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Saturday May 16
feel very badly today
seem to be strangely
tempted cannot tell
why but I will still
try to trust in the Lord
and hope in his word
got a letter from Mother

Sunday 17
was at church this morning
heard a good sermon
was sick did not go to
church at night my
Mother was here all
night —

Monday 18
Went to hear
Dick preach had a good
sermon — Mrs. Fullerton
and I called on
Penny sell some butter

Tues day 19

wrote to Gust and Ben Huey feel some better may the Ignare of god be my support under any circumstance of life and save me in death spent the afternoon at Nancy galbreath

wedens day 20

was at Sam Bales had a pleasant time with Mrs Bousman got a letter from Mag feel some better today was at Wash Bales this afternoon had a pleasant time may the Lord help me

thun day 21

got a letter from James Slusen today wrote to Mag Langan feel somewhat encouraged feel like pressing on to the ^{the} mark of the prize of the high calling of god

friday 22

was at Sis Bales with Mrs camp and Mrs Jenton called at Dr Snare den's feel very tired do not feel very well have thought a great deal about my dear son today oh may I be ^{happy} to meet him in heaven

Saturday 23
was at Mrs Jacksons
theirs sons have got
home from war
oh what a blessing
to have them come
home safe may they
thank god for his
mercies unto them

Sunday 24
at church this mornig
was not well did
not go out in the
evening oh that it
with me as in past
days when the candle
of the Lord shone
upon me Lord
grant me grace
to help in time of
need

Sunday 25
do not ^{well} have some
sweet potatoes hope
they will grow have
been at Mrs woods
they have got sudden
news that their son
is dead all flesh
is as grass and the
flowers thereof pass
away Lord help me

Tuesday 26
have ^{been} quite ^{weak} to day
feel some better this
evening oh Lord have
mercy upon me and
give grace to help
in every time of
need strengthen me
soul and body

wedens day 27
was not well
enough to write
william Woods was
banned was fine
in town my
weavers stall
was burnt

thurs day 28
got a letter from
Ben they it was
a very kind letter
I like to get a letter
from Ben he all
regret Boy & something
about Dean gary
may the ^{hand} Lord
and save him
and return him
home in safety

friday 29
got a letter from
just he was well
when he wrote ok
spare his life
and save him
from all sin
then who sent all
to save us to the
uttermost

saturday 30
have not been
able to write
for several days
feel some better
to day but do not
feel very well yet
may the Lord be
my support in my
time of need

Sunday 31
was not well, could
not get to church feel
very busy but think I can
trust in god &
Monday June 1st
am not well this
day I am on the joy
dear son: Baid!
left this world
of sorrow oh what
a sorrowful time
I have had since
that but the good
was not for given
me got a letter
from Aug
this day I
fell some better to
day still feel un-

Sunday June 7
have not been able
to write for a few days
feel better today I
was at my Browns
Church this morning
heard an excellent
Sermon from Mr
Passion this is the
time of the Lutheran
Synod was at church
at night at the meth
odist heard a very
good Sermon oh how
I improve by all these
means of grace and
may enjoy constant
communion with god
oh may I trust in
him at all times

June

Monday 8

this a very cold day
for the season

do not feel very well
but am improving
some oh may ^{be} ready
whenever the summer

is sent for me to go
let me trust in him
and not be afraid
was at church at night

~~Monday~~ Tuesday 9

do not feel well was
at church at night

had a good sermon
at and ordained a
minister and he

consecrated one at near
a very solemn meet-
ing the meeting closed

June

wednesday 10

Mattie started to see
cun's will this morn on

ing I intend to go
with her but did
not feel well enough

I think will to
to night if I can
Mattie got a letter from

just yesterday he was
well when he wrote

Thursday 11

this has been a very
sweet day have given
a blessing there has

been no vain of any
account for about the
month he send the

vain upon ^{the court} and the
up just of that men
of a world peace

Friday 12 June
it is four months
to day since my son
was married how
swiftly time is pas-
sing - and it is one
year to since my
mother died living
79 years of age -
Saturday 13th
was in 102nd Sts lung
Saw several had
died - rebel prison-
ers they awful look-
ing creatures - what
an awful time is
this may the Lord
have mercy upon
people and bring
to look to this

