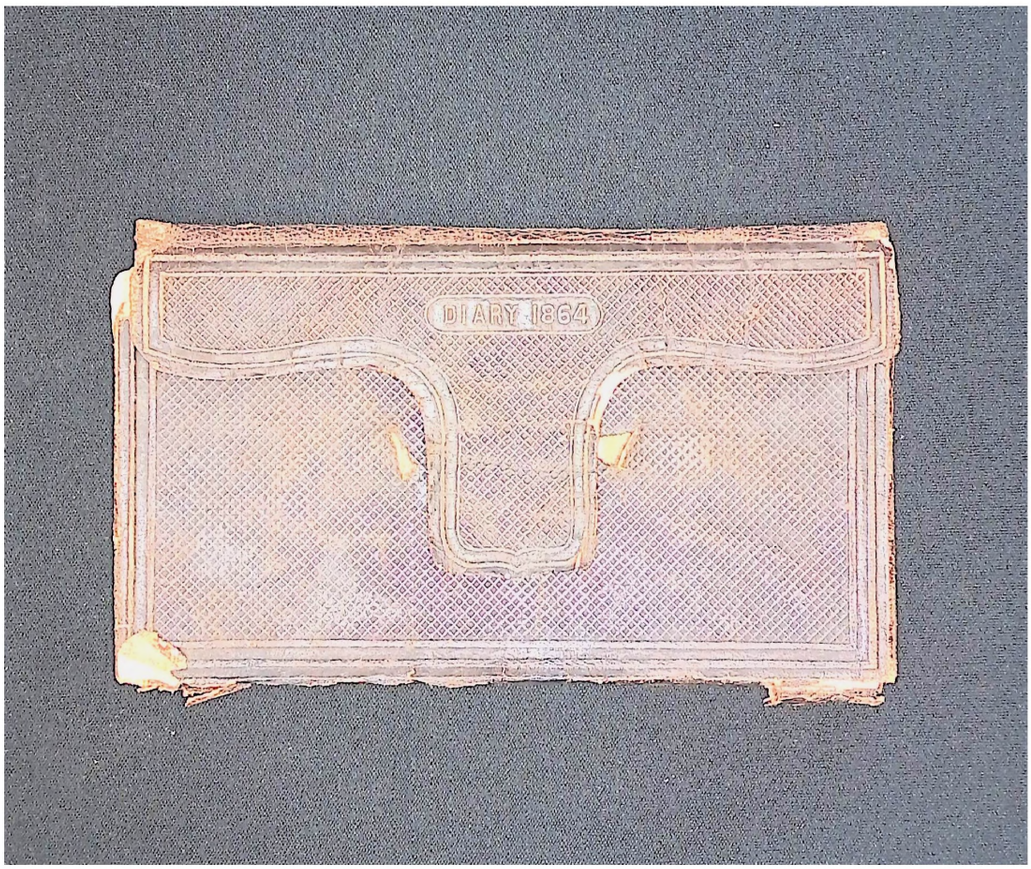
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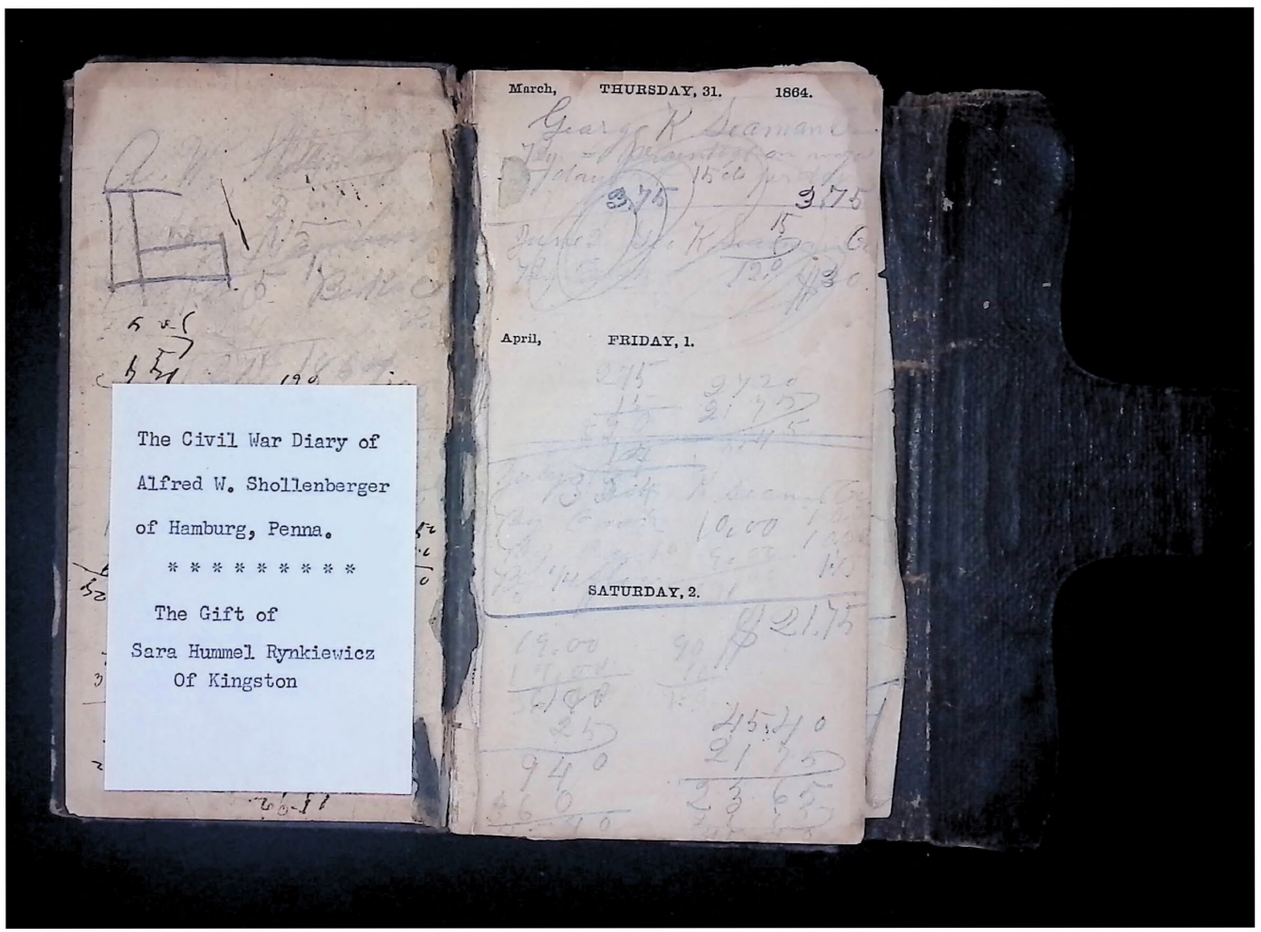

The Civil War Diary of

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The Gift of

Sara Hummel Rynkiewicz

Of Kingston

April, SUNDAY, 3. 1864.

