CIVIL WAR DIARY – KEPT AT END OF THE WAR JANUARY 1866 TO OCTOBER 1866

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Monday, January 1st, 1866

Orangeburg S.C.

Not named from orange groves, but after the Prince of Orange.

Read Holland's Life of Lincoln and transacted official business in the forenoon. At noon a concourse of five thousand negroes met before the M.E. church to hear advice from Col.K., Mr. Dewey, Dr. Root and one other. Dr. Root won the (palm??) by their acclamation: they went home more contented than ever before; some live forty miles away.

Capt. Jameson says he has been a secessionist but Dr. Mackey has always been a Unionist.

Five calls today.

The past Year has been the dullest of the last ten years. I to-day drafted a petition for the pardon of the mutineers of last summer.

Tuesday, January 2d, 1866 Columbia S.C.

Rain! Rain!

Writing officially and privately is much encouraged by such weather. Out from my very comfortable tent to the cars where Genl. Saxton and staff are en route to Columbia. The journey was soon made what with conversation and lecture reading in "T.Titcomb's" new book. The seven miles of stage ride thru mud and holes shook some of our eight till appetite was rampant. Nickerson's hotel in a ladies seminary is tidy; the landlord jolly; and the region propitious for dreams. Surgeon DeWitt says he wishes me to remain in charge of the hospitals here even after the Regt. is mustered out.

An ex rebel soldier was very jolly in telling how a rebel in Harrisberg Pa. Assisted him when a prisoner by the hotel store.

Wednesday, January 3d, 1866

Columbia S.C.

The dreams were of exhibition stages of old friends at school. Major Smith bounced into our room at 8 a.m. Capt. Basset drew the choice of the single bed I the double which gave rise to some jokes he being no widower or worse a single man (ari.??)

Dr. Sylvester was at the hospital at 10 a.m. I am to try to get him permanent employment, he is doing well by the freedmen.

Co. Haughton 25th Ohio Vols. Was bitter in his condemnation of Genl. Saxton's post acts: but he's oaths degraded him in my eyes. The crowd of freedmen who listened to Genl. S. Champlain French & the mayor was not as large as that at Orangeburg.

The editor of the vehomous "Phenix" spent a short eve with Genl. Saxton at Genl. Ely's speaking very sweetly.

Thursday, January 4th, 1866

Orangeburg S.C.

A 3 a.m. bade adieu to the Ladies Seminary hotel where I had just dreamed of frogs and footed it six miles to the R.R. station; and frogs did jump often from my path. Snow! Rara avis! At 12 m. breakfasted heartily in my own tent where I found Dr. Lathrop lounging by the stove. **Oh!** For faithful officers ! Dr. P. has dodged to Charleston no one knows when to return. The "Independent" has a Charleston letter from me.

The "Courier" speaks well of the speeches at Orangeburg Jan. 1. & reports them.

Found some official business waiting for me. Stoves & tents not procurable yet and patients need them. It is freezing weather.

Friday, January 5th, 1866

25degrees above zero at midnight ditto

Wrote Dr. Lathrop an order to go to Barnwell immediately; he did not have sick call yesterday I hear. Today he said "let'em wait" for sick call.

Genl. Saxton and staff came at 10 ½ (ahs. ??) The two companies were reviewed for him. Dr. DeWitt says I will be in charge of West. S. Carolina.

The speaking by General Saxton, Rev.French U.S.A. & myself to Freedmen and others was pretty lively. As I knew Shirer who said the speakers made mischief I asked if any man of means of honor or of

bravery would endorse him: none did. I then catscheyed the Negroes on what was told them on Monday. Only five hundred present today to five thousand Monday.

Saturday, January 6th, 1866
At half past twelve last night I was called to a soldier in camp who had colic: he was bad off and apologized for troubling me which made me all the happier to see him recover. Dr. DeW. & Capt. Bassett slept well and breakfasted with me. Dr.W. says I must apply to be retained in service as he places the Western District of South Carolina in my charge.
General Saxton & staff left in the 10:30 am train down. The people declare that the meeting of the 1st instant was completely successful; but that of yesterday was less so.

I took tea at Rev. V.A. Bolle's a good supper and with good friends.

Dr.Lathrop left late for Bonwell.

Sunday, January 7th, 1866

The atmosphere today is exhilarating in the extreme. The sun is bright all day. People are happy. Well-dressed freed-people fill up the school house to listen to Rev. Mr.Lewis who preaches to them in a very plain style.

I have read the Bible to-day the Independent and attended to a very few patients.

Hospital Steward Dege? Came from Bonwell to-day.

I ordered oiled cloths to be applied to the case of small pox in the regiment.

Wednesday, January 8th, 1866
The record of Monday was by mistake written on page Jan. 10.

Bivouore?? At Dr. Nis? 1 pm. Slept till 3 am. Cold. In train, 6 am, W.G. Simms was very garolous. But the talkative malcontents were not very abusive of soldiers so that I could tolerated them. Answered Dalsyenople's ? insulting note.

Tea at Mr. Bolles! Wrote Dr. De Witt.

Tuesday, January 9th, 1866
Henry Dixon a colored man half brother to Col. Rumph sells me one acre of land at $50. I take up his hundred on the 4 acres. I go to Charleston today.First went to try for Mis Dep. For Mr. Wilson's pay.

Dined at Dr. Mackey's. paid Mr. Wilcox for 12.60 in full.

Called on Friedle. Dr. DeWitt thinks Dolrynples? conduct contemptible in demanding so roughly an explanation of my taking an interest in the freedmen.

Wednesday, January 10th, 1866
24 degrees at dark. Very windy today so that the cold is biting. The scarcity of apartments for freed sick people leads me to think that I ought to have some houses built for them. Colonel agrees to furnish labor and nails and glas. I will furnish the rest and own all I pay for.

The colored people seem to think that I can get everything done for them and call on me accordingly. I have vaccinated some to day and given orders for considerable work around hospital.

Thursday, January 11th, 1866
Started early to get lumber for hospital buildings. Fascinated the beautiful Mrs. Pike at the request of her young husband and started for the mills. Considerable argrevment?? Was necessary to get the teams to take a load. The drivers act as if they were officers and all must obey them. They have done great mischief during the war by their perversity.

Went to the acre of land which I have bought of H. Dixon and he showed me the line. On the three wagons are enough lumber and timbers for one house.

Eve at Mrs. Balles' Col's & the teachers.'

Friday, January 12th, 1866
After great exertion I persuaded the wagon department to get the lumber which was stuck in the mud. Carpenters are engaged and tomorrow the building goes on.

Rain!

Had invoices and receipts made out to send to Genl. Ely for the clothing to give away to freedmen.

Colonel went to Charleston.

Received packers lists for medicinal from P.C.Davis Clerk, King.

Eve. At Mrs. Konlay's.

Bought apples at 1.50 per peck. Lent Mrs. Secntary ?? McCulloch a Charleston Counit?? & S. Carolinian. Had an impudent driver arrested.

Saturday, Janurary 13th, 1866

Eggs at 22 cents per dozen; apples 1.50 pr peck; flour 10 cents per pound on the price of food. Rent $5. to $10 per room. Wages for a carpenter $1.50. The new house goes up fast. The singing club went to Barnwell this morning for a few days. 5 days they say. Col. Dr. Fredericks was in my tent and urged me to call on him whenever I was passing. I wrote to Dr. DeWitt inquiring what I should do to arrest the small pox as it is prevailing. Several sick persons have applied for motors?? But none are ready yet.

Sunday, January 14th, 1866

Early this morning some cases of small pox attracted my attention. I had shelter tents and suitable poles taken to the small pox hospital and left directions for their use so that the patients and nurses may be comfortable.

Colonel returned. He says I can apply for a furlough again.

Read a sermon by H. W. B. on Congregational Churches; also in the bible given me by Caleb T. Rowe.

Monday, January 15th, 1866

Rose at ? am. And started the workmen at 7 for the new house. Fourteen freed men waiting for transportation and ditches ?? I tried hard to have them transported from here to there old houses, from which they were "refugied" ?? during the war. For government will not give them transportation or rations unless they are sick.

Requisitions for medicines came today.

Arrived clothes from Pols. Barnum & Co. but all wrong; so I returned them.

Tuesday, January, 16th, 1866

Rainy at day light but the carpenter started to their work early and much was done on the house.

Considerable ditching has been done by those freedmen who are caught here without the rations or transportation which they expected to get of Government. Till lately they have been getting both. It's now said that they can not get employment on their former working lands.

Took a hospitable "tea" at Mr. Bolles again.

Col. spoke again of my getting a furlough.

Vaccinated eight citizens today, fever??; Mrs. Pike again.

Wednesday, January 17th, 1866

6:30 A.M. Fair. Thermometer 30 degrees. Vaccination and freedmen occupy much of the time of a medical officer here.

Had the new house whitewashed like northern houses . it is almost done.

Had a box of medecine packed and sent towards Bambuso and Bamwell by a soldier in Co. I.

Evening at Colonels with the inspector of the district.

Sent for Dr. McLeod's cook to Carter Bros. N.Y.

Recd. Letter from office of Eve Post for Thanksgiving dinner at 7? I will order oysters from N.Y. with it.

Thursday, January 18th, 1866

Cool, but the day turns out delightful. Work to the house progresses well. I told the freedmen at the railroad that if they would work at ditching I would feed them. Several women volunteered to work and when I returned after dinner I found them digging ditches with more zeal than the men exhibited. At night I stuffed them with Harminy and hard tack and pork till it was laughable to see them and hear them. Not one would eat more.

Evening spent at Colonel's house where there was a very merry party.

Wrote Mr. Donlou for oysters.

Friday, January 19th, 1866
Very warm. Mosquitos are troublesome. The train was so late that our visitor became nervous and hungry so I returned with the ambulance to Hd.Qts. and obtained dinner for him. While the party were eating it the train came. In great haste the dinner followed the eaters into the train. I left shawls ?? meat and bread on the last platform.

The freed people ditched well to=day. I fed them hard tack to their satisfaction.

Eve, tea at Mrs. Bolles. I told her how my hospital originated.

Rec'd. a letter from Dr. DeWitt saying that "the new Med. Director is a gentleman and a soldier".

Saturday, January 20th, 1866
Early this morning the freedmen were at work at the ditches. I gave them hard tack and pork to satisfy them and some of them worked nearly all day.

The frame for the second house is under good headway.

The colored lad of Mr.Jennings was brought to hospital with compound fracture of the left radius. Dr. Pfieffer undertakes to save it. Age of boy 11.

Warm Rain.

Dined with the Colonel

Tea with the Colonel.

Eve with the School teachers.

Sunday, January 21st, 1866

Breakfasted with Col. and the ladies. Received money from "Sam" in Charleston to forward his family with. I informed the family of it and they go to-morrow. Fair. Eve 30degrees +

Read "Malachi" and a sermon by H. W. B.

Visited the small pox hospital and gave directions for its improvement.

Monday, January 22d, 1866

At dawn, the cold at 30 degrees or 28 degrees + . I made my own fire and set business going.

The freed people were very slow at coming to work but a guard brought them and fed them <u>well</u> on hard tack.

I paid H. Dixon $50. he is to give me a deed of it. The acre of land. He is to pay the $50 to Mr. L. gave & get a good title.

"Jack Daisy" also wishes to have me help him to establish himself on a piece of land of four acres.

Mr. Bull cashed my N.Y. Check for $ 200, and expressed great satisfaction that the soldiers are so soon to get pay.

