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Journal of a journey made in 1854
by four of the colony to the
Eastern Shaker Settlements.

Probably written by Eldress Betsy Smith.

South Union Ky July 23rd 1854. (1854)

- July 23rd We started on a journey with the intention of going so far as Mount Lebanon and Watervliet New York. Viz. Elder John Rankin, Bro Urban J. Eldress Betsy, & Sister Nancy E. Moore. Started about 20 minutes of 12 o'clock M. traveled 23 miles to Murrills Tavern Very good fare & place to put up.
- Bridge & Toll gate 55^{cts}
 Bill \$1.10^{cts}
- Mon. 24th Traveled 32 miles to Green River Put up with Garvin.- passed thro three
 Toll gates 75^{cts}
 Weather exceedingly warm & dusty.
 Bill 1.60^{cts}
- Tues. 25th Traveled 36 miles to Smiths four and a half miles beyond Elizabeth town. Weather still warm & the roads dusty. Pike Tolls 85^{cts}
 Bill one dollar \$1.
- 26th Had a good rain to day. Traveled 32 miles & reached Dawsons Tavern & put for the night. Bill one \$1.00
 Gate Tolls and Ferriage 1.25
- 27th Bill in Louisville \$3.
 Traveled nine miles to Louisville shipped aboard the good Steamboat City of Wheeling. Fare to Cincinnati
 Bill \$14
- 28th Friday Arrived in Cincinnati about sun rise. Got our horses and carriage on shore.-- Drove up to the Walnut Street house - took breakfast and got our horses fed. - good house fare \$1.50
 Left Cincinnati about ten o'clock for White Water arrived there about 4 o'clock. Found the good brethren and sisters in good health & spirits and was made welcome to their lovely habitation. We found them a lovely interested body of believers.
- 29th Saturday. Visited all day with our good friends, and were much pleased with the progression, both spiritually & temporally
- 30th Sabbath. Attended meeting which lasted two hours.
- 31st Monday Went to Union village.- Spent six days there visiting the different families receiving their love blessing & strength to comfort us on our Journey. And then started on our Eastern tour.
- August 7th Monday. Blest with the company of the beloved Ministry of U. Village to go before & lead the way for us. Went 11 miles to Middletown. - took the Cars a few minutes before seven o'clock passing thro

Dayton and on to Springfield - reached there a little after 8 oclock - Took dinner at a house upon a high eminence. - Took another Train of Cars about 12oclock M. passed thro Tiffin &c. reached Sandersky at half past 4 oclock. P.M. Went immediately aboard the Steamer St. Lawrence. 336 feet long 70 feet wide and 2000 Tons burden. Had some high winds - which made the Lake quite rough and most of our Company were sea sick. We shall never forget Bro Williams kind attention to us thro that night.

Aug. 8th Arrived in Buffalo at eleven oclock after a voyage of about 18 hours on the Lake Took the Cars for Niagara at half past 12 oclock M. and reached there at half past one oclock P.M. and saw the great Niagara Falls which we have so often heard among wonders of the Earth. Left the Falls at 5 oclock P.M. Saw some Indian squaws there bought some little curiosities from them to shew to our sisters when we reached home. Took the cars for Rochester a few minutes after 5 oclock, changed our programs and traveled all night, & went on to Albany

Aug. 9th Arrived at Albany at half past 4oclock A.M. quite worn out having slept scarce any for two nights. - Had breakfast and a little look round town. - Paid an Omnibus seven dollars to take us to W.-Vlist and got to that lovely place at half after nine A.M. dirty, tired and sleepy, but we soon found friends who supplied our needs, and in a little while, we washed and changed our clothes and were snugly fixed away in clean beds to take our rest. We arose at 4 oclock P.M. being much refreshed, and were invited to a comfortable supper. After which we had a short visit with the good Ministry. Edress Asenath reproved us for not writing the exact time we would get there, so that they might have sent after us. Said she was glad to see us but we did not know how bad they felt because we had come upon them when they were not prepared. Then she soothed us up and said we must not feel too bad about it.

