Mr Winthrop a very full house supper at A Gilberts

1838**Dec 20**

Felt fearful in morn that it would storm but it cleared away and the installation [of Mr Smith] past off pleasantly to the satisfaction of every one - sermon by Mr Skinner charge by Mr Ballou 2nd, Right Hand Fellowship Mr King, installing prayer Mr Jones, sermon in afternoon by Mr Austin, Mr Spear, Mr Leach, Arnold took a part - Conference meeting in evening

Dec 21

The Institute so as said to be very interesting - made so by Mr Smith and B Corliss debating

Dec 22

Not very pleasant Annette in an invitation to visit C Dolliver Monday evening with Mr Mrs Smith

Dec 23

Attended meeting in forenoon tho the weather unpleasant - did not go out afternoon thought I would finish my letter to dear E but Father B called and thought it best not to send it to Boston too soon as Capt S promised to let him know in season. Went in eve to hear a sermon to young men which was very good, Annette, Eben came in and Nancy Elwell afterwards.

Dec 24

Attended C. Dollivers party which was quite large and pleasant.

Dec 25

Christmas day attended exhibition of Sabbath school scholars an address by Mr. Smith which was very interesting in the evening a sermon and the sacrament administered. Eben, Annette came home with me and Lydia Ferson.

Dec 26

Attended society at Mrs Fitz. Took tea into Mother's with children. Went up Mary's in evening with Mr. Mrs. Parsons, Eben, Mary, Annette

Dec 27

No entry

Dec 28

Past the afternoon at Mother B with Mr Smith & wife Mrs Davison Saunders, Mr Hough - went to Institute heard a lecture from Mr Smith - returned to Mothers found an addition to the party in Mr Hough wife, Mrs Dexter etc - had a handsome supper

Dec 29

Went over to Mr Dexter in eve up to Lydia's with Hannah sent a letter to Boston to go by Capt Sayward.

Dec 30

Attended church all day - heard Mr Jones in morning Mr Smith in afternoon and evening a lecture to young ladies, a crowded house an excellent lecture - Annette, Eben, Sarah Comes came in Mrs Ellery

Dec 31

Past the afternoon at Mrs Comes with Mary Annette had a pleasant visit

1839**Jan 1**

Happy New Year dear E wherever you are - I hope you are very near Surinam if this year proves as happy as the last I shall have nothing to regret - but everything to be thankful for. Went out after dinner with Annette to invite those members of our church who had not been invited to become members of our charitable society - called on Abby Mansfield Mary, Mrs Hough - Mrs SH Davis.

Jan 2

Attended Society at Mrs Grovers a lecture in evening at Lyceum by Mr Smith on the Science of the Sea - Abigail, Sarah, Maria, Annette came in

1839**Jan 3**

Went to the Bible class at Mrs Pearson about 30 there think it will be very pleasant and profitable - from there to Mrs John Somes where Esther was visiting for the first time

Jan 4

Call from Mrs Choate - went to Mr Stevens little George Parsons here to tea - call from E Foster & Amelia.

Jan 5

Call from Mr Jones - Nancy Elwell Ann Johnson Augusta Parsons Eli

Jan 6

Attended church in afternoon a lecture in evening to Married Ladies - but did not hear it - E Saville, Eben in

Jan 7

Annette came in after tea went with her to Marys to Lydias never was out such slippery walking.

Jan 8

Prepared for company Nancy Elwell, Amelia Annette here to tea Low girls, Eliza Stacy, Maria Rogers in evening with Eben etc. Brother William.

Jan 9

Children past the afternoon at Grandma Babsons with a party of little folks - call from C Shaw, Mrs Redding, Nancy, Amelia, Mrs Mary Collins

Jan 10

Children went with Mary to see little Amanda - attended Bible Class in eve at Mrs Dales - David quite an ill turn

Jan 11

A summer day - Children gone in to show Grandma new books that Father gave them - went back in afternoon with me took tea with Mrs Nancy Davis

Jan 12

Delightful weather we have - went up to Mrs Centers found her quite unwell - called into G Saville's with Esther, Hannah - went into store purchased a piece of beautiful cheese

Jan 13

Attended meeting in forenoon heard Mathew H Smith did not go out again - call from Nancy, AK Johnson, Father B

Jan 14

Grandma sent down for the children to go out with her - they went and called at Abby Rogers, Mrs Whittemores, Mrs Smiths, Betsey Stevens etc - came home with new books delighted with their walk. E Saville came in with a letter from George S, she stop to tea. MI Lane went with her in eve to call upon Mrs Smith went to Mrs Lowes to communicate news.

Jan 15

Went over to Dexters for Mother - into Mrs Rogers - heard of Capt Rowes arrival at Vineyard

Jan 16

Attended Society at Mrs Houghs, Lyceum in evening a lecture from Mr. Putnam of Portsmouth not much liked.

Jan 17

Perfect day - took the children out over to Cousin Nat's - into Lucy David - Grandma Bs Mrs F Low - Bible Class at ME Lows

Jan 18

Went with mother to Mrs Smith, Mrs Jones, Mrs Pearce - Mother B into stores - Lucy told me she should leave next week.

1839**Jan 19**

Went over in street with Mother in eve, quit unpleasant - found letter on my return that Capt Rowe carried to Surinam

Jan 20

Went to meeting all day and eve. Esther in, hope Capt Fitz will get in soon.

Jan 21

Pleasant morn, but bad snow storm afternoon and eve - Lucy left me felt relieved - Dr. Chapman came to see David - still quite sick

Jan 22

Lydia Ann Davis here to tea call from Nancy Amelia

Nothing particular occurred the past week.

Feb 1

David very sick indeed

Feb 2

Wrote to Solomon last night concerning David who we fear will not continue long - nor can we wish it when we see his sufferings and know there is no help - had a comfortable night last night but this forenoon a bad ill turn - Mr Smith prayed with him - afternoon much sicker requested again to see Mr Smith, he came again prayed most fervently - Richard came about dark - felt thankful to see him and sorry that Solomon did not come. Mr Smith called again after lecture - many others in.