Tuesday, January 23d, 1866

The workmen went early to the house. I saw the colored family of Sam off giving them plenty of hard tack.

Bought 22 boxes hard tack for freed people of Lt. Kocher for $25.

Engaged lumber of Mr. Smook at the rate of $10 for refuse and $20 for the best per. Thousand feet. Took 4 27 Ft for 500 by short guess & paid $10 to young Smoak for it.

Notified Mr. Stoles that I would pay him on resentation of bill.

A leasant tea at Mrs. Bolles'. Call at Col's the teachers and officers tents.

Very pleasant to-day. Col. saw my buildings. Freedmen scattered.

Wednesday, January 24th, 1866

Early again up and busy. The reveille is drummed these days after seven o'clock.

The wagons started "early" 9 o'clock for lumber and returned at 2:30 p.m. distance four & one half miles; load about 500 feet of boards; power two mules.

A thunder shower stopped work in mid afternoon. Tea with Mr. Bolles. Called on Col. & other officers.

Thursday, January 25th, 1866

At 2 a.m. the band aroused camp serenading a Lieut. The soldiers applauded in this way "You had better go to bed "; "Stop that noise" etc. It's the Lieut's. birthday.

Eight men were at work to day beside three Negro boys. The second house grows.

The expected paymaster did not arrive.

I sent Mr. Calliart five dozen eggs.

The weather is delightful. Recd. Pay Rolls for correction. Wrote Major A. G. Salisbury & enclosed Rolls for Nov. & Dec. $416. to go to-morrow.

Friday, January 26th, 1866

Breakfast at 7 o'clock, before reveille "almost".

Very busy until 9 o'clock. Lent Head?? (G.A.) $15. Sent Ray Rolls by him & Capt. Koendy to Maj. Saliskony.

Paid Mr. Smoak $10 at his mill. He says if I do not take lumber away I need not pay for it. We had the second load started for O. at 10 a.m. & took 700ft. ata load.

Mrs. Pike and pretty Miss Marchant much alarmed about small pox. Short call at Col's.

Saturday, January 27th, 1866

Considerable time was lost by want of lumber but the men seem to like work and at 3 p.m. lumber comes. The frame of the third house is almost ready at night.

Tea at Mr. Bolles.

His excellent wife heard me say rebel to-night and it seemed to touch her so I must be careful. His daughter says she sent some of the hard tack I gave them to a poor rebel woman who hates Northernors.

I enclosed receipts to P. C. Davis for two requisitions of medicines the first of this year. His invoices came today. The new medical Director sent me a letter directing me to attend to Freed people & Refugees when it does not interfere with military business.

Sunday, January 28th, 1866

Vaccinated nine freed people; examined the compound fracture of forearm in hospital; attended to the reports from some small pox patients in the country and went to the express where I received $416.35 from Major Salisbury as my pay for Nov. & Dec. Lent Meany $5. Inclosed Chk. Of 216.35 to L. Myers to 48 Wall St.

Visited small pox house where a soldier has had the loathsome disease in a severe type for four weeks. It is a pleasure to be able to render some service to such cases.

Lent Sergt. G. Porter $5 (lost it). Gave the news boy supper etc. No Independent for two weeks. Read Rev. Pinckneys New Year's sermon and Bible instead.

Monday, January 29th, 1866

No lumber came as I sent word to Jos. Smoak Yesterday so the men were at some loss for work. It appears that the rebels dislike to see my improvements and try to incite H. Dixon against my proceedings. They say that I "will take him at last". I ask him if buying one acre at the price he gave for it, giving him four month's rent free and all the timber on the place is "taking him in". He then gets satisfied in mind and quits down.

Tea with Mr. Bolles. Called on Mr. Hubbell's family.

Reck. By mail Dr. McLeod's "Highland Parish" by mail; also a good letter from Mr. A. H. Griffith Winchester, Va.

Tuesday, January 30th, 1866

Sent two carts for shingles in to the country early. Want of lumber prevented work progressing. Set three good working men at a well at 11 o'clock and went for lumber. Returned and found the diggers just finished at 4:30 p.m. and no carpenters using the lumber. No shingles came at all. Almost provoked, although never despairing I compelled one man to put on three boards and concluded not to try to make haste any more.

Read in the pretty "Highland Parish" and testament during the evening.

Wednesday, January 31st, 1866

Early breakfast and walk in the country air. Some business. Paid $10 to Lt. Rocher on comissary account. Gave him 2.85 for one bushel ?? "pink-eye" potatoes for Mr. Bolles. A present . He has neuralgia.

Rev. Dixon came to his house—door – and seeing me refused to come in and turning away from the door Mr. Bolles and family were indignant.

Had a fine supper there. The building has progressed well to-day. I paid young Smoak a $100 on bill on account of lumber. Called on Colonel Keylay.

Thursday, February 1st, 1866

Forwarded monthly returns for Freed men's Bureau & Post Hospital; continued my exertions for the collection of Mr. Wilson's bill; had a call from Col. Keylay; and went to inspect the building of the house.

P.M. went with Berry to examine Judge Ellis' timber for a frame; found it passably good.

Supped again with Mr. Bolles. He is still unwell. Called at Col's. and left his party playing cards.

Friday, February 2nd, 1866

Judge Ellis agrees to take $15 for the timber for a frame and I get it away soon.

I called the W.Paris?? Dept. the Drivers Depart! Because they have so much to say in Dr. Westers business. Quartermaster took it up and I explained why I called it such a name.

Col. flies back on my hospital building; I said to him that I showed him the plan before commenced. He promised to furnish the work.

The men worked till all the lumber was used up to-day. I had a cart and three prisoners improving the premises. Returned ten boards to Adjt. Of the Regt. for debt due Dr. West.

Saturday, February 3rd, 1866

In my tent all the before noon. A case of an old sick woman was brought to me for hospital; also a case of Typhoid Fever was reported, but neither house is ready. Col. came into any tent and said he had been to see my buildings that they were in an unhealthy locality and without shade. The other day he said the Negroes must be taken out of the hospital as Genl. Owens was a great Democrat etc. He said also that I could be pretty sure that no rebel would have sold an acre of land for a hospital.

The team went for Mr. Ellis frame – sold to me for $15 and brought about half of it.

Mrs. Holcombe took up a joke I passed on the Jenking family as "intended for her" and I lost appetite instantly.

I have called too often lately.

Sunday, February 4th, 1866

Two sermons. Two Chapters in Proverbs.

Mr. Tomlinson came in from Columbia. We visited the hospital buildings and the teachers.

Monday, February 5th, 1866

Cold & bleak. Mr. Tomlinson called with me on Col. and we visited the school.

The train was rather early & we parted hastily.

I lent Capt. H> $15 only a few men are allowed to work at the hospital. A strong influence seems to be working against my project of the hospital.

There is much talk by Col. & the ladies about a small pox hospital.

Col. said at eve that he wished I would go to Washington and he would give me a letter to F. Seward etc.

Courier came today to gegin the quarter. $2.50 paid to Mr. Woodneff.

Tuesday, February 6th, 1866

The cold weather prevented "active duty" out of doors, but one sergeant kept on framing the last house and one team went for shingles without getting them. Sergt. Plue is faithful. A few went to lay the shingle which I had on hand but the rain stopped them. I bought some shingle which were brought for the red headed minister who started the story that I stole a library but I urged the bringer to take them to him: he was not at home so they came back with them. Col. narrated some experience in honesty towards an ungrateful republic.

Wednesday, February 7, 1866

A few freed people came in the inclement weather for medicine and clothes. I wrote to Charleston for clothes for them

Sent payrolls ($209.60) to Major Salisbury he to give bearer Stickles the current funds to express to me.

Found Mary Bull ill: took tea at Mr. Bolles.

Eve at Col.'s.

Henry Dixon said today he wished to build a shop: I said I would help him if only I could be sure of my ultimate pay.

Thursday, February 8, 1866

The paymaster has vainly been expected for many days. I hear that he is out of funds.

A few men took hold of my shingling and put it through in quick style today.

Paid Mr. Stroman six dollars to cover 1100 shingles.

Mrs. Holcombe returned from Charleston with much to say and of that much would not bear repeating. Two ladies were so kind as to send me their regards. She says the beautiful Miss Wally is ignorant; does not know fractions; wears diamonds. "Mrs. Heubert is disgusting!" she says.

Busy all the evening at my desk. Ordered seeds from Ag Bureau. Prof. Perry's Polit. Economy.

Friday, February 9th, 1866

Expressed Col.'s letter to "Mr. Chauler Gri Le." and the agent said a receipt was not necessary.

Several officers visited the hospital grounds and appeared satisfied.

Received pay for year $209. Called at Mr. Bolles and found Mary better.

Sent a colored nurse to Miss Hamilton who has small pox, at Mr. Small's request.

Read Dicken's "Dr. Marigold's Prescriptions."

Mrs Glover brought me a note from Mr. Wilson and spoke to me.

Saturday, February 10th, 1866

One of those lovely days that makes one love earth. Health should be perpetual on thinks: and it is healthy here.

The work goes on well today. A one-legged woman is here to go into the freedmen's hospital as soon as it is ready.

The second box of hard tack was taken into hospital for freed-people to-day on my account.

Called on Col. He informed me that my "furlough" was disapproved. He came to my tent also.

Froggs are musical all winter long.

Saw innumerable black birds which I think are the Bobolinks of the North.

Sunday, February 11th, 1866

A sermon by H. W. B., a chapter in the bible, and a talk with the Colonel. He says I may as well go to Charleston tomorrow.

Supper with Mr. Bolles. No fresh Miss there to insult me as his youngest daughter went to Columbia to-day.

Mrs. Brown from Newberry there and much news of a wondrous sort had she to tell.

Monday, February 12th, 1866

Colonel cheerfully made out an order for me to go to Charleston. I there delivered his letter to

Capt. Lowaner (?) containing a check to Rutherford: mailed his three letters to Hon. Lehandler: sent a note to Mrs. Woodruff and took oysters with Rev. Whilterone (?).

We met the youngest Mackeys: took tea there though late. Wrote Post and retired at the Wills House at 111/2 PM.

My room fellow is a Virginian who professes unionism but sympathizes with the rebellion: he says all the South have ever been unionists.

Tuesday, February 13th, 1866

At 5 AM rose and paid my bill of $1.50 for lodgings and walked to Line st. Train left at 6 arrived in Orangeburg just after noon. A Mr. Long en route for Augusta gave me luncheon and invited me to call on him in Augusta.

Colonel's surprised that I returned so quickly.

Found two books from Lickuor and Fields by Alex Smith and C. Kingsley. Also a permission from Lt. Col Smith to go to Columbia on Freedmens's business.

Wednesday, February 14th , 1866

Weather delightful: its effect on the men was enervating.

Col. Told me that Sergt. Porter could use or send me whatever men he thought best. So he laid out some work for Sergt. Plue and set him at work. Rev. Legare inspected the building which is farthest from the road, showed me the flat also gave advice about ceiling the house. Eve tea at Mrs Bolles.

Recd. One box of clothing and one bale of blankets for Freedmen.

Thursday, February 15th, 1866

The weather is cold. Below freezing. The men continue to build however. Colonel called on me twice.

Recd. Packer's list of property for Refugees and Freedmen.

Discharged three women and three children from the small pox hospital giving them as much clothing as the short supply would admit of.

High wind

Read Alexander Smith's "Summer in (?)".

Friday, February 16th, 1866

6 1/2 AM. 18 degrees far. Gave out considerable clothing g to ragged individuals.

