

## **Transcription of a Diary by Herman Hinckley**

Entries from 1856 and 1857

Hinckley lived in Middlebury, Tioga County, Pennsylvania and was born December 8, 1836. He attended the Alfred Academy during the 1855 – 1856 academic year, and possibly the 1854 – 1855 as well.

The original diary is located in the University Archives at Alfred University.

Some entries are written in pen and appear to correspond with the diary's pre-printed dates. Other entries are written in pencil and generally do not correspond with pre-printed dates, rather appear to be mostly written in the year 1857.

*First page:*  
H. Hinckley  
Alfred Acad.  
N.Y.

Bought Decr 27. 1855 at Rogers' book store  
Price 3/

Never give up for trifles

**Tuesday, January 1, 1856.**

Attending school at Alfred Acad. Rose at 5 ½ o'clock in the morning, and studied until breakfast time. The remainder of the day was spent in study and recitation until evening. In the evening attended an Indian museum held in the chaple. Admittance .13

**Wednesday, Jan. 2.**

Arose at 4 o'clock and studied faithful till breakfast time. At 8 o'clock went to the chaple and listened to a short lecture. Prof Allen. Subject, "object of school life." Studied the rest of the day as usual. Good Sleighing.

**Thursday, Jan. 3.**

Rose at 4 o'clock and went through the regular course of studying and reciting as usual. Weather quite cold. Sleighing continue good. Did not recite my Geometry lesson very good. Prof Pickett told me not to refer to my book.

**Friday, January 4, 1856.**

Got up about 6 o'clock and studied until breakfast time. Recited as usual through the day. nothing of importance occurred. Read my lessons all very well.

**Saturday, Jan. 5.**

Got up about 5 o'clock and commenced to select a subject for a declamation, after a considerable meditation selected, "The diffusion of scientific knowledge among the people."

**Sunday, Jan. 6.**

Got up near 5 o'clock and changed my subject, to, "The progress of a nation rests on the education of the people." Attended meeting at the chape, sermon by Prof Larkin. Text – Acts 4 and 12

**Monday, January 7, 1856.**

Got up at 4 ½ o'clock. Spent the day in studying and reciting as usual, and spent some time writing on my declamation. In the evening attended a writing class taught by S. M. Thorp.

**Tuesday, Jan. 8.**

Got up at 5 o'clock. Weather very cold. Thermometer stood at 20° below 0. Studied, recited and finished my declamation.

**Wednesday, Jan. 9.**

Got up at or near 6 o'clock. Weather very cold. recited in the forenoon as usual; the afternoon was devoted to public exercises. Spoke my piece without breaking down.

**Thursday, January 10, 1856.**

Got up a little after 6 o'clock. Weather very cold. Studied till breakfast. Listened to a lecture in the chape by Prof Ford, subject, "where does the wind come from."

**Friday, Jan. 11.**

Rose at 6 o'clock and studied Geometry till 7. At 8 attended chape. Prof Ford continued his lecture on the subject. Recited and studied as usual through the day. In the evening attended the Melophelian Lyceum.

**Saturday, Jan. 12.**

Rose at 5 o'clock and studied some and read a little until 7. At 8 attended chape as usual. The remainder of the day spent in studying writing a composition. in the evening attended the orophelians.

**Sunday, January 13, 1856.**

Rose at about 6 o'clock and studied and read all day. Snowed so hard there was no meeting at the chape.

**Monday, Jan. 14.**

Got up at 5 o'clock and studied Geometry till 7. At 8 went to chape. Prof Larkin commenced a course of lecture, subject, "What is the object of school life." Attended in the evening S. M. Thorp's writing class.

**Tuesday, Jan. 15.**

Rose at 5 ½ o'clock. Studied Geometry till 7, at 8 attended chape. Larkin's lecture continued. Snow about 18 inches deep, weather quite cold. Got caught in the P.O. by Prof Ford after bell rang.

**Wednesday, January 16, 1856.**

Rose at 5 o'clock and studied Geometry till 7, studied and recited as usual through the day, weather cold, snow deep. Larkin's lecture continued.

**Thursday, Jan. 17.**

Rose at 6 o'clock. studied Geometry till 7, attended chape at 8. Larkin's lecture continued. Recited as usual through the day, very cold and snow deep.