Feb 3

David still lingers but Oh God grant that he soon may be released from his severe sufferings - how much I would have given if Solomon and Edward were here - Mr Smith called and prayed before his lecture and after lecture came in again stayed a long time with D thinking he was near his end - we all sat up and at 12 o'clock D breathed his last - oh how much he has suffered and how thankful we ought to feel, he is now released, when we know he could not recover. Poor Susan, she had a dreadful fainting fit which lasting a long time - finally got her into warm bed. Mother & Mrs. Parsons sat with her till morning. I went to bed at 3 o'clock - hope never to pass another such night

Feb 4

Susan great deal of trouble. Mrs Foster came over to do her errands for her - Mother Annette in - Lucy Ellery some errands for me - several others in

Feb 5

Very busy indeed putting house in order - children gone to grandma Babson all day - Funeral in afternoon - excellent prayers - great many people here - family stopt to tea - felt thankful my girl came Sunday night for I needed her very much - wish dear E were here with me - hope it will not be long before he come God grant he may return soon in safety.

Feb 6

Susan seems more calm - Mr Smith called Mrs Collins with Susan - R gone back to Boston

Feb 7

Solomon left this morn, Mother in, Susan suffers great deal pain from her side

Feb 8

Father B came in had the rheumatism and was going to walk to make him feel better. Annette, Nancy Elwell called - received a paper from Mrs Kennedy

Fed 9

Susan better and quite calm - let the children go up to see her which affected her much - received a bundle from Solomon with hose handkerchief etc.

Feb 10

Went to meeting rode with Susan in morning attended again in afternoon, evening. Annette in E Saville

1839**Feb 11**

Mother B came in. Susan quite calm and comfortable Miss Collins obliged to go home on account of sickness at home.

Feb 12

Went out after dinner with H to the stores called at Mother B's found Father afflicted with rheumatism Annette Nancy Elwell i

Feb 13

Called to see Mrs. Hough's boy who is and has been very sick its life despaired off. Lecture this eve by Elias Smith, Mr Smith's father, did not go out as I had some work I wanted to finish - a party at Magnolia House - Annette went

Feb 14

Attended Bible Class at Mrs Caswells - rather rainy unpleasant - quite an excitement in town on account of the robbery committed by Ed Close (Sp), etc. - fell rather timid when it come night wish I could go out

Feb 15

Unpleasant - retired to bed rather nervous was waked up by knocking at chamber door found it to be Eliza Ann saying a man was at the door with letters for me - found it to be William was very happy to hear of Capt Fosters arrival particularly as it brought news from dear E - God grant he may be here soon, have a shorter passage that the others have had.

Feb 16

Great excitement occasioned by the robbery many stolen goods found in their possession and the money also found in an old cellar in dog town. ... Feel glad for Sewall - when I think how long he has been in the habit of coming here I almost tremble.

Feb 17

Very unpleasant walking very bad went out in afternoon and evening

Feb 18

Dear E's birthday may he live to see many returns of the same and God grant that every year may bring with it health and happiness to him and his family - children talk much of Fathers birthday - think if he was here he would treat them - went up to see Father B found him better tho still afflicted thinks he must try and go to B[oston] tomorrow as the *Amazon* is there.

Feb 19

Attended the funeral of Mrs. Hough's babe who died Sunday night - excellent prayers

Feb 20

Did not go out to Lyceum, and was glad I did not as it was long and tedious lecture by Mr Bradbury of Newburyport on Steam - call from Eli, Clem, two great strangers have not seen them for a long time.

Feb 21

Call from Mrs. S Stacy she does not seem to get over the death of her husband and seeing Susan seems to renew it all again. Grandma Smith came in - Intended going to Bible Class but was belated, as it commences at ½ past six it is rather difficult to get away so early met at Mrs Elias Elwell.

Feb 22

Firing in morning from Revenue Cutter children asked what it was for I told them it was Washington's Birthday Hannah says Mother, they did not fire Fathers birthday, what makes them now? very unpleasant - Capt Herrick arrived, brought letters from dear E felt rather disappointed that he is going to stay there any time, for I almost expected to hear that I might look in a week for him home, but I trust it is all for the best. Father thinks it is - *Ceres* in Vineyard. Lecture at Institute by Mr Smith.

Feb 23

Baked a loaf cake and pudding - into Mothers.

1839**Feb 24**

Attended church in forenoon Mr Jones preached Mr Smith in Boston and Charlestown stayed at Capt Davisons all night.

Feb 25

John came in at breakfast time with a letter from E by *Ceres*, glad to receive it tho nothing different from my last - Hanny quite sick last night - but seems better today - bad weather for colds, so mild and open walking bad.

Feb 26

Call from Mary - Caroline into Susans great trouble about her husband as his office has been taken from him and his name as a drunkard is spreading. I pity her most sincerely. Fuller brought up a fish and made chowder - call from Mrs Parsons E Saville

Feb 27

Call from Mary Ann Choate - lecture at Lyceum by Mr Lothrop of Boston- people disappointed in his lecture

Feb 28

Attended Bible Class at Mrs Lows. Annette in

Mar 1

Took work went up to Mother B's - Mary Ann Somes there - Mary Davis - conversation about myself - the first that has been said to me - Father came from Boston

Mar 2

Went over in street with mother to get material for quilting

Mar 3

Attended meeting in forenoon - no one in sat alone except a call from Richard who came down to town meeting

Mar 4

Whigs triumphant

Mar 5

Town meeting continued - Richard went this morning - Whigs still victorious - call from Mr. Winchester knows the account of Leonard to be true - sorry for Caroline - Susan feels badly

Mar 6

Call from Mary - from Mrs Redding, Sally Low - Lecture by Mathew Smith - he and DD Smith took tea at Mrs John Saywards - Annette here to tea call from Mrs Calef

