

**Section 2:**  
The Facsimile Diary

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fifth Book  
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Saturday May 16 [1863]

feel very badly to day

Seem to be st[r]angly

tempted cannot tell

why but, will still

try to trust in the lord

and hope in his word —

got a letter from Mattie

Sunday 17 [May 1863]

was at church this morning

heard a good sermon

was well did not go to

church at night mrs

Miller was here all

night — Monday 18 [May 1863]

went to hear mr

Dick preach had a good

sermon—Mrs fulerton

and I called coro [?]

Penny feel some better

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tuesday 19 [May 1863]  
wrote to gust and  
Ben they feel some bett[er]  
may the grace of god be  
my support under  
my circumstance of  
life and save me in  
death—spent the  
afternoon at Nancy  
gallencathy — —  
wednesday 20 [May 1863]  
was at Sam Bale[']s  
had a pleasant time  
with Mrs. Bowman  
got a letter from Mag  
feel some better to  
day— was at Nash Bale  
the after noon — had a pleasant time  
may  
the lord help me

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Thursday 21 [May 1863]  
got a letter from  
james Slusen today  
wrote to Mag Logan  
feel somewhat en-  
couraged feel like  
pressing on to<sup>^</sup>the mark  
of the prize of the high  
calling of god -----  
Friday 22 [May 1863]  
was at Sis Bales with  
Mrs Camp and mrs fal-  
-erton called at Dr —  
Snowdens feel very  
tired do not feel  
very well have thought [sic]  
a great deal about  
my dear son today  
-ah may may I be so <sup>^</sup>happy as  
to meet him in heaven

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Saturday 23 [May 1863]

was at mr Jacksons  
their sons have got  
home from War  
ah what a blessing  
to have them come  
home safe may they  
thank god for his  
mercies unto them

Sunday 24 [May 1863]

at church this mornng [sic]

was not well did  
not go out in the  
evening oh that it

way [may?]

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

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S Monday 25 [May 1863]

do not <sup>^feel</sup>well have Some

Sweet potatoes hope  
they will grow—how

at mr woods

they have got Sud[d]en

news that their Son

is dead—all flesh

is as grass and the

flowers thereof pass

-eth—<sup>^away</sup>lord help me

tues<sup>^</sup>day 26 [May 1863]

have<sup>^been</sup> <sup>^quite</sup> <sup>^Sick</sup>to day

feel some better this  
evening oh lord have

mercy upon me and

give grace to help

in my time of

need Strengthen me

soul and body

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wedensday [sic] 27 [May 1863]  
was not well  
enough to write  
william Woods was  
buried near fire  
in town my weavers Stable  
was burnt  
thursday 28 [May 1863]  
got a letter from  
Ben Huey it was  
A very kind letter  
I like to get a letter  
from Ben he all  
-ways Says something  
about Dear gany  
may the <sup>lord</sup> bless  
and Save him  
and return him  
home in safety

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friday 29 [May 1863]  
got a letter from  
just he was well  
when he wrote oh  
Spare his life  
and Save him  
from all Sin  
thou who art a[b]le  
to Save unto the  
uttermost —  
Saturday 30 [May 1863]  
have not been  
able to write  
for several days  
feel Same better  
today but do not  
feel very well yet  
may the Lord be  
my support in my  
time of need

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Sunday 31 [May 1863]  
was not well could  
not goto church feel  
we[a]ry but think I can  
trust in god  
Monday june 1<sup>st</sup> [1863]  
am not well this  
day. as on this my  
dear Son! R!A.!  
left this world  
of Sorrow oh what  
a Sorrowful time  
I have had Since  
that but the Lord  
has not forsaken  
me got a letter  
from Mag —  
thursday 2 [June 1863]  
feel some better to  
day Still feel ill [?- well?]

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Sunday June 7 [1863]  
have not been able  
to write for a few days  
feel better to day  
was at Mr Browns  
Church this morning  
heard an excellent  
Sermon from Mr  
Massirean this is the  
time of the Lutheran  
Sinod — was at Church  
at night at the meth  
-odist heard a very  
good Sermon oh may  
I improve by all these[?]  
means of grace and  
may enjoy constant  
communion with god  
oh may I trust in  
him at all times

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june  
monday 8 [1863]  
this a very cold day  
for the Season —  
I<sup>do</sup> not feel very well  
but am improving  
Some oh may I <sup>be</sup> ready  
whenever the Summons  
is sent for me to go  
let me trust in him  
and not be afraid  
was at church at night  
~~monday~~ <sup>tuesday</sup> 9 [June 1863]  
do not feel well was  
at church at night  
had a good Sermon  
at and ordain[e]d a  
minister and bi-  
-ureed one it was  
a very Solemn meet  
-ing the meeting Lord  
[???