10th Thurs. Spent the forenoon visiting the Ministry and their apartments, and the Meeting House the dimentions is as follows Length 112 feet width
Has raised seats - very high to the ceiling - It is covered with Tin - has a marine black which faces the speaker - Walls are shite - Woodwork is of a clear oak color stained & varnished - Floors of yellow pine- The seats occupied by believers have backs to them The room is warmed by heated air from a furnace below,

but it dont give satisfaction & they say they could not recommend it. That is Eldress Asenath told us so while in the meeting room. - It is surrounded by a beautiful picket fence, the pickets are turned and are brought to a point at the top. - The rails are bored and the pickets set in them - The posts are of Iron and let into a stone - It is painted a light yellow, very nearly approaching to a white - The posts are painted black - There is pailing to separate believers from the world which goes across the house front of the rising seats, but this the Ministry dont approve of. - The Ministry's rooms are taken off at one end and is warmed by heated air from the furnace. They hold public Meetings and have large, respectable and attentive audiences. The speaker was George W. Peavey, but others of the brethren address the audience, and brother Daniel says some of the Ancient Preachers do occasionally preach Christ to the world. -

The Office is built of brick and painted red; the basement is stone and colored dark blue approaching to a slate color. Water table painted white - window sills also white - This together with the venitian window blinds form a beautiful contrast - Has a flight of stone steps with Iron hand-railing and the whole is in keeping with the building, and the whole is in keeping with good taste - It is three stories including the basement which on the back part is level with the ground. Ministries shop is two stories and of Brick; they have built an addition to it since Elder Rufus died. -

Dwelling house is frame & two stories has a wing extending back; The Elders live in the garret of the wing and have to ascend 3 flight of stairs. The greatest novelty we saw here was a large marble slab 12 or 11 feet long by four wide, for setting their milk pans on to keep the milk cool; the sisters say it answers a good purpose, and they could not do without it. - Their Bake oven is lined with soapstone, and they say it requires as much more wood to heat it, as it does for a common brick oven and as much more time to do it, but once it is heated, they can bake all day without any more regular heating, only a few light sticks, they think well of it. Another piece of refined taste is developed here (viz) infacing their arches and around the oven door with marble. I think it no less neat than useful

The sisters shop is a large three story house of stone

of a dark slate color, some clouded like marble, and is a noble Edifice.

Brethrens Shops are frame of a light yellow color; The brick houses are painted red; The framed houses are light yellow, Wood houses and all out houses are painted red; but very seldom you will see a building that is not painted at all.-

There is one thing that adds as much to the looks of the first family here as any other one thing (viz) there is a beautiful avenue set with willows and locust trees; up this avenue you pass; Its dark shade forms quite a contrast with the light appearance of the village, which you view thro it as you approach.

They have a spacious Barn here where they can unload about 8 teams at one time and the cow fastenings are so arranged that they can confine from 8 to ten cows as easily as you can hoist a window, and all the other conveniences are of the first quality, both for feeding and mixing the food &c. We went in company with the beloved Elders to see the Barn.

10. In the afternoon we visited our old friends Elder Benjamin S. Youngs and Eldress Anna Cole, and found them quite comfortable. - Spent a portion of the time with the Elders of the first Order, and saw many conveniences and accommodations, everything seemed to be neat and in the best of order.
17. We then visited the Girls school - Saw a great deal of good order and system in the manner of teaching & the schollars were under the nicest of training. Sister Aurelia White is the Teacher - has 17 schollars. We were well entertained for about an hour hearing the several classes recite in reading, spelling, - Geography Astronomy, and natural Philosophy. &c To facilitate their studies, they had a Globe an Orary besides 19 charts and maps hung around the room, from one foot to four feet square, besides two Black boards, one of them a real Mammoth; being I should think six feet by 8 or 10. - and in short they had every facility to prosecute their studies with accuracy & dispatch, and this the pupils showed by their readiness in answering all the questions. The Teacher appeared to perfectly understand her business. The seats are raised and the Teacher has every schollar immediately under her eye.

While visiting the shop we were taken into a very snug little room where two of the aged sisters lived; one was Abigail Lemons, & the other was Judith Rich Abigail was right blind but she appeared as lively and as lovely as an Angel; They told us they were never without Lemons & Riches. O what lovely sisters they were. Judith told us that Sister Abigail would after all

had gone to bed & the house was quiet red up all of her drawers as any person in day light would do who had their eye sight.
 Aug. 13th Sabbath. Last night Elder John Martin took sick, and this morning went to the nurse room. - was too unwell to attend meeting.