**Friday, Jan. 18.**

Rose at 5 ½ o'clock, studied Geometry till 7, at 8 attended chape. Larkin's lecture continued. In the evening attended the Melophelian Lyceum, took an active part.

**Saturday, January 19, 1856.**

Rose at 6 ½ o'clock and studied a little before breakfast, after breakfast commenced writing a biography to read in the lyceum. In the evening attended the lyceum and read the biography.

**Sunday. Jan. 20.**

Rose at 6 o'clock and studied till breakfast and then read some till 10 and then went to a funeral at the church. Sermon by Rev. Hull.

**Monday, Jan. 21.**

Rose at 5 o'clock and studied as usual. Prof Maxson commenced a course of lectures, subject, "Is mind the result of physical organization." I moved it was not.

**Tuesday, January 22, 1856.**

Rose at 6 o'clock, and went to studying as usual. Prof Maxson's lectures continued. Had my lessons all very well, snow deep, weather cold.

**Wednesday, Jan. 23.**

Rose at 5 ½ o'clock. Studied till 7 on Geometry and got my lesson well. Prof Maxson lecture continued, weather more moderate, snow deep. In the evening attended Thorp's writing class.

**Thursday, Jan. 24.**

Rose at 6 o'clock, studied till 7. At 8 went to chapel. Prof Maxson's lectures continued. Prof Pickett was not present in the Geometry class. [Name] took the chair, in the evening attended the writing class.

**Friday, January 25, 1856.**

Got up at 6 o'clock. Snow continues deep and weather cold. Prof Maxson's lectures continued, had all my lessons well. In the evening attended the Mil—n Lyceum. Discussion about the dissolution of the Union.

**Saturday, Jan. 26.**

Got up about 6 ½ o'clock. Studied some read some and wrote a letter. In the evening attended the Orophelian Lyceum, question about the works of art and nature.

**Sunday, Jan. 27.**

Rose at 5 ½ o'clock, studied and read until 10 o'clock. Attended church, preaching by Rev. Mr. Hull. Text, St. John 4 + 24. Wrote one letter.

**Monday, January 28, 1856.**

Got up at 5 ¼ o'clock. Studied till chapel time. Prof Allen commenced a course of lectures. Subject, sociology. Had all my lessons well. Prof Pickett absent from the Geometry class.

**Tuesday, Jan. 29.**

Got up at 5 ¼ o'clock. Studied till school time. Prof Allen's lecture continued. Attended the division for speaking, in the evening attended the writing class, snow continues deep.

**Wednesday, Jan. 30.**

Rose at 5 ½ o'clock, felt tolerable well and studied hard till 7. Prof Allen's lecture continued, quite interesting, had my lessons well, attended writing class in the evening. Very cold.

**Thursday, January 31, 1856.**

Rose at 5 o'clock and applied myself diligently to study till 7. Went to chapel at 8. Prof Maxson's lecture continued. Langworthy + Burdick had to stay and study lesson in Geometry class, in evening attended writing class. Weather more moderate, sleighing good.

**Friday, Feb. 1.**

Got up at 5 o'clock and studied as usual through the day. Things went off very pleasantly, had all my lessons well. In the evening attended the Mil— Lyceum. Question for discussion. Read that Kossuth deserves more praise than American patriots.

**Saturday, Feb. 2.**

Got up at 6 o'clock and studied some before breakfast. Went to chapel and then commenced a piece. Subject—"The field open for Young America." in the evening attended the As. Lyceum.

**Sunday, February 3, 1856.**

Rose at 6 ½ o'clock, studied some through the day, attended church, sermon by Rev. Hull. Very good. Wrote a letter and read some. Weather quite cold and sleighing good.

**Monday, Feb. 4.**

Got up at 4 1/3 o'clock, had a hard Geometry to get and studied hard till I got it. Prof Ford commenced a course of lectures, subject of the winds continued.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5.**

Got up at 5 o'clock, Prof Ford's lecture continued, gained a few ideas as I do from all the lectures. In the evening attended the writing class.

**Wednesday, February 6, 1856.**

Rose at 5 o'clock and with a clear head commenced my day's work. Had all my lessons well. Prof Ford's lecture continued.