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june  
wedensday 10 [1863]  
Mattie Started to  
lundsville this morn  
-ing I intend to go  
with her but did  
not feel well enough[h?]  
I think I will to <sup>go</sup> Pitts[burgh?]  
tonight if I can  
Mattie got a letter from  
just yesterday he was  
well when he wrote  
thursday 11 [June 1863]  
this has been a very  
wet day how great  
a blessing there has  
been no rain of any  
amount for about a  
month he Send the  
rain upon <sup>the</sup> <sup>just</sup> and the  
unjust oh that men  
y would praise the

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friday 12 June [1863]  
it is four months  
to day Since my Son  
was married how  
Swiftly time is pas  
-sing — and it is one  
year to[o] Since my  
mother died being  
77 years of age  
Saturday 13 [June 1863]  
was in Pittsburg[h]  
Saw several hun-  
-dred rebel prison  
-ers they awful look  
-ing creatures — what  
an awful tim[e] is  
this may the Lord  
have mercy upon  
people and bring  
to look to thee

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Sunday 14 [June 1863]  
went to church  
in the morning in  
the evening brother  
Williams preached  
monday 15 [June 1863]  
mrs Stensen and mrs  
Singer was here me  
had a pleasant time  
tues day 16 [June 1863]  
mrs Armstrong and  
and mrs Bowman  
was here for diner [sic]  
we went to mrs Wills  
for Supper — I was at  
the ordination of  
mr Milelnea in the  
afternoon — was to  
hear col clank  
lecture at night

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june  
wedensday [sic] 17 [1863]  
the people are very  
much alarmed  
on the news of the  
rebels advancing  
on this State oh lord  
thou art able to Save  
to the uttermost  
oh Save the nation  
for jesus Sake —  
thursday 18  
the Soldiers have  
Started for Har[r]  
-isburg to help  
to defend it from  
the Rebels oh lord  
Save us from rain  
and deliver us  
out of all our  
trouble for jesus  
sake

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june  
friday 19 [1863]  
don't feel well to  
day lord teach me  
so to nurter my day  
that I may apply my  
heart unto wisdom  
Saturday 20 [June 1863]  
this is a fine growing  
day the Showers are  
falling upon the earth  
the lord Says he Send  
rain on the just and  
on unjust oh may  
this us a lesson  
of the goodness of god  
to fallen man oh  
that men woul[d]  
prais the Lord for  
his goodness and mercy  
toward the children  
of men

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june  
Sunday 21 [1863]  
was at church in  
the morning wrote  
to my Sister Shannon  
was at class at  
three oclock had  
a good meeting may  
the Lord bless the  
meeting of the church  
to the good of my  
Soul for Christ sake  
monday 22 [June 1863]  
have been very busy  
to day the lord is  
greatly giving me  
Strength [?] what  
duty compels me  
to do though I do  
feel well yet I  
am able to work

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june  
tuesday 23 [1863]  
feel Strong confi  
-dence is in god he  
has promised to never  
leave nor forsake me  
if I trust in him  
as my Savior lord  
increase my faith  
Wedensday [sic] [24 June 1863]  
have been very busy  
all day feel that god is very good to  
me in giving me  
strenght [sic] of body  
to do my work I  
am not free from  
pain but I am able  
to work and go  
about have thank  
ful I for these furor<sup>s</sup>

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june  
thursday 25 [1863]  
feel that <sup>god</sup>hears and  
answers my pray[er]s in  
many things oh may  
I ask in faith that  
I may receive more  
abundantly oh  
my god Save my dear  
Son from every evil  
and danger to which  
he is exposed —  
friday 26 [June 1863]  
have been very busy  
to day my god is  
Still Supporting  
me and giving me  
Strength to<sup>do</sup> what  
dut he gives me  
to do may <sup>l</sup>ever be  
thankful to him

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Saturday 27 [June 1863]  
was at mary Hamons  
to with Mrs Jackson  
and Some others had  
a pleasant time  
bless the Lord oh  
my Soul for all his  
mercies unt[o] me  
Sunday 28 [June 1863]  
was church this  
morning felt very  
lifeless was at  
brother Hamons  
class was at class  
this afternoon oh  
that was with us  
as it was in days  
that are past and  
gone when the can  
-dle of the Lord Sho[ne]  
about us

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  june  
monday 29 [1863]  
got a letter from my  
dear Son to day he was  
well when he wrote  
Lord be merciful  
unto him Spare his  
Soul make him thine  
for jesus Sake thou  
art able to Save him  
tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> [June 1863] wrote to gus  
this day 25 years my  
dear Son R.A. was  
born it will be 17  
month[s] tomorrow  
Since departure out  
of world of Sorrow  
oh may I meet him in  
a better Land where  
there is no more Sorrow

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July 1<sup>st</sup> wedensday [sic] [1863]  
  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 [has] not  
forsaken me oh may  
I ever trust in him  
thursday 2 [July 1863]  
this has been a very  
warm day I have  
thought a great deal  
about the Soldiers  
how they have to  
from heat to cold  
oh my Savior  
Shelter them from  
the Stormy blast  
may the Lord help  
  them

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July friday 3<sup>rd</sup> [1863]  
I feel a calm re-  
-liance in th  
promises of god  
that he will work  
all things together [sic]  
for my<sup>[?]</sup> if I am  
faithful to grace  
given oh increase  
my faith —  
Saturday July 4 [1863]  
this day Seems Sad to  
me Sad when I think  
of my Scattered family  
and how distressing  
to<sup>think</sup> of our poor Soldiers  
the sick and dieing  
and wounded oh  
have mercy upon  
them and help them

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Sunday 5 July [1863]  
was out this morning  
was at class at mr  
Mahafays class was  
at conferance [sic] 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  
magie bline died  
this evening She  
was taken away  
with a five hours  
Sickness the Lord Said  
Suffer little children  
come unto me

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July [1863]  
how very anxious  
about dear Son  
but think I can trust  
in<sup>god</sup>^to take care of  
him oh my god give  
faith in god which  
will enable me trust  
in him for help  
tuesday 7 [July 1863]  
it is reported my  
dear Son is killd  
lord forbid it  
Should be true  
july 24[?]  
this day tow years  
my dear Sons were  
marched into the  
Service of the coun  
-try now they