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MONDAY, 4.

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TUESDAY, 5.

Started for Georgetown and arrived at the Office at half past one went to the Dead Corps Hotel where we arrived there we found Pay Line Walking Ball for Friday there and with all hands we concluded to go to the Theatre

April, WEDNESDAY, 6. 1864.

From the Hearse we took the street Cars to the Washington Depot and started at 12½ in the morning and arrived at Washington at 8½ o'clock p.m. We took a carriage to the Capitol and for Avenue Drive and then Street for the Depot for a [illegible] for [illegible]

THURSDAY, 7.

Commenced to work at the Grand Pension Office [illegible] the Corkscrew Shop and blacksmith shop [illegible] [illegible] being [illegible] after the [illegible] of the [illegible]

FRIDAY, 8.

[illegible] at a [illegible] at noon the [illegible] the stages and a [illegible] it kept [illegible]

April, SATURDAY, 9. 1864.

Drizzling all day a little with rain so did not work much so I came to the Conclusion to make a Clothes and Tool Box. which I did accompanied with Benj Riegle

SUNDAY, 10.

The water being very high that it swept a long sewer at Bridge on the Wash & Alexandria R Road so we received orders to go and the Road and Pile Bed up the Bank that was washed away got finished 11 O'clock & then returned

MONDAY, 11.

Went up the road towards Washington around Mr and found the Potomac so high that the R Road was washed away that there was no mail produced all day the tide went down & we got the road fixed till 2 then the river was higher than ever known

April, TUESDAY, 12. 1864.

Went to work between Washington & Alexandria part up Mill Wall to keep the water from washing a way the R Road Bank worked in the wet partly near all day the weather clear & wild ducks in abundance on the River

WEDNESDAY, 13.

To work on the Road repairing & cleaning up sewers caused by the high water the day was clear and windy Charles Lewis was sent off dispatch like messenger I was labouring under the pains of Tooth Ache this afternoon

THURSDAY, 14.

To work at the Railing between Alexandria & Washington protected about one o'clock by the bridge all the day Loaded the boat of the day. went to the fishery & got a good string of Cod fish

Drilling all day as little with rain we did not work much so I came to the Conclusion to make a Clothes and Tool Box which I did accompanied with Benj Reigle

SUNDAY, 10.

The water being very high that it swept a way sewer at Bridge on the Alexandria & Washington R Road so we received orders to go and the Road and repaired up the Bank that was washed a way got finished till 2 o'clock P.M. & then returned

MONDAY, 11.

Went up the road towards Washington around the and along the Potomac so high that the R Road was washed away. That there was no drill so date all day the tide went down & we got the road fixed till 2 o'clock the river was higher than ever known

Went to work between Washington & Alexandria part up Little Wash to keep the water from washing a way the R Road Bank worked in the wet pretty near all day the weather clear & wild ducks in abundance on the River

WEDNESDAY, 13.

To work on the long Bridge cleaning away rubbish caused by the high water the day was clear and windy Charles Lenburg received a dispatch to come home I was labouring under the pains of Hedache this afternoon

THURSDAY, 14.

To work at the Railing between Alexandria & Washington repairing tiles one orderly the time being all then loafed the most of the day went to the fishery and got a string of Cod fish good

Worked at the Building between washing & drawing the timber being all big enough we went home & cooked up a lot of Corn Bread Cans for the Cattle till ten o'clock A.M. it was raining a little on and off the day

SATURDAY, 16.

Raining all day one squad being sent at the long Bridge and we being loafing I finished my Shirt worth of yesterday then I got about ten cents worth of Apples & then spent the balance of the day playing Checkers & Cards

SUNDAY, 17.

We was not to work today we loafed all day in the afternoon we went to Report the boys of the 1st N.H. of Reports we got several chuff bags they received a marching order to leave tomorrow

Go to work building a Shanty a Corse the deep and after Supper went to the theater an a good the days of 76 and after going out of the theater took a Comfortable of ale then retired

TUESDAY, 19.

Worked at the Shanty till 9½ A.M. then went to the Shanty loafed till 5 P.M. then cooked of Boards till 10 o'clock the N.H. 1st Boys left this morning there was a great many sledges went up the Road to day

WEDNESDAY, 20.

Worked from Boards till 9 nothing happened today only I changed the Lumber Clean from Corse to day I am put on a sleepy well my morning the night

Worked at the Shanty above the depot the weather as fine as ever news to day Joseph Reber received a letter to come home he will leave tomorrow

FRIDAY, 22.

worked at another shanty and unloaded a car for another the weather being fair nothing new to day Joseph Reber left for home this morning

SATURDAY, 23.

Worked at another shanty up at the company depot and moved one from its place and built shelves for a shanty house. The weather being fine no news. a letter from home was received

No work to day walked about from the large barn thrown down to all Hallows in the afternoon witnessed the Carcass of the 11th regiment and heard the band play. a large crowd of Ladies and Gents was assembled on the parade

MONDAY, 25.

worked at the old iron manufactory at Reading on Elm the weather in the morning being rainy but cleared up beautifully in the afternoon. Furloughed soldiers came in town pretty thick to day

TUESDAY, 26.

worked at the old iron and weight of the day being beautiful. nothing worth of any account

April, WEDNESDAY, 27. 1834.

Working at the old iron. The weather again favourable, nothing of news of any account

THURSDAY, 28.

Worked at the old iron as usual, nothing news. The weather fine, the soldiers going out past

FRIDAY, 29.

Worked at the old iron. All dinner time was occupied for opening oysters for a supper for the last night we spended in the barracks. Discharged today a Dutch boy a soldier

April, SATURDAY, 30. 1864.

to work at the old iron nothing new of any important

May, SUNDAY, 1.

Worked at the old iron as usual the weather being cloudy in the morning but cleared off fine without rain, two trains of coloured soldiers went to the front in the evening went to church

MONDAY, 2.

Worked at the old iron at the wharf nothing new the weather being fine in the forenoon a heavy shower with rain that the boys had to remove their beds on account of the rain

worked on the wharf at the old iron as usual worked pretty hard and was quite still. Wonder the wether is beautifull

WEDNESDAY, 4.

worked at the old iron at the wharf nothing new the wether is beautiful. The army forces they brought in all kinds of forage

THURSDAY, 5.

worked at the old iron as usual nothing new of any account the wither is beautifull

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SATURDAY, 7.

worked at the old iron as usual the day been verry warm. Mr Landis west hurt a bit fell on his foot nothing new of any account our army is on there way to Richmond and are successfull so far in swing

SUNDAY, 8.

did not work to day but received orders not to leave the Shanty on account of the warm old Soldiers burning up the report is that Lee the rebs and rebs was on the field wounded and Butterworth killed

Worked at the old Iron on the wharf nothing new only it is reported that Grant also is driven back [illegible] upwards. [illegible] the weather is very warm. Two [illegible] was ordered to the [illegible]

TUESDAY, 10.