Sunday 14
went to church
in the morning in
the evening brath
Williams preached
Monday 15
Mrs. Steven and Mrs
Singer was here we
had a pleasant time
Tuesday 16
Mrs Armstrong and
and Mrs Bowman
was here for dinner
we went to Mrs. Williams
for dinner - I was at
the ordination of
Mrs. McElrea in the
after noon - was to
hear Col. Clark
lecture at night

wednesday 17^{June}
the people are very
much alarmed
on the news of the
rebel's advancing
on this state, oh Lord
thou art all to save
to the uttermost
oh save the nation
for Jesus sake

thursday 18
the soldiers have
stunted for war
is long to help
to defend it from
the rebel oh Lord
save us from ruin
and deliver us
out of all our
trouble for Jesus
sake

friday 19^{June}
don't feel well today
Lord teach me
so to wander my days
that I may apply my
heart unto a wid
Saturday 20
this is a fine growing
day the showers are
falling upon the earth
the Lord says he send
rain on the just and
on an unjust oh may
this be a lesson
of the goodness of God
to father man oh
that men would
praise the Lord for
his goodness and mercy
toward the children
of men

Sunday 21st ^{year}
was at church in
the morning wrote
to my sister Shannon
was at fast at
three o'clock had
a good sweating may
the Lord bless the
meeting of the church
to the good of my
Soul & for Christ sake
Monday 22

have been very busy
to day the Lord is
greatly giving me
strength to what
duty he requires me
to do though I do
feel well yet I
am all to work

Tuesday 23rd ^{year}
feel strong confi-
dence is in God he
has promised to never
leave nor forsake me
if I trust in him
and my Saviour Lord
increase my faith
Wednesday 24th
have been very busy
all day but that
God is very good to
me in giving me
strength of body
to do my work I
am not free from
pain but I am able
to work and go
about have thank
but for these persons

Thursday 25 June
feel that I hear and
answer my prayers in
many things & may
I abt in faith that
I may receive more
abundantly by oh
my god save my dear
son from every evil
and danger to which
he is exposed —
Friday 26

have I been very low
to day my god is
still supporting
me and giving me
strength to what
duty requires me
to do may I ever be
thankful to him

Saturday 27
was at my Harrow
to with Mrs Jackson
and some others had
a pleasant time
bless the hand of
my soul for all his
mercies unt me

Sunday 28
was church this
morning felt my
lifeless year at
another Harrow
class was at class
this afternoon oh
that was with us
as it was in days
that are past and
gone when the ear
of the Lord was
above us

mon day 29 June
got a letter from my
dear son to day he was
well when he wrote
had be merciful
unto him & spare his
life and save his
Soul make him three
four years sake thou
out able to spare him
tues day 30th wrote to guide
this day 25 years may
dear son be it was
born it will be 17
month to morrow.
since departure out
of world of sorrow
oh may meet him in
a better Land where
there is no more sorrow

July 1st wednes day
this night 17^{month}
my dear son left this
no more to return
oh how merciful the
Lord has been to me
since that he not
for sake me oh may
& ever trust in him
& Thurs day 2
this has been a very
sorrow day I have
thought a great deal
about the Soldiers
how they have to
suffer heat to cold
oh my Saviour
shelter them from
the stormy blast
may the Lord help
them

July Friday 2nd
felt a calm peace
& reliance in the
promises of god
that he will work
all things together
for my ^{good} if I am
faithful to grow
given my inbrever
my faith

Saturday July 4
this day I seem sad to
me ~~and~~ when I think
of my scattered family
and how distressing
to ^{think} of our poor soldiers
the sick and dying
and wounded and
have mercy upon
them and help them

Sunday 5 July
was at the ^{morning} meeting
was at class at the
mahayor class was
at conference meet-
ing at the pres-
byterian church
the meeting was
held on account
of Mr Brown and
Mr Kain going to the
army under the
christian mission
lord go with them
maged & Eline died
this evening she
was taken away
with a few hours
sickness the lord said
suffer little children
& come un to me

Monday 6th July
have very anxious
about my dear son
but think I can trust
in ^{God} to take care of
him oh my God give
faith in God which
will enable me trust
in Him for help

Tuesday 7th
it is reported my
dear son is killed
Lord for bid it
should be true

July 2nd

This day two years
my dear son ever
marched into the
service of the crown
try now then

and both in
eternity my dear
son was killed
the second day
of this month of
that ^{month} have
been ^{dealt} with
this oh Lord
help me

July 2nd Tuesday
of this day four weeks
I wrote my last
letter to ^{my} son
he died before he
had time to get
there oh how un-
ful my heart
is melted down
with sorrow with
the pity me and

give me the desire
of my heart for
he only knows
my sorrows and
to him I try to
look all long
help me to be
alive yesterday
day Ben herry
came to see me
he gave me some
comfort about
my dear quentin
death Oh Lord
have mercy
and comfort
my heart about
my dear son
Oh look upon
me and pity me
Thou God of Grace