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are bothe [sic] in  
eternity my dear  
Son was killd  
the Second day  
of this month oh  
that I<sup>[?]</sup>why I have  
been dealt with  
thus oh lord  
help me —  
july 27 tues day [1863]  
this day four weeks  
I wrote my last  
letter to<sup>my</sup>Son  
he died before it  
had time to get  
there oh how who-[?]  
-ful my heart  
is melted down  
with Sorrow will  
the pity me and

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give me the desire  
of my heart for  
he only knows  
my Sorrows and  
to him I try to  
look oh lord  
help me to be  
—leive yester-  
day Ben huey  
came to See me  
he gave me Some  
comfort about  
my dear gusttis  
death oh lord  
have mercy  
and comfort  
my heart about  
my dear Sons  
oh look upon  
me and pity me  
thou god of grace

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August 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday [1863]  
this night 18 month  
my dear Son left  
this world never  
to return to me  
in this world oh  
dreadful has  
been my Sorrow  
Since that —  
Sunday 2 [August 1863]  
am not well to  
day did not <sup>go</sup>to  
church this even  
-ing one month  
my dear and only  
Son was killd oh  
how dreadful to  
think they<sup>are</sup> both  
gone in<sup>So</sup> Short a  
time lord help  
me

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monday 3 Aug [1863]  
went to kittaning  
on business met  
Ben Huey there  
went to mrs grahams  
got home the next day  
was very tired  
Wedensday [sic] 5 [August 1863]  
got a letter from  
mis Sallie Alex-  
-ander concerning  
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

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thursday 6 [August 1863]  
was at Dr Alters  
heard that Rush  
Harris is dead  
feel very Sorrowful  
friday 7 [August 1863]  
was at mr jacksons  
they are in great  
trouble mrs harris  
got home this even-  
-ing She did not go[?]  
farther than Louis-  
-ville She did not  
get to See her two  
days before he died  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August  
may the god of all  
grace be her in her  
distress

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Saturday 8 [August 1863]  
got a letter from  
mrs ulem[?]<sup>—</sup> and one  
from Mag Logan  
was to See Mary  
harris She is very  
much distressed  
oh the distress that  
is in our land  
Sunday 8 [August 1863]  
was not at Church  
to day did not feel  
well oh my god help  
me to give up all to  
thee and cast my cane  
upon the oh I know  
not what to oh in-  
-crease my faith and  
Save me from Self  
and unbelief —

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Monday Aug: 10 [1863]  
have been washing  
my dear gustin[’s] clothes  
that was Sent home  
oh how dreadful to  
think this is my last  
washing from him oh  
how can I bear the  
thought that both of  
my dear Sons have  
gone never to return  
to me lord grant  
<sup>may</sup>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 Save unto  
utermost [sic] lord help  
me

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friday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> [1863]  
Started to pittsburg [sic]  
went to mckeeport  
on Saturday morn<sup>ing</sup>  
went to Elizabeth  
in the evening Staid [sic]  
until monday  
morning walked on  
out to W:M Lowrys  
Staid [sic] there until  
tuesday morning  
Charles Lowry took  
me to pittsburg [sic] Staid [sic]  
at Camps until  
wedensday [sic] after<sup>noon</sup>  
got home wedens<sup>day</sup>  
evening — while I  
was gone I Saw a  
great old friends  
and acquaintances

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but oh changed the  
most of them are as  
well as myself—we  
do all fade as a leaf  
and our life is as a  
tale that is told  
thursday 20 Aug: [1863]  
this day Seven weeks  
my dear gustin left  
this world of Sorrow  
for that Land from  
whence no traveler  
ever returns oh  
that I that I he was  
at rest how would  
my heart rejoice oh  
god grant that I may  
meet them in heaven  
above where all is  
love and there will  
be no [??] there

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friday Aug 21 [1863]  
do not feel well  
feel very Sorrowful  
on account of the loss  
of my dear Sons oh  
if I knew they were  
happy 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<sup>do</sup>thy will  
oh make me know  
what thy will is  
oh may grace l[?]  
me up when I am  
finished

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Aug 25 tuesday [1863]  
got from camp meeting  
last evening felt Some  
comfort while there I  
for like trusting in  
god for all things – got  
great comfort from  
conversing with brother  
Hess heard him preach  
a good Sermon — may the  
him in labors and  
give him Souls for  
his hive how good it  
is to meet with christian  
friends that can feel  
for you and Sympathize  
with us in our affliction  
this day 8 weeks I wrote  
my last letter to my  
Son but it never  
got to him

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wedensday [sic] 26  
Mr and mrs Thomas  
were here to day for  
dinner I was very glad  
to See them but I  
fell very Sorrowful  
this afternoon for  
the loss of my dear  
Sons oh Lord Sustain  
me under this Severe  
affliction — —  
Sunday 30 [August 1863]  
did not<sup>g</sup>o to church wrote  
to ulem[?] and to ms  
Sallie Alexander and  
john Myers — this day  
Siz weeks I followed  
my dear gustin to his  
last resting place oh  
the Sorrow of heart I have  
passed