Mar 7

Mary Eliza Low came in Bible Class at Hutchings

Mar 8

Went out with Annette called at Mrs Whaites round the square Mrs Smiths, at George Davis to see the babe- pretty little thing - called at Mrs Rogers to see Henrietta, now Mrs Reed(?) at Clem Dollivers, Ann Johnsons - Lecture at Institute on Gloucester by Mr Smith

Mar 9

Mother B came in - hope dear E will be here before another Saturday night

Mar 10

Attended meeting forenoon - evening

Mar 11

Upleasant day - no one in - Hannah engaged in quilting - invited Mother B - declined

Mar 12

No one in - went into mothers - see how they go along with their quilting - Miss Collins assisting

1839**Mar 13**

Took the children out at Mother B at Mrs Parsons - Mrs Fitz - Aunt Haraden - call from Mrs Reed Hannah Rogers - Mrs John H. Davis - attended Lyceum - lecture from Mr Upham of Salem

Mar 14

Prepared for Bible Class which met here this evening - had a faint spell in morning occasioned by severe pain - felt better in eve - Mr Smith started for Salem middle of the evening met with accident and returned.

Mar 15

Beautiful morning - let the children go into Mother into Mrs Johnson, called into Mothers took tea there with E Saville who was helping them quilt - called into Aunt Johnsons

Mar 16

Another week has passed and E not yet come - such delightful weather I wish he might arrive - went up to Mrs John Somes - over in street

Mar 17

Attended meeting with the children - Mr Smith indisposed not able to preach - quite an exciting time - he preached in afternoon, evening - John in - uncle James, Father B, Annette and Eben after lecture - Capt. Foster sailed again for Surinam - Poor Mary Jane- how sincerely I pity her having lost her husband and away among strangers, how dreadfully she must feel, but God will support her now as he ever has and give her friends to comfort her.

Mar 18

Took work went into Lucy Ellery - Capt Parsons arrived yesterday in Boston.

Mar 19

Felt dull all day - Hannah and E Saville went out to Mary Savilles to tea - after they had that I should feel better to go, so drest and went - had a very pleasant visit.

Mar 20

Call from Mrs Lucy Parsons with a bowl of pears - her husband came last night - went in eve to see Elizabeth Foster found them dull particularly Mrs Elwell about Malay and Mary Jane. Thomas still in Boston unable to go on account of weather.

Mar 21

Dull wind and weather for dear E if any were near quite unpleasant - attended Bible Class at BF Somes - letter from Esther will expect her April

Mar 22

E Saville in - John called did not feel very well

Mar 23

Took children went into Mothers my mouth quite sore so that I can scarcely eat.

Mar 24

Beautiful morn - went to meeting in morning that the children might go. Sis done very well. Face ached and mouth so bad did not go out again - Lydia Ferson in after lecture

Mar 25

My face somewhat better having wrapt it in cotton wool and took raspberry tea - call from H. Brown and a Lady & Miss Pratt, Elizabeth Dolliver Clemy Dolliver cousin Ann Davis - Bible Class at Mrs Pearce - did not go

Mar 26

ME Low came in evening with her work a stranger here as ahe an Clem enjoy but poor health to go any where.

Mar 27

Call from aunt Low, Lydia A. Davis, Helen Dolliver and boy father B - children down to Mrs Davis with Lucy had a grand time - Lecture at Lyceum by Mr Rantoul - did not go

1839**Mar 28**

Fast day - call in morning from Annette Nancy Plumer who had been to walk - Mrs Collins Elizabeth Dolliver babe - attended Sabbath School exercises in afternoon with the children - very interesting the address by Augustus Merrill excellent - took tea with mother - Capt Center arrived brought letters from dear E shall expect him now at any moment

Mar 29

Went down to the spring to tea but waited till after stage came in for I felt in hopes E would come.

Mar 30

Call from Annette E Saville - Mother B Mary Davis - expected Edward but was disappointed

Mar 31

Delightful morn - attended meeting with children in forenoon heard coming from church that E was in Boston yesterday rather doubted it as I thought he would have come immediately down, but did not know but we should find him here when we reached home - Father B walked down with us to see but was again disappointed - God grant that he may be with us very soon - Emmaline B. has a daughter

Sept 19

Again has dear E left me for a voyage to Surinam - Oh God grant that it may be a safe and prosperous one, that he may as he ever has done put his trust in thee who has always conducted him in safety and oh how earnestly I pray that he may again be restored to his anxious family in health soon even sooner than he expects - how lonesome I feel - Susan came down at night to see me - she talked to me for giving way to my feelings so much, and said she had no husband to go or to look forward to his return - how dreadful the idea and when I think of it and of others with their many troubles and privations I feel that I am not sufficiently thankful for the happiness I daily experience and ought to submit without a murmur to my dear E's absence knowing he feels it his duty for us to be thus separated - retired with feelings sad and lonely

Sept 20

Awake as usual many times - feel the absence of dear E very much - call in afternoon from Mrs Foster Mrs Tilden - Mrs Foster daily expecting her husband - sorry to hear such bad accounts from Surinam but hope the times will be better by the time Edward arrives there - call from Mrs Nabby Davis Mother Babson - Annette in - retired at 8 o'clock feeling very tired and sad.

[Edward Babson Jr. born Sept 20, 1839, VR. Actual date was Aug 20 - see Amanda's entry on Oct 8]

Sep 21

Most beautiful morn - Mother sent in for me to walk in there with the babe - went in - Edward went to sleep and I walked as far as Mother B's - felt fatigued - Annette came down afternoon to tea - Hannah here - call from ME Low Rhoda Saville - retired feeling a piece of cake I had eaten with my tea worried me - felt sick all night - wished often for dear E

Sept 22

Sent Amanda down in morning for some gruel - felt quite sick- got up, drest me, vomited a great deal twice, drank chamomile tea all day and ate nothing but gruel - aunt Johnson came in - Ann called after tea - I felt better at night. Susan came home I went to bed at 9 she brought the babe to me rested rather better.