Major Roy 6th U.S. Infantry came from Charleston to inspect the troops.

3 Co's of U.S. Cavalry arrived

Rode in the ambulance with the ladies to Cavalry camp and to small pox hospital.

Saturday, February 17th, 1866

6 ½ AM 21 degrees far.

Major Roy "slept well" and breakfasted with me he dined at Regtl. Hdqtrs.

Rev. E. A. Bolles told me that he was daily confirmed in his attachment to the union and despised all opposition to it.

I had four men at carpentering: two digging and a cart filling the front yard of my house.

Evening at Colonel's where I saw the cavalry Major and doctor: 11 ¾ house

Paid Richenbacker $1.00 for hauling shingles today 1000: paid for them $5. at J. P. Aultey

Sunday, February, 18, 1866

Warmer and rain Major Roy and I slept till 8 AM.

I let him have 8 doz eggs receiving $2.

He left on train for Menville (?).

Col. Wants to know if I had not talked with him, Roy, about affairs in the regiment? I said there was no opportunity. Col. Said one day he must do so & so and get in the papers. Do right and nobly and get in your conscience I say.

I read H. W. B. sermon on loving all men: bible morning and evening and retired early.

Monday, February 19th, 1866

A terrible storm nearly tore up my tent during the night.

Rain AM. PM fair. Sergt. Plue did well as usual and prepared three loaves for raising: his aides are rather slow at work.

Received a good letter from Garfield who invites me to come to Washington and tells me to forward recommendations for branch promotions.

Tea with Rev. Bolle's family.

I call on Colonel's family only three there playing cards.

Tuesday, February 20th, 1866

Paymaster came at last. He drinks a good deal of whiskey and acts very "properly" to keep within rules on payments: but he theorizes better on love toward all people.

Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Bolles told me how Capt. Holcombe said "I said Mrs Bull loved me".He really told me in Columbia that "she loved the ground I walked on". They told me that Mrs. Bolles regarded me very highly as a friend only.

Wrote for testimonials to General Sheridan. N.O. La., General Carl Schung , Mr. C. Bryant and for copies to Mr. Merriam Surgeon Genl's office Albany.

Friday, February 23rd, 1866

Rose at 8. Game of Love while waiting for breakfast. All were assembled at 11 am and breakfasted.

Arthur Me & I(?) called on Miss Walley who was out. ? Considerable ?

Very poor circus in the eve. But so hungry are the people for amusements that quite respectable people people were there. For five days the receipts were $7450.00.

Lt. Col. A. K. Smith tells me that Dr. J. t. Hayden is Asst. Prof of Science in the University of Penn.

Saturday, February 24th, 1866

Wrote "Post" but too late for "Quaker City". Walked with Miss Walley the prettiest young lady in the city.

Sunday, February 25th, 1866

Heard Rev. Mr. Gerandeau on Mediation.

Dined with Dr. Dewitt.

Eve called on Capt. Bassett and Miss Treadway with Arthur Mackey.

Monday, February 26th, 1866

Called on Miss Chapman 103 Fadd St. Mr. Legare urged me to come again. ? "Block" Coo ? & ? for Mr. J. Wilson.

Called on the Huchets who were very cordial and urged me to dine with them when again in the city.

With the Mackeys heard the music at the Citadel by the band of the 6th U.S. Inftry.

Miss Armstrong accepted my book of Dr. Holland's "Familiar Folks" to read on her journey.

Tuesday, February 27th, 1866

At 4 ¼ A.M. Took a cup of tea, some toast, and left Dr. Ale's for O. Slept en route.

Found much main matter and business at home, in my tent. Col. Was glad to see me and was pleased with the cake Miss Mackey sent him.

All work by the carpenters was stopped the day after I left. They say there has been a great deal of intoxication in camp since I left. Rood and Edwards work on the house.

The property for Freedmen's hospital came to-day.

Received seeds from the Bureau of Agriculture at Washington.

Wednesday February 28th, 1866

To-day quite a working party were on the house and nearly half shingled it.

Our one-legged woman two boys and one man occupied the hospital building to-night. It gave me great pleasure to see them happy in this shelter. They "had never lived in such a house before."

The weather ;is delightful.

Thursday March 1st, 1866

6 ½ A.M. Weather warm and smoky. Paid $3.10 for a bbl of "Peach Blow" potatoes. Borrowed 2000 shingles of Dr. Mr. F.C. Kocher.

Gave clothing to a one-armed ex rebel soldier from the supples for Freedmen & Refugees. He lost one arm at the "19th Oct" battle.

Tea at Mr Bolles.

Had a southern destitute boy brought from the guard house to the hospital, washed and dressed in the evening; said to have ?

Friday, March 2d, 1866

no. 494

Charleston C.C January 29, 1866 A. Treas. Of the U.S. Pay to Henry Root Two Hundred sixteen and 35/100 Dollars $216.35 signed A. G. Salisburg endorsed Pay L Meyers Jr. Paymaster U.S.A. Henry Root and forwarded March 2, 1866

Received a highly comendatory letter from W. C. Bryant Esq. Of N.Y. As to my conduct during the war.

From home received thick boots which are too large

House shingled

Wrote Larry as above

Mrs. Bull went to Columbia.

Saturday, March 3rd, 1866

The spring weather is delightful. It was hard on the men who work on my last house, so warm. I returned my boots by express to Whitehall.

The number of colored people who asked clothes to-day was large. Many orphans are reported as naked but I have no things for them.

Eggs are plenty at 25 to 30 cts.

Tea at Mr. Bolles.

Eve at Colonel's

Reading New Atmosphere.

Sunday, March 4th, 1866

Received a blind freed-woman into my hospital, and a woman just well of variola. They are all happy.

Busy all day with freedmen. This is their day for attending to sickness.

Colonel K. urges me to apply for a special order from the War Dept. to be retained in service after the Regt. Goes home.

Monday, March 5th, 1866

Sent in an inquiry to Dr. Dewitt as to whether I can be retained in service after the Regt. Is mustered out.

Work on the house progressing quite well.

Cool weather.

Tea with Mrs. Bolles. Called in eve on Col's family.

Tuesday, March 6th, 1866

A.M. Went to house and the men worked till 11 ¼ o'clock very well. Left for Columbia according to Dr. Dewitt's directions and Col, permission. At hospital found things rather loose in appearance.

Major Walker has his his ankle badly injured said to be broken.

Called on Dr. Scarborough & wrote Dr. Goodwyn: also ordered a Steward not to allow females in the hospital at night.

To bed at 10 ½ at Genl Ely's.

Wednesday, March 7th, 1866

At 10 m before 5 A.M. Was called for by the driver. Seated in the Ladies' car at 5.15. For company Rev. E. A. Bolles, Mr. Jno. Knox of Sumter et al.

Col. Took train to Charleston.

Wrote Dr. Dewitt.: also received a strong letter from him requesting my services.

Tea at Rev. E. A. Bolles.

Thursday, March 8th, 1866

At 6 ¼ A.M. Began day's work: much to do before mail time, then the house took my attention. An order came for the 54th N.Y.V.V. To go to Mt. Pleasant to be mustered out.
Tea at Mr. Bolles. Obedient to m orders the Regimental medicines were assorted.

Friday, March 9th, 1866

The log kitchen was taken to my lot where I have the Freedmen's hospital.

Much talk about mustering out.

The last house is mostly finished.

Saturday, March 10th, 1866

Applied for transportation to Columbia with clerk on business for the Bureau: met Col. K. at train; he says I need not expect to be "retained" but that my services are much desired by the Bureau Offices.

At Johnson's ?? visited 24 houses occupied by negroes: health good.

Eve, supper with Genl. Ely: signed Reports made out by Loewell.

Sunday, March 11th, 1866

Read a sermon by H. W. B. before rising as it is cold.

Breakfast after 10 Pres. Church: a good Christian sermon by Rev. Mr. Howe.

Called on Dr. Goodwyn and matters are now well settled. Tea at Capt. Holcombes tho to full to eat after dining at Mr. Wright's.

Monday, March 12th, 1866

3 ½ A.M. Quietly left Mr. Anderson with a gentle goodbye and walked to the depot. Slept well to Kingsville.

At 10 ¼ met Mr. Bolles at O. gave him letter.

Recd. Oysters from N.Y. In good order: had some good stews in hospital.

Recd. Invoices from Capt. Rutherford.

Tea at Mr. Bolles'. Very tired at night.

Sent Issue Return to Liet. Kyle Columbia for correction.

Tuesday, March 13th, 1866

Beautiful weather.

Little sickness.

Letter from Dr. T. S. Barry

Jonestown

Lebanon Co.

Pa.

Tea at Mr. Bolles. They go to Columbia Thursday.

Ordered clerk to forward receipt to Capt. Y. P. Rutherford Charleston.

Wednesday, March 14th, 1866

Too busy to go to the "Freemen's Rest" till 5 P.M. ? Lt. Col. A. K. Smith came and inspected my department: he is a Williams College graduate 1848. He told me about surprising a party of bathers at the "Cascade" and other college adventures.

Mr. Bolles really goes tomorrow.

Dr. Smith says I can stay here till the Regt. Goes out.

Dined & supped at ? ? Col. Lotten & Major Roy present.

Thursday, March 15th, 1866

Quite a flurry to get breakfast in time for inspection at 8 A.M. The Deutsches are quarreling about my affairs. Dr. Smith does not seem to be much impressed with their conduct..

Second breakfast at 11 ½ and off. Mr. & Mrs. Bolles were at the depot en route for their new home, Columbia. They got off "all right" and loaned me three chairs two benches and some shelves.

Captain Leighton was on the train and says Pilsbury is still quarreling.

Friday, March 16th, 1866

Sent my clerk Lovenell to Columbia to get hospital fund statements: and Dege to Barnwell to get two sick men & my tent.

One Company 6th Reg. Inftry arrived: also clothing for Freed people.

Capt. Bryant commands the Post in a few days.

All detailed men are ordered to their companies.

Saturday March 17th, 1866

busy all day in examining applicant for clothing and distributing it. It was very tedious but it does good.

Sent invoices for 2 Hosp. Tents to Loewell at Columbia for Genl. Ely.

Paid Lt. Kocher for lumber $35.

Sunday, March 18th, 1866

The Committee from the Lutheran church asked me to help them to get rent for their building which has been used as hospital. I said send in a bill.

A telegram from Washington of yesterday says I am to be retained in service.

Monday, March 19th, 1866

With team took brick from camp & lumber to Freedmen's hospital. Closed hosp. Fund acct: Exchanged some clothing with different soldiers but gave none away to them. Clothed several small pox cases.

Asked the recipients to help me about my house in return for my trouble in making out the papers: they willingly assented. Eve met Capts. Bryant & Burger at Col's house. Gave four overcoats to colored men.

Ordered beds made in the hospital for all the officers. Gave directions for breakfast for them. Engaged a cook to come at 4 A.M.

Tuesday, March 20th, 1866

4 ¼ A.M. Was up first of our party in the hospital. Reveille soon after. No one is willing to cook but "Johnnie," I promised coffee for the morning so I helped make it. After I went up to HdQrs. I had eggs sent: hominy was brought by Nellie at day light also batter cakes: She cooked the quail also. It was declared a successful breakfast but I am ?. At 7 ½ in a hard rain the Regt. Left. At Post Hospital I had two girls clean up the house, or Lyon faithful ever had prearranged it. Capt. Bryant acts stiff about old camp lumber so I get at his caliber at once. Recd. A very polite note from Dr. Dewitt on the subject of my being retained in service. Planted some garden seeds and occupied my house to-night.