**Thursday, Feb. 7.**

Got up at 4 ½ o'clock. Prof Ford's lecture continued, with subject a little changed, recited a few facts relative to Dr. Keern, also of Lieu Mooric of U.S. navy. Snow deep. Weather cold.

**Friday, Feb. 8.**

Got up at 5 ¼ o'clock, did not feel very well but had a hard lesson to get, did not get it very well. In the evening attended Mel Lyceum.

**Saturday, February 9, 1856.**

Got up about 6 o'clock and studied a little before chapel, after chapel commenced writing a composition but did not make out much. In the evening attended the O. lyceum.

**Sunday, Feb. 10.**

Got up about 6 ½ o'clock, read some during the day and tried to write a composition but failed. Attended church. Sermon by Prof Maxson. Text—"Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and to god the things which are god's."

**Monday, Feb. 11.**

Rose at 5 o'clock and studied till 7, at 8 went to chapel as usual. Lecture by Prof Larkin, subject, "The benefits derived from going through a college course," in the evening went to a concert.

**Tuesday, February 12, 1856.**

Rose at 5 ½ o'clock in pretty good spirits; Larkin's lecture cont. Said some failed going through college on the account of getting married, advised young men not to marry.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13.**

Got up at 4.50. Studied and recited as usual. Finished writing my composition and felt a little better but not satisfied with it. Larkin's lecture continued, quite cold.

**Thursday, Feb. 14.**

Rose at 5 o'clock, this is St-Valentine's day but I get none, and send none. In the afternoon read composition before Prof Larkin a little scared but not hurt.

**Friday, February 15, 1856.**

Got up at 5 ¼ o'clock not in very good spirits but got all my lessons. Weather quite cold. In the evening attended the Mel Lyceum.

**Saturday, Feb. 16.**

Rose about 7 o'clock. Studied some and read some during the day. Tried to gain some "general information" by reading the Tribune. In the evening attended the Oro' Lyceum.

**Sunday, Feb. 17.**

Rose about 6 o'clock. Spent the day in reading and studying and writing. Attended church in the forenoon, sermon by Rev. Hull.

**Monday, February 18, 1856.**

Rose at 5 o'clock prepared to begin the week's study cheerfull, listened this morning to a lecture from Prof Ford about self government. Said boys from 16 to 21 years old were pupils [puppies? guppies?] and should be barrelled up.

**Tuesday, Feb. 19.**

Rose at 5 o'clock and commenced study as usual. Lecture this morning from Prof Maxson. Subject, "distinction between the races." Snow continues deep. A "Sociable" this evening at P. West's.

**Wednesday, Feb. 20.**

Rose this morning at 5 ½ o'clock, had a long lesson to get but got it without any difficulty, lecture by Prof Maxson, The [profanity? ] of the races in separate [pens?]. [Note: Maxson was an ardent abolitionist]

**February 21- 29 entries are blank**

**Saturday, March 1, 1856.**

Got up at 6 o'clock, spent the day in reviewing book first in Geom. for examination. 'Spouse we will have an awful time.

**Sunday, March 2.**

Got up at 6 ½ o'clock Read some, studied some, and attended church Sermon by Rev. Mr. Hull. Sermon text, Ex. 23.2, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Very interesting.

**Monday, March 3.**

Got up at 5 o'clock, got my lessons all very well. No lecture this morning. Weather cold and blustering.

**Tuesday, March 4, 1856.**

Got up at 5 o'clock. Weather very cold and blustering. Deaf and dumb exhibition in the chapel in the afternoon. In the evening attended a sociable at Mrs. Satterlee's. Had a pleasant time. Did not go to bed.

**Wednesday, March 5.**

Commenced studying Geometry a 5 o'clock but pretty sleepy and did not learn much, had to go to class without my lesson. My other lessons were all very well. —

**Thursday, March 6.**

Got up at about 7 o'clock, did not have my geometry lesson very well, other lessons very well. Weather quite cold. Went to bed a little after 12.

**Friday, March 7, 1856.**

Got up at 5 o'clock, did not recite in geometry, this is the first recitation I have missed this term. Today is the last day of recitation. Prof Pickett thanked us for kind attention and wished us success in life.