August 1st Saturday
this night 18 months
my dear son left
this world never
to return to me
in this world ah
dreadful has
been my sorrow
since that
Sunday I
am not well to
day did not get
church this even-
ing one month
my dear and only
son was killed Oh
how dreadful to
think they both
gone in so short a
time Lord help
me

monday 3 Aug
went to Pittsburg
on business met
Ben Huey there
went to Mrs Graham
got home the next day
I was very tired
Wednesday 5
got a letter from
Mrs Sallie Alex-
ander condemning
the death of my dear
son Gustin - Oh how
dreadful to think
they are both gone
oh my god give me
grace to bear my
affliction with
patience and meek-
ness oh Lord help

thursday 6
was at Dr Alters
heard that Ruth
Harris is dead
feel very sorrowful
friday 7
was at Mr Jacksons
they are in great
trouble Mrs Harris
got home this even-
ing she did not get
farther than Louis-
ville she did not
get to see her hus-
band he had two
days before he died
on the 1st of August
may the god of all
grace be her in her
distress

Saturday 8
got a letter from
Mrs. Coleman and one
from Mag. Lagon
was to see Mary
harris she is very
much distressed
oh the distress that
is in our land

Sunday 9
was not at church
to day did not feel
well Oh my god help
me to give up all to
thee and cast my care
upon thee oh I know
not what to do oh in-
crease my faith and
save me from self
and unbelief - 1

Monday Aug: 10
have been washing
my dear gustin clothes
that was sent home
oh how dreadful to
think this is my last
washing for him oh
how can I bear the
thought that both of
my dear sons have
gone never to return
to me Lord grant
I may meet them in that
land where sorrow
is unknown oh give
me faith to believe
thy promises and may
I look to Jesus who
is able to give unto
retire most kind help
me

Friday Aug 15th

I started to pittsburg
went to see Keppert
on Saturday morning
went to Ed. Bales^{ing}
in the evening staid
until Monday
morning walked
out to W. M. Lowmy
staid there until
Tuesday morning
Charles Lowmy took
me to pittsburg staid
at Camps until
Wednesday afternoon
got home Wednesday
evening while
was gone, I saw a
great old friends
and acquaintances

but oh changed the
most of them) and as
well as myself we
do all fade as a leaf
and our life is as a
tale that is told
Thursday 20 Aug
this day 7 seven weeks
my dear gustin left
this world of sorrow
for that land from
whence no traveler
ever returns oh
that; that; he was
at rest I have would
my heart rejoice oh
God grant that may
I meet them in heaven
above where all is
Love and there will
be no pain ^{more}

Friday Aug 21
do not feel well
feel very sorrowful
on account of the loss
of my dear Sons &
if I knew they were
Changery I could
wait & wait with
patience till Jesus
would come to take
us home Lord have
mercy upon me and
increase my faith
and give me the desire
of my heart and give
me grace to thy will
oh make me know
what thy will is
oh may grace lean
me up when I am
down

Aug 25 Tuesday
got from camp meeting
last evening felt some
comfort while there
for like trusting in
god for all things got
great comfort & frame
reversing with brother
Hess heard him preach
a good sermon - may the
Lord be in labors & and
give him souls for
his hire how good it
is to meet with Christian
friends that can feel
for you and sympathize
with us in our affliction
this day I never wrote
my last letter to my
son but it never
got to him

wedens day 26
Mr and Mrs Thomas
were here to day for
dinner, we are very glad
to see them but
feel very sorrowful
this afternoon for
the loss of my dear
son on board sustan
me under this severe
affliction

Sunday 30
did not ^{go} to church went
to Mrs. Allen and to Mrs.
Sallie Alexander and
John Myers - this day
six weeks, followed
my dear Gustin to his
last resting place on
the ~~grave~~ ^{grave} of bent John
~~parish~~

1st
tues day September
this day 19 months my
dear Garry left this
world
Ben Hussey left here
for the Army to day
may the Lord be with him
and save him from
all surrounding
dange both seen and
unseen - I wedens ^{day}

this day two months
my dear son Gustin year
held of my poor lonely
heart how long after
my dear Garry but oh
when I think they never
will return to me oh
how much of Sorrow's cup
I have been made to drink

Friday 3 September
went to a retaining
in company with Mary
Harvis and Mattie
Saturday 5
Mattie went home
to day Jimmie went
with her then felt
very sorrowful to see
go she was my dear
Gustins child may
the Lord be with
her to the end of her
life I feel very sorrow
stricken to day oh that
I knew my dear sons
were at rest oh
Lord increase my
faith and hope
and may I trust in the