Sept 23

Got up but felt hardly strength to dress me being in a complete perspiration owing to weakness and not having eaten any thing all the day before and nursing my little E was almost too much for me - however I drank some more tea and ate some breakfast felt rather better - sent children to WPD for bottle of Richardson's Bitters - take them three times a day - hope to receive some benefit from them for I never

1839**Sept 23 cont.**

knew what it was before to feel so weak - Annette came down for me to come up and bring my boy as Capt Lovell and wife were there and were very desirous of seeing us - but I did not feel well enough to go and particularly with strangers. H & A call'd in there with their Grandma S. and up to Capt. Fosters, Mrs. Jones. Mrs. E. Browns, over to Mrs Somes - call from Mrs. F. Low - Mrs. Beach - Edward rather worrisome owing I presume to my being unwell - has not slept much now having given him some cordial he seems to sleep and as it is 8 o'clock I think I shall retire.

[Dr. Richardson's Bitters was a patent herbal medicine that claimed to keep the "*Stomach and Bowels in a healthy state.*"]

Sept 24

E. Saville called in a beautiful afternoon - went with her as far as Short St. for a walk - she stopt to tea - call from Mother B, Mrs Parsons, C Ferson

Sept 25

Felt rather better - Annette, E. Saville down to H's to tea - went in at tea time and drank some tea - quite unpleasant eve and gloomy enough to me as Susan is gone to Mrs Winchester to stay all night - retired lonesome - had a heavy shower in night accompanied with thunder which made it still more gloomy - call in afternoon from Augustus Merrill & sister, A. Foster

Sept 26

Unpleasant cold morn obliged to have a fire. Artillery out - dined at Peabody's. Fuller gone to Boston. H came in to tea stayed the night - felt glad as the Fishermen were numerous and noisy - how much I miss dear E it seems months since he left - retired feeling cold, limbs aching.

Sept 27

Rose in morn sensible of having taken cold as my right breast ached and is swell'd - had a fire in Nursery as it is severe cold - applied goose grease which Edward did not like the taste of so I used rye meal which suited him better. Call from Rhoda, Mrs White her niece Miss Peabody. A very cold day and gloomy evening wish dear E was here - I am ll alone with my little E I shall soon retire and offer a prayer for the safety of him who is absent upon the great deep) God protect him and -- him in safety to his destined port there grant that he may not be detained but be returned soon in health to his family - bless that family and keep them in health for the Fathers sake as well as for their own

Sept 28

I do not feel much better - violent pain in back & shoulders - retired early

Sept 29

Felt quite sick and lonely it being Sabbath - Susan came in evening made me some milk porridge - bathed my back w hot drops and took some - slept better.

Sept 30

Felt better - Annette in - Mother B sent for some syrup she has a bad cough and not well at all - Solomon gone up to go to sea

Oct 1

Call from Ann Rogers she took tea at Mothers - Annette in - Rhoda etc.

Oct 2

Mother S gone to Boston with Father - Miss Collins keeping house - sent by her to get shoes for children - a blue print for Edward - hope she will enjoy her visit as it is a long time since she was there when I was preparing to be married.

Oct 3

Delightful weather for Mother but severe cold - our little room with a fire feels comfortable and I feel better and am in hopes to get out before many days.

Oct 4

Pleasant morn - made a call into father who returned last night - brought me a bottle of syrup and hot drops - Attended the Fair with Mother, Lucy etc - was much pleased Mother will stay a week longer.

1839**Oct 5**

Annette, Rhoda went to Amesbury yesterday call from Mary Catherine who left for Boston to go home - called in to see Mrs Collins with my little E - in afternoon took and went into Mrs John Parsons a few minutes

Oct 6

A pleasant Sabbath morn but cold - Call from John and little John - Mrs Parsons - retired about 8 o'clock. I sit alone and feel tired and am glad to go to bed.

Oct 7

Mother B. came in was astonished to see our dear boy how he had grown as she had not seem him for a fortnight she being quite unwell - sent me down some pie for my supper - said father came to the door one eve, found it fasten'd - for several evenings the fishermen were so numerous I secured the door at an early hour being all alone. Mary Ann out and Mrs Stanwood away. Mary Coffin came down past the evening with me.

Oct 8

Quite mild pleasant preparing to go to shops for the first time when Father B called - felt glad I had not gone - he stopt a little while then I with the girls went over in street - made some purchases for them and their brother, left him with Hannah, he was perfectly good not having offered to cry - alone all evening - Edward seven weeks old to night seems much longer to me.

Oct 9

Sent compliments into Fathers that I with the children and aunt H would take tea with him and Mrs Collins - would be very glad to see us - carried Edward into Mrs Johnsons a few minutes - came home with children before six - alone as usual - Mary Ann out - going to leave me in a few weeks

Oct 10

People very busy going to Col Beach's auction - call from E Saville, Mrs. W. Parsons - Fuller, Hannah in in the evening if it were not for them I should be lonely enough - Oh what would I give could dear E be always at home.

Oct 11

Call from Sarah Haraden - no one else in but family friends

Oct 12

Quite a discovery today - having found a hut built down by Manning Farm and taken a man belonging to Nova Scotia who lived in it - found Mrs. Davis clothes there and numerous other things among them many things taken from Brig *Amazon* - have his trial Monday. Mother came home tonight - glad to see her for I miss'd her tis so seldom she leaves home - had a delightful visit and beautiful week of weather to visit about. Saw Esther she still remains smart

[Manning Farm was in Sandy Bay and owned by Dr. John Manning, physician and farmer]

Oct 13

Another Sabbath morn, not very pleasant Mr. Smith unwell - Sandy Bay minister officiated - LA Davis in

Oct 14

Unpleasant day - heard Capt Foster was going soon to Surinam - no one in.