Worked at the old iron at the wharf and then went out at the stockade and [illegible] till night. No news of any account. The weather is fine. We had a little rain last night which cooled of [illegible]

WEDNESDAY, 11.

Worked at the old iron till three o'clock p.m. and then rested the remainder of the day the iron being all [illegible] the weather has been [illegible] showers [illegible] evening nothing new. Wrote a letter to my wife this evening

Worked at the wharf unloading the train of iron and weighing it. The weather is disagreeable. Hard thunder showers all day nothing new of any account only the report that Grant expects to take possession of Richmond one of these days

FRIDAY, 13.

Worked at the old Iron gathering the iron up about the wharf to-day. Found it awfull dirty work. Nothing new only accounts of the Yankees capture of 40 guns & 5000 prisoners every thing looks favourable. The weather to-day is rainy this afternoon stopped off raining

SATURDAY, 14.

Worked at the old Iron a while then gathered Leaden pipes and weighed them. Nothing new. The weather is fine after the rain. No news of any account. No information from the papers of what Grant is up to but [illegible] Shut of the Reb's

Not at work to day. The ones are but little. This forenoon I took a walk to the grand guard accompanied with Lt. Colson. Then this afternoon went to King St wharf and seen a steamer come up with passengers. The weather is hazy with thunder storms.

MONDAY, 16.

Worked at the old iron fireplace up and put the stacks in the offices at 4½ P.M. Then went to the shanty and logged nothing. Drew. The weather is fine & cler. Commenced to work to day.

TUESDAY, 17.

Went down to the wharf fishing while down received orders to move got the stuff aboard and left Alexandria 6½ o'clock we are now passing fort Washington the walls are loaded with guns at the house above a lady waves a flag at us arrived at Aquia Creek at 11 P.M. at night the night is beautiful.

got up at 4 o'clock and went to work at the dock, it being all destroyed by fire we repaired it as the fire could be landed after the train was landed we loaded our things and got to Brooks Station and pitched our tents then unloaded the lumber at the bridge. The men being afraid of Guerillas.

THURSDAY, 19.

The morning commenced at the bridge and finished it till 2 o'clock pm then struck tents and loaded our traps and went to the Potomac Creek Bridge pitched tents and unloaded lumber till 9 o'clock then slept off till the morning. Sick this forenoon did not work till afternoon.

FRIDAY, 20.

Commenced to work at the Potomac Creek this morning at 4 o'clock then and finished it up pretty fast worked till 7½ P.M. got the lower bend all up to the second pier and five on the second tier one on the third, then took supper and after a good wash received a letter from home

worked at the bridge, got up at 4 o'clock A.M. and went to work at the Potomac Creek Bridge, fell on the 2nd Brace all day. the bridge I think will be finished till tomorrow. The weather to day was fine. no news.

SUNDAY, 22.

Got up at four o'clock and went to work at the bridge got it finished till four o'clock in the afternoon the Engine E.L. Wentz was the first Engine Crossed the bridge. nothing new. The weather is fine with a shower to day.

MONDAY, 23.

Rose this morning at 2 o'clock struck our tents and loaded our traps. with the expectation of going to Fredericksburg but was badly disappointed and came to the Aquia Creek again and pitched our tents and put our traps on board of the barge. then laid

Got up this morning and struck our tents loaded our traps and stayed and helped to unload the wounded and gave them water in the last ticin I found one of the Hamburg Boys Augustus Miller we gave him something to eat and drank then took him aboard of the ocean wave then went about our car which was on the barge during storm

WEDNESDAY, 25.

Left Aquia Creek last night at 10½ o'clock. it was raining and storming. fixed my bed in the boat and slept in the morning as we landed at Alexandria unloaded our things and dug a cellar for our things. then loafed. the weather is fine. nothing new of any account.

THURSDAY, 26.

Rained this morning and this afternoon worked a while made a box for tools, nothing news of any account.

May, FRIDAY, 27. 1864.

The day being fair nothing new of any account to-day. I worked to day I was making a valice the evening we was down town & got leave and hinges and then went to get Liger Bar

SATURDAY, 28.

The wether has been fine. no work to-day the boys a looking about the shanty I finished covering my Valice. nothing new of any account. Several Gangs was opened to the white house in the morning.

SUNDAY, 29.

Worked at the wharf at dem dig first tack's on the barges the weather is fine, nothing new five Gangs left Wilson for the White house on the Pamunkey

May, MONDAY, 30. 1864.

Worked at the wharf fixed up the boat and laid stack on. nothing new of any account the wether berry pleasant. I received my upskip pay to day which was ~~5~~ dollars.

TUESDAY, 31.

Worked at the barges at the alexandria wharf till 10 o'clock in the forenoon then went to the shanty and loafed the other part of the day. the wether being fine. nothing new

June, WEDNESDAY, 1.

No work to day. laid about the shanty and awaited orders. the day being very warm. nothing new. some of the boys and myself was down at the rivers fishing our luck was bad

Laid about the shanty till after dinner then some of us went out to build a couple of Boats worked till dark then went to the shanty. The first half of the day was cloudy with a little rain. nothing new

No work to day

FRIDAY, 3.

Laid about the shanty till after dinner then some of us went out to build some Boats worked till dark then went to the shanty. The weather to day was cloudy with a little rain. nothing new of any account

SATURDAY, 4.

Worked at the air tight boat and got done with it here to night. nothing new the weather is fine. Dr Miller called to see us last night he is on the Soldiers Rest

No work to day the weather is fine and the boys are enjoying themselves as they think best I for my part went fishing but had bad luck. After supper went out to the game yard no news of any accident

MONDAY, 6.

No work to day. loafing about the shanty all day the weather is very warm and with a heavy thunder storm in the evening which cooled off the air beautifully. no news of any accident

TUESDAY, 7.

No work to day awaiting orders. the weather to day is cool nothing new to day of any accident. this evening we went out fishing the first throw I made I got a bite and hooked it and got an up of the water a lake perch and

June, WEDNESDAY, 8. 1864.

No work to day, we are awaiting orders. The day was fine. No news of any account. We went out fishing to night caught a few and had better luck than usual

THURSDAY, 9.

No work to day. The boys are all enjoying themselves as they think best. Nothing new of any account. The weather was warm to day till towards Evening then a heavy rain storm come on.

FRIDAY, 10.

Put up a culvert to day between Washington and Alexandria on the Rail Road. The weather to day was fine. No news of any importance. We have spent this evening this fine by singing.

June, SATURDAY, 11. 1864.