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tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup> [1863]  
this day 19 months my  
dear ganny left this  
world —  
Ben Huey left here  
for the Army to day  
may the<sup>Lord</sup> be with him  
and Save him from  
him all Surrounding  
danger both Seen and  
unseen — 2 wedens<sup>day</sup>  
this day two months  
my dear Son gustin was  
killd oh my poor lonely  
heart how I long after  
my dear boys but oh  
when I think they never  
will return to me oh  
<sup>how</sup>much of Sorrows cup  
have I been made to drink

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friday 4 September [1863]  
went to kittaning  
in company with Mary  
Harris and Mother  
Saturday 5 [September 1863]  
Mattie went home  
to day jimmie went  
with her felt  
very Sorrowful to See  
go She was my dear  
gustins choice may  
the Lord be with  
her to <sup>^</sup>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 thee

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September 9 wedens [1863]  
got a letter from  
john Myers to day  
and one from Ben  
Huey — have felt  
very much distress  
this [?]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  
till jesus comes to  
<sup>^</sup>take his people home  
oh may I be ready  
when the bride  
groom come —

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thursday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> [1863]  
got a letter from  
Mag Logan today  
feel some little more  
composed to day  
oh Lord teach me  
what thy ~~is~~-will  
^<sup>is</sup>and then give me  
grace to Submit  
Sunday 13 [September 1863]  
was at class and  
preaching this morn  
-ing — this day 8 weeks  
my dear son gustin  
was committed [sic] to his  
last resting place oh  
how gloomy all things  
appear — [?] I  
believe help my un  
belief o Lord help me

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friday 18 [September 1863]  
Heuy Woods was  
buried to day  
Saturday 19 [September 1863] got a  
letter  
from Mattie mr Rob  
-inson have heard  
of their other Son  
lord grant that  
he may be Spared  
to get Safe home  
Sunday 20 [September 1863]  
this day ten weeks  
my dear Son gustin  
was buried out of my  
to remain until the  
the great trumpet  
Shall be blown  
to call the nations  
to awake from the  
dust oh Lord help  
me to

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got a letter from

judson Bean

Monday 21 Sept [1863]

was at mr Williams

they are in great

distress their little

daughter died last

night ——

tuesday 22 [September 1863]

have heard of another great battle

I fear we Shall

of Some of dear

young men being

killed may the

Lord be with the

Suffering Soldiers

wednesday 23 [September 1863]

feel very Sorrowful

this evening oh

Lord increase my

faith and hope

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thursday 24 Sept [1863]

got a letter from

jane Bean She is

very anxious about

her Son may the<sup>Lord</sup>

Spare his life and

Send him home is

my prayer ——

friday 25 [September 1863]

feel very Sorrow

-ful to day but

feel my faith some

-what increased

feel Some more

of the light of

divine truth

Shining into my

mind than have

felt for Some time

lord help me

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Saturday 26 Sept [1863]  
Capt Lyon and  
Ben Huey came to  
See us to day oh  
how Sorrowful it  
made me feel to  
see them and not to see  
my dear Sons yet  
I was very glad to see  
them may the lord  
Spare theme [sic] ——  
Sunday was at 27 [September 1863]  
Church in the  
morning did not  
feel comfortable  
was at Baptist  
Church heard  
a good Sermon  
felt very much  
distressed about my  
dear Sons

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monday 28 Sept [1863]  
finished my hait[?]  
quilt to day my  
dear Son gustin  
took Such a great in  
terest in it oh how  
much it distressed  
to work at it after  
he died he does not n  
need it now ——  
thurs day oct 1 [1863]  
this day 20 months  
my dear son ganny  
left this world of  
Sorrow for and unknown  
land to us oh Lord  
grant that I may meet  
him on the morning  
of the resurrection clothed  
in the robes of the Sun

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friday 2 october [1863]  
this day 3 months  
my dear son gustin  
died and I was left  
a widow indeed  
without Son or husband  
mag Logan and Kate  
myers an a mis  
Kenedy came to See  
us oh how Sad I  
feel when I See kate  
my Son ganny love  
her and She loved  
him — Saturday 3 [October 1863]  
mr and mrs Mchafey  
was here and Spent  
athe evening had  
a very pleasant  
time may the  
bless them

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Sunday 4 october [1863]  
was at church and  
at class had a good  
meeting the Lord  
blessed us togather [sic]  
was at church to hear  
mr Brown heard a  
good Sermon on the  
one thing needful  
monday 5 [October 1863]  
feel quite calm to  
day to hat I have  
done—mrs Shire  
was here this after  
noon had a good  
talk with her  
She is a good woman  
may the Lord be  
her and increase  
her faith ——

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tuesday 6 oct [1863]  
Mag Logan went  
this morning I hope  
She will get safe  
home oh Lord make  
her trust in thee  
raise up friends  
for protection  
from the Slanderers  
toug [sic] help her  
lord to do what  
is right in thy sight  
Saturday 10 [October 1863]  
feel very much dis-  
-tressed to I am  
thinking about  
my dear Sons oh  
that [?] they  
were at rest  
how would my  
heart [?]