September 9 wednes
got a letter from
John Myers today
and one from Ben
they have felt
and much distressed
their few days about
my dear sons but
feel some little
comforted this even
ing by reading
the promises of god
oh Lord increase
my faith and may
I wait with patience
I still yearn come to
his people home
oh may I be ready
when the bride
groom comes

Thursday Sept 10th
got a letter from
Mag Logan today
feel some little more
composed to day
oh Lord teach me
what thy ~~is~~ will
and then give me
grace to submit
Sunday 13

was at class and
preaching this morn-
ing - this day sweet
my dear son Gaston
was committed to his
last resting place oh
how gloomy all things
appear - Lord
believe help my un-
belief a Lord help me

Friday 18
Henry Woods was
buried to day
Saturday 19 got a letter
from Mattie in Polo
in son have heard
of them other son
and grant that
he may be spared
to get safe home

Sunday 20
this day ten weeks
my dear son Gaston
was buried out of my
to remain until the
the great trumpet
shall be blown
to call the nations
to awake from the
dust of earth Lord help
me to

got a letter from
your son Bean
Monday 21 Sept
was at Mrs William
they are in great
distress their little
daughter died last
night

Tuesday 22
have heard of
another great battle
& fear we shall
lose some of dear
young men being
killed may the
Lord be with the
suffering soldiers
Wednesday 23

feel very sorrowful
this evening oh
Lord increase my
faith and hope

Thursday 24 Sept
got a letter from
Jane Bean she is
very anxious about
her son may the Lord
spare his life and
send him home is
my prayer

Friday 25
feel very sorrowful
to day but
feel my faith some
what increased
feel some promise
of the light of
divine truth
shining into my
mind & that I have
felt you have
Lord help me

Saturday 26 Sept
Capt Lydon and
Ben Riley come to
see us to day oh
how sorrowful it
made me feel to see
them and not to see
my dear Sam yet
I was very glad to see
them may the Lord
spare them

Sunday was at 27
Church in the
morning did not
feel comfort able
was at Baptist
Church heard
a good sermon
felt very much
distressed about my
dear Sam

Monday 28 Sept
finished my hair
quilt to day my
dear son's picture
took such a great in-
terest in it oh how
much it distressed
to work at it after
he died he does not
need it now

Tuesday Oct 1
This day 20 months
my dear son Garry
left this world of
sorrow for and unknown
land to us oh how
giant that I may meet
him on the morning
of the resurrection clothed
in the robes of the spirit

Friday 2 October
Thursday 3 months
my dear son gustin
died and I was left
a widow indeed
without son or husband
mag Logan and Kate
myself and a mis-
sionary came to see
us oh how sad I
felt when I see Kate
my son gustin's love
here and she blessed
him - Saturday 3
me and Mrs Mahony
was here and spent
the evening had
a very pleasant
time may the
bless them

Sunday 4 October
was at church and
at close had a good
meeting the Lord
blessed us to gather
was at church to hear
Mrs Buonen heard a
good sermon on the
some thing needful
Monday 5
feel quite calm to
day to what I have
done - Mrs. Plumer
was here this after-
noon had a good
talk with her
She is a good woman
may the Lord be
with her and increase
her faith

Tuesday 6 Oct
Mag Logan went
this morning, hope
she will get safe
home and land make
her trust in the
raise up friends
for protect her
from the slanderers
toping help her
Lord to do what
is right in the eye

Saturday 10th
feel very much dis-
turbed to, am
thinking of about
my dear Sons oh
that know they
were at rest
how would my
heart be glad

Sunday Oct 11
did not go to Church
do not feel well my
mind is much disturb
about my dear Sons
oh that I could feel
resigned to will of
my heavenly father
oh that see the hand
of the Lord in the
death of my dear Sons
but seem all a dark
mystery to me perhaps
in eternity I will be
able to understand
why it is Lord help
me to give up all to the
service of Mattie
think very long to see
her

Tuesday 19 Oct
have been at Mr
Breads to day - went
to James Sturges this
evening - this is the
election day many
have put in their
last vote - my dear
sons voted for the
last time three years
ago - may the truth
prevail

Saturday 18
Henry Williams was
lured to day may
the Lord sanctify
this affliction though
six went to Salt
Lairg to see Mattie
Lord help us all

Sunday 19 Oct
was at church this
morning at brother
Hammonds class had
a good meeting was at
the united Wesleyan
Lutheran church in
the afternoon heard
a good sermon was
at Lutheran church
at night heard a
good sermon