Went to work between Washington and Alexandria put up a culvert and two bents at a small bridge. Nothing new of any account. The weather to day was rather cool than usual. Mr Shivers got his foot caught and hurt pretty bad

SUNDAY, 12.

No work to day for amusement we took a walk to the River where we found the Colored people Baptizing in the River in the afternoon took a walk to the grave yard the weather is fine. No news

MONDAY, 13.

No work to day. The boys all amused themselves at one thing or another. Some of them washing quarters. and Joe Reber and myself took a walk to see the New World the largest steamer ever came to Alexandria. The Government has her for a Hospital and I go down

June, TUESDAY, 14. 1864.

No Work to day, fishing all day but had bad Luck the wether to is rather cooler than usual. Nothing new of any importance

WEDNESDAY, 15.

No Work to day the wether is fine. nothing new of any importance. Chase this day Come from the White House this evening

THURSDAY, 16.

No Work to day nothing new of any act the wether to day is fine

June, FRIDAY, 17. 1864.

Worked at wharf No 5 put an extention to it nothing new of any act. the wether to day is fine. this evening we went fishing after Supper and Caught a bad fish 18½ inch Long

SATURDAY, 18.

Worked on the dock No 5 at alexandria. No news of any importance only the capture of Petersburg the wether is beautiful I was fishing this evening we had right good Luck

SUNDAY, 19

No Work to day the wether is fine. nothing new of any importance we was out fishing to night had pretty good luck. Sent a letter to my Sister Emma to day

June, MONDAY, 20. 1864

Worked at Wharf No 5 got finished late at night nothing new of any account. The weather to day was fine. This Evening we for amusement went fishing and caught a fine string of cod fish

TUESDAY, 21.

Called out to load Lumber and after we had it loaded we got orders to go to Washington we struck tents and loaded and reached Washington at 2 o'clock. pitched tents, after supper we went to the Concert chamber. The question before the house was about the California Bill & Indians was spoken

WEDNESDAY, 22.

Worked at the sixth st wharf at Washington nothing new of any importance the weather to day was fine the scenery around the Rivers is beautiful with the exception a piece below us. Larger fleet to day

June, THURSDAY, 23. 1864.

Worked at the Wharf at Washington nothing new of any act. The weather to day was very warm

FRIDAY, 24.

Worked at the Wharf at Washington. The weather to day was very warm I also sat. Gave out. No news of any account

SATURDAY, 25.

Worked at the wharf at Washington. The weather was very warm. Nothing new of any account. We was to the Columbia Garden and had some Lager and Chees William Steeg Came up from the white House I seen him at the wharf

June, SUNDAY, 26. 1864.

No work to day. the weather to day was being warm till two last Evening and then had a heavy thunder Storm and we pitched our tent to stay on a flat under the wharf this being a fine breeze. No news of any account to day

MONDAY, 27.

Worked at the Wharf at Washington. the weather to day was very warm towards Evening we had a heavy thunder storm but little Rain this evening we went to Ford's Theatre the act was Metamorphosis a Beautiful Scenery

TUESDAY, 28.

Worked at the Wharf at Washington the weather to day was fine no news of any account the Steamer Connecticut came with 500 Wounded of which 10 were dead

June, WEDNESDAY, 29. 1864.

Worked at the Wharf at Washington. nothing Grew of any importance the weather was not quite so warm as it was yesterday Joseph Binder & Mr. Pfeiffer called to see us to day they are Camped here in Washington

THURSDAY, 30.

Worked on the wharf at washington nothing new of any account the weather is fine. While working Dr Miller came on the wharf he was waiting on the boat to go to Alexandria a little rain towards Evening

July, FRIDAY, 1.

Worked at the Wharf at Washington till 9 o'clock. then received to strike Camp and go to the long bridge on the Virginia side where we pitched our Camp and went to bed the mosquitoes are very troublesome. Nothing New

July, SATURDAY, 2. 1864.

Worked at the long bridge at washington. nothing new of any account. The weather very warm till the afternoon when we had a heavy storm

SUNDAY, 3.

Worked at the long bridge at Washington pulling in a Butment under the bridge. The weather is fine nothing new of any account. This evening I was sitting on the bridge fishing the fire works was seeming to be a going. a letter from C. H. Tibbles to day

MONDAY, 4.

Worked at the long bridge across the potomac. nothing new of any account in the evening Outside the bridge and into the city to enjoy a little of the fourth. The weather was fine

July, TUESDAY, 5. 1864.

Struck tents this morning and loaded on the Cars to move to sixth street at washington arived there before dinner and pitched our tents and rested for the day went to the wharf and saw the confederaded steamship. No news. the alabama was sunk

WEDNESDAY, 6.

Went out on the wharf to work saved off one spale then laid over for the day. The weather is pretty warm the thermometer stands 100 degrees in our tent the news durable it is reported that the Rebs are going to Pennsylvania again. It is hoped they will meet with a warm reception

THURSDAY, 7.

Worked at sixth street wharf [illegible]

The weather to day was very warm. I received a letter from my sister Emma

Worked at the dock at wharf at Washington in the forenoon while working the steamer John Brooks landed and had on board the body of Henry Deward who was embalmed no other news but of the Raid into Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, 9.

Worked at dock at wharf at washington. The weather was very warm to day, nothing new only report of the Rebs to Cadenab Bridges Farm. Wrote a letter to my wife to night. The Rebs are destroying the Rail Road and cutting all Communication from Washington

SUNDAY, 10.

No work to day the weather is fine. The Pleasantmaster which was all armed to day and ordered to stand guard on account of the Raid. I was sick all day with troble & head ache. Received two letters to day wrote to Cousin Jane Pierce & Cousin Amanda

Worked at the wharf at washington till dinner then went up to Philadelphia depot and put in a stanger. To day there is great Excitement the 6th Corp landed yesterday, whom was A Mollinex Colled Alabama, See & Shenandoah paid a visit to the wharf to see the Soldiers Come in

TUESDAY, 12.

No work to day on account of the Soldiers coming to the wharf at washington The 6th Corp marched here to day, amongst whom were the Stamford Boys of the 96 p.v.v.l. Great Excitement Created in town the Rebs threatened first Georgetown and Destroyed the Rail Road between the & Philadelphia

WEDNESDAY, 13.

Received orders to pack up and go to Alexandria did so and arrived at Alexandria at 11 o'clock unloaded our things and thought we were about at home when orders Came to pack up again and packed our things and then packed our Tents and awaited orders The Rebs was drove 7 miles to day

Had orders yesterday to pack up, but did not have to work to day but are still awaiting marching orders. To day the rebels was drive back several miles, I think they will meet with a warm reception they have stolen several thousand heads of cattle but I hope they will be recaptured

FRIDAY, 15.

No work to day, but every thing ready for marching orders. The weather to day is fine. The news to day is favorable, the rebs are reported to be retreating towards Richmond again Hooster in hot pursuit

SATURDAY, 16.