The Elders took us over to the center where we visited the brethren and sisters. - Thence to the Meeting House to the Ministries rooms where we looked thro' the little window ventilators, and saw the assembly of believers of believers & also the outsiders who had come to hear preaching. Heard George W. Peavy preach - "Text if we sow to the flesh we shall of the flesh reap corruption - but if we sow to the spirit, we shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. - He handled the subject with clearness and ability, showing how corruption is brought about in the political world by ignorance, oppression & despotism and also how liberty is achieved by free discussion, education & On the whole he is a sound able speaker - handles his subject with clearness and ability. There were quite a large and respectable audience of worlds people, who were attentive, quiet and orderly. - One brother attended to them out of doors, and one in the house; their meeting lasted about an hour and a half. -

At half past one church meeting commenced and continued till three. The time was well filled up, had no heavy exercise, but had quite a gift of simplicity, Eldress Asenath had quite a blessing for Chaney Coply, because he came home from Eutica a distance of ninety miles to attend meeting, and had to return back on monday. She said she loved to see such spiritual deacons.

He delivered the love of all the western believers, and it was thankfully received

Forgot to mention in the proper place on the eleventh after we left the school, we went in company with Elder Freegift & brother Austin Buckingham and Brother Daniel Boler examined their manner of building fence Posts set about ten feet apart Then scantling let into the posts about one inch, about 3 feet apart. - Scantling 3 by 4 inches. Pickets nailed on them about five feet long 2 inches wide by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ thick. We then proceeded South and traveled one half mile or perhaps more thro' a beautiful Pine and Chestnut Grove, High lofty and beautiful beyond any thing of the kind we ever beheld.

The afternoon we spent in visiting the Sisters of the Center family; and in the evening took a walk thro' the Garden. The growing vegetables looked remarkably well, thrifty and vigorous. The soil is very sandy and is beautiful to cultivate.
 12th We visited the 2nd family order. The Elders are Elder David Hawkins, brother Sams Ross Elder Sister Clarissa Wells &

Sis Angeline Lefamy The family numbers 50 members, we were treated with much kindness and respect, and spent the day agreeably & pleasantly. About equal in number of Male & females.

Names of the Elders in the Center family Elder Freegift Wells brother Austin Buckingham Elder Sis Maria Ann Treadway Sis Betsy Harrison

Office brethren Chancey Copley, Chancey Miller Office Sisters Clarissa Vedder Abigail Messenger & Sydia Annis. - Lucy Fuller cooked for us.

Ann Buckingham was the Ministries cook the nurses in the center family were Gennett Anger & Matilda Wells. Gennett used the battery with us to improve our health. Deaconesses Eunice Johnson Elizabeth Seley and Lucy Fairchilds. They gave us a changeable pinner a piece with much love The Elder Sisters gave us a nice little brush broom & a white pocket Handkerchief a piece with more love Office deaconesses gave us some presents, of some checked neckkerchiefs a little bodkin a piece, green pinner, feather brush &c.

- 14 Today all of our Company except Elder John M. started in company with Elder Freegift, Staunton Buckingham, Frederick Wicker, Elder Sister Maria Treadway and Sister Betsy Harrison to have a ride over to their new purchase. Went first to Pleasant Hill a place owned by believers & named by Elder Freegift and is about four miles from Watervliet. It is a farm of about 80 acres, and is said to be good Wheat land They paid 50 dollars an acre for it 14 years since and now they would not take 100. dollars for it. It would be a beautiful place for a village.

From thence to West Troy - Saw East Troy quite a large manufacturing City about 2 miles farther on to the North we stopped at Cohoes a New and flourishing Manufacturing Village, ate luncheon & drank some Lemonade. - Saw the cotton & wollen Factories, We were conducted into an extensive knitting Factory where they knit drawers, shirts, and stockings on a large scale - We then went to the apartment where they prepared the wool and cotton for spinning They have a great number of Machines for carding, and they take cotton and woollen rags, and with Machinery manufacture them into wool and cotton which they mix with new cotton & wool and convert the whole mixture into yarn & knit it for drawers. We next visited the spinning and weaving cotton mills which are quite extensive in this place. In one room there were 200 cotton looms for weaving shirting, & fifty operatives. - In another room we saw 24 Jacks of about 200 spindles, and one boy attending two Jacks. - In another room saw a great many Jacks for spinning and they filled six sets of bobbins for a days work without board or lodging as is usual in all such large monopolies; The operatives are hardly ever fully paid.