Oct 15

Cleared off towards evening - Father B came in quite early expecting to find Mother here - he waited for her and stayed til after nine - was very glad to see them tis so lonesome evenings to sit all alone

Oct 16

Delightful day - took children went into Hannahs to tea her father and mother Davis there - first time I had been in to stop - lightning the evening. Lecture by Mr. Everett - I do not expect to go this season - S. Foster and wife in expect to sail Saturday

1839**Oct 17**

Another pleasant day - after dinner drest the children went up to Mother B's quite a job to go abroad with three children - think I shall not visit much this winter. Calls in evening from Capt. F. Davis and wife, Mrs. Brown and Hannah

Oct 18

Went out afternoon to purchase a calash Call'd on Mrs T. Foster. Mrs. Adelaide F. - found the latter quite sick sits up long enough to have the bed made - poor Amelia has the whole care of the child as well as everything else. I hope her mother will recover soon, she has a slow fever - went into Mother B's she had gone up in town and was going to stop to Aunt Lizziy's to tea which she had not done before for 5 years - call'd into Mrs John P she had been quite sick for the past week with Rheumatic complaint, found her better - her husband arrived home last week - finished my letter to dear E in evening to send by Capt. Foster.

Oct 19

Went below and baked some cake - very unpleasant - sent my letter and papers over to go to Surinam - a month today since Edward sailed. I hope he has arrived safely at his destined port and will find things more agreeable than he expected. I long to hear from him.

Oct 20

Little E is two months old to day. He has been perfectly well thus far, grows finely and is very good. God grant that he may continue to, and that he with his two sisters may live to be a comfort to their parents, is my sincere prayer. A real cold day wind strong from North east - Capt. F did not go - had fire in parlor chamber - could not have one in our little room the smoke puff'd down the chimney on account of the wind being so high - call from Clemy Eli - L.A.D

Oct 21

Not sufficiently pleasant for Capt F to sail - no one in but own folks.

Oct 22

Moved below - seems quite odd - took the children into mother's stopt for tea - came home wish'd I had not gone as Mary Ann had run out-as usual and I found no fire - made out to get one after some time - children went to bed without any difficulty - felt fearful as I had been up stairs so long they would object to going but happily disappointed.

Oct 23

Had a fire in parlor - Society met here, about 21 members present, Mr. Smith called - has been very sick but is recovering - everyone though our boy looked like his father - I hope he will continue to, and be like him if he should live in very respect.

Oct 24

L.A. Davis came in before I had drest the baby for me to take the children down there - concluded to go as she had been for me two days before - had a pleasant visit as I accepted for I did not feel very well and Edward worried some - Mrs Fitz there - was glad to get home that I should not go again very soon to carry them all.

Oct 25

Call from Mother Mary Davis - call from Mr Collins and wife - Amelia Foster - Mrs F getting better slowly - John in some time

Oct 26

John came in with good news from Esther she has a daughter and is very comfortable - call in morn from Mrs Center Mrs Corliss

Oct 27

No one in but own folks except Capt. S Parsons - had rather an exciting sermon so I hear - not generally liked

Oct 28

Understand that Capt. Sayward will sail soon - must commence a letter. - call from Charlotte Foster

1839**Oct 29**

Call from Mrs. Hough, Mary Pearce, mother B, & father in the evening - I made calls with Edward into Mothers and Hannah's as usual very pleasant day

Oct 30

Done up my cranberries. Grandfather weighed Edward he weighs 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Took him past the afternoon at Mary Davis - she had a letter from S he had sailed from Norfolk

Oct 31

Dedication of the Murray Institute- lecture in evening by Mr. Nickals the Teacher

Nov 1

Phebe Davis and LA Davis, with Hannah & Fuller past the afternoon here. C. Presson came in evening, Fuller made a chowder which was very nice.

Nov 2

Clara Prentiss and Elizabeth Stanwood took tea with us - sent up for Sarah but she and her mother had gone to Amesbury with William to bring Annette home - little Hannah fell against the sofa and hurt her head - call from Mrs. W. Parsons

Nov 3

Another Sabbath day - have not been to church yet but hope I shall soon - Bible class at institute Mother went would like much to have gone but could not - alone all evening

Nov 4

Took the baby and children to make a call into Mothers - she insisted upon our staying to tea - came home early - Hannah in as Fuller has gone to caucus.

Nov 5

Left Edward and children into Hannah went out up to Mrs. Lancaster's to see about a piece of carpet - called at Mothers to see Annette she has been gone 4 weeks - little Susan came with her - called out with Mary invited them all to take tea with me tomorrow - went into H's to tea

Nov 6

Baked bread & beans for supper. Father and Mother B with all the family were here to tea - Father and Mother Stanwood, Rhoda Saville - had quite a sociable time - Anna M. Lowe came in- Eben Stacy to invite Annette to the Conflagration Moscow - refused as she has seen it three times - did not see anything more of John and William after tea so much taken up in caucusing

Nov 7

Mary Ann left me in afternoon. Elizabeth came hope I shall be able to get along with her.

Nov 8

Hannah offered to take care of Edward if I would go to concert with mother - consented after a while - was very much delighted with the two Miss Shaw's singing - found the Hall well filled. Baby perfectly good all evening Amanda has bad hoarse cold

Nov 9

Got along pretty well - Edward is so good Elizabeth can tend him some and the children amuse him and get him to sleep with their songs - wish I could hear from dear E how much I wish he was now at home to see his little girls and boy I expect he would give much

Nov 10

Unpleasant morn - call from LA Davis - Hanna sat with me as Fuller had gone to caucus- Tomorrow Town Meeting Day - I wish it were over and the Whigs successful

Nov 11

Continual riding and noise - Eliza Wharf here to wash - pleasant day - my clothes all dry so that I ironed some in evening - Jackson's gained the day - sorry the Whigs are so negligent of their duty as to stay away from polls - which was the case today - expect noise enough tonight

1839**Nov 12**

Beautiful day - call from Mary Coffin says John is almost sick and quite dull about the election. Mary Saville was confined Saturday night has a son- is herself now quite sick having a bad cough and other complaints which are singular and alarming

Nov 13

Intended going up to Mary C B but it is too damp to carry Edward out as he has been afflicted with cold in his head - Annette came in - Susan Babson

Nov 14

Still unpleasant - Caroline Presson came last night with her boy - call from Ann Johnson who has lately been to Boston and enjoyed her visit much

Nov 15

Rainy day - Mother B called in a few minutes - Betsy Foster came to see if I would not like to have her come back here to live but I cannot think of giving a dollar to anybody if I can possibly get along without

Nov 16

Rather pleasant tho still cloudy - Mother B in again this forenoon I was getting broth for dinner - Edward was asleep - she went into H's kitchen to see her stove etc Susan B came down stayed an hour with children - Mary Saville little more comfortable still very sick

Nov 17

Children went to church all day - stayed to Sabbath school - on one in but Hannah etc.