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Sunday Oct 11 [1863]  
did not goto Church  
do not feel well my  
mind is much distressed  
about my dear Sons  
of 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 Seems 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[e]  
wrote to Mattie—  
think very long to See  
her

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tuesday 14 oct [1863]  
have been at mr  
Reads to day — wrote  
to james Slusen this  
evening — this is the  
election day many  
have put in their  
last votes my dear  
Sons voted for the  
last time three years  
ago — may the  $\cup$  North  
prevail——

Saturday 18  
Huey Williams was  
buried to day may  
the Lord Save [?]  
this affliction [?]  
Sis went to Salts  
burg to See Mattie  
lord help us all

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Sunday 19 Oct [1863]  
was at church this  
morning at brother  
hammons Class had  
a good meeting was at  
the united Presby  
terian church in  
the after noon heard  
a good Sermon was  
at Lutheran [sic] church  
at night heard a  
good Sermon —  
oh may improve  
by all this blessing[?]  
land grant me  
grace in every time  
of need oh give me  
thy Salvation and  
may trust in thee  
lord at all times

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[Page 55]

monday 20 oct [1863]  
was at jacksons  
mrs Jackson and I  
went to mr Love[?]  
to See mrs Keaton  
She is a very Sweet  
lady had a very  
pleasant time  
tuesday 21 [October 1863]  
feel this world  
is not my resting  
place I Seekd  
city yet to com[e]  
lord help me  
to travel on until  
I rea[c]h my heaven  
-ly home wher  
Sin and Sorrow never  
comes — I wrote to  
james Slusser—

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Sunday 25 Oct [1863]  
this is the time of  
our quarterly meeting  
brother Hess was  
here we had a good  
meeting he preachd  
with great power  
and the<sup>lord</sup> was with  
his word and blessed  
our Souls in list—  
-ing —————  
monday 26 [October 1863]  
brother Hess mrs  
Anderson and  
mrs Slusen were  
here for Supper  
had a very pleas—  
-ant time how good  
it is meet with  
old friends—

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friday 30<sup>th</sup> [October 1863]

have wrote to mattie  
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 strength  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> [October 1863]  
have been at kittan<sup>ing</sup>  
got the pension money  
that was coming  
from my dear Son  
oh how Sorrowful  
for me to think of  
but I pray god to  
give me Stronger  
faith that all things  
may work for my good

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November 1<sup>st</sup> [1863, Sunday]  
was at church this  
morning and at class  
had a good class meeting  
this day 21 months  
my dear Son R A left  
this world oh days and  
nights of Sorrow I have  
passed Since that but  
the Lord has Still  
upheld me ——  
monday 2<sup>tt</sup>.. [November 1863]  
this night four  
months my dear gustin  
left this world no  
more to return to  
me oh how Sad  
the hours have been  
to<sup>me</sup>^Since then but  
the Lord has not left  
me

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thursday 5 Nove [1863]  
wrote to Ben huey  
and to Aoli Bean  
at Sis Bale She is  
gone to Pittsburg [sic] I am  
very tired just got  
done cleaning house  
yesterday He is greatly  
Supporting me——  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>.. [November 1863]  
was at mrs jacksons  
to day feel the loss of my dear Sons  
very much to but per  
-haps they are taken  
away from the evil  
to come oh increase  
me in the pra[?]  
of god – heard that E ,'  
geary is killd ,. ,,

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov [1863]  
this has been a Stormy  
day did not to church  
wrote to polly gilman  
and jane Bean and Colis  
Renny —feel to day that  
the Lord is very merciful  
to me oh may I be thank  
-ful for all his mercies  
thurs day 12 [November 1863]  
got to curlvill Staid  
all night at Dr Reick<sup>and</sup>  
mr R took me to culle  
burg friday morning  
found Mag and her  
children well and  
very glad to See me  
feel very Sorrowful  
here as where I parted  
with my dear ganny

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Sunday 15 Nove [1863]

this is a very wet  
did not go to church  
have thought a great  
deal about my dear  
Sons oh pleasant it  
was to have them  
all at home when I  
lived here —

monday 16 [November 1863]

mrs Mckey was here  
to day oh how changed  
her Situation and mine  
Since She last visited  
me but the lord has  
not forsaken us may  
the raise up freinds [sic]  
for her and her  
children oh lord  
increase my faith

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tuesday [sic] 17 [November 1863]

was visiting at my  
gearyes and mr Moblys  
had a pleasant visit  
I thank thee oh my Savior  
for goodness and mercy  
unto me for thou hast  
not forsaken me

wednesday [sic] 18 [November 1863]

wrote to Sis Bale  
have thought of the  
lords mercies to ward  
me al though he has  
Severely 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

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thursday Nov 19<sup>th</sup>  
this is the day of the  
consecration of the  
Soldier burying at  
Gettysburg [sic] there will  
be many Sorrowful  
hearts there to day  
got a letter from B  
Huey — was at mrs  
M<sup>c</sup>keys for dinner  
may the widows god  
Support her frying  
Situation —  
friday 20<sup>th</sup>..  
this is a dark gloomy  
looking ~~dark~~ day oh  
it makes pity our poor  
Soldiers that have to  
Stand the Storm may  
the god of heaven be thier [si]  
Shelter

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was at Mrs Gonelys  
to Spend the evening  
had a very pleasant  
time how pleasant  
it is to have good  
neighbours [sic] may the[e] bless  
them in time and in  
eternity —  
Sunday 22<sup>th</sup>.. Nov [1863]  
did not go any place  
to church there is no  
preaching in town  
to day wrote to Ben  
huey feel the loss  
of my dear Sons when  
I write but by the grace  
of god I will try to  
[?] my duty in the fear  
of the Lord oh lord  
help me Save at last