Wednesday, March 21st, 1866

At 8 ½ was in attendance at the hospital. Left word at the Captain's qrs that if agreeable to him I would have sick call at 8 ½ daily. One man came from the guard house stupefied by drink and gashed by a fall.

Busy till tw P. M. drawing rations making out papers and prescriptions for freed people.

Genl. Ely came and went. He was glad to get my tents.

Rain !!

Very comfortable in my new house. The birds sing delightfully and there is little to annoy one.

Thursday, March 22nd, 1866

At 8 ½ or there abouts visited guard house and dressed Edwards wound. He's better. Capt. Bryant says I may "suit myself" about the time of holding sick call.

Arranging hospital property. Making out ? ? Returns: one to Lt. Britton 6th U.S.I. BarnwellC.H. Giving out rations and discharging small pox patients nearly all day.

Lt. Kocher paid me a visit. No stove is required now adays. Living very quietly although thers is much trouble in attending to freed people

Wrote Larry Meyers.

Friday, March 23rd, 1866

Rain ! Sent Col. One of the new overcoats & requested him to return me an old one. Found the soldier, Edwards, Convalescent. Saw a few cases among freed people.

Heard my ex rebel pupil recite. He never says a word offensively.

Col. Ely sent for me. He is the Agent for the B. R. F. & A. L. and mirabile dictu a temperance union. He has just come from New York and thinks this "a miserable place."

Recd. A letter from mother dated Feb. 26.

Saturday, March 24th, 1866

Was woke by the conversation of some freed people who had come for clothing before 6 A.M. I told them that only the most needy men could obtain any.

I divided off the men who could not stay to work all day in the garden and gave them such articles as they really needed and sent them so that they could get home by 12 m. Some thirty of the others worked all day & spaded the garden well. At night I filled out their papers and they went home rejoicing me. Jack was "from the old country over the waters" he said: a real African. Col Ely & ? ? came in during the distribution.

The rebels say I "raise hob with the hands" But God is scarcely thanked by them, Why I?

Sunday, March 25th, 1866

Had one patient among the soldiers. Fever ?.

Read Life of Dr. Bard & Bible. A quiet day.

Sent to Major Salisbury my notice of retention in service.

Monday, March 26th, 1866

49 degrees at 10 A. M.

Col. Skinner fastidious according to Lt. Kocher; he scarcely thanks for new sheets & bed which I had selected for myself.

Sent watch to Sweitzer for repair.

Busy till P.M. With papers: two soldier patients.

Two fires in stoves on my premises.

Tuesday, March 27th, 1866

Cold again!

At hospital busy with papers till 11. Col. Skinner & I went to the train & I met the two teachers there. They return to a desolate home.

Capt. Bryant is patronized by the rebels though one girl declined to shake hands with him on parting at dinner.

Wednesday, March 28th, 1866

Rain! Lt. Col. Skinner dropped into hospital and passed a homesick ward. He never was in the Sunny South before. I am very busy making out papers: & shortly the reports must be made out.

A Letter from Irving(?). A fire is necessary all day. I have a comfortable stove. The white boy made a fire in the cookstove oven because he did not know how to use it.

Thursday, March 28th, 1866

Cold & damp.

Capt. Bryant & Col. S. went to Charleston.

Loaned cookstove of Post Hospital to Gen. Keach.

Letters from home, from "Kai Gar" ?, from Chas. Seymour. Et al

Recd $201 for Feb from Major Salisbury.

Friday, March 30th, 1866

The rebels are busy about any business but not so busy about the good of community. It took me till 4 o'clock to complete my report before dinner.

Amused myself about the house till rested: talked with Mr. D. F. Joiner about helping his relative who wasmaimed in the war: and worked again till late on the clothing rolls.

Had some garden made to-day.

Prepared Monthly & Weekly Reports for the Bureau & for the Chief Med Officer at Charleston to forward tomorrow A.M.

Saturday, March 31st, 1866

Gave a few suits of under clothing to seven persons who had had small pox and who had come 14 miles since midnight.

Paid J. Survak $40. & he agreed to discount $20 which I deducted from his bill then & there.

Sul.(?) Phare brought a asopsical negro to me for treatment & I gave him medicines & promise of rations & clothing next Monday.

Left for Columbia at 12 ¼ Frank Meyors says that the people berate me for assisting the freed people from envy.

Dr. Goodwyn's sister looked (?) when I rode in the same hack with to see her brother. Capt. Holcombe is wrathy(?) over the gossip about his two wives. Mrs. Bolles & all glad to see me.

Sunday, April 1, 1866

Nickerson's hotel where lodged some cutthroats I should say & they have just been arrested for murder in the upper country.

Capt. Cane 5th U.S. Av. loaned me an ambulance & I took Dr. Goodwyn to hospital.

I attended the Presbyterian church where communion was held, but I did not join in the Lord's Supper lest my uniform should create unpleasantness.

Small pox hospital in good order.

Dined at Dr. Wright's & attended the colored singing school & spoke to the children. Tea at Mr. Bolles. What would I have done without this estimable family.

Genl. Ely's for sleep.

Monday, April 2nd, 1866

Roused steward and made out some papers before day.Rebel
Gen. Geery is on the train under guard for participating in the murder of one of our soldiers. Genl. Ames also. I talked with him at Orangeburg: lent him "Homeward" by C. Kingsley.

Sick call at 10 ½ four men. Potatoes $4 per bushel.

Very busy with papers for clothing returns.

Quite a panic has occurred on account of rebel threats to drive me out of my houses. Offence giving clothes to the negroes.

Sent clothing for Saul Phare's bed.

Tuesday, April 3rd, 1866

Engaged on papers after sick call till noon. Hot 93 degrees. Freedmen's rations late in coming: clerk careless.

Assorted clothing: gave to one small pox man a full suit and some for his family who had it last summer.

Completed (51) returns for Post & for Freedmen's Bureau & forwarded same.

Wrote Larry. Wrote Carrie.

Wednesday, April 4th, 1866

Birds ecstatic. Letter from "coz" Cora made me so.
Col. Skinner asks me if I spend my time hiding out at my house: he does not see any work!
I gave clothing to an ex rebel soldier who has only two fingers & a thumb left.
Garden making goes on.
Wrote "Coz" Cora
" Genl. Ely
" Tom

Thursday, April 5th, 1866

Paid Glass & Putty bill $10.80 for Mr. L. Weiskopf Express $1.75
"Independent" Mail $5.
Harriette for straps " $10.
Capt. Bryant Bro. & clerk called on me at the house. I acknowledge receipt on one favor done to my garden by Capt. B.
At dark I walked quite a distance to visit a sick freedwoman.
Had two prisoners at work in garden.

Friday, April 6th, 1866

Had lumber hauled for H. Dixon from "Felder's mill". Two loads.
Recd. & signed abstract for Hospital fund at Columbia. $114. due April 1.
Forwarded Weekly Reports for Post & for Freedpeople.
Some wounded people came to-day.
Rebels do not seem to be doing much against me.
Two white men destitute came to me for aid & I put them in the house No. 2.

Saturday, April 7, 1866

Expressed $20 to Corrigan Adams Express Office Charleston. Am promised a live alligator.
The two Irishmen are very thankful to me for board and lodgings: they work well.
The (?) is still for clothes. Another woman applied to me to know if she were enciente

Sunday, April 8, 1866

Sick call at ¼ 9. Rain!
Called on the two teachers and mong other things saw a letter to them of Gov. Orr's encouraging them and promising them protection.
Sent Major Salisbury my Pay Rolls $209 receipted for March.
A colored girl complained that her testament had been stolen from her by a white woman.

Monday, April 9th, 1866

Rainy. Cold! Below 50 degrees all day: 45 degrees A.M. but the corn has sprung up since the rain began.
Koch said he would send a bill of lading for the two tents & box for Genl. Ely.
At eve gave some rations to Henry who says he often assisted our escaped soldier during the war.
Sent Ella B. Ginn some every Saturdays.
Retire at 9 P.M. Now-a-days.

Tuesday, April 10th, 1866

Cold yet. Wrote for leave of 15 days & Col. Skinner forwarded it. Sent personal report to Adjt. Genl. L. Thomas & Surgeon Genl. J. K. Barnes.

Every day the freed people come for clothes and in vain so far as females are concerned. I toil all day to fill out the papers for clothing.

Wednesday, April 11th, 1866

About 9 ¼ A.M. saw Dr. Hutson at hospital & asked him to attend sick call daily for 15 days if I could get a leave of absence at $2 per day I being responsible for the pay.

At evening he called with his brother & said if it were not for the responsibility he would be willing to attend to my sick call at $2 per day. I said I would see Capt. Bryant & ask him to guard medical property.

The one armed ex-soldier D. F. Joiner left today to board with his sister who wishes his company: he thanked me repeatedly for my kindness to him and I wished him success.

Thursday, April 12th, 1866

No leave of absence dame to-day but a letter to the teachers says the Regiment will go about the 13th so I begin to a little nervous about going.

Finished my clothing rolls for April and even wrote the letter of transmittal to B. H. Genl R. K. Scott & put it on shelf (in envelope) by window

Called on the teachers to-day. Col. Skinner & Lt. Green called on me.

Dr. Hutson wrote me a note saying that if I would take a schedule of medicines on hand with him before I go he would accept my offer to employ him.

Friday, April 13th, 1866

Dr. Hutson viewed the way the reports are made out & almost took "charge". I took $100 of Lt. Col. Skinner to express from New York. Hastened all work in order to leave for N.Y. On receipt of permission(?).

But my chagrin was great when I received a letter from Dr. Dewitt saying that I could not go home with the Regiment. It is a dear price to pay for the compliment of being retained in service.

Saturday, April 14th, 1866

Very busy at hospital although only three soldiers are sick.

Gave considerable clothing to Mr. Phillips an ex soldier who had his right humerus recently exsected.

At my house I had many calls and attended to them all because Saturday is their only day for coming.

Wrote Miss Kittie E Wright: Larry: Mary: Tom: Dr. Hagan: Sent morning reports to-day

Eve had a call from the teachers and Col. S & Lt. Green. Took tea with them

Sunday, April 15th, 1866

Few at sick call but three boys are here poisoned from sub acetate of copper which was ground up into (?) meal with some corn that had paint mixed with it. I have them in hospital.

Sent some of my colored people to church, and a mast happy effect does it have upon them.

Read a sermon of H. W. B. on Patience.

Quiet agrees with me.

Monday, April 16th, 1866

Rain, Few sick

Srgt. Plitt went to Charleston, sick, of fever intermittent.

Received alligator. $2. Independent came for 12 of April. I sent $5. for it.
Wrote to W. h. Bidwell for "Eclectic"
Eve call on teachers.
Received notice from Dr. Pfeiffer that the hospital tent was used for small pox patients at Mt. Pleasant and that the medicine chest was at Post Hospital at Charleston.

Tuesday, April 17th, 1866
Sent nos. 40577, 57195 U.S. Treas. Notes by Ex to Larry Meyers. Recd. $209 for march pay of Major Salisbury, acknowledged it.
Sent to Harpers' for weekly & V. Hugo's last work.
Lt. Col Skinner, Lt. Green & I mark a temperance party. All Americans in sentiment too.
Capt. Bryant has to leave here.