Oh may improve
by all these blessings
Lord grant me
grace in every time
of need oh give me
thy salvation and
may trust in thee
Lord at all times

monday 20 Oct
was at Jacksons
Mr Jackson and
went to Mrs Love
to see Mrs Heaton
She is a very sweet
lady had a very
pleasant time
Tuesday I
feel this would
is not my resting
place. I seek
City yet to con-
clude help me
to travel on until
I reach my heaven
by home where
sin and sorrow never
comes - I write to
James Pluser

Sunday 25 Oct
this is the time of
our quarterly meeting
brother Hess was
here we had a good
meeting he preached
with great power
and the Lord was with
his word and blessed
our souls in list-
ing

Monday 26
brother Hess Mrs
Borden Jan and
Mrs Pluser were
here for supper
had a very pleas-
ant time I hope
it is meet with
old friends

Friday 30th

I have wrote to m^r [unclear]
this is a very wet
day have been very
busy cleaning house
this week the Lord
is very kind to me
in giving me bodily
health and strenght

Saturday 31st

have been at k^{ing} [unclear]
got the pension money
that was coming
from my dear son
oh how sorrowful
for me to think of
it but I pray god to
give me strenght
faith that all things
may work for my good

November 1st

was at church this
morning and at class
had a good class meeting
this day 21 months
my dear son B. A. left
this world of days and
nights of sorrow I have
passed since that but
the Lord has still
upheld me

Monday 2nd

this night four
months my dear g^{ust}er
left this world no
more to return to
me oh how sad the
the hours have been
to me since then but
the Lord has not left
me

Thursday 5th Nov
wrote to Benkey
and to Adi Bean
at Sir Bole. She id
gone to Pittsburg jam
very tired just got
done cleaning house
yesterday she is greatly
supporting me

Saturday 7th
was at Mrs Jackson's
to day feel the loss
of my dear Sons
very much to but per
haps they are taken
away from the evil
to come an increase
my in the promise
of God. heard that E.
geary is killed

Sunday 8th Nov
this has been a stormy
day did not to church
wrote to Polly Gilman
and gave Bean and Colie
Benny - feel to day that
the Lord is very merciful
to me oh may we thank
feel for all his mercies

Thursday 16th
got to Curlewish about
all night at 9 o'clock
Mrs B. took me to callon
Sunday morning
found Mag and her
children well and
very glad to see me
felt very surprised
mercies where great
with my dear family

Sunday 15th of Nov
This is a very wet
did not go to church
have thought a great
deal about my dear
sons wh pleasant it
was to have them
all at home when
time is here

Monday 16th
Mrs. M. they were here
to day wh have changed
her situation and in
since the last visit
me but the Lord has
not been so severe as may
the raise up friends
for him and her
children on land
increase my faith

Tuesday 17th of Nov
was visiting at Mrs
Youngs good Mrs. Mabley
had a pleasant visit
of thank thee oh my dear
for goodness and mercy
write me for those last
not can soothe me

Wednesday 18th
went to J. B. Ball
have thought of the
Lords goodness to send
me al though she has
seemly afflicted me
he has not left me
to hardness of heart
but still visits me
with his loving
kindness and tender
mercies oh Lord save

Thursday day Nov 19th
This is the day of the
consecration of the
Soldier burying at
Gettysburg there will
be many whose full
heart to them today
got a letter from B
Lucy was at Mrs
Munks bar dinner
may the widows get
support her paying
duation

Friday 20th
This is a dark gloomy
looking dark day as
it makes pity over poor
Soldiers that have to
stand the storm may
the god of heaven be the
protection

was at Mrs Gouleys
to spend the evening
had a very pleasant
time how pleasant
it is to have good
neighbors may the best
them in time and in
country

Saturday 21st Nov
did not go any place
to church there is no
preaching in town
today unite to Ben
Lucy feel the loss
of my dear Sam when
I can't get by the grace
of god I will try to
do my duty in the fear
of the Lord oh Lord
help me stand at last

Thursday 26th
This than beginning
day in the stone
preached a sermon
of some way at near
a feast to my grand
niece at dinner at
Squire Willsons par
dinner
Friday 27th

was glad and seen
an ^{old} children wash
to see me, may see
glad to them they said
my dear ^{gentle} friends may
the Lord bless them
I see that you two
world of death and
Hesperus but not
have many more

Saturday 28th I was
got a letter from
James & Cure and
Dand Adoniram Bean
they were very kind
letters, hope they will
come to get home
Sunday 29th
was at church heard
a good sermon was at
class, felt my solemn
Monday 30th
was at Mrs. M^ettene
this is a very cold day
Tuesday Dec^r 31st
feel very much excited
today it is 22 months
today since my dear
Br. A. died, an ^{unhappy}
of some ^{of} have passed