Nov 18

Washing day - call from Helen Dolliver, Emmeline Babson, Mrs John Parsons - I ironed in evening

Nov 19

Cousin Susan came down for children to go to walk drest them let them go - Mother, Father, Mary went to Boston yesterday - commenced a letter to Edward

Nov 20

Baby three months old - went with him yesterday into Mothers with Caroline Presson who is on a visit at Susan's - call from Mrs. Nancy Dexter Annette

Nov 21

Father came in for my letter as Capt Sayward would sail early in morning - done up the papers and gave them to him - went in evening for him to mend me some pens as I was going to write another letter.

Nov 22

Call from Mother B and Susan B - mother returned from Boston last eve - left Esther very well with a pretty little black eyed girl - Susan staid to tea

Nov 23

Drest the children early to pass the day at their Grandma B's - some other children went to be there to tea - Susan came for them by nine o'clock - most perfect day - let Elizabeth go up in town in afternoon - took Edward and went into Hannah rather than sit alone - children returned quite happy had a nice time

Nov 24

Unpleasant day - was standing with the babe when the door opened I looked up and saw Capt Fitz with letters was delighted to see him and surprised for I never knew he was coming - he had not been home then - was happy to hear from dear E and very glad that he has arrived to better market - hope he will not be detained to long - call from Father B who had not had a letter and had not seen Capt F

Nov 25

Unpleasant day - Caroline Presson, Susan, Hannah and Fuller in to tea - Mrs. Betsy Collins in evening and Mother

1839**Nov 26**

William came in while we were at tea with another letter from dear E by Capt Hodge - was delighted to receive it and now long for Richard to come for I shall then know more particular about Edward's coming etc.

Nov 27

Mother B in for us to come up there tomorrow - was engaged into Mothers, Annette came down afternoon to tend the baby an hour - call from Mrs. Shaw, Caroline, Amelia Foster and little Amelia Stanwood - Annette in again in evening with Eben and Maria Rogers - my little E was rather unfortunate in his behaviour.

Nov 28

Rather cloudy but mild - past the day into Mothers - commenced a letter to dear E finished it in evening to go by *Amazon* - Thanksgiving Day! how much I wish dear E was with us hope he will enjoy the day wherever he may be

Nov 29

Annette in

Nov 30

Mother B called - no one else in or any news

Dec 1

Not very pleasant day - many people pass to church - Elizabeth goes to Sabbath School - rains quite hard - LA Davis in with Hannah

Dec 2

Still unpleasant - Mrs. Wharf washed. - put clothes upstairs - children well except E has a cold in his head

Dec 3

Much pleasanter - Annette in - Mother B

Dec 4

Made some cake baked in Hannah's stove - regret every day I have not one - thinking of sending for some company tomorrow eve

Dec 5

Mother B sent to see if she should not make some Blanche monde - which she did - Annette passed the forenoon here tending little E - Capt. F Davis and wife, Mrs G. Smith, Miss. Bass, father, mother, Ann Johnson, Annette, Fuller, Hannah past the evening here

Dec 6

Mother B in etc - most beautiful day

Dec 7

Hannah's birthday - 5 years have past since her birth - God grant that she may have many more - she set her heart upon having some nuts for treat - sent and got some - treated all the folk - Grandma B in had a frolick with the children

Dec 8

Unpleasant weather - LA Davis in with Hannah

Dec 9

Still unpleasant - Mrs Wharf washes for me - sorry as we have to put the clothes up stairs

Dec 10

Nothing occurred during this week worth recording - no one in but family folks

1839**Dec 15**

Storm commenced last night extremely pleasant all day till evening it increased and has continued thro' this day with violence never did I pass a more gloomy Sabbath. Fuller came in after tea wet through he had been down to the wharfs and other places three four hours - he says it is dreadful storms and what makes it still worse people are drowning and no assistance can be rendered them the storm is raging so violent

Dec 16

Storm has abated some, and men are flocking by to assist the sufferers. Many vessels ashore at the Cove, Steep rock and many of the men drowned. One woman found and two women they dragged on shore alive and not much hurt - oh heavens what a storm this has been and how much distress it has brought. I hope Capt. Nickerson is safe if he came out of the Vineyard Saturday I fear he may not have reached the City before the storm came on. Father has been down to cove all day he says it is a most dreadful sight ----

Dec 17

Pleasant had a meeting of the inhabitants last night and subscribed 4 or 5 hundred dollars for the poor shipwrecked mariners. poor souls how much they have suffered. many bodies have been found. I past the eve or rather an hour into Hannah's with Abby Bass, Harriet Smith etc.

Dec 18

Society met at Hannah's - Annette came in - heard of Capt Nickerson safety, tho his vessel is much damaged and expect letter to night. While drinking tea Richard came in with my letter was very happy to hear of dear E good health and that he would be here sooner than he anticipated - God grant him a sfe and pleasant passage to his home

Dec 19

Call from John I think he seems miserable his cough is bad I fear he confines himself too much to his business - he says Capt N's chimney came down the night he arrived home, into his chamber, but no one was hurt.

Dec 20

Mr. Whaite is to preach the funeral sermon Sunday as the men will be buried from his church and Mr. Smith delivers the prayers. there are 11 bodies. [First Parish, Unitarian]

Dec 21

Mother B in and Father - Mary Davis - Father S brought in his spit-fire to put into my chamber for it was just like a barn.