**Saturday, March 8.**

Did not get up till about 7 o'clock, commenced preparing for examination in geometry, after dinner made Mr. Thorp a call, after that studied again in geometry. Little afraid I shall break down.

**Sunday, March 9.**

Got up at 7 o'clock and commenced studying algebra for examination, find it rather hard, in the evening went to prayer meeting, but few out.

**Monday, March 10, 1856.**

Rose at 6 ½ o'clock, studied some before chaple, at 9 the examination commenced, the classes, most of them went off very smooth. I was examined in algebra + geometry + came off better than I expected.

**Tuesday, March 11.**

Rose at 6 o'clock, examination continued. I had no classes today. Recited a note from B. F. H. and answered the same. Classes all went through very nice, quite interesting to hear them.

**Wednesday, March 12.**

Rose at 7. Today finishes the examination and also the term. Was examined in Grammar in the morning. Some leave today, but on account of snow most of them stay, had a pleasant time in the evening at the room of B. F. H.

**Thursday, March 13, 1856.**

Commenced taking writing lessons of S. M. Thorp. See that I have improved some in the course of the day, feel rather sleepy, a number of the students left for home, went down street to bid some friends adue, felt rather down to see them go but try to drive it off.

**Friday, March 14.**

Got up near 7. felt some refreshed, at 8 ½ commenced writing again. We practiced on an eagle. I improve a little yet. Weather quite moderate. Most of the students are gone. Looks quite desolate, in the evening wrote in my room. Clarke + [Schieffilm?] with me.

**Saturday, March 15.**

Got up at 7, this is the third day of writing, worked in the forenoon on the eagle, and capital stem in the afternoon on grammar text, in the evening practiced in my room after attending the teachers class.

**Sunday, March 16, 1856.**

Got up at 7 o'clock, read some and wrote some, wrote one letter home. No church today. Weather quite moderate. Staid in "Sheff's" room most of the time. Clark gone on a visit. Practiced on writing in the evening till 11 o'clock.

**Monday, March 17.**

Got up near 7 o'clock, at 8 ½ went to writing class, practiced on German text and eagle. Wrote about 6 hours, in the afternoon went down street, met B. H. F, and had an invite to a sociable to be held at Mr. Green's, in the evening attended the sociable all night, got home at 2 o'clock.

**Tuesday, March 18.**

Got up at 7 o'clock, went to class at 8 ½. Practiced on capital letters till 11, in the afternoon had a call from B. H. F. and did not attend class. Spent the time very pleasant, in the evening went to the class, put an eagle on the board, analysed it for the class.

**Wednesday, March 19, 1856.**

Got up in time for breakfast, went to class at the usual time, practiced on the capital letters two hours then got up a design, in the afternoon worked on another kind of eagle, in the evening we had some ladies visit us. Put the elements of fine hand on the board and analysed them. Retired at 10.

**Thursday, March 20.**

Got up at 6 ½ o'clock, attended the writing class through the day, practiced on a swan, in the evening attended the teacher's class. Put the different movements on the board for the class. Snowed some, quite damp, in the evening clear.

**Friday, March 21.**

Rose at the usual hour and took breakfast at 8 ½, went to class, practiced on flourishing and on business hand. No class in the evening, wrote in my room. 'Sheff with me, weather moderate. Find that I improve some in writing, but hard work.

**Saturday, March 22, 1856.**

Arose at breakfast time, attended class as usual. weather moderate, Rec. a letter from A. Cloos

**Sunday, March 23.**

Rose at 6 ½ o'clock. Practiced some on penmanship. Wrote a letter to B. H. F. There was no church today and I felt quite lonesome, the weather is quite cool.

**Monday, March 24.**

Rose at 7 o'clock, at 8 ½ went to the writing class, practiced on a fish and some on cards, in the evening attended the teachers class.

**Tuesday, March 25, 1856.**

Rose at the usual hour, practiced on fish and birds. Received a letter from A. Cloos sold my lamps, tumbler, and oil case, to some boys from Tioga, begin to think about going home.

**Wednesday, March 26.**

Got up in time for breakfast, this forenoon finished our writing class. Mr. Thorp thanked us kindly for our patronage and wished us success in writing, in the afternoon I packed my trunk and sent it to the depot.