Wednesday Dec 2nd
it is five months to
since my dear son
was killed oh how
useful to think of it
makes me sick at heart
and help me and
save ^{me} from all my fears
and increase my faith

Thursday 3rd
was at Mrs. Bancroft's
for dinner at Mrs.
Bodys for tea. Do
not feel well. Think
of great deal about my
dear sons oh that
realize the hand of
the Lord in all my
afflictions and
trust in him at

Saturday Dec 5th
was in town. Stewart
for dinner had a
pleasant time and
not well. feel my
lonely situation and
my the Lord guide
by his counsellor
Afterward receive
me to glory
Sunday Dec 6th
quite
sick was able to
felt very dull
Monday Dec 7th
feel. Some better
hope I will keep
well. Doubt, get
home, feel I am in
a world of afflictions
but trust in the

Monday 21 Dec
was at Mrs Broadhead
for dinner with Mrs
Mickey and Mag Logan
had a very pleasant
time have been sick
it is the first time
I have ^{been} out for some
time -

Tuesday 22 was at
Squire Wilsons for
dinner and Mrs
Gonelys for supper
I do not very well
but find I am im-
proving some feel
the loss of my dear
sons very much oh
that would enlighten
ten my mind

Thursday 24 Dec
Mr Gale fetched
to Mrs Lyon &
oh how distressed
I feel when I see
where my dear
Gustin used to be
can it be that I am
to see him no more
in this world

Friday 25
this Christ mass day
but oh where I think
of the many sorrowful
hearts that mourn the
loss of friends that have
fallen in the last
year how my heart
sinks with in me
oh my god pity the

Saturday 26th Dec:
This is W. Ell. Ryons
birth day he is 20
years of old to day
of this place seems very
lonely to me what it
once was - but lonely
ness is in my own heart
no one but God knows
the sorrows of heart,
endure and ^{with} the
grace of God could enable
me to bear it oh for
more of ^{that} grace to go on
in the path of duty and
trial So at last
may come of conquer
through him that
loved us and gave him
self for us - oh for more

Sunday 27th Dec:
This is the last Sabbath
in the year have many
have been made to
mourn the loss of dear
friends in the last
year and who next will
mourn we know not
God teach us so to number
our days that we may
apply our hearts un to
our God - two years ago
my two dear sons were
living now they are
in eternity oh the sorrow
I have passed through
but if I meet them in
heaven all well be
well - oh that I had
an evidence that they are

Tuesday 29th Dec
was at Mrs Milenins
fond dinner was at
Mr Gales for supper
Mr ^{W. Miller} is very sick
I got a letter from
Blaird Mr Anderson
and Tom have joined the
Church which news
I am very glad to hear
I have long prayd
that Mr Anderson
might be brought
into ~~the~~ the parson
yok I have another
evidence that god
is a prayn hearing
and prayn answerer
god may ^{the} keep
them faithful

wedens day 30th Dec
do not fee very well
feel a strong Confidence
in god he will take
of me through time and
in the end save me
land help me to
believe thy promises
I wrote to Mr Anderson
Thursday 31st Dec
this is the last in
this year oh what
sorrow I have passd
through since that
but the ^{Lord} has not
forsaken me I am
spared the coming year
may I spend it in the
service of god he will
help to live right

Sligo 1864

Friday January 1st
this is a cold stormy
day - how much it re-
sents the commotion
of our country but
it is good to feel that
the Lord reigns - my dear
preparation for what
is before me - two years
ago my sons were both
living - 23 months
to night my dear son
Br. B died oh how
sorrowful have been
my days since they
got the Lord has
not forsaken me
ful to day like sitting
down to serve him oh
Lord we are my faith

in the promises of god
the word of god seems
very precious to me to
day my heart is drawn
out in prayer - I have
read a very good sermon
preached by the Rev. Mr
Brownson I am thanksgiving
day Nov 26th 1863

Jan 2 1863
this day six months
my dear son quarter
left this world no
more to lake upon
those that he loved
with his mortal
eyes on my god thou
knowest how much
I have thought of him
to day oh and how
me

Sunday Jan 3rd
Left Milligo came to
Callensburg near at
Church heard a good
Sermon - pronounced fine
Caddis this year than
I shall die - means the tax
on Sunday 4th
have been sick all
this week fell a little
better today near at
me - shared for tea