Wednesday, April 18th, 1866
Completed April return to M. C. Meiggs, fr. Wm. Geirl (?)
The order for changing Posts came.
Lt. Col. S. & Lt. Greene called. I took tea with them

Thursday, April 19th, 1866
Rain!!
Had church scrubbed by prisoners not entirely to-day.
Teachers & the two officers called.

Friday, April 2th, 1866
Showery. The seeds planted two weeks ago are shooting forth. "y Alligator" shows signs of temper by offering to bite.
Continued cleaning church. Col. Skinner is in the Bolles' house as master & Mrs. Stoddard as mistress.
Called on Mrs. E. Bull she says Captain Holcombe has applied to be retained in the bureau of Ref. Fdmen & A. L.
Recd. Printed headings from Hdqtrs.

Saturday, April 21st, 1866
Rain.
Continued church cleaning. Gave one old man of 66 yrs a suit of clothes complete because he had small pox last January. He was almost in ecstacies over it.
Sent to Dr. Dewitt receipts for Dr. Walton's invoice of Dec. 2 1865.
Sent Neckties to Dr. Rector & Dr. Dewitt.

Sunday, April 22nd, 1866
Col. Skinner went to Charleston.
Rain.
Dined at the Bolles house. Mrs. Stoddard, Miss fisher & Lt. Greene present. Read my bible; Dr. Baines Life; Independent.
Gave some testaments to parties who "get the boys (colored) to teach them Sundays." It seems to me that a great work of religion & temperance might be accomplished by getting all idlers into a school on Sunday.

Monday, April 23rd, 1866

Very Rainy last night and windy today. Held sick call and left for Charleston at 11. Arrived at 5 ½ P.M. Orderly Wolfe had my transportation ready for my return. Dr. Dewitt glad to see me and glad of the eggs I sent him. He apologized fully for not approving of my going to N.Y. & said the Dutch officers seemed determined that I should not remain behind.

Mrs. Mackey and family glad to see me. Frank Meyers there. Called on Major Smith & wife. Saw Lt. Col. Faust there. To bed at 12.

The slander about Capt. Holcombe is abroad in the city.

Tuesday, April 24th, 1866

Toast & Tea before leaving: gave Caesar a dollar: at the train before six o'clock. Col. Skinner came into the ladies car as the "hog car" was too dirty. One pretty Northern lady present. Some pert youths gabble about the unpleasantness of mingling with the Yankees. There was one native gentleman present.

1 P. M. at Orangeburg. Dined with the temperance party. Went to the hospital & prescribed and vaccinated some colored people. Called on Capt,. Bryant who seemed to be on the bed for prudential reasons at 4 P.M. Yates was quite tight; Keach getting so.

Tea alone but three polite persons called in. Mrs. S. Miss F. & Col. S.

Wednesday, April 25th, 1866

Mailed $2 to Lickwo(?) & Felds for "St. Motrus' Summer" Ordered of C. Scribner "Hours at home", for six months.

Very windy and cold. (?) Wrote W. C. Bryant. Post.

Captain Bryant's company is relieved by_____

Thursday, April 26th, 1866

Co. D. failed to leave: I asked Capt. Bryant for the hospital table his Sergt. Has had a long time and after much fuss obtained it. Lieut. Britton dined with me: he says Captain Bryant proposed Jeff Davis' health when he was in town before and he knocked three tumblers on the floor before the "guest" a rebel & Bryant could be forced to desist from the toast: then Bryant ordered Britton into the street into the cold night air. He went to the Treadwell "hotel"(!) and was charged $4 for lodging & breakfast.

Lt. Col. Skinner, Lt. Greene & Mrs. Stoddard & Miss fisher dined with me. The ice cream melted before we needed it at 3 P.M. Nellie got up the dinner.

Friday, April 27th, 1866

Asked the German soldier who used to complain of Capt. Bryant's drunkenness to get me a fragment of the tumblers broken by Lt. Britton. Soon DeTraville called as B's friend. I replied " no private trifles can be attended to till B. returns the bedding I lent him." The second note written by DeTreville & signed by B. ala chivalry I answered in the same way but intimated that citizens were not good carriers. B. Sent for me: met me in the street: said he would proceed to whip me: raised his cane: before he struck I broke the cane: he slapped me I took the bal. Of the cane: he had diarrhea from his mouth: as he was too drunk to help himself I would not strike him and came off with the cane and saying some kind works at parting. Col. S. says he must leave the service.

Saturday, April 28th, 1866

Met B. as he was about leaving town but he never looked. Some of the bedding came back by his orderly.

Mr. Pairy called. Left for Columbia at 2 P.M. Jessie Bowles on train. Capt. Holcombe & wife at depot awaiting us in their carouse.

Mrs.. Bowles hospitable as ever. Rode through town & took ice cream at "Seby's" invitation.
Moonlight watch for the return of Jessie.

Sunday, April 29th, 1866

Capt. Kane sent me his ambulance & I went to hospital. Mr. Anderson accompanied me to church. Prea. Dr. Keane long & his last.

Small pox hospital in good order.

Eve Henkle stabbed; he tried to avoid publicity but he seems aware that he may die. Hate of Yankees seems to have actuated the perpetrator.

Monday, April 30th, 1866

Left Columbia at 6.

Steward at the train.

Made out papers till late at evening

Clothing Ret.

Personal report to S.G. & A. G.

Dr. Mr's ret to M C. M.

Recd a paper from Ella B. G

Tuesday, May 1st, 1866

Lt. Britton spent some time with me at sick call. Soon after he brought in and introduced Captain 15th Maine Vols who comes to relieve Lt. B.

Rode seven miles to see Mr. May who is very sick with small pox: he & the family are delighted to have me come to see him. Returned at 4 P.M. Sent a soft shirt and some medicine back.

Tea at Lt. Col. Skinner.

Wednesday, May 2nd, 1866

Wrote J. E. Rutherford that I turned over one sack to (?) here containing 200 caps, more than a week ago.

Lt. Britton came in and put on slippers, threw off coat and took dinner. He was very cordial and said we could well get along together. His tastes are quite literary and refined.

Eve tea at the great house

Thursday, May 3rd, 1866

Lt. Britton showed me a protest from the officers of his regiment against his resigning: also a letter from them urging him to prefer charges against Bryant for toasting Jeff Davis. He says he will if I will do likewise. I said Lt. Col. Skinner would do it. I bade him farewell at the depot at 2 P.M.

Signed Req. for 100 caps & enclosed it to Capt. Rutherford.

<u>Post</u>

Rivers whitewashing to-day.

Strawberries for sale in street.

5 May " Harper's Weekly" 6 m

Friday, May 4th, 1866

Recd. $206.75 for April.

Sent $100 to Thos. Corigan Oneida Madison Co. N. Y.

Wrote Major Salisbury to assist me to find "recover" his 494 for $216.35/100.

Saturday, May 5th, 1866

At 11 received Dr. Dewitt's order to go to Columbia on the small pox complaints.

Found Fowler relieved as steward. Lt. Thos. Briteu (?)

General Ely proposed an emigration scheme to me just as I was going to bed. He says there is great animosity between white & black people above here in S. C.

Sunday, May 6th, 1866

Captain Kane sent me the ambulance and I went with Genl. Ely to hear what Nash & Edwards had to say about small pox arrangements and I learned that the police are chiefly blamable.

Church. Presby Dr. Howe (long) Mr. Bolles there: took him home. Capt. H's application to be retained was not approved by Genl. Howard.

Eve after a pleasant call on Lt. Thos. Britten (?) & (?) I saw Nash & took his statements about the burning of Columbia. He said he was quite satisfied that small pox cases were well treated now.

Monday, May 7th, 1866

6 ¼ A.M. at depot met the janitor of the small pox hospital & he placed in my care his daughter a very pretty girl who said she'd marry a Yankee if she saw fit; that S.C. was a miserable state; that the war was over; that she was a (?) once; that she saw Columbia was burning before Sheridan entered.

Being unwell & having much to do at home I did not go to the hospital.

Recd St. Martin's Summer. 2 letters from home.

Completed report about small pox: forwarded request of the Columbia doctors for a horse and wagon. Tea at Col's.

Tuesday, May 8th, 1866

Saw Capt. Div?? at sick call, 9 A.M.

Too busy all day to read much but took a glimpse at "St. Martin's Summer".

The Qrty return just ordered is a tedious affair.

Sent Mr. Bull some 600 ft. 3 in. plank.

No mail.

Wednesday, May 9th, 1866

rode Lt. Greene's horse to hospital.

Recd Invoices for 100 caps from Capt. Rutherford & receipted to him. The Qrty Report is so extensive that I conclude to get started right before proceeding farther. So I will put it with my other business for Charleston.

Forwarded special req. for Columbia. One Messrs. P.M. Myers & co,

check to P. C. Barnum as order fifty one 50/100 dollars.

Thursday, May 10th 1866

After sick call left for Charleston at 10 A.M. At Branchville General Steedman sat opposite me at dinner.

In C. took a carriage for two hours $4. 5 1/4 to 7 ¼

Transacted much business and took tea at Mrs. Mackey's Raspberry shortcake ice cream for all.

Dr. Dewitt at his door. Tired out retired at 11+ with good wishes of all . The family who desired me to stay only one day to see the doctor who comes from N.Y. To-morrow.

Friday, May 11th, 1866

5 A.M. Tea & toast. Rain!

Completed arrangements for Mr. Bart to send me the hospital stores on receipt of the money from Columbia.

Ladies' car: slight sleep. Yankees not much talked about these days. Read St. M's Summer. At Branchville Mr. Wilson asked me if I really was going to push Bryant. Said his (B's) must be atoned for: he asked if I'd accept an apology if offered. I said yes and that if I offended at anytime I would make amends.

Met Lt. Col. Skinner at Branchville: the old engines there were not left by Sheridan for he did not (?) them.

Tea with the teachers.

Saturday, May 12th, 1866

After sick call I took in a wagon some lumber given me from the old camp by Captain Dwinel(?) .

Quite aguish(?) weather.

Had a (?) made for the well. Bought 13 doz eggs at 25cts.Packed 10 doz for friend Mackey in Charleston.

Sent Weekly & Requisitions Special 8 A.M.Mr. Sawyer, leaving.

Sunday, May 13th, 1866

7 ½ A.M. is rising time to-day. Sick call at 9 ½. Sent 48 testaments to the colored meeting, which were kindly accepted. They said to me "so you will stick to us"

H. W. B's Sermon: hours at home testament.

Monday, May 14th, 1866

The Quarterly return of clothing etc. has taken nearly all my time to-day.

Received six excellent handkerchiefs from Irving Wrote Mother.

Called at eve on Lt. Col.& the ladies.

Tuesday, May 15th, 1866

Forwarded Bill to Bart & (?) for $50 50/100 for their signature. Lt. Britton wrote me for the name of the citizen who was present at the time of Bryant's absurd proposition to drink the health of Jeff Davis.

Rivers went home. Lt. Col. Skinner left to a tour through the country.

Wednesday, May 16, 1866

Rain. This morning Salli, the mixed, on seeing me take a letter from a shirt sent from Vermont to soldiers said "De first people God made must been dem Norf people; De seem to have all de sense." The narrow views of the rebel people do not allow them to compliment Northerners and objurgations supplant gratitude.

If rebels could keep their mouths closed for a few months a delightful peace would reign.

Thursday, May 17th, 1866

Two sable visages appeared early at my bedroom door and from one came forth words: "the alligator's gone." This is it ever with my living pets. The great rain last night may have frightened "allie" out of his rub or he may have been stolen.

I sent word to steward that if any one was sick he should send for me.