Left Alexandria at one o'clock for Manoegary Bridge on the Balto & Ohio R R about 1 and upwards met Wm Feige. arrived at this Realy House this evening at 10 o'clock, spread our Blanket on the top of the car and slept on our way to the Bridge which is 56 miles from here

arrived here at the manoeuvring this morning at 5 o'clock took breakfast and went to work at the bridge. it is an iron but fairly well sheltered with Canvas Pale Braced up and was finished till 3 o'clock then started for Harpers Ferry and arrived here at 6 o'clock this Evening and unloaded the Lumber

MONDAY, 18.

This morning went to work at the bridge at Harpers ferry it is part iron and part wood the latter does burned by our own men to keep the Rebs from crossing. a beautiful view of Harpers ferry, reminds me of the world of Port Clinton the report is that a fight is going on at Berryville about 18 miles from this

TUESDAY, 19.

worked at the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Bridge at Harpers Ferry, got all the bends up ready for Bracing. the Rebels are fresh in this place. there batteries are planted on top of the mountains no news of any account

got up at four o'clock and took breakfast and then went to work at the Harpers Ferry bridge we fixed up pieces to day no news of any account the wether to day was very warm, a shower this afternoon

THURSDAY, 21.

Worked at the bridge at ~~the~~ of Harpers Ferry no news of any account. the first train crossed over to day at 2 o'clock, the wether to day is fine

FRIDAY, 22.

Moved from Sandy Hook to Harpers Ferry and camped on the other side of the bridge the Rail Road bridge is now finished, and so we will go to work at the wagon Road bridge to day a train of wounded came in and 12 paroles from [illegible] no news of any account

Worked at the wagon Road bridge at Harpers Ferry. Nothing new has happened to day. the wether is fine. got out of Rations and smart line of Hard tack, also broke our pipe to adams so we must do the best we can

SUNDAY, 24.

as work to day we was taken a walk about the Country. there is fighting going on at Martinsburg to day the report is that the Rebs was on there way to Harpers Ferry again the wether to day is fine

MONDAY, 25.

Rained hard all last night and this forenoon did not work till after noon then went to work at the wagon Road bridge. ~~the~~ great excitement prevails amongst our soldiers. Cousins it is reported the Rebs was on there way to this place they are shipping things all day and the passenger train was ordered back

Went to work at the bridge at Harpers Ferry worked till dinner then received orders to take off as much work as we could and pack our things and leave. We felt coming words this place the Report is that they are only 4 miles off. We Officers shipped all our things off to we got aboard the Cars and left at 5 o'clock. They had orders to cut the bridge again the first part open

WEDNESDAY, 27.

We made all last night on the Cars and arrived at the Relay House at 9 o'clock this morning from a Speed ride from Harpers Ferry left the Relay House Ma at 12 o'clock and arrived at Washington at 4 o'clock then laid over till 7 o'clock in the evening and started for Alexandria and arrived here at 8 o'clock this evening

THURSDAY, 28.

No work to day looking about the shanty at Alexandria no news of any importance Only it is expected that they are fighting on the Shenandoah Valley. My weather to day was fine

No work to day loafed about the shanty. The weather was pretty warm to day. No news of any account

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SATURDAY, 30.

No work to day loafing about the shanty and doing nothing orders. The report that the Raiders are marching through Pennsylvania again they was at Chambersburg this morning and going on towards Harrisburg. The weather is fine

SUNDAY, 31.

No work to day loafed about the shanty and where over we could make ourselves comfortable the weather to day was very warm My news is that the Rebels are at Chambersburg and Bitting ed all buildings by fire and then left

loaded about the shanty
till dinner. then went
to the wharf and build a
raft of lumber for washing
gon wharf. at 9 o'clk then
got ready to leave for Wash-
ington in the morning. the
weather to day is fine. Report
of great blowing up the Earth nigh

TUESDAY, 2.

got up at half past four. took
breakfast and then got on the
cars and went to the wharf
loaded our traps on board of
a schooner then left for washing
arrived here at 10 o'clock and
pitched our tents and then
unloaded the schooner of
some plank. Rain towards Evening

WEDNESDAY, 3.

Worked at 9th wharf at washing
no news of any account. the
weather to day is fine
nothing about the Raiders
but flighting accounts

worked at 9th wharf. put
on the springers & pilerinked
the wether to day was
rather cooler than usual
we did keep this thanksgiving
day by working. the Colored
people had a picnic. this Evening
I was at the wharf & eat
a watermelon. pretty high in price

FRIDAY, 5.

Worked on the 9th wharf
no news of any account
the wether to day was rat-
her warm. this afternoon
while Pat and myself went
to the wharf to buy a watermel-
an old man & his son got to
fighting and the son hit his father
with a club the man went into
the house and got a knife
and stabbed him, his son

SATURDAY, 6.

Worked at 9th wharf Washington
the Report was to day that Lee
& his main army was on their
way to Pennsylvania, Grant
& his army coming up to Grant
is 12 hours ahead of Lee. it is
also Reported that the Rebs
have hoisted the black flag
the wether to day is fine

Struck our tents and went to Alexandria got Rations & tools. and returned immediately to washington on our Way to Harpers Ferry. We left Washington at 8 o'clock this Evening, and arrived at the Relay House at 11 o'clock this evening. where we stopped till morning. the weather is warm

MONDAY, 8.

Left the Relay House on the Baltimore & Ohio R.R.R. this morning on our way to Harpers Ferry for the purpose of putting up bridges. and doing duty in a valley all along the way arrived at Harpers Ferry in the afternoon at 4 o'clock then pitched our tents and made our selfs at home

TUESDAY, 9.

Commenced to work at the Wagon Road bridge this morning Gen Sheridan was on the bridge to day and Gen Wright left for washington to day. Cavalry crossing the River all day

Worked at the Harpers Ferry bridge. Nothing new of any account. The weather to day was Rather warm The soldiers seem to like Gen Sheridan better than Hunter

THURSDAY, 11.

No work to day on account of Lumber. the Lumber was all worked up. no news of any account. more Cavalry arrived here to day. the weather to day was pretty warm

FRIDAY, 12.

Worked at the Harpers Ferry bridge to day laying the plank No news of much account a sad accident occurred with one of our Hands named John Buckley had the misfortune of loosing his arm at the Expedition at City Point. the weather to day was warmer than heretofore.

Worked at the Bridge at Harpers Ferry. Joe Parrens Gang came up this forenoon and went up the Road towards Salt town. At 10 o'clock accident occurred to day while two cars was standing on the sideling the engine came up in fast speed and the switch was Rond so she Run in and Killed two and wounded one

SUNDAY, 14.