Dec 22

Great many people out this afternoon to the funeral - many obliged to come away the church is so crowded the sermon is said to be very good. The procession monstrous long - two coffins taken away as their friends came for them.

Dec 23

Have not had a pleasant Monday this month - been obliged to hang our clothes up stairs. Mother B came down, altho it snows, quite early this morn to invite us up there Christmas - I wish dear E was here to go with us.

Dec 24

Annette in and Mary - does not now look very pleasant

Dec 25

Christmas day - not sufficiently pleasant to take the baby out - Grandpa S took the girls up to their Grandma B's this forenoon - it snows some - drest myself thought I would go up to dinner and leave Edward with Susan - he had a spell of cholic come on at the time I wanted to go. William came down for me but he was screaming so I gave up all thoughts of going - however he dropt of to sleep and Susan

1839**Dec 25 cont.**

insisted upon my getting my dinner so I ran up - they were almost done but I sat down and made a good dinner of turkey and pudding - came directly home - left the children to go with their Grandma to see the children at the Sabbath School exhibition - call from John Parsons and wife, C. Ferson, Ann Johnson, Annette - called in evening with Fuller and Hannah into Capt S. Parsons

Dec 26

Another storm rising - hope it will not be as bad as the last - Mother in.

Dec 27

Oh what a night I past: the wind blew a hurricane worse than before - was up some time before light for it was impossible to sleep or feel easy - expect to hear more shipwrecks upon our coast - where is Capt. Herrick - I hope he is safe - I suppose he must be near - I hope we never shall have another storm as bad.

Dec 28

Miss Wharf came to help me try out my larder - a brig went all to pieces this morning about 4 o'clock in about the same place the others did - all on board was saved except the Captain's wife - three other vessels ashore at half-moon beach - it has been a gloomy month. oh I hope the next will be pleasanter I almost dread to look for dear E but I hope he will be returned in safety and if I could only hear him say he will never go again how thankful I should feel.

Dec 29

The pleasantest Sabbath we have had tho the wind is high - children went to church in morning - call from Charles & Caroline - he is going in morn to go to sea - The Captain of the brig that is lost has to day gone to Capt S. Davis' and the mate who is a cousin of the Davis' from Deer Isle is go to Capt F.D. poor Captain feels sad enough to think his wife is gone and was the only one could not be saved.

Dec 30

The body of Mrs. Toothaker was found to day in one of the other vessels were they were taking the coal out perfectly uninjured with all her clothes on and her husband watch, money, etc in her pocket. Think she must have been drifted on board by the waves and there perished I am thankful they have found her it will be such a satisfaction to her husband. She was brought to Peabody's.

Dec 31

Mother B in - call in forenoon from Father felt in hopes he came to say Capt. Herrick was in but was disappointed - Saw the coffin taken from Mr. Peabody's and carried on board a vessel bound for Deer Island - poor Captain walked along with Dr. Moriarty - he looked the picture of despair - he must feel bad enough. I hope next month will be pleasanter than this has been

1840**Jan 1**

A pleasant morn - children full of a happy new year they wish their dear Father was at home to wish him one. - I wish him one most sincerely and many more to him and our dear children - I can hardly realize another year has past and how many changes since its commencement - many friends have died some at home among friends - others in foreign lands - In my own immediate family circle the year has past happily - how much I have to be thankful for - Oh God grant that this we have now entered upon may pass with as much happiness - that my children may be preserved in health to be a comfort to their parents - that their father who is now on the mighty deep may be guided in safety to his home soon, very soon, now, and at all times if he should again leave us - but I pray that he may find something here to keep him always with us - after E's many sad disasters I feel that I dread looking for him but I will put my trust in Thee who hast always conducted him in safety to his friends.

Jan 2

Call from Clemy Low - where is Capt Herrick now I long to have him come - Mother in etc.

1840**Jan 3**

Mary Low came in quite early - very cold indeed but pleasant - Capt Fitz & wife, L.A. Davis, Fuller, Hannah past the evening here.

Jan 4

Annette came down stayed most all forenoon - Mother B in afternoon and brought the children hoods she had been making them - they put them on and went out to walk, tho very cold - went over street in eve with H to stores - Saturday night and no news from E

Jan 5

Pleasant Sabbath morn - quite mild - children gone up to go to church with Grandma B - stopt to dinner - went to Sunday School etc.

Jan 6

Call from Capt J. Foster - from Annette and Hitty.

Jan 7

Mother took care of Edward for me to go out - went over in street to stores - called at A.M. Lows - up in square to Mrs. Somes, Mrs. F. Davis - took tea into mother's - call from Mrs. W. Winchester, Mary, Annette.

Jan 8

Miss Collins came to tea - tired of looking for news by Capt. Herrick and Richard I think they must be here soon - such delightful weather I wish they all might get home and dear E with the rest.

Jan 9

Most delightful day - took the children after dinner and spent the afternoon at Johns - had a pleasant visit - John brought Edward home.

Jan 10

Another beautiful day - chopping meat, etc for pies - Annette in, Sally Low, Aunt Johnson.

Jan 11

Call from father B with letters from E. by Capt Upton, Salem - was thankful to hear as I had been looking so long for letters - I wish Capt. Herrick was in I am fearful something has happened to him - call from Capt Fitz & GHR to learn what news I had as they had no letters from Capt Foster. - I suppose he wrote by the other vessel and neglected writing by this as by what E said I concluded he had arrived

Jan 12

Mrs. Foster sent over early in the morn to know the date of my letter etc - and immediately after she came herself in great trouble as Thomas had not written - she was afraid he was sick - how wrong it is to neglect writing by every opportunity it causes so much anxiety at home - children did not go out to church as it was quite -- walking

Jan 13

Mrs. Wharf was sick and could not come to wash - felt sorry - Mother B in.

Jan 14

Call from Mrs. Redding - Ann Johnson upon business concerning a clock for Mr. Smith.