Charles Bull told me that Scott whom he struck violently used villainous language to him.

Rain ! Rain ! The hunt for "allie" is so far vain.

Friday, May 18th, 1866

"The alligator's found!" "Kee! Hee!" cried all the sable ones around my house. At 8 A.M. I told

a boy to take a piece of tent cloth from the ditch and there he was. It gave great joy to all concerned.

At eve Capt. Divince notified me of a probable case of small pox at the guard house & I had it (him) removed instantly to the small pox hospital. Louie went with him.

Saturday, May 19th, 1866

The Charleston paper contains items indicating that the Bureau will soon be abolished: this gives the colored people great trouble. They say, too, that they object to paying a tax for the "rebs" : but I tell them that as they live in So. Ca. they must pay her taxes.

Warm to-day

Finished "st. Martin's Summer".

Wrote Major Salisbury instead of sending to (?) a Treas. Of N.Y. for the lost check.

Sunday, May 20th, 1866

Having retired late I rose at 8 ½ A.M.

Had sick call at my house.

Read a sermon by H. W. B. Tea at Co. S's.

Warm again. Cucumbers in blossom.

Monday, May 21, 1866

Wrote Bart & Wirth again

At hospital completed a special requisition for medicines for troops.

Mrs. Coorier & Mrs. Cope invited me to ride in their magnificent carriage & they came home & took a lunch with me. They were very friendly & invited me to come out to see them: to come to a fishing party.

In the evening Lt. Greene & I had some joking about our acquaintance with the pretty owner of the carriage but I was ahead for I had vaccinated her plump arm.

Ice cream

Tuesday, May 22, 1866

Recd. Notice from Major Salisbury that he had forwarded my application for assistance in recovering my lost check.

"Ned" came from Mr. S. M. Fairey's bloated full with dropsy.

"The Burning of Columbia" is exciting a commotion in the papers.

Busy with sick, and papers for returns.

Col. S. & Lt. Greene called on me.

Wednesday, May 23, 1866

"Ned" sits up and says he is doing very well. He has three or four nurses.

Sent Miss Mackey V. Hugo's "Toilers of the Sea"

Call from the two teachers and Lt. Col. Skinner at eve.

Thursday, May 24, 1866

Warm ! Col. Skinner got into a wrangle with Post Master Hubbel & Mr. Whittemore about negroes.

Received $64 from Capt. Low. A. 2M (?) for Louie as nurse.

Henry Dixon says he can pay up his note on Saturday. I gave him to understand that no interest would be required on the $100.

Friday, May 25, 1866

Made out Weekly report for the Bureau.

Recd. Authority from Dr. Dewitt to furnish Dr. Lewie at Lexington with expendable articles for the poor if I am satisfied with his responsibility.

Sent to Isaac M. Wilson for Louie's clothes.

Saturday, May 26th, 1866

Busy till late in the evening. Purchased a bill of $28 of Gull & Scovie for the Columbia Hospital Notified Lt. Britton of it & requested transportation.

Wrote Dr. Lewie.

Received $77 to bal Henry Dixon's note. I gave it to him with a compliment. My endorsement.

Sunday, May 27th, 1866

Late in rising. 8 ½ A.M.

Attended the sick and read testament; Hours at home and called on the teachers. They came over in the eve with Lt. Greene.

Monday, May 28th, 1866

Hard work at the W. M. and other returns.

No time to write home.

Miss Fisher talks of going home.

Wrote & sent to (?)

Wrote to Capt. Les for a duplicate check.

Tuesday, May 29th, 1866

Like yesterday: much work; thanks from some; no thanks from others: and very tired at night.

Wednesday, May 30th, 1866

Hard work and cold weather make me unwell. Wrote Major Salisbury for a new check as advised by A. Treasurer at N.Y.

Wrote Dr. Homer as directed by him. Recd $209.60 pay.

Eve had a call from the teachers & Lt. Col. S.

Thursday, May 31st, 1866

Sent Monthly report to Dr. Dew.

Recd. Lt. Britton's positive assurance that he enclosed the $25 75/100 to me. Took this envelope also to him and he says it also has been opened. He paid it again: gave me transportation to C.: took my receipts for wood for hospital; lent me a horse on which I rode to hospital: inspected; directed economy in rations: signed monthly & rode to Rev. E. A. Bolles' where I was cordially received.

Sent $260. from Kingsville to L. Meyers Jr. & took So. Ex. Receipt. Agt. Showed me how money could be abstracted from the letters.

Friday, June 1st, 1866

At 5 A.M. "July" came with the horse & after a breakfast prepared by Mrs. Bolles and a warm goodbye. I left 6 for train. On my way I spoke to Edwards cold about coffins & he takes the job.

Saw Mr. Anderson at Johnson's TurnOut.

Ladies car only partly filled. Conductor Disher very friendly; he says R.R. traveling affects some watches much.

Made Personal Reports to A. Genl. L. Thomas, Surg. Genl. I. K. Barnes.

Wrote Post M. Genl about the lost money.

Saturday, June 2nd, 1866
Wrote L. W. F (?)
Sent Report for week.
Attended sick call.
Tired out.
Therefore failed to see Genl. Ely on train.
Recd. Capt. Lew's endorsement about lost check.
Rain.
Mutual Friend

Sunday, June 3rd, 1866
Rain
Rode to hospital.
Read papers & testament.
Louie's life threatened.

Monday, June 4th, 1866
Finished & forwarded Monthly returns of clothing to Q.M. Genl. For articles for Freedmen.
His labor exhausted my strength and I had to stay home all day.

Tuesday, June 5th, 1866
Rain ! Warm ! Cool !
Had a talk with some citizens about a negro nurse who was saucy. I said I would not tolerate it.
Transacted some business but can not stand much.
Read " Mutual Friend"

Wednesday, June 6th, 1866
Nervous debility preventing doing all the business I wish to do.
Wrote Rev. E.A. Bolles to take pew in Columbia for me for 4 mos.

Thursday, June 7th, 1866
Rested as much as possible and towards night was able to walk over to Col's.
Still I made out Qrly. Statements of Clothing.
"Mutual" good.

Called on the Heuchets.

Saturday, June 9th, 1866
Paid $15 for Cables passage & gave ticket to Philip G
Pursers assented
Bade Miss Fisher goodbye & sent letter to Genl. Kozlay
Saw Capt. Bassett: Hagans: D.r. Hunt: Dr. Dewitt: Capt. Low Mr. J. Wilson:
Ice in demand.
Mosquitoes in swarms.
Eve. At Lt. Col. H. W. Smith's. To the Mackeys "Bye. Bye".
Tired out.
Must go to Columbia as soon as possible.

Sunday, June 10th, 1866

Reluctantly went to Orangeburg. 7 ½ A.M. 12 ½: 79 miles.
Dined with Lt. Col. Skinner. Tired out
Answered two letters.

Monday, June 11th, 1866

A disguised note ordered me to leave town: I sent it directly to Dr. Dewitt.
Attended sick call: made out report for June 9 F & R
Heard thro a colored man that the rebs were going to kill me: he hinted how he thought Lt. Greene's horse was taken.

Tuesday, June 12th, 1866

Rested! Received patients at my house.
Recd. Noted from 2 A. Q. M. Gen saying a special would attend to the lost money
Call from Col. Skinner.

Wednesday, June 13th, 1866 "apples ripe"

At 1 P.M. Started for Columbia to see what col. Mansfield wants. He is rough and impetuous in denouncing what he supposes to be wrongs. I set him right on the idea of nurses in hospital and left him boiling at imperfections in general.

Lt. Britton paid me $28 to be paid to Logni for hospital luxuries. Adjt. McKinn very polite & hospitable invited me to sup with him but Lt. Holton had forestalled him at Dr. Wright's. Called on Dr. Sylvester & bride: happy! Also at Rev. E.A. Bolles: music. Set $8.35 for pew. Sent with Mrs. Bolles.

Serenaders in the vicinity kept me up till 11.

Thursday, June 14th, 1866

Breakfast at 5. At hotel found ambulance waiting for Major Wingard P.M.: made down to train (?) handsome. Had a very pleasant talk with him on war scenes.

Dr. Page Meed. Director to-be is on train to assume the office for Dept. I sought him & explained that I could send material for a hospital to Columbia. He invited me to Charleston.

Friday, June 15th, 1866 98 degree

Call from Co,. S. & Lt. G. Tea with them.

It often comes to my mind that I ought to have returned Capt. Bryant's assault but my religious conviction is that I did right not to hurt him: as it seems useless to try to have him legally rebuked for his language I suppose I must let his abuse pass. If he is allowed to toast Jeff Davis with impunity how can I suppose that he would be punished for a drunken assault on me?

Rain.

Saturday, June 16th, 1866

Rainy. Sent Reports to Dr. Dewitt & to Med Dir.
Obtained ice cream for $1 & a nice lot of ice on the train.
Dined with Col. Skinner.
Recd. Independent
Rev. Mr. Lewis arrived.

Sunday, June 17th, 1866

A. H. Mackey came from Charleston.
Lt. Col. Founst passed through.

Henry Dixon has the blues again: says the rebels think I will cheat him. I read him our agreement: I have given him four months rent.

Monday, June 18th, 1866

Rev. Mr. Lewis left on the A. M. train: he thanked me much for my entertainment.

Held sick call at 9 ¼. Recd. An order from Chief Medical officer State of S. C. to transfer the Post Hospital property to Dr. Stuart of Columbia. I went to work at it immediately. Worked until ¼ 7 P.M. & went to my quarters.

Tuesday, June 19th, 1866

Continued packing the stores for Columbia. "Ned" died A.M. Steward had him decently laid out. I ordered a coffin. No rations yet for freedmen.

Recd. Notice of an order to come for me to go to Columbia.

Recd. Said order a little later through Lt. Greene: to go immediately. So I go by next train, tomorrow.

Sarah worked for Post Hospital to-day: I have inquired how she shall get pay as matron.

Recd. Blank requisitions & made out one for Columbia for six months.

Recd. A paper fr. Dr. Dewitt requiring a report in full by me on the small pox abuse in Columbia. I was tired out and had to defer it till to-morrow

Henry Dixon is satisfied with my proposal to sell to him for cash of materials & labor.

Wednesday, June 20th, 1866

Left for Columbia at ¼ 1. took oranges & oysters to small pox hospital. Had a pleasant call with Lt. Britton. Took tea with Lt. Holton and called on Drs. Goodwyn & Sylvester who told me that the mayor would provide a steward. I said buy lime to whitewash wit: & milk. Called on Mr. Bolles: he gave me a receipt for pew rent for four months beginning June 1st.

They expect Capt. H. next week.

Thursday, June 21, 1866

At 5 ½ rode Dr. Goodwyn's horse to train & gave boy an order for forage for ten days. Ladies car: Conductor King(?) polite. Found troops gone from O. Worked away on returns: dined at Col. Skinners, Col. Foust et al called P.M.

Eve Olendorf seized key to church & prevented my messengers from getting out medicines.

Friday, June 22nd, 1866

received another order from Dr. Dewitt to turn over property.

Sent muster roll to Major Wingard for matron Sarah from Aug. 24, 1865 to June 20, 1866 for pay

Lieut. Jos. A. Greene left. Recd. April return for Bureau property from Washington for correction on Form 23.

Tea with A. M. Mackey at Col. S's.

The villagers are busy with Mr. Mackey's visiting me a Yankee: but he gives them little satisfaction.

Saturday, June 23, 1866

Worked hard all day. Cool weather alone enables me to get along with the hard work.