Sunday 10
did not go out to
day was not well
Monday 11

Left Callensburg
this morning got safe
to parent this even-
ing was very tired

Saturday 16 Janth
near at Church heard
a good Sermon from
Dr. Coon

Sunday 17
this is the time of our
quarterly brotherhood
as is with us we are
having a good meeting
oh that I could pour
out his Spirit upon
our Church and on
his people and revive
his work in every
heart and this I be-
lieve concerted unto the
Lord - Monday do
not feel well I have
thought a great deal about
my dear soul

Tuesday Jan 14th
This is a very stormy
night oh how distress-
ing for the soldiers
of a army Lord have
mercy upon them
and shield them
from the stormy
blast

Friday 29th
Mr Woods was lured
to day - was at P^r S^r S^r
for dinner to wear at
Lutherian church at
night Wesley Bowm
is at home he is going
away on Monday may
the Lord go with him
and have mercy upon
him and save him from
his sins

Sunday 31st
~~was~~ was not well to
day did not go to
church this morning
was at class this after
noon had a good meeting
this day one year my dear
son came home from the
Army and staid a few
days for the last time
he was ever to be here
while living oh how
Sorrowful my dear
boys must forever go
mourning is there any
comfort in their death
oh Lord strengthen
me from on high to
give them up to thee
for thou art able
to save or help me

Monday February 1st 1864
wrote to James Blaine
got a letter from B. Hay
wrote to Ben Stacy
this night two years my
dear son B. A. left
this year he ^{has} ^{been} in happiness
on pain than only know
I know not at hand
help me to trust in
thee and not be afraid
may I trust in thee for
all things for time and
for eternity may I see
light in thy light and
may I be guided by
thy counsel oh Lord
in earnest my faith in
god may I be resign

Tuesday 2nd
wrote to Adominan
Bean - this day two
years I wrote my last
letter to my dear
B. A. but I fear he died
then oh how distressed
this day seven months
my dear son just in
left this would to
return no more to
cheer me on my way
through this world of
sorrow and distress but
if he is at rest I
will ask oh god
grant that meet my
dear sons in heavn
alone when of is
love and peace

side of day ¹⁴
was at female mays
meeting had a good
meeting
Sunday ¹⁴
was at church and
class had good class
feel very solemn
this day two years
I may dear gannys
fall for the last
time this would
oh god grant that
I see his fall in glory
then only know to
my sorrow of heart
oh give faith and
patience may do thy
will oh my sorrow

Tuesday 9
feel very low in spirit
have thought so much
about my dear sons
my dear Guston was
here this time last
year but will never
be here again oh
my heart is melted
down with sorrow
Friday 12
this day one year
my dear son Guston
was married but now
he sleeps the sleep
of death oh how dark
the providence of god
oh for faith to believe
that all things shall
work for my good

Sabbath day 13 Feb
got a letter from
Ben Fluey was glad
to hear from him
this day one year my
dear gertie brought her
wife home but how
soon were all their
happiness in this world
brought to an end
and she left to mourn
oh Lord teach us
to be us
soft number are
days that we may
apply our hearts
unto receive them
oh that god would
give me grace to
understand his
will as far as is for my

Sunday 14th Feb
wrote to Ben Fluey
to day and to Mary
Lagan was at class
this afternoon had a
good meeting & feel some
encouraged this even
ing the Lord has been
with me this day to
help me and comfort
my soul oh for more
grace to help me
in every time of need
& want to trust in the
Lord at all times
and not be afraid
oh for an over coming
faith of death has
taken away another one
my home died to day

Tuesday 16th Feb
got a letter from James
Slusen the Dayone
near Sawmy dear quarter
for the last time in this
world I wonder if
he thought it would
be the last time he ever
see home oh sad & full
send give me submission
to thy will and give
me grace to trust all to
thee for time and
for eternity than
doest all things well

Wednesday 17th
was at female prison meeting
felt that was good to
draw nigh to god how
sweet is the hour of
now

Sunday 21st
was at class at three
o'clock had a good
meeting wrote to James
Slusen feel very
much troubled in
mind think so much
about my dear sons
Lord help me to
give them up to
thee and give me peace
Tuesday 23rd
got a letter from
Ben Wey at your
great comfort it
was very kind letter
oh that I find what
saints to be true
and may I have a
stranger faith in

Sunday 28th Feb
was at class had
a good meeting the
Lord was present
with us we had
a melting time
Thomas Bowman
is to leave in the
morning for the
rear may the Lord
go with him
wednesday March 2
it is 8 months to
day since my dear son
Gurten left this world
of sorrow never to
come to me any
more in this world
oh may we meet
in ^{paradise} heaven is my