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thursday 26 N [1863]  
this thanksgiving  
-day mr M<sup>c</sup>intire  
preached a powerful  
Ser mon it was  
a feast to my Soul  
was at dinner at  
Squire Wilsons for  
dinner — —  
friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
mrs gales and mrs  
M<sup>c</sup>Mullen was here  
to See me I was very  
glad to them they  
was my dear<sup>gustins</sup> friends [sic] may  
the lord bless them  
I fee[l] that I [am] in the  
world of death and  
Sorrow but yet I  
have many mercies

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Saturday 28 Nov [1863]  
got a letter from  
james Sluser and  
and Adorirum[?] Bean  
they were very kind  
letters I how they will  
live to get home  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> [November 1863]  
was at church heard  
a good Sermon was at  
class I felt very Solemn  
monday # 30 [November 1863]  
was at mrs M<sup>c</sup>intire  
this is a very cold day  
tuesday Dec<sup>m</sup>ber 1<sup>st</sup> [1863]  
feel very much excited  
to day it is 22 months  
to day Since my dear  
R: A died oh what [a] day  
of Sorrow I have passed

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wedensday [sic] Dec 2<sup>tt</sup> [1863]  
it is five months to [day]  
Since my dear Son  
was killd oh how  
awful to think of it  
makes me sick at heart  
lord help me and  
Save<sup>me</sup> from all my fears  
lord increase my faith  
thurs day 3<sup>tt</sup>  
was at mrs Ravens  
for dinner at mr  
Rileys for tea do  
not feel well think  
a great deal about my  
dear Sons oh that I  
realize the hand of  
the Lord in all my  
afflictions and  
trust in him at  
all times

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Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> [1863]  
was at mrs Stereat  
for dinner had a  
pleasant time am  
not well feel my  
lonely Situation  
may the Lord guide  
by his course and  
after ward rec[e]ive  
me to glory —  
Sunday [December 6<sup>th</sup> 1863] was quite  
Sick was able to read[?]  
felt very dull  
monday 6<sup>th</sup> [December 1863]  
feel Some better  
hope I will keep  
well until I get  
home I feel I am in  
a world of Sorrow  
but I trust in the  
Lord

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monday 21 Dec [1863]  
was at mr Broadheads  
for dinner with mrs  
Mi<sup>e</sup>key and Mag Logan  
had a very pleasant  
time have been Sick  
it is the first time  
I have<sup>been</sup> out for Some  
time — —  
tuesday<sup>22</sup> was at [December 1863]  
Squire Wilsons for  
dinner and mrs  
gonelys for Supper  
do not very well  
but find I am im  
-proving Some feel  
the loss of my dear  
Sons very much oh  
that would enligh  
-ten my mind

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thursday 24 Dec [1863]  
my gales fetched  
to mr Lyoms  
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 [December 1863]  
tis Christmas day  
but oh when I think  
of the many Sorrowful  
hearts that mourn the  
<sup>^Gus</sup>of friends that have  
fallen in the last  
year how my heart  
Sinks with in me  
oh my god pity the

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Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>: Dec ' [1863]  
this is Ell : Lyons  
birth day he is 20  
years of old to day  
this place Seems very  
lonely to what it  
once was – but lonely  
-ness is in my own heart  
no one but god knows  
the Sorrow of heart I  
endure and<sup>of</sup>duty and  
trial So at last I  
may come of conquer  
through him hath  
loved us and gave him  
-Self for us — oh for [?]

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.. Dec . . [1863]  
this is the last Sabbath  
in the year how many  
have been mad to  
mourn the Loss of dear  
friends in the last  
year and who next will  
mourn we know not  
Lord teach us So to nurtur[?]  
our days that we may  
apply our hearts unto  
wis dom – 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 will be  
well—oh that I had  
an evidence that they are  
[?]

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tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Dec [1863]  
was at mr M<sup>c</sup>.lenin  
for dinner was at  
mr gales for Supper  
mr Mc<sup>[?]</sup>lene is very Sick  
S. got a letter home  
heard mr Anderson  
and Ben have joind the  
church which news  
I am very glad to hear  
I have long prayd  
that mr Anderson  
might be brought  
into ~~brought~~ the favor  
god I have another  
evidence that god  
is a prayer hearing  
and prayer answering  
god may <sup>the</sup>ΛLord keep  
him faithful

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wedensday [sic] 30<sup>th</sup> Dec [1863]  
do not feel very well  
feel a Strong confidence  
in god he will take  
of me through time and  
in the end Save me  
lord help me to  
believe thy promises  
I wrote to mr Anderson  
thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec  
this is the last in  
this year oh what  
Sorrow I have passed  
through Since that  
but the<sup>lord</sup>Λhas not  
forsaken me if I am  
Spared the coming year  
may I Spend it in the  
Service of god Lord  
help to live right

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friday January 1.<sup>tt</sup>  
this is a cold Stormy  
day—how much it repr  
-Sents the commotion  
of our country but  
it is good to feel that  
^<sup>the</sup>lord reigns –my Sorrow  
prepare me for what  
is befor me – two years  
ago my Sons were both  
living—23 months  
to night my dear Son  
R.A. died oh how  
Sorrowful have been  
my days Since then  
yet the Lord has  
not forsaken me  
I feel today like Starting  
afresh to Serve him oh  
Lord increase my faith

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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 on thanksgiving  
day Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1863  
jan 2 1863 [1864, Saturday]  
this day Six months  
my dear Son gustin  
left this world no  
more to look upon  
those that he loved  
with his mortale [sic]  
eyes oh my god thou  
knowest have much  
I have thought of him  
to day oh Lord help  
me