Notified Wm. Danelly that I had the $50 for him.

Dr. Radzinski came to relieve me.

I today made a bargain with Henry Dixon: he is to give me $970 for my houses on bond and

mortgage. He is eminently satisfied.

Sunday, June 24, 1866

Intended to rest to-day but Judge Ellis gave me a call & I engaged to meet him at 8 A.M. to-morrow.

A. M. Mackey was ordered by some ruffians last night as he was returning from a visit on Mr. Jameson's to leave town. He was to leave to-day and does not mind this much. He left on 10 ½ train & I gave him a ticket which had not been used.

After a nap and dinner I attacked the returns, invoices and receipts that have to be made out: Dr. Radzinsky assisted me till he could not keep awake apparently. He took charge to-day. I retire at 11 ½ P.M.

Monday, June 25th, 1866

At 8.10 A.M. met Henry Ellis Esq. At his office & gave a title to Henry Dixon for my four houses, receiving for it a bond & mortgage for $970 to be paid in three equal installments with interest annually on June 23, 1867 etc. I said I should not foreclose if it was not all paid up punctually & that my sister would doubtless act likewise if I were taken away. H. Dixon assumes Jos. Smoak's bill (?) o the amt of $30.

Dr. Radzinski left for Charleston. I have his receipts for stores. H. Dixon is to rent the two house for $20 per month to the Bureau. H. Dixon is quite satisfied with his trade.

Enclosed invoice to Surg. Genl.

" " " " Chief Med. O.

Sent muster roll of Sarah to Adj. Genl. L.Y. Recd. Her pay & gave it to her.

Tuesday, June 26th, 1866

Levis Glover came up to H. Dixon's to take (?) from Mrs. Dixon; he returned to my house & said he had done it: he is to record it & I am to get the mortgage to-morrow morning.

Told H. Dixon that probably his sisters could cook & nurse in the hospital & receive $6 per month.

Paid $50 to Bull & Scovill for Wm. Danelly.

Packed for Columbia. Recd. A call from Mrs. Smoak & Mrs. Ray pm. Eve Mrs. Ray came with Mr Ostrander as his bride: in conversation he said he did not deny that he had had to do with Harriett, colored girl.

Sent six months req for med to Charleston for Columbia. Also Dr. Lewis's recommendations.

Wednesday, June 27th, 1866

Wrote Jos. Smoak that Henry Dixon assumed my debt to him.

Obtained remnants of medicines from Post Hosp. before (?) Olendorf was up. Continued packing.

Rumors of bloodshed by rebels to-day were followed by a brutal assault on a freedmen at the depot.

Told Matilda to take charge of the kitchen.

Sent four boxes to depot for transportation to Columbia. One has medicines for Dr. Lewie of Lexington C. H.

Thursday, June 28th, 1866

A drayman took the last of the hospital boxes from the church & placed them in the car for Columbia very early: I had no collision with a citizen. Many bade me a kind adieu. One colored man said the rebs said "Dr. Root is their god", speaking of the col'ed race in Orangeburg. Henry Dixon is

grateful.

Col. Skinner invited me to dine with him: Mrs. Stoddard & he both insisted on having my photo sent. Sallie & Williams followed me. In Columbia they staid at H Lot's.

Lt. Britton greeted me but says I should have shot Olendorf when he took the key to the hospital. No Sir.

Called on Mr. Bolles.

Called on Dr. Sylvester.

Friday, June 29th, 1866

Saw six teachers off in the train: then to hospital where I left orders to take an inventory of all hospital property. Gave the attendants instructions that I had come.

Supplied pest house with clothing & some utensils.

Signed ration return

" hay " for beds for pest house.

Prepared papers on clothing & transferred property to Dr. Cones who dined with us.

Saturday, June 30th, 1866

Visited hospital before 6 ½ found it tolerably clean.

At Hopkins Turn Out found an old woman in a R. Road hut nearly gone with small pox. Hired a nurse at $6 per m sent her to pest tent in the woods.

Visited the different streets; found but few sick and many at the famishing point.

Returned at 4 ½ & prepared medicines for Hopkins T. O. to go to-morrow morning.
Dr. G's horse home: Very tired was I at night. "Eclectic" came, zpost, "Summer Rest" the latter has not sufficient faith for a busy man.

Sunday, July !st, 1866

Presbyterian church is ¾ of mile from Dr. Wright's house where I live.

A good sermon by Rev. Boggs I believe. Communion service. It was very interesting but I refrained from the table where a uniform might have made a disturbance among the native hearts. It gave me pain to be thus situated; but some professed Christians have said they did not wish to go to Heaven with Yankees so I will wait till I can find more congenial ones.

Dr. Wright returned from Charleston.

Monday, July 2nd, 1866

At 5 ½ A.M. I rode over to the hospital and was astonished to find that the medicine did not go to Hopkins yesterday. Also to find a mulatto woman in concealment as if having slept with the corporal who I present to prevent such conduct. I reported it to Major H & and asked for another man.

Received a letter from L.C. Skinner about my private bargain with H. Dixon which marks him as an intensely mean man.

Called at Nickerson's to se Mr. Vassal P.O. Agent.

Mr. Bolles people cordial.

Tuesday, July 3rd, 1866

Mailed Personal Reports to S. Genl. And Adjt. Genl. Completed "Return" for Surgeon Gen. Military Stores etc. Worked from 6 A.M. till 6 P.M. Almost incessantly. Recd. Lincoln memorials. Recd. H's Weekly. Wrote for advice to Dr. Dewitt as to my late sale. Wrote Jos. Smoak for his bill at lowest rate: & estimate of my late houses & acre of land.

Rev. Mr. Bolles called on me.

Wednesday, July 4th, 1866

Wrote Genl. Schenck about the 3 mos. extra pay: to Mrs Garfield. Sent to Surgeon Genl. Original Return for Military stores.

Worked on papers nearly all day, Recd. Note from Mr. Anderson asking medical help at Hopkin's T. O. referred to Dr. Dewitt.

Recd. another from Skinner & H. D. Accepts my offer to take cash $700 for my mortgage of $970.

Called on Rev. Mr. Bolles with Dr. Wright.

Wrote Chf. Qtr. Mr. B.R.F. & A.L. to send me my March Return.

Thursday, July 5th, 1866

Hard work all day long. Monthly Report copied Return forwarded: Hospital Fund statement do: visited hospital at eve & selected medicines for Hopkin's T. O. Sent Dr. Sylvester Transportation & agreed upon between Major H. and me.

Bought 1 gal Madeira at Janney & Lolleson's for Freedmen's sick: also 2 doz. Lemons.

Friday, July 6th, 1866 90 degrees

Dr. Wright left. I visited both hospitals and gave out Madeira wine at the small pox hospital.

Bought several articles for cooking at same place.

Called on Capt. Kane at Cavalry camp & found him a teatotaller.

Capt. Holcombe came. Worked hard on papers & got Qrly. For March ready for Surgeon-in-Chief or C. M. Of.

Salli scrubbed my room.

Saturday, July 7th, 1866

Early train to Hopkin's T. O. with Lt. Holton. Breakfasted with Mr. Anderson & Genl. Ely. Visited four plantation "Quarters" & found 14 cases of small pox down. The small pox tent had four case in it. I engaged eggs for them and gave wine to each of these latter Madeira. Genl. Ely came up:Col. Foust also: Emma, the stewardess, treated us all to fine ice cream. Sent weekly Report; Original of Qrly for March to Dr. Dewitt. Eve was at Mr. Bolles & was invited by Mrs. H. to come in & see her son 3 hours old.

Recd. Letter from Dr. Radzinski.

Sunday, July 8th, 1866

Presbyterian church, Mr. Boggs.

Wrote mother.

Tea with Mr. & Mrs. Bolles.

Dr. Couso called: he said he had 48 instead of 44 bedsteads.

Monday, July 9th, 1866

Visited hospital before breakfast. Bought 3 bbl s of lime & two whitewash brushes to cleanse the hospital.

Recd. June payt. $206.75. Sent "Levie" bal. of her money $39.10 care Mr. Bull. Also answered him & sent Sarah $49.

Read a note from "Kai Yaz" Garfield who says he will cal at 2d Auditors for me.

Tuesday, July 10th, 1866

Hot A. M. Visited hospital at 6 ½: found preparations being made for whitewashing; rebuked the corporal for striking a patient.

Col. Foust helped me to correct figures in Semi Annual return. Recd. Qrly returns back with remark that they were not needed now.

Called on Mr. Bolles.

Col. Foust says that Dr. Puge was much exercised when he spoke of me because I was retained in service.

Wednesday, July 11th, 1866

With Col. Foust Genl. Ely, & Lt. Holton, started from columbia for Hopkin's Turnout at 5m of 7. Col.went to Charleston. I visited small pox hospital & found the patients doing well. I paid Auntie the (?) 7 for eggs etc. The nurse told me that she and all were well fed.

Returned at 3 ½ promising the conductor transportation order for my fare.

Rain,

I can not draw the 3 months pay proper on muster out because I was not mustered in Mar 3, 1865 so says Genl. Schenk.

Thursday, July 12th, 1866

Visited hospital before breakfast: got 1 qt. Whiskey for Jim a typhoid patient.

Consulted with commissary and Fr mens. about hosp. wants . Required 6 cords wood for hospital. Visited Dr. Cones.

Recd. Letter from Fr. Mens. Brown that he will assist me in correcting the Returns which have been admitted erroneously thro the Bureau Fr. Mens offices.

Friday, July 13th, 1866

Visited hospital before breakfast: found convalescents unwilling to work: one who had been a patient 5 months insisted on having $10 per mo. I advised his discharge with one day's rations.

Mr. McCarson tells me that all are doing well at small pox hospital except one to whom I sent a qt of whiskey by Mr. McC.

Dr. Sylvester called & we compared the copies of semi-annual return.

I visited Henry Lot's mother who has hemophilia.

Saturday, July 14th, 1866

Hospital at usual time. New guard ward master or steward as he may be: I gave him directions to attend to rations & have an acct every Sat. of all the property. Worked all day on Fr. Men's papers for the Bureau.

Recd. Larry's statement & acknowledged same.

Eve. Called on Mr. Bolles. Nat. Ex. & Trans. Co. charged $5.25 on two bbl s potatoes fr. Hopkin's T.O. 12 miles. I refused them & wrote Mr. Anderson to act as he thinks proper.

Sunday, July 15th, 1866

Presbyterian Church A.M.

Hot.

Beechers sermon

Head to finish Fr. Men's Genl's return.

Recd. Another appeal from Mr. Anderson regarding small pox.

Monday, July 30th, 1866

Prostrated last Monday Eve. I have been in bed every day since. My head was affected by over work and the heat.

Rev. E. A. Bolles.& Rev. Mr. Boggs have treated me very politely.

Pd. C. L. Anderson 11.60
Pd Ex $3.50
Sent Ret to S. Genl. for June 30th.
Pd. Butler (coffin) 5.60

The above is a week too fast it should date 23d.

Tuesday, July 31st, 1866

Returned from a very pleasant visit to Charleston where officers and friends did much to make me welcome.

Found notice to J. A. Garfield that I had bee breveted ?)
Lt. Colonel

Visited hospital. Made out invoice.
Nursed Genl Rinkle.
Wrote a few letters.

Wednesday, August 1st, 1866

Busy as possible in settling up hospital business.

Sent invoice, & receipt blanks to Dr. L. M. Stuart's office but could get no reply: I told him to call on me for any information & that I was going to-morrow.