The brethren saw the ax factory where they make axes by the Box. In one room there were 7 trip hammers all going by water. They have turned the waters of the Mohawk River across the Hills and this place is destined to be a great Manufacturing town at no distant day. The Lord willing.

We then started up the Mohawk. Saw the dam above the Falls which gives the water privilege. Proceeded on up the River to where the Canal crosses it from thence on up the river to where believers own land on the river which is in meadow. We then crossed on the Island owned by believers. -- They have erected a comfortable house on the Island for their accommodation. There is 70 acres of land on the Island, which is cultivated in broom and Pop corn; It is very productive, and would be regarded as rich land in any country. They own another small Island near by of about 7 acres.

We passed the ground where Mother Ann was first buried. It was in the corner of an old orchard. The land which was once purchased by Elder John Hocknell for the settlement of believers, but it has been removed to their new burying ground with Fathers Mothers and Elders and occupies a space in the center of the grounds. The males and Females are buried side by side just as they deacease. but the different orders are buried in different rows. We returned to the village got there about sun down, spent the day very agreeably and our dear friends done everything they could do to interest us and make us comfortable.

Aug. 15th Spent the day visiting the 2nd family found them to be a lovely company of about something over 80 members, quite an agreeable day for us, all seemed to be kind loving and free. Elder Jesse Wells bro Joel Smith, Elder Sister Emeline Clark and Sister Nancy Wicks were the Elders of that family. From anything we could see they were not only well to do, but they were rich, had buildings and accommodations in great abundance. It looked like we should have rain to day, but a small sprinkle fell and cleared off.

The Deaconesses of the 2nd family were Eleanor Vedder & Almira Wadkins They gave us a present of changeable cloth for trousers for our brethren & a pinner a piece for we sisters, & flannel for two under skirts, & shirting for two shirts & two pocket handkerchiefs, and pure genuine gospel love in abundance, O we were filled to overflowing with the love of the saints in this place. We went to the school and heard them recite their lessons, they done it well, and especially one little Irish girl about four years old she could answer to numerous questions, & done it correctly. The schollars all sent their love to our little girls at South

Union. The Teachers name is she also had seventeen scholars under discipline. I forgot to mention they had August 16 large Orchards well filled with fruit such as Apples Plumbs, Peaches & pears.

Aug. 16 We visited the South House or gathering Order. Elders. Elder Issachar Bates bro Richard Dean Eldress Paulna Bates and sister Irene Bates we spent the day very agreeably, and the Family appeared to be in a prosperous condition Spiritually & temporally We attended a little singing meeting & received much love. Eldress Paulina made A present of a double checked neck Kerchief & some fine cotton thread for darning.

Aug. 17th Spent the day visiting Elder Benjamin and others very agreeably. He had some things he wished us to accept and carry to South Union He had several journals which had been written here before he left us, which he said properly belonged to S. U. He had a good Mackinaw blanket some Jackets and a worsted coat & a first rate Trunk with his initials on it. He gave sister Nancy his little writing box with some of his penholders an inkstand & a little box of wafers, a card of pens and a razor & a rule & pencil & all these things he wished us to take home with us and another little Trunk filled with the Journals and many little accounts of matters & things pertaining to his journeys in the West. He gave us his parting blessing and greatly desired the prosperity of S. U.

Aug. 18th Left for Albany in company with Bro Chauncy Miller, Channing Prentice and sister Clarissa Vedder. We bought some goods in Albany to the amount of \$150. Bro Chauncy bought our Tickets and paid for our dinners.

We visited the Capital, The state agricultural, and Geological rooms; The rooms were stored with stuffed animals embracing almost every variety of our country from a mouse to a humming bird, bro Wm. counted about 40 of Duck kind & 18 of the Owl kind, & many varieties of the fish kind and reptiles of the snake kind, besides an extensive cabinet of minerals, every country being represented in its numerous productions in a separate partition, besides an innumerable amount of Indian curiosities. And agricultural implements without number, embracing plows of every variety and almost every age, showing the advancement in this department of improvement from the year 1780 to 1854 by a representation of the implements of the two ages. Also there was a stuffed hog which had been raised in the state which was said to weigh when alive nearly 17 hundred pounds. This animal looked as natural as life as well as all the rest of them. Left Albany and took the Cars a few minutes before 4 o'clock P.M. (All the company along except good Elder John M who was too feeble to travel.) for Canaan corners distant 33 miles, and arrived there about half after