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Sunday jan 3<sup>th</sup> [1864]  
left Sligo come to  
cullensburg was at  
Church heard a good  
Sermon from mr kin  
-cade this year thou  
Shalt did was the tex[?]  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> [January 1864]  
have been sick all  
this week feel a little  
better to day was at  
mr Mores for tea  
Sunday 10 [January 1864]  
did not go out to  
day was not well  
monday 11 [January 1864]  
left callensburg  
this morning got Safe  
to freeport this even  
ing was very tired

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Saturday 16 Jan<sup>tt</sup>  
was at Church heard  
a good Sermon from  
[?] [?] —  
Sunday 17 [January 1864]  
this is the time of our  
quarterly brother thom  
-as is with us we are  
having<sup>a</sup> good meeting  
oh that would pour  
out his Spirit upon  
our Church and on  
his people and [?]  
his work in every  
heart and this be  
converted unto the  
lord — monday do [18 January 1864]  
not feel well have  
thought a great deal about  
my dear Sons

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tu[e]sday jan 19,,<sup>th</sup> [1864]  
this is a very Stormy  
night oh how distress  
-ing for the Soldiers  
of army Lord have  
mercy upon them  
and Shield them  
from the Stormy  
blast  
friday 29<sup>th</sup> [January 1864]  
mrs Woods was buried  
to day — was at PT[?]  
for dinner to was at  
Lutherian [sic] churc[h] at  
night Wesley Bowm  
is at home his is going  
away on monday may  
the Lord go with him  
and have mercy upon  
him and Save him from  
his Sins

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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> [January 1864]  
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 hear my dear  
Son came home from the  
Army and Staid [sic] a few  
days for the last time  
he was even to be here  
while living oh how  
Sorrowful—my dear  
boys must forever go  
mourning is there any  
comfort in their deaths  
oh lord Strengthen  
me from on high to  
give them up to thee  
for though art able  
to Save oh help me

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monday february 1<sup>st</sup> 1864  
wrote to james Sluser  
got a letter from B huy  
wrote to Ben Huey  
this night two years my  
dear Son R. A left  
this world oh my god  
has<sup>he</sup> been in happiness  
or pain thou only know  
I know not oh Lord  
help me to trust in  
thee and not be afraid  
may I trust in the 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  
increase my faith in  
in god may I be resign

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tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> [February 1864]  
wrot to Adoriram  
Bean – this day two  
years I wrote my last  
letter to my dear Son  
R A but alas he dead  
then oh how distressing  
this day Seven months  
my dear Son Gustin  
left this world to  
return no more to  
cheer me on my way  
through this world  
of and distress but  
if he is at rest it  
all I ask oh god  
grant that meet my  
dear Sons in heavn  
alone when of is  
love and peace

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Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> [February 1864]

was at female prayr  
meeting had a good  
meeting

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> [February 1864]

was at church untl  
Class had good Class  
feel very Valem[?]  
this day two years  
I my dear gannys  
face for the last  
time this world  
oh god grant that  
I See his face in glory  
thou only knowest  
my Sorrow of heart  
oh give faith and  
patience may do thy  
will oh my Sorrow

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tuesday 9 [February 1864]

feel very low in spirit  
have thought So much  
about my dear Sons

my dear Gustin was

here this time last

year but will never

be here again oh

my heart is melted

down with Sorrow

friday 12 [February 1864]

this day one year

my dear son gustin

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

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Saturday 13 febr [1864]  
got a letter from  
Ben Huey was glad  
to hear from him —  
this day one year my  
dear gustin brought his  
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  
So<sup>^</sup> teach us to number our  
days that we may  
apply our hearts  
unto wisdom —  
oh that god would  
give me grace to  
understand his  
will as far as for my  
good

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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> feb [1864]  
wrote to Ben Huey  
to day and to Mag  
Logan — was at class  
this afternoon I feel so  
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 my time of need  
I want to trust in the  
Lord at all times  
and not be afraid  
oh for an over coming  
faith - death has  
taken away another one  
mr h[?] has died to day

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tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> feb [1861]  
got a letter from james  
Sluser — this day one  
year I Saw my<sup>dear</sup> agustin  
for the<sup>last</sup> time in this  
world I wonder if  
the thought it would  
be the last time he ever  
See home oh Sad I feel  
Lord give me Submission  
to thy will and give  
me grace to trust all to  
thee for time and  
for eternity thou  
dost all things need  
Wedensday 17<sup>th</sup> [February 1864]  
was at female pray meetng  
felt that was good to  
draw nigh to god  
Sweet is the hour of  
prayer

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Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> [February 1864]  
was at class at three  
o clock had a good  
meeting wrote to james  
Sluser—feel very  
much troubled in  
mind think So much  
about my dear Sons  
Lord help me to  
give them up to  
thou and give me faith  
tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> [February 1864]  
got a letter from  
Ben Huey it gave  
great comfort it  
was very kind letter  
oh that I find what  
contains to betrue  
and may I have a  
Stronger faith in

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>.. feb [1864]

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  
war may the Lord  
go with him

wedens day March 2 [1864]

it is 8 months to  
day Since my dear Son  
gustin left this world  
of Sorrow never to  
come to me any  
more in this world  
oh may we meet  
in heaven is my  
prayer