Eve with Lt. Holton at Mr. Bolles'.

The Ex. Agt.(So) said to day that the charge on my bedding pkge would be $3.75 to N.Y.

Thursday, August 2nd, 1866

Dr. Stuart called at about 10 A.M. I informed him completely how to conduct the hospital in presence of Genl. Rinkle: he took two drinks of whiskey on the first invitation of Genl. R. promised me the receipt & left tolerably drunk. He said he never took the oath & that Rhett was his uncle

Sent recpt for $350 to H. Dirkson by So. Ex.

Two boxes are to come to Whitehall by So. Ex.

Left dun note on Capt. Holcombe for $15 in care of Lt. Holten. Bid all adieu Train left at 4 ½ for Charlotte when we got there I cheered. Lady Mrs. Mouckton bade me call on her at Wilmington & at Saratoga Miss Robinet.

Friday, August 3rd, 1866

Sleeping car is neat but the engine broke its piston head & we were delayed in N. C. 20 hours at Greensboro: a gent showed me the town and I thought the people more polite and enterprising then in So. Ca. 2000 inhabitants: apples: melons: hay: Katy dids: no mosquitoes: poor hotels.

Crops good.

Offered my protections to two females traveling alone from So. Ca. and one of them said "Thank You"

Stopped at a boarding house war depot: young people danced twice after dining and during evening again to fiddle & piano.

Saturday, August 4th, 1866

the two So. Ca. females did not ask any favors of me for my uniform was too plainly visible. A lady at Danville who came into the train acted more gratefully for my attentions to her children & invited me to call: next door to the Lunstal House.

Eve at Richmond Va. Found no N.Y. Convoy.

The Proudhon arrow statue of Washington is really what its reputation says of it: one tassel was

shot from his sword hilt by a rebel firing at his fellow congressman.
Not feeling well I remain over.

Sunday, August 5th, 1866
Feel but little better: but accepted escort of a (?) to church where a Rev. discoursed on justification according to Universalist style: the prayer was for all in authority.
Wrote Genl Garfield
Wrote Ella B. Ginn
Wrote "Coz" Cora.
Feel almost too weak to travel but go I must to-morrow morning.

Monday, August 6th, 1866
Richmond to Washington
130 pleasant miles.
Ladies not so scornful.
Willard's hotel
Called at Mr. Or Mrs. Goodrichs and took tea. All who were at home were glad to see me. Mr. C, Capt. Mern and family (?) out of the Rines' near Bladensburg.
I am almost used up.

Tuesday, August 7th, 1866
Called on my friend Col. Lancer who returned me the $10 I forwarded for him last year: Above man who showed me the secretary of the Treasury's private rooms I introduced me to Mr. Chandler A. Sec. Surg. Genl & looked over my accts.
Rockwell who invited me to stay a week with him.
Invited E. S. Collamer to dine with me but he argued me into dining with him.
Eve at Lt. Col. Rockwell's he spent the whole eve telling me about the commencement at Willliams. He wrote " Kai Yaq" to-day.
Rockwell is a Christian.
Called on Genl. Howard

Wednesday August 8th, 1866
Miss Nellie Morgan was apparently glad to see me at "Oak Lawn" and sang me a few fine songs.
Found Genl. Bolles out. Left my card for Mrs McCulloch yesterday.
Dined with Rockwell & left his house at 4 ½ P.M. He Carried half my baggage to the car.
Met Gilfillan at the Capitol: saw the Farragut painting: Lincoln statue & heard the music.
G. told me that he had joined the Cong. Church.
Met Delegate Hitchcock in the train.

Thursday, August 9th, 1866
Rain. Astor House. Larry Myers & Co. Recd. Letter from H. Dixon's counselor saying that I must take half cost of my former houses or be proceeded against for fraud!!! before the mortgage would be paid. It looks like blackmail or attempt to scare.
Mrs Hawkins was very cordial & I took lunch with her.
Steamer D. Richmond to Albany.

Friday, August 10th, 1866
Left my card for Genl. L Stedman Esq.

Bot. some books & paper at A.

At Saratoga Mr. Close & Mrs. C. were very kind. Miss Loomis as pretty & gay as ever.

En route to Whitehall met I. V. Baker & C. W. Kellogg: the latter told me of Miss Gerty K's reading the Ride of Sheridan etc.

Home at 9 ½! "All hand around" my neck!
And loud were the serenades of greeting!

Maria & Georgie present.

Saturday, August 11th, 1866

The hills, the foliage, the luxuriant vegetation are almost novelties to my eye so long have I been absent.

The ladies, too, seem so numerous and stylish that I am almost lost.

Auntie Plediades called with Coz George Hall.

Sunday, August 12th, 1866

Quietly at home.

W.I.S. Gave a good dinner to my animal.

Monday, August 13th, 1866

Saw two or three friends but am not strong enough to do business.

Tuesday, August, 14th, 1866

Tea party at O.F. Davis': too much for my strength

Recd. Order to proceed to my home from Genl. Scott.

Wednesday, August 15th, 1866

Mailed my bond endorsed by W. I. Smith for $432.70/100 to A. G. Salisbury, Charleston to indemnify him for my lost check drawn by A. G. Salisbury for $213.35

Wrote Rev E. A. Bolles. Sent Sheridan's photo to Miss G.K. about this time.

Thursday, August 16th, 1866

Sent Geo. W. Sturgeon a letter of recommendation thro. A. Man Esq. For A. Assessor of Orangeburg.

Friday, August 17th, 1866

Everyday the cold weather has worn an autumn face & I also feel queer at being so idle.

Maria helped me in making out certain returns.

Superintended forms laying drain North of kitchen.

Friday, August 24th, 1866

Wrote I. W. Lewis, Charleston stating fully the conditions of my trade with H. Dixon & offered to take cost till Sept 1. after that till Oct.1. Cost & int. of money.

Monday, September 17th, 1866

P.M. 4. With Mary & Miss Reed visited Haven paper mill last Saturday & was to play at croquet then but it was deferred till today. Miss Ellis, Forbes, Shattuck, Reed & Mary played.

Wednesday, September 19th, 1866

Rain!

Thursday, September 20th, 1866

P.M. With Miss "Hattie" E. Reed & Miss "Carrie" K. Ladd rode to Pearl City, Named Reed Lake turned around beyond "Thermopylae". Miss Ladd drove much of the way & we visited the cider mill.

At 5 P.M. I went with Mary to cider mill: took tea with the teachers & made the acquaintance of Mr. Bridgman , trustee. Spent the eve in Miss Ellis' & Miss Reed's room over cider nuts & apples. Philoperiad(?) twice.

Of course I was used up & can not go to N.Y. To-morrow.

Friday, September 21st, 1866

Mary called on me & I on her

Eve saw Miss Coy.

Saturday, September 29th, 1866

Adieu S. Hadley

At Northampton Dr. DeWolf invited me to stay over Sunday. Mansion house.

Tea at Mr L. B. William's. Dr & Mrs Eddy & his brother there.

Miss Hattie Lyman.

Sunday, September 30th, 1866

Episcopal A.M.

Cong. P.M.

Tea at Mr. Williams'

Monday, October 1st, 1866

Am invited cordially by Mrs. Williams to stop a few days at their house.

Tuesday, October 2d, 1866

At Mr. Williams'

Mr. Mrs. Shermel of Ca. visited S. Hadley & not home Miss Peet

Wednesday, October 3d, 1866

Miss Susie Thayer

Florence

Thursday, October 4th, 1866

Miss Thayer is the sister of my friend W. S. Thayer.

Friday, October 5th, 1866

Tea at Mrs. Thayers'

Saturday, October 6th, 1866

Eve miss Anna Ladd, Miss Sarah Ladd, Miss Sarah Clark at Mr. Williams to tea.

Sunday, October 7th, 1866

Dr. Eddy's Church Communion

Monday, October 8th, 1866

With Misses Todd & Lyman had a delightful ride to Easthampton: Miss L. drove. Visited Nat. Bank & Mr. Ch. Williams took us over to the gymnasium. The ladies went to the tower top house by the Conn. River. P.M. I rode with the Ls to Miss (?) Clarkes.

Called on Miss Cook Mrs. D. Fisk: Miss Thayer & Mrs. H. Williams.

END OF ENTRIES

Day Before Yesterday and Now In Whitehall

by DORIS MORTON, Town Historian

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DR. HENRY ROOT

Because of a sharp eye and an interest in Whitehall's history, Dewey Russell saved an 1866 diary from being burned. He recently presented it to Skenesborough Museum for its library.

The diary is that of Dr. Henry Root. It covers a part of the year 1866 while the doctor was serving in the United States Army as post surgeon in Orangeburg and Columbia, S.C.

Dr. Root, born in Granville 5 April 1835, was educated in Whitehall. A graduate from Williams college in 1856, he taught in Southbridge, Mass., for a year and then read law with Dr. Daniel Wright, Whitehall. In 1859 he was graduated from the University of New York and visited Europe to learn medical methods there to practice them in Whitehall.

When the Civil War broke out, he was appointed by the governor of New York assistant surgeon of the 54th New York Infantry. General Chester A. Arthur recommended him as surgeon in the 58th New York Infantry. Being wounded in the head at Chancellorsville, he was discharged from the army and visited Europe to recuperate. With three others in Paris, he established the Sanitary Commission of the United States.

On returning to the United States he became assistant surgeon in 1864 under General Sherman and soon after a surgeon in the 54th at the request of Secretary Stanton to serve until 1866. During this year he was recommended by the governor of South Carolina to the president of the United States and by his personal friend, James A. Garfield to the senate for an appointment to lieutenant colonel for his devotion to the Union cause.

Out of service in August, 1866, he returned to his work in Whitehall. Over the years he was health officer of the village, secretary of the Washington County Medical society and member of the New York State Medical association. He was a vice president of the Y.M.C.A. in 1892 and vice president of the Society of the Army of the Republic. His home was at 39 Williams street, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whiting.

The dairy is concerned with the health of the two regiments stationed in Orangeburg. Not startling in military affairs, it tells the everyday events in the life of a busy surgeon with its problems and its niceities. From it is learned the character of a man. He was compassionate with freedmen, Negroes, rebels and Yankees alike. He worried over medical supplies and clothing not arriving on time, over housing of the ill when the hospital was not completed to cover them. He resisted retaliation when an officer insulted him, relying on his religious training to keep him from assault.

Smallpox was rampant and occasionally typhoid fever. For the former wine and eggs were furnished and for the latter whiskey.

Amusements seem simple in light of today's recreation. He had tea several times a week with friends, evidently in a house where teachers were boarded, for he speaks of their friendliness. He bought an alligator that was lost and found by his men under a piece of tent cloth in the ditch. He read a great deal, titles being "Mutual Friend," "Love's Life Threatened" besides the Bible, biographies, and accounts of the war. Shuttling between Orangeburgh and Columbia on the cars brough pleasure in meeting new people. He rode in the ladies car as he could not stand tobacco smoke. He was amused by the women who did a better job of digging ditches than the men and gave them as much hardtack and meat as they could eat.

Another passage of time was the purchase of an acre of land and the building of four houses on it, which he sold with a mortgatge, promising never to foreclose.

The journey home in August was drawn out in time. He was most happy to see I. V. Baker on the train at Saratoga, to be given a party by O. F. Davis but most of all to be home. He described Whitehall's surroundings in these words: "The hills, the foliage, the luxurient vegetation are almost novelties to my eye so long have I been absent."