**Thursday, March 27.**

Rose at 7 o'clock, at 8 ½ went to the chapel and saw the spring term classes about-152 present, had Mr. Thorp draw me a Lion, at 2 ½ started for home, arrived at Corning at 5 o'clock. Put up at the Dickenson House.

**Friday, March 28, 1856.**

Rose at 7 o'clock, at 7 ½ got aboard the cars for Tioga but in starting, one of the cilinder heads bursted which detained us 2 hours. Reached home near 4 o'clock. Very glad to see all the folks. Found them all well. Weather quite cold.

**Saturday, March 29.**

Rose at 7, spent the morning in trying to get my trunk from Potters, finally got Mr. Bartholomew to bring it up. In the afternoon commenced drawing a lion and chariot.

**Sunday, March 30.**

Rose at 7 o'clock, spent the day reading the life of Fred. Douglass, find it very interesting. Weather quite cold.

**Monday, March 31, 1856.**

Rose at 7 o'clock. Josiah left home for Lawrenceville this morning. At 9 commenced work on my paper again and worked hard till 3 ½ o'clock, got it nearly finished, looks very well.

**Tuesday, April 1.**

Arose at 7 o'clock, done a few chores about the house, read some in "Fred. Douglass" and wrote some. The weather is quite moderate. Feel quite uneasy because I am earning nothing. Hope I shall find employment soon.

**Wednesday, April 2 is blank.**

**Thursday, April 3, 1856.**

In proposing to lecture to you, I would not wish to carry the idea that you are to hear any strains of [\_\_\_\_\_] or funny stories. This is out of my line of business but should merely give you some plan statements showing the peculiarities of the particular hand which I propose to teach and then be our subject for your consideration. It is pretty generally admitted that we are living in a progressive age, an age marked for its improvements in every branch of industry and science, and the same advancement we recognise in the art of penmanship. We have improved from the good old fashioned way of teaching penmanship where the other teachers gave us copies to imitate without giving us any instructions with regard to the different letters. When our last line was rather worse than the first. But we have each letter reduced to elements and made so simple that the merest child may learn. In learning a trade, the first thing is to get the use of tools the same in writing. The first thing is how to hold the pen. Having learned this we must want some material from which to work, or in other words we ~~wish to know how letters are formed~~ we want something from which to build letters. This we find in the elements.

*First School*

Money recd for writing.

Roberts	3.00
Chamberlain	1.50
S. Yining	1.50
J. Yining	1.50
Sighthall	1.50
Partial	1.00
Orcult	1.50
Bryant	1.50
Moore	1.00
Miss Tillutson	1.00
“ Pease	1.00
“ Searl	1.00
“ Davis	1.00
“ Culver	2.00
Prothisoc	2.50
Strong	<u>1.00</u>
	23.50

*Second School*

Renwic	1.00
Chamberlain	.50
Roberts	.50
Arentt	.50
Partial	.45
Atherton	.37
Bryant	<u>.38</u>
	3.70
Strong	<u>.50</u>
	4.20
Sherwood	.50
Winsor	<u>.50</u>
	5.20
	<u>23.50</u>
<i>Total =</i>	28.70

At Belfast Allegany Co NY. From there go to Little Valley, but find no engagements from there to Great Valley. At Great Valley, can get any room. Am advised to try Ellicotville. Got 3.25 in cash – matters look very dark. Have about made up my mind to go home if I can get money enough to carry me there. If I should have good luck, however, at E-ville I may have courage to go farther West. Would like to view Ohio and see Clark and George, the old adage is the darkest time of night is just before day. If that proves true, it must be near morning, for it looks awful dark just now. It is now Jany 20, have

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**Thursday, April 24, 1856.**

E. Richardson	.75
J.	.65
C. Blacknion	.50
Mary Bislin	1.00
“ Ryne	1.00
Mary Ryon	.75
Bridget Collin	<u>.63</u>
	15.01

**Friday, April 25.**

Money paid for board	
Room five	
	9.25

Fare to Otto	1.75
1# Candles	.19
Pens	.18
Paper + Envel	.12
Washing	.50
Blk Board	<u>.38</u>
	12.37

Bal. Cleared in 2 weeks 2.64

Rather small wages, but hope on.