Sunday March 6
was at class this after
noon felt very dull
was so very tired was
at Pottsburg yesterday
do not feel well
Saw so many Soldiers
it made my heart
ache oh Lord have
mercy upon the peo-
ple wednesday 9th
was at prayer meeting
felt very solemn
all day the world
has lost it I cannot
forgive me my dear Lord
is in all my thoughts
oh Lord help me to
give ^{you} up to thee yet
a letter from Capt. ^{Clark} ^{Clark}

Friday 11th
This has been a very
stormy day & thought
a great deal about our
Soldiers oh how to
their shelter from
the stormy blast
& very sorrowful this
world is a dark and
gloomy place to me
& I feel almost alone in
this world of sorrow
& give me grace to
submit to thy will
& my service and
redemption let not
thy face be hid from
me nor frown my
soul away how
long a loud shall
be so much extended

Saturday 12th
got a letter from
P. B. Stealy to day he
is going back to may the
road be with him
Sunday 13th
was at home all day
it was wet & did not
go out - Mr and Mrs
Smith were here for
dinner - wrote to
Capt. Malley and
Jane Bean & have
been reading in
the life of Mrs
Fletcher & get great
encouragement
from reading her
writings. Lord
help me to look to
thee

wedens 16
was at prayr meeting
had a good meeting
sente to Eli & Lett
Penny

Sunday 20
was at prayr meeting
in the morning
was at class at
three o'clock had
meeting was at
Mrs Phoychuck
at night heard
good sermon

Monday 21
got a letter from
Yancey Shurem
and one from
Thomas Bawron
this morn

wednesday 23 March
went to St Bean
was at prayr meeting
I feel my own weakness
& bathe of body and
of mind oh Lord be
my strength as my
light never leave me
non for sake see gone
me a stranger, faith
Sunday 24

was at prayr meeting
and general class had
a good meeting was at
class at three o'clock
at prayr meeting at
night had a good
meeting Lord make
me thank for all
his mercies

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we christ day march
wrote to Thomas
Bowman this as a
dreamy looking day
it is a picture of our
nation how have
meny upon the
people and make
them look to thee
oh may the wicked
ness of the wicked
come to end

in April 1.[#]

friday this day 2
years and two months
my dear guster left
this world to go to
that land from
whence no traveler
ever returned

Saturday April 2[#]
this day nine months
my dear guster left
this world no to
come to my relief in
time of trouble
oh Lord grant me
thy grace to sustain
me under my distress

Sunday 4[#]
was at Church this
morning heard a good
son man from New Orleans
this is his first day
here may the Lord
bless his labors here
among us is the prayer
of my heart was at
church at night heard
another good Sermon

wednesday 6th April
was at prayer meeting
thursday 7th
was at prayer meeting
at night our preacher
was there for the
first time may the
Lord bless his labors
with us and we all
labour together for
the Lord

saturday 9th
got a letter from
Ben Huey and
wrote to him and
Lord bless him and
save him if it is
thy will
Lord help me to
do thy will

Sunday April 10th
was at Church heard a
good sermon on faith was
at class had a good meeting
was at Church at night
heard another good sermon
on temptation - Lord grant
that I may in spiritual
things by all these blessed
preachers and the grace
of God support under all
my trials and save me

Monday 11th
this was my father's birth
day but he has gone
the way of all the earth
got a very kind letter
from my servant
Crawford may the
Lord bless him and save
him

Sunday May 1st
came here to day
here last year this
time but have change
is my situation my
dear son was living
there now he is gone
and left us to bear
his loss ^{with} grace
and ^{grace} to bear in
humility
sunday May 4th
at our steward's
got feel some letter
to day he will not
be well ever
and time at last
and some more
of our children

Monday 5th of May
this is my birth day
I am 58 years old
my wife is as a tall
that is told all time
is that we will
soon be sure with
of God help to im-
prove our remaining
days to the glory
our at the old
our at Miss Colledge
for ten she is a
and commit
and she is
and she is
and she is
and she is

Friday 16th may
was at home Robinson
for a time they are
a pleasant family
Saturday 17th
an still at home
at present but some
letter this is a very
pleasant day
Sunday 18th
did not go to church
which I find it
good to meet later
they were at hand
I had a very
pleasant afternoon
of going to school
to the school

June 17th
Friday - have not
wrote much for more
than a month have
not been well, have
been very busy have
had a great deal of
company - some of my
old friends have
been here - Mrs. Naley
was here last month
the Baptist association
met here last week
there were number
of my old friends
here but how so
many things changed
since I last met them

wrote to Jane Bran
wrote to Polly Gilman
feel some better today
have not been able to
write for some time