Worked at the Bridge at Harpers Ferry and finished the Wagon Road Bridge No news of any accident the car that was Run off yesterday was put on the track again the weather was very warm to day

MONDAY, 15.

got up at five o'clock and went to work at another Rail Road bridge at Harpers ferry we have men connected the bridges at this iron bridge to close. nothing new of any account the weather to day was verry warm with pretty good showers

went to work at half past five this morning at the Rail Road Bridge putting up trussles. in the afternoon we got Reinforcement Joe Parrens men Helped nothing occurred to day of any account. Cloudy all day

WEDNESDAY, 17.

Worked at the bridge at Harpers Ferry and got about finished with it. Parrens men was up the Road about 3 miles towards winchester cutting Tues the Guerillas got after them and Robbed them of all they had and took a wagon along and shot one in the arm

THURSDAY, 18.

Went up the winchester Rd to put up a water tank and got one side up when we got orders to pack up and be ready for alexandria Parrens men pack up to we came down to the station and then the orders was Countermanded as we put the last cent again. Rain this morning

Camped up the river under R Road
and went up the Road and
tore up the old track and
put up a new one got
up as far as Hay Town
got a mess of Green Corn
on we come back. the
Colored men afraid of the Guerillas
Raining all day no news

SATURDAY, 20.

Went up the Road towards
Hay town and took of the Rails
in the afternoon went to
work on a bridge below
our Camp. put on stringers
and pitched a layer of
plank and our Rations
of beef along to the Camp
Raining nearly all day

SUNDAY, 21.

Worked at the bridge and
track. an attack on Sheridan
above Charlestown Cannonading
since dinner till late this
Evening. the Report is that
our men are falling back
was on the hights this Evening
the fight is about 3 miles
off Kinoraden here Plain

got up. and took breakfast
then received orders to pack up
and leave for washington.
we left Harpers Ferry at 8 o'clock
and arrived at the Relay House
at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. left
there at 8 o'clock at night and
arrived at washington
next morning. Rain to day

TUESDAY, 23.

arrived at washington this
morning and pitched tents
on maryland avenue and
went to work at the drough
a steam boat Run in and
broke it while closed, Charley
Ludberg was struck with
a piece while working.
no news of any account

WEDNESDAY, 24.

got up this morning at 4 o'clock
and went to work at the drough
at the long bridge washington
and finished it till this
Evening. nothing new
of any account the weather
to day was warm

August, THURSDAY, 25. 1864.

Worked at the long Bridge at washington nothing new of any account the weather to day was Rather warm

FRIDAY, 26.

Worked at the long Bridge till dinner. then went to work at the 8th wharf at washington. nothing new of any account the weather to day was moderate. received a letter from my wife to day

SATURDAY, 27.

Worked at 8th wharf at Washington loaded at barges of lumber most of the time then was unlucky and he fell in a deep hole in the mouth and cut his lower lip from his chin clean up. low news of any account

August. SUNDAY, 28. 1864.

Camped at the long Bridge in Maryland Quinces. We broke to day. Loafed about Camp and walked about. no news of any account. the weather is quite pleasent to day Wrote a letter to my sister to day

MONDAY, 29.

Worked at the 8th Wharf at Washington getting out stringers and putting them down the weather is quite pleasent to day no news of any account

TUESDAY, 30.

Worked at 8th Wharf at washington till dinner then got orders to pack our traps and go to alexandria arrived at alexandria and went to the wharf to go to City point put our things on the dock and at 8 o clock loaded on the steamer John Warner and left at about 10 o clock this evening

August, WEDNESDAY, 31. 1864.

Slept first Rate on the boat last night and were up at sun Rise and got opposite point lock out. at noon passed fortress Monroe and by 8 o'clock in the Evening Landed at City point unloaded our things and loaded them on the Cars to go out the road 5 miles in the morning

September, THURSDAY, 1.

Slept in the Cars last night at City point and got up and went out the Road 3 miles from petersburg to build a road from the road to petersburg to the weldon road. pitched camp and then went out to Cut ties for the Road

FRIDAY, 2,

Went out the new Road and Cut ties till dinner and then put up a Crib bridge over a reveen. the Rebs and our men have a brisk evening Clay. we are within the reach of the Rebs

September, SATURDAY, 3 1864.

Build a cribing on the road from the City point Rd to the Weldon Rd. Worked till dark. opposite petersburg about one mill off. we are getting along pretty fast Comprehending Every night this evening we were Cheered the shells flegh

SUNDAY, 4.

got up and packed our traps. and moved with teams out the road towards the weldon Road about five miles from where we Camped. We are close to our front forts fearing about a half mile off. this afternoon put up bridge acrofs a reveen

MONDAY, 5.

report that atlanta was taken Worked at the bridge acrofs the reveen opposite bur tents and finish hege till dinner then Cleared the road to lay the ties got to one of our forts till night where the roads were Close up the weather is pure Heavy Shelling last night the boys was all frightened. and they watched the shells

Went out the road to fill up and tamp the engine ran up to our camp this Evening. The Rebs had great Cheering last night they got the news that they took Atlanta. Firing going on all the time. Heavy thunder storm last night and rain all day.

WEDNESDAY, 7.

Worked on the road by yet all Camp filling up track. The Enemy were forced upone to day by the Rebs four shots on this new road. The Rebs seem to take it very hard on account of Atlanta being taken. The weather to day was fine.

THURSDAY, 8.

Worked at the Rail Road at tamping and filling up we are about 2 miles from the weldon Road. Cannonading in the front. The weather to day was fine I am tired & very

Filled up the track at the new road from City point to the weldon road. Heavy Cannonading & musketry heard to day. The train is forced upon every time it goes the road. But not struck yet it struck a sutler and took his head off to day by one of the common rolls.

SATURDAY, 10.

Worked on the new road from the City point to the weldon R.R. Cleared the brush and stumps and reached the weldon road till evening at the place they call the Yellow House, I, Minnifort, I Seward, I Dalin, I Burkholler, I Baum, I L. Baum, I Weberberger, I Mathew Smith came in evening, they are camped here.

SUNDAY, 11.

filled up the track of the new road out near the weldon road. Charlie Williamson is camped beside the road I went over and found him asleep. Sam Warren gets a sup. our men took the Rebs front whether line and their were prisoners last night to day it is quiet and peaceably

Filled up the track of the new road from City Point to the Weldon Road. Nothing new of any account picket and artillery firing constantly our men got out the rifle pit last night where they have taken the other day got piced off for June & July

TUESDAY, 13.

Worked on the new Rail Road filling up. picket and Cannon firing all day. the Rebs fire into the train every day. Jeremiah minister came here to see us 4 days after Supper we was called out to throw up Breast Works to support the train. the whole Construction Corps was out

WEDNESDAY, 14.