**Sunday, April 27, 1856. [most likely written in spring 1857, just located in space for April 27, 28 and 29 in the diary]**

Go from there to East Otto. Try for a class. In the start get some encouragements, but finally fail. Spend the whole week to no purpose. Friday go to Uncle David's, have just money enough to pay my board at the Corners. Don't know what to do next, try to get work at the carpenters but fail in that also. Help Uncle D. in the sugar bush. What I should do next I don't know. Have tried all winter to earn something at writing but have made a total failure. Shall try my hand at something else next.

**March 9, 1857. [entry under the April 30, 1856 space in the diary]**

At Uncle David's yet. Have failed all over in trying to attain work. Went last week to Mansfield and Eaayville [?] to get work but no luck. Money is scarce, and carpenters will not hire. I am out of money and nothing to do. Rather a perplexing situation to be in away from home. Get some homesick but there will avail nothing for I could not get home if I wished to. I am here at Uncle's where I know I am in the way but what can I do? I try to work enough to pay them for their trouble but still I cannot feel at ease. Bradley is sick and Aunt has all the work she can attend to. If I had some money would not stay another day. Cannot bear to eat the bread of charity. Have not written home in some time, suppose Mother is quite anxious to hear from me but shall not write till I get employ somewhere .

*Oh! who can prise a mother's love  
Or see a sister's worth  
As when their bark they gently guide  
Far from the family hearth.  
H. H.*

**Apr 7, 1857.**

At Uncle David's, very cold day. Snow 4 in. deep. Uncle gone for hay. Have a very lame shoulder. Am getting some homesick. Hardly know what to think of my prospects. Wish I could get money sufficient to take me somewhere. Am tired of this, but no use to complain, for all

things are ordered for the best. Perhaps some good fortune is detaining me here. Would be very glad to hear from home. Have not rec. any news in over 2 months. Would write but don't like to have mother know how I am situated, will write as soon as I get employ.

*How oft our souls are vexed  
Our inmost feelings roused*

**April 27.**

Went to Great Valley in search of employ, did not find the man I wished to see.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Returned to East Otto, walked about 40 miles in the trip. Got very tired. Hope I shall get work there. Shall try again in two weeks. If I do shall feel much better, hope to be able to send mother some money then.

**May 12.**

Commenced work at Hemlock Mills.

Sherwood	1.50
Ackley	1.50
Sheely	1.50
Straugn	1.50
Strong	1.50
Pease	1.50
Bryant	1.50
Roberts	1.50
Chamberlain	1.50
Orcutt	1.50
Winson	1.50

Sherwood	1.50
Achley	1.50
Strong	1.00
Roberts	1.50
Chamberln	1.50
Orcutt	1.50
Renwick	3.00
Pentral	1.00

Sherwood	.50
Renwick	1.50
Strong	.50

Roberts	.50
Orcutt	.50
Bryant	.50

Little Valley

Ben Baldwin  
Ellicotville

**June 10.**

Commenced work for J. B. Potter in store, worked ½ day, at \$16 per month.

**July 12.**

Worked for C. Churchill 2 ½ days this week and ¾ days at lathing sometime ago, making in all 3 ¼ days.

**July 19.**

Worked for C. Churchill this week 2 ¼ days.

**July 26.**

Worked for C. Churchill this week 3 ¾ days.

**Aug. 2.**

Worked for C. Churchill on his house this week, 3 days.

**Aug. 9.**

Worked for C. Churchill this week 5 days.

**Aug. 13.**

Attended a Reps mass meeting at Osceola, very large crowd. Speech by Hon. David Wilmot, Prof Reynolds, Smith and others. Very pleasant day. Saw some drunkenness and fighting. Fall time at Alfred commences today. Saw two fellows from there.

[Note: referencing a Republican party meeting – Wilmot was a US Congressman (1845-51), US Senator (1861-63) and was instrumental in establishing the Republican party in Pennsylvania. At the time of this entry he was presiding judge of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Pennsylvania (1851-61) and was running for governor of the state.]

**Aug. 16.**

Worked for C. Churchill this week 3 ¾ days.

**Aug. 23.**

Worked for C. Churchill on his house this week 3 days.

**Aug. 30.**

Worked for C. Churchill on his house this week 4 ¾ days.

**Sept. 5.**

Oliver P. Hymes Died.