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Sunday March 6 [1864]

was at class this after  
-noon felt very dull  
was So very tired was  
at Pittsburg yesterday  
do not feel well  
Saw So many Soldiers  
it made my heart  
ache —oh lord have  
mercy upon the peo<sup>ple</sup>  
Wedensday 9<sup>th</sup> [March 1864]  
was at prayr meeting  
felt very Solemn  
allday the world  
has lost it charms  
for me my dear Sons  
is in all my thoughts  
oh Lord help me to  
give<sup>them</sup> up to thee—got  
a letter from Capt Nee<sup>elay</sup>

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friday 11<sup>th</sup> [March 1864]  
this has been a very  
Stormy day I thought  
a great deal about our  
Soldiers oh Lord is  
their Shelter from  
the Stormy blast—  
I very Sorrowful this  
world is a dark and  
gloomy place to me  
I feel almost alone in  
this world of Sorrow  
o give me grace to  
Submit to thy will  
o my Saviore and  
redeemer but not  
thy faxe be hid fro  
me now frown my  
Soul away how  
long o Lord Shall  
be So much distress

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Saturday 12 [March 1864]  
got a letter from  
B Huey to day he  
is very kind to may the  
Lord be with him  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> [March 1864]  
was at home all day  
it was wet I did not  
go out—mr and mrs  
Smith were here for  
dinner— wrote to  
Capt MaClay  
jane Bean — have  
been reading in  
the life of mrs  
fletcher I get great  
encourage ment  
from reading her  
writings—lord  
help me to look to  
thee

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wedens 16 [March 1864]

was at prayr meeting

had a good meeting

wrote to Elizabeth

Penny – —

Sunday 20 [March 1864]

was at prayr meetin

in the mornig

was at class at

three o clock had

meeting was at

Mrs Brown Church

at night heard

good Sermon

Monday 21 [March 1864]

got a letter from

james Sluser

and one from

thomas Bowman

this in [?]

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wedensday 23 March [1864]

whrot to A Bean

was at prayr meeting

I feel my own weakness

bothe of body and

of mind oh lord be

my Strenght an my

light never leave me

nor forsake me give

me a Stronger faith

Sunday 27 [March 1864]

was at prayr meeting

and journal class had

a good meeting was at

class at three o clock

at prayer meeting at

nieht had a good

meeting lord make

me thank for all

his mercies –

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30<sup>th</sup>

wednesday march [1864]  
wrote to Thomas  
Bowman this is a  
dreary looking day  
it is a picture of our  
nation Lord have  
mercy upon the  
people and make  
them look to there  
oh may the wicked  
-ness of the wicked  
come to end —

April 1<sup>st</sup> [1863]

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

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Saturday April 2 [1864]  
this day nine months  
my dear son Gustin 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 [April 1864]  
was at church this  
morning heard a good  
Sermon mr Howe[?]  
this is his first day  
here may the Lord  
bless his labors here  
among us is the prayr  
of my heart was at  
church at night heard  
anoth good Sermon

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wedensday 6<sup>th</sup> Apil [1864]  
was at prayr meeting  
thursday 7<sup>th</sup> [April 1864]  
was at prayr meeting  
at night our preacher  
was there for the  
first time may the  
Lord bless his labor  
with us and we all  
labor together for  
the Lord  
Saturday [April 1864]  
got a letter from  
Ben huey and  
wrote to him oh  
Lord bless him an  
Save him if it is  
thy holy will  
lord help me to  
do thy will ——

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Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> [April 1864]  
was at church heard  
good Sermon faith was  
at class had a good meeting  
was at church at night  
heard another good Sermon  
on temtation – lord grant  
that I may in Spiritual  
things by all these blessed  
privilidges ant the grace  
of god Support under all  
my trials and Save me  
monday 11 [April 1864]  
this was my fathers birth  
day but he has gone  
the way of the all [?]  
got a very kind letter  
fromk Leiutenant  
Crawford may the  
bless him and Save  
him

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Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> [1864]  
came home to day I  
here last year this  
time but how change  
is my Situation my  
dear Son was living  
then now he is gone  
and left us to mourn  
his loss oh <sup>god</sup> give me  
grace<sup>to</sup> bear my afflic  
tion in humility  
wedens day 4<sup>th</sup> [May 1864]  
at mrs Stewarts  
yet feel Some bett  
to day have not  
been well for  
Some time oh lord  
prepare me for  
my last Sickness  
and Save me from  
all Sin

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thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of May [1864]  
this is my birth day  
I am 58 years old  
my life is as a tale  
that is told all time  
in this world will  
Soon be over with me  
oh lord help<sup>me</sup> to imp  
my five remaining  
days to they glory  
was at Salts burg  
was at Miss McBaine  
for tea She is a very  
pleasant lady  
not well feel Some  
better this afternoon  
[?] [?] the Lord  
my dear son [?] time  
[?] the [?] that  
[??]

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friday 6<sup>th</sup> may [1864]

was at mr Robinsons

for tea

they are

a pleasant family

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> [May 1864]

am Still at Mr

Stewart feel Some

better this is a very

warm day –

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> [May 1864]

did not got to church

did feel well

enough find it

good to med tate

thy word oh lord

my god and my

oh giv

me grace Submit

to thy holy will

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June 17<sup>th</sup> [1864]

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 Makey

was here last month

the Baptist association

meet here last week

there were number

of my old friends

here but how is

every thing changed

Sinc I last meet them

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wrote to Jane Bean  
wrote to Polly gilman  
feel Some better today  
have not been able to  
write for Some time

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