Worked all last night during Breast Works to keep the Rebs from firing on the train about Half mile long. worked all night we were not shelled. we laid over to day to take a rest. so I went to see the ruins of that Explosion fort it is about 1½ mile behind our Camp. our the Rebs fort

Worked all last night throwing up Breast works on the new road to keep the Rebs from firing on the train. and rested this morning till dinner. then went out in the afternoon to fill up the road a fight was expected tomorrow or next day, the weather is fine

FRIDAY, 16.

Worked at the Breast Works at the new Road. Heavy cannonading this afternoon the shells burst near our Breast Works. to day the Rebs made a charge on the Weldon Road but was driven back with heavy loss the weather to day was fine

SATURDAY, 17.

Worked at the Breast Works till dinner. not feeling good forenoon I did not work the afternoon. most of the army is constantly moving and the picket firing all the time day & night. the Balls of the rebs flying through our Camp pretty thick one of our men was wounded in the shoulder last night

September, SUNDAY, 18. 1864.

Sick to day the Boys are all at work that feel well but there are a great many sick. I took a walk out to the Weldon Road and saw all the Slamburg Regiment Musters Conley Goodson & Stevens we had a fine time got 2 a quart of whiskey and drank together stayed till 8 o'clock then went home

MONDAY, 19.

Went to work at the Breast works as usual opposite the fort which Burnside blew up the shells Busting pretty freely opposite us about 4 regiments nothing new of any account the weather to day was fine

TUESDAY, 20.

Worked at the Breast works as usual the shells flying pretty fast below us. One exploded quite near us. No news of any Consequence. the weather to day was fine

September, WEDNESDAY, 21. 1864.

Worked at the Breast Works till dinner then went down the Road to Reams station to fill up the track, went home at five o'clock heavy firing this morning the whole lines fired a salute on account of the victory of Sheridan in the Valley

THURSDAY, 22.

Worked on the Road tamping up towards Reams Station no news of any Consequence the day was cloudy with Rain last night

FRIDAY, 23.

Worked on the track filling up nothing new of any importance the weather to day was fine Lieut Fritchett has gone to City Point Sick James Francis is here with us to night C William son was here to day

On James River

All hands were up with great expectations of starting for New York. But the the horror of all we were ordered on the Road with packs and shoulder, When about 1 mile from camp orders countermarch we to go back to camp at once and pack up. A heavy load of ammunition was lifted from my shoulders, and at 8 P.M. we set sail on Cars

SUNDAY, 25.

In the Mouth of the Rappahannock

Left City point at 10 and arrived at Fortress Monroe by dark. Having a heavy gale we anchored till this morning. When started up the Bay for Alexandria. The storm being to heavy we turn into the Rappahannock. The old boat leaking so that she has been ordered stopped, so we are now falling down back to the light house to anchor for the night. It is now 10 o'clock. Pudrich very sick.

MONDAY, 26.

Alexandria

Left the Rappahannock at about 6 P.M. yesterday, the storm being pretty hard and so we struck for the Chesapeake Bay and run all night. This morning we landed safe at Alexandria and drafted aboard the Cars and are awaiting orders to go out the Orange and Alexandria Road. The weather is fine.

Loafed about the shanty awaiting orders, in the afternoon went to the wharf and loaded 4 cars with hay, no news of any account. Robert Fiddler & Freeman & Coleman went home yesterday. The weather is fine

WEDNESDAY, 28.

Went to work to frame water tanks till about 4 pm then got paid off for August. Then loaded down things and started out the Orange & Alexandria Rail Rd. Came out about 8½ miles. The gray hing on the track the engine couldn't pull the train further so we went back to Alexandria again and stopped till morning slept on top of the Cars.

THURSDAY, 29.

Took 3 engines and tried the trip again, got to Cozatants Bridge and put that then went to Pope's Head Tunnel and put up that then went to Mrs and put up that till Evening then took a rest for the night in the Train on top of the Cars. Rebels all out and only two miles a day. pretty Rough

September, FRIDAY, 30. 1864.

Started for Pope's Head Run No 3
put Mill up. then took Breakfast
at 11 a.m. then started to Millford
put Mill up and run up to
Bull Run and took supper
and went to Rest on our wet
Beds again on top and under
the Cars Raining all day &
night. pretty hard on the soldiers

October, SATURDAY, 1.

Went to work at the Bull Run
Bridge took Breakfast at 9 a.m.
and then went to work again.
Finished the Bridge at 2 P.M. and
then down the Road Run
and put Mill up till dark.
then took our Supper in the
Rain and mud. no shelter. got
a car to sleep in the night

SUNDAY, 2.

Started from Broad Run to Little
Run put Mill up till 10 a.m. and
then took Breakfast. then went
down the Road to the Rappahannock
River. then turn Back to
Warrington Junction till 10 p.m.
and took Supper then run
to Manassas Junction
and laid over for the night

October, MONDAY, 3. 1864.

Took Breakfast and started out
to Manassas Gap Road. Cleared
the Road of Grass about 4 miles
out then walked Back to
the Junction again
and took supper every thing
is at 2 meals a day.
Jeffy boys at Help themselves
to Sheep & Calves Chickens &c

TUESDAY, 4.

Started out the Road with
the Construction train run
up the Road about 25 miles
then stopped in the woods
over night. plundering
every thing as we go along
pigs chickens Calves &c
Grapes are plenty around

WEDNESDAY, 5.

Started after breakfast and
changed cars got sleeping
cars and cars & eating cars
we live comfortable now
stopped at Salem and found
the depot burning as we
arrived a night the guards
set on fire this morning
guards plenty all along

October, THURSDAY, 6. 1864.

Moved at Richmond last evening and pitched a bridge. Moved at night. The guerillas are filling fast. Had a little fight last evening with them. We were called at 1 last night. Mr. Thomas up in his fly to defend our selves and the branding & mangling last evening in the road a piece. The guerillas have been so worsted that they have turned in force & artillery on us and fired away

FRIDAY, 7.

Gen. Engelmann's men have surrounded us entirely, and burned the Bridges behind us and before. They are within a rifle shot from us. Fired the artillery in large bracks. The Rebs burned the bridge behind us. Moved the artillery to cover the front and we were charged in front and rear. Drove them off last night. We moved up in fine spirits all last night. We left the place on a retreat at 1 p.m. to day. Made Rectortown

SATURDAY, 8.

On our Retreat yesterday the Rebs burned our Bridge and tore up the track wherever they had a good position. And was after us and fired in on us all the time at Salem and went had the bright to May Chuck Road. When we reached Orlean by dark yesterday. To day we Cut wood for the Engines and loaded the freight cars

October, SUNDAY, 9. 1864.

White Plains Va

Received reinforcements last night and this morning we started out the Road again and put up Boes Bridge and beyond the Hills one and got as far as Piedmont. Had run back to Rectortown to stop over night. No trouble with the Rebs to day. Heavy frost to day

MONDAY, 10.