[Note: according to the *Wellsboro Agitator* Hymes died on September 4, 1856 in Middlebury, age 56]

**Sept. 6.**

Worked for C. Churchill on his house this week 2 days.

**Sept. 7.**

Mrs. Wilson Died –

The destroyer in our midst, whose time will come next. Mr. Hymes buried today. Large crowd in attendance.

**Sept. 13.**

Worked for C. Churchill on his house this week 6 days.  
37 in all.

**Sept. 20.**

Worked for C. Churchill on his house this week 6 days.

**Sept. 27.**

Worked for C. Churchill this week on his house 4 days.

**Oct. 4.**

Worked for C. Churchill this week 5 ½ days. 52 ½ total.

**Oct. 6.**

Commenced work for J. B. Potter.

**Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> [under entry for Oct. 13]**

Commenced work for H. A. Miller. Worked this week 5 days. week ending May 23 – 5 ½. week ending May 30. 6 days. week ending June 7. – 6 [days]

Week ending June 14 – 6  
20 – 6  
27 – 6  
July 4 – 4  
11 – 6  
18 – 6

**July 19.**

Sunday worked 1

Week ending July 25 – 6

— — Aug. 1 – 6  
— — — 8 – 6  
— — — 15 – 5 1/2  
— — — 22 – 6  
— — — 29 – 6  
— — Sept. 5 – 6  
— — — 12 – 4 ¾  
— — — 19 – 0  
— — — 26 – 6  
— — Oct. 3 – 5  
— — — 10 – 6  
— — — 17 – 5 ¾  
— — — 24 – 5 ½  
— — — 31 – 6  
— — Nov. 7 – 6

\$200.06

**1857 [written over diary date of Oct. 21, 1856]**

Rec.d July 1 <sup>st</sup> of Tuna Lumber Co.	\$30.00
Rec. Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> of Tuna Lumber Co.	\$65.00
Rec. Nov. 11 order on Smith Brothers Olean	25.00
Nov. 17 Cash	20.00
— — Due bill	<u>48.66</u>
	<b><i>\$188.66</i></b>

By H. A. Miller Cash	5.00
1 Pr. Boots	3.50
Freight on tools	<u>2.90</u>
	<b><i>\$200.00</i></b>

**Oct. 27.**

Washing done by Mrs. Ellison

July – 18 3 pieces – 3

25 3 [pieces] – 3

Aug 1 1 [piece] - 1

**Nov. 5.**

Dr. to Pierce for board to supper

**Nov. 6.**

Rec. Feby 6 from Geo Driver order for \$4.50

Rec. Order from Tuttle 3.00

March 19 Rec order from Tuttle for 4.50

2 weeks board \$3.00 \$6.00

May 10 order \_\_\_\_\_ 5.00

May 17 Bag Platt 40.00

May 28 Cash, Potter 1.00

June 5 \_\_\_\_ .20

June 21. Cash. Potter 1.00

Trade 2.00

Trade .20

July 1 Cash 5.00

**Jany 12, 1858.**

Commenced work for J. W. Potter. Worked this week 4 ½ days. 4 ½.

Worked week ending Jany. 23. 5.

Jany 30. 5 ½

Week ending Feb.	6 – 6
	13 – 6
	20 – 6
	27 – 5
March	6 – 5
	13 – 6
	20 – 6
	27 – 4
Apr	3 – 0
	10 – 1 ½
	17 – 6
	26 – 6
May	1 – 6
	8 – 6
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Week ending June	5 – 6
	12 – 6
	19 – 6
	26 – 5
July	3 – 4
	10 – 4
	17 – 6

24 – 3  
31 – 6  
Aug 7 – 3  
14 – 6  
21 – 6

**Nov. 17.**

Left home to try my luck at teaching writing.

**Nov. 19.**

School closes at Alfred.

**Nov. 20.**

I live for those who love me  
For those I know are true  
For the Heaven that smiles above me  
And awaits my spirit too  
For the wrong that needs resistance  
For the cause that lacks assistance  
For the future in the distance  
And the good that I can do.

**Nov. 23.**

Dr. to Culver for board. Week ending Dec 13 4 days + 1 meal.

**Nov. 29.**

Washing done by Davis. Dec 13 6 pieces at 5/ per doz

21 5 [pieces ...]