Jan 15

Annette in - succeeded very well in their mission yesterday Mr. Fox of Salem is to make it - Annette wrote the note to him bought the cloth of Dolliver & Lancaster

Jan 16

Call from Mrs. Whaite - Mrs. Collins - Mary Saville, the second time she had been out - looks pale - heard of Richards arrival - felt very thankful - call from William in eve with letter from dear E - shall look for him before many weeks. God grant him a short and safe passage home - afflicting news of the Steamer Lexington being burnt and near two hundred people perished - among them was Mr. Alphonso Mason who had gone to New York to get the body of his nephew who died there at school - and our friend John G. Low - how heart rending must have been the scene - and what appalling news to their friends - God give them comfort and consolation in their hour of severe affliction

1840**Jan 17**

Annette in and ME Low

Mar 9

Dear E again left me to go to Surinam that he may arrive in safety at his destined port find there all things as he wishes, and a safe, short and pleasant passage to his home is my fervent prayer - I miss him much as well as his dear children - - I could realize my most ardent wish tht he soon may be permitted to remain always with us

Mar 10

H. Haskell in to spend the day - Mary Ann Choate, Susan, Hannah in to tea - LA Davis call from E Saville - N Plummer

Mar 11

Heard that dear E sailed at eleven O'clock rather a dull time I am afraid - William came in with a letter which E had written by the pilot - was happy to receive it and hope before long to

Mar 12

Annette in - Nancy, Emmaline - do not think they shall go till Monday - Mother B in wanted me to go up there to tea with others but declined preferring to go alone some other time.

Mar 13

Took tea into Mother with Nancy, Annette, Emmaline, Rhoda, Ann Johnston, Mr. Smith, Mr. Baker, William and Eben Stacy in the evening. Mr. Smith and Rachael came from Boston in morning bringing Lucinda with them.

Mar 14

H. Haskell in to assist in finishing Edward's carriage she past the day. Miss Collins came in stopt to tea

Mar 15

Went to meeting part of day - nobody Mr. Smith, Susan, Elizabeth, and Mary Ann Choate went to Essex 13th Hannah H gone today with her cousin Mr Pettingell

Mar 16

Annette, Nancy, William gone to the city - Richard sent for to go to sea went up this morn

Mar 17

Mary CB aand Mrs Parsons came in with John sat some time - the all evelong the partie(?) shall continue - Mr Smith now in Boston

Mar 18

Society at E Foster's. Lucy Ellery and Augusta in this eve sometime - Mother B called

Mar 19

Richard went up again expects to sail Saturday for Savannah in the *Camb*(sp?)

Mar 20

William in early to say Capt. Herrick was going up tomorrow morn by day light to sail for Surinam - sat immediately down and wrote to dear E. Father B in thinks he shall not write but John

Mar 21

No one in but took Edward and went into H's as the children went into Mothers to tea - Mrs Davis and Mrs (Dean?) came in there Lydia Ann to tea

Mar 22

Children went to church all day. I went in afternoon - heard a fine discourse from Mr. Smith

Mar 23

Rather pleasant but cold - unpleasant month

1840**Mar 24**

Commenced snowing early, went over to G. Saville's to purchase a few articles. Snowed violently all day - more snow fell than has all winter - Mary Ann went in for Mrs P's girl to sleep with her.

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Mar 25

Great deal of snow fell - Mrs P. went to B[oston] this forenoon had great courage all things considered to venture such traveling alone as her husband is already in City - Billy in afternoon to see children

Mar 26

Rhoda - Mary E - and Mary D came down and past the afternoon sociably was glad to see them - mother meant to come in evening but was delayed by company

Mar 28

Rainy day - Susan came home from Essex - went out with Hannah to the shops

1840**March 29**

Did not go out to church Mr. Jones preached all day - but did not as was expected his farewell & amen

Mar 31

Clemy came into tea - Esther Saville called - the maid too with little Nat - Eli in the evening

Apr 2

James Kennedy called with children down to see his mother

Apr 3

Mother B called went with H made calls at Mrs Foster's - Winchesters - Parsons

Accounting for Mary Ann Hodgkins - probably 1839

17 payments made in May, June, Aug totaling \$19.46

Written at bottom of page:

Elizabeth Tucker came Nov 6th 1839

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Owe Mary Ann January 1st		5.68
let her have	10th	3.00
	Feb	2.00
	Mar	2.00
pd to Friday April 16 bal due		7.68

paid Mary Ann to Oct 20 owe her then 3:00

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Mary Ann Collins came here Feb 4th 1840

List of payments made Feb through Dec. totaling 29.57

1838 Purchases**Jan 1**

Bought sister pair of shoes 40c
2 copies of Rose Graham 50c [A book of moral tales for children by an anonymous female author]
Blank book 20c
Almanac 8c

Jan 7

Bought 4 yds. of gingham for apron
4 skeins cotton 3c
4 darning needles
Ribbon for bonnet 6c

Jan 9

Jar of olives, spare rib of father \$1.5
Bocking \$6
2 pocket handkerchiefs 2/6
6 yds. calico 12c
Pound fig 12c
4 quintal of fish
E's seat at ball \$2
Paid telegraph \$3
Pair of shoes \$1.50
James Davis bill \$1.18
Lard \$1

Feb 1

Paid Mary \$2.10
Pr shoes 35 another pair 50
3 yds. cloth 1 shilling 50c
2 yds. calico 12c yd 25c
4 lb worsted 20c
indelible ink 2/5
Let Mary house 37c
2 skeins yarn 14c – 28c

Mar 3

4 ½ yd. cashmere 3/6 yd
Some cloth
½ dozen coffee cups
Leg bacon
2 pitchers
Mustard
1 cream pitcher

June 8

6 yds. ½ satin ribbon 1.13
4lb chamomile flowers 20
2lb cheese 22

commenced taking milk Mrs Calef

Apr. 20th 1839

Began to take milk of aunt Babson Oct 12