Pursuing the road to Piedmont and part of the gang put up a small Bridge and all the Cut wood for the Engines. I for my part rode out foraging. Got 6 bags of Apples & 1 pig. Nothing the Rebs. Then started to Catlett's and got all Butchered till dark. To day the Life took up a Rail from the Main and turned up the Whole train & engine

TUESDAY. 11., Cold

Piedmont Va

Put up a frame for a water tank. Then went down the road below Salem to where the Rest of the train was. Then intended to put up stages where the picket stand. There is two Engines [illegible] and the [illegible] Remains of the Engines was Union & Minot

October, WEDNESDAY, 12. 1864.

Buckstown

Went up a small bridge about half mile above the village. Boys laid track all night. The soldiers are busy at Hitchcock. They have plenty of fowl and Buff. no news of any act. P.S. The Cavalry had a pretty good fight at White Plains. They fought Hand to Hand

THURSDAY, 13.

Left Buckstown at seven this morning. Boys came to Stevenson on the Rail Road and load our tools so we came to Ricketson and cleared away brush and trees from the side of the track so the passengers have full view of the subs

FRIDAY, 14.

Ricketson

Rest week for the engines till dinner. Then dug a foundation for a turn table a piece above the village. The report is to day that the Cavalry has captured mosbis artillary 4 pieces Harnes Casons and all 9 prisoners. in Manassas

October, SATURDAY, 15. 1864.

Worked at the turn table a little way above Ricketson. The report of yesterday that mosbis artilary was captured is true they captured 4 pieces of artilary Harnes casons and 9 prisoners. They brought them down to day to take to alexandria Gen Sheridan came to this place to pay a visit to Gen Augur

SUNDAY, 16.

Worked at the turn table to day got it pretty near finished turned the Engine to day the first turned was with White over 3 past. nothing new of any account. The weather to day was fine

MONDAY, 17.

Ricketson

Worked out in the woods along the Rail Rd fell trees and cut brush. nothing new to day of any account. Butchered 2 sheep to day

October, TUESDAY, 18. 1864.

Rectortown

Cut down the woods along the Rail Road between Rectortown and Salem, no news of any account. The Boys have killed two Steers to day

WEDNESDAY, 19.

Rectortown

Cut down the woods along the Rail Road between Rectortown and Salem, no news, only there has been Heavy Cannonading up at Cedar Creek all day. The Boys have been out Rambling after apples

THURSDAY, 20.

Rectortown

Cut timber along the Rail Road between Rectortown and Salem. The Report came that Sheridan Captured 40 guns and 2,000 prisoners yesterday at Winchester but received Orders this Evening to pack up and go to Alexandria to night. It is the weather is fine.

October, FRIDAY, 21. 1864

Alexandria

Left Rectortown last Evening for Alexandria and here about 1 last night put things in the storehouse then went out to Cephas White's Bridge on Orange and Alexandria R.R. and put up a tent, 12 miles from alexandria

SATURDAY, 22.

Went to work at building a Hut, while the other Bills are Programing Hurdle supplies. No news of any importance. The weather is fine

SUNDAY, 23.

A day of Rest at Last. To day we are not at work. We went to work and Extended our Hut. The weather is very small, fine weather to day, warm fine

October, MONDAY. 24. 1864.

Alexandria Va

Went to work at a Skiff while the rest are framing timber, no news of any account to day. a few Secesh Brought in. ~~no news~~ the weather to day was fine

TUESDAY, 25.

Alexandria Va

Worked at the Skiff as before the news to day is that the Rebs was badly whipped in Kansas and entirely routed no further news of any account. I received an advertised letter from my sister the weather was fine to day

WEDNESDAY, 26.

Building Skiff to day as usual aft. finished the Carpenter work at it. No news of any account got letter from my brother to day from Portsmouth Va the weather is beautiful

October, THURSDAY, 27. 1864.

Worked at the Skiff Corked Pitched & painted it got it finished this night. No news of any consequence the weather cloudy

FRIDAY, 28.

Went to framing timber with the rest of the Boys. No news of any account. The weather is clear to day we had rain last night

SATURDAY, 29.

Worked in the Bridge Shed Commenced another Skiff. No news of any account the weather is fine

November, SATURDAY, 5. 1864.

E. B. Shelly Dr
To A. W. Shellenberger
To Cash from B. W. Pike 3.20
To Cash from B. Harper Tay 3.00
To Papers for Dec 1.00

SUNDAY, 6.

E. B. Shelly Dr
To A. W. Shellenberger
To Cash $5.00

A. W. Shellenberger Dr
To Cash $1.00

MONDAY, 7.

John Stengle Dr
To A. W. Shellenberger
To Cash $10.00

Geo. H. Seaman Dr
To 1 day Labor
at Taylors House 1.85

November, MONDAY, 14. 1864.

William Gift Dr
To A. W. Shellenberger

April
6 To 1 day Mechanics Labor
7 To 1 day = do = do
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TUESDAY, 15.

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WEDNESDAY, 16.

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5 1 day

November, THURSDAY, 17. 1864.

Geo K. Seaman Dr

May 21 days 1.80 pd. 37.80

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FRIDAY, 18.

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SATURDAY, 19.

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December, WEDNESDAY, 14. 1864.

Geo K Seaman Cr

May 21 days 1.80 pd. 3.75

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THURSDAY, 15.

FRIDAY, 16.

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December, SATURDAY, 17. 1864.

SUNDAY, 18.

Tinsterman's
Coal oil 10
Sugar 18
Starch 5

MONDAY, 19.

Mrs Miller
fresh Milk 4
Skimed Milk 5
3 Eggs 6
Tinsterman's Stove blacking 10.
broom 45

MEMORANDA.

Vinegar 3 — 11
Yard Bowling 25 10

MEMORANDA.

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Alexandria Va Jan 1794
this day in walking around
town we came to Christ Church
and found a grave of
Sarah Pearce
Daughter of William &
Mary Pearce of Nant County
who departed her life Oct
1711 1794 Aged 114 years

MEMORANDA.

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Alexandria Va Jan 10 1
to day in walk around
town we came to Christ Church
and found a grave of
Sarah Tedrice
Daughter of William &
Mary Reuer of Hart County
who departed her life Oct
1794 Aged 114 years

Alexandria June 7. 1864
The following I copied from a tomb stone as I have come along by taking a walk

— — — —

In the memory of a
Female Stranger
Whose mortal sufferings terminated on the 4 day of Oct 1816
Aged 23 years and 8 months

— — — —

This stone was placed here by her disconsolated Husband
whose arms she sighed out her latest breath and withstander
god did his utmost even to scatter
the cold dead ear of death.

How lov'd how valued once avails thee not
To whom related or by whom begot
A heap of dust alone remains of thee
'Tis all thou art! and all the proud shall be

To him gave all the prophets witness
that through his name whosoever
believes in him shall receive remission of sins
Acts 10th chap. 43 verse

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