**Dec. 2.**

Left Alfred Center for the red school house, with intentions of starting a writing class. Snowed very hard, got some tired, stopped at Mr. Burdick's. Formed the acquaintance of Mr Green the school teacher.

**Dec. 3.**

After breakfast started went out to visit the inhabitants and get their minds with regard to writing. Visited the Linsers got there consent for the house and then visited each house in the district. Snowed, blowed and rained very hard all day. Told them to meet at the school house in the

evening and hear a lecture on the principles of writing. In the evening had a good house. Spoke to them about 1 ½ hours and then offered to give 13 lessons for \$20 but did not succeed in starting a class, feel somewhat discouraged.

**Dec. 5.**

Today started west to seek my fortune. Stopped at Wellsville but concluded it was too large a place. Went to Scio made an attempt but unsuccessful. Feel more discouraged but still mean to try till my last penny is spent. Have \$10, in money, one \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

**Dec. 6.**

Went to Phillippsville, but arrive too late. Find 2 teachers in the place. If I had come here in the start, could have had a large class. Saw one teacher specimen but it is a miserable \_\_\_\_\_. Find my sheets take well.

**Dec. 7.**

Today is Sabbath and I lay by. Have spent the week and some money and earned nothing. Hope for better success this week.

**Dec. 8.**

At 1 o'clock today started for Belvidere fare 10 from B – took the stage for Belfast fare 50, arrive there at 4 p.m. Spent the evening in visiting stores & C. to show specimens. Find they take pretty well, feel some encouraged, hope to get a class. Today is my birthday and I am a man by law.

Dr. to board 1 day commenced visiting the houses to get scholars, get in the day 14, books rather \_\_\_\_\_.

**Dec. 11.**

To 1 days board.

**Dec. 12.**

To 1 days board.

**Dec. 13.**

1 meal

**Dec. 14.**

3 meals.

**Dec. 15.**

3 meals

**Dec. 16.**

3 meals.

**Dec. 17.**

1 meal. Went to Oramel to start a class. Rather dull business. Get some desks, covered with ice, spent the afternoon in thawing them. Feel homesick.

**Dec. 18.**

At Bronsons 3 meals. Bot a load of wood for \$1.25. Spend the day in looking for more scholars but no success. Pay .75 for black board. Mist this evening, got frose out.

**Dec. 19.**

At Bronsons 1 meal

At Culvers 2 meals

**Dec. 20.**

At Bronsons 1 meal, at Culvers 2. Go to Oramel to start class this eve but Miss Ford gone home and can't get a room. Shall not make much money here, hardly pay my board.

**Dec. 21.**

Have not heard from home yet. (5 weeks) Look for a letter soon, hope I may earn more after a while. Am quite lonesome today, nothing to read. At Culvers, 3 meals.

**Dec. 22.**

At Culvers 3 meals.

**Dec. 23.**

At Culvers 3 meals.

**Dec. 24.**

At Culvers 3 meals.

**Dec. 25.**

At Bronsons.

**Dec. 26.**

At Culvers.

**Dec. 29.**

H. W. Edwards  
Ceres  
Allegany Co  
N. York  
1234567890 \$20.35

**Dec. 30**

J. B. Potters  
Middlebury Center  
Tioga Co., Pa

M. A. Hinckley  
Middlebury Center  
Tioga Co., Pa

**Dec. 31.**

Today closes the year and am I any better or wiser than one year ago today? Hope the end of another year will find me in better circumstances.

*Last Pages*

Wm H. Crandall  
Little Genesee  
Allegany Co  
N.Y.

D. W. Clarke  
Noank  
New London Co.  
Conn.

Wm. L. Clarke  
Alfred Centre  
Allegany Co. N.Y

George I. Langworthy  
Stonington Ct

H. Hinckley in apo with H. H. Potter for toll 8c, postage 9, codfish 18, cash 31, tea 37, logwood 6, postage 3, calico 1.00

Harriett F. Brandt  
Alfred Centre  
N.Y.

Philips Creek

Greeley & McElrath  
Tribune Office, NY

F. W. Jenkins  
Iron City College  
Pittsburgh PA

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North Rail Roads. 18,000 miles. Cost \$560,000,000

South R.R. 7,000 miles. Cost \$125,000,000