five o'clock. We were met at Chatham about ten miles before we reached Canaan, by Bro Benjamin Gates second Elder bro Elder sister Eliza Ann Taylor and Sister Prudence Morrell - Good souls got into the Car and accompanied us to the corners. There we met two nice carriages to convey us to Holy Mount and a Buggy to carry our baggage. - We reached Holy Mount about seven o'clock after we left the corners we had a pleasant ride, we passed several ponds, one rising higher than the other until we reached a large natural Pond of many acres in magnitude, by which Robert White purchased a farm and house, kept it some time and sold it to the brethren at the same price he paid for it. After spending \$1000 on it in improvement. we moved on & met at the office, the beloved Ministry & many lovely countenances and were made welcome to the most lovely place our eyes ever beheld, and we could not help feeling that we were on the most holy & sacred ground that we ever stood on.

August 19th Saturday. The good Ministry accompanied us to their shop and apartments in the Meeting-House, which were the most neat spacious and convenient our eyes ever beheld. - We were then conducted by the good Elders. E. Daniel Crossman & brother Benj. Gates. E. Sister Eliza Ann Taylor & Sister Elizaett Bates, thro' their various shops & showed us their many conveniences which was neat and convenient beyond any thing we can describe. We were then conducted into the Girls school, and there we saw more order and system in this school than we had ever witnessed before Sister Polly-Reed was the Teacher - dont remember the number of scholars, but this we do know; they were under good discipline They were well furnished with everything needful to improve their intellect They had many Maps and among the rest one of travails of the children of Israel thro' the Wilderness. This map the Teacher laid off and painted it her self, and it was so well done I should have thought it was printed in the common way.

We spent the afternoon in the company of the same good Elders visiting the sisters. - their shops, dwelling House, and their accommodations, and we came to the conclusion, they had every accommodation and convenience that they possibly could need, and they were all neat and in the best kind of order. We come fully to the conclusion, that they were far in advance of any other believers we have ever seen, both spiritually and temporally, and would likely continue so thro' all time to come. We were agreeably disappointed in the appearance of the country. - The vallies and mountains are more productive than we expected to find them. and not so stony, from what we have seen. - It is a much better climate and soil for Gardening purposes than our own. And where the land lies well it is better for

farming - and much better for all kinds of fruit except peaches. Aug. 20th 1854 Sabbath. We visited the second order Elders. Elder Bro Giles B Avery., bro. Calvin Read, Elder Sister Hannak Blake and Sister Augusta Lanure. Had an agreeable visit, some singing, received and give love, we spent the time quite comfortably while we were there E. Bro Giles conducted us to the Ministries rooms in the end of the Meeting House. We were situated where we could take a view of the meeting thro the ventilating windows The worlds people I would guess numbered 5 or 6 hundred. They had a beautiful meeting. - Heard the different Elders speak They all spoke in a clear audible & sonorous voice that might be heard all over the house; Every word was spoken with clearness as if meant for all to understand. - Bro Frederick W. Evans stepped forward and spoke a few words to the world on the propriety of their fearing God in his house, and if they had no fear of God, they ought to regard man. - His tone was mild entreative - praised them for their good behavior last Sabbath, and bound them on the principle of religion and honor, and respect one for another to be quiet & orderly during the time of worship.

He then stepped back into the ranks They then placed themselves and labored in the square order. (This is the same we call the Holy order or step manner) They labored 3 or 4 songs, and brought forward the seats to the center of the room when the believers became seated.

Bro Frederick stepped out on the floor near the foot of the aisle by the believers and gave the world a very appropriate address I would take him to be a very able and suitable person to open up the gospel testimony to the world. - His stature is tall his bearing was grave & solemn, and when he opened his mouth his words were uttered with a distinct clearness and precision and were well articulated. I noticed in his speaking he never said you to the world, but always the we, & when he spoke of believers he said these people, and seemed to avoid purposely getting on to a platform above them, and never once hinted to the works of the flesh in a cutting manner; He was at no loss for good language to express himself. His subject was the government of God and human government he maintained there always was both governments on the Earth, and that the work of the one was to harmonize, and the work of the other was to selfishize the human family. He supported this from scripture, history and reason. The audience which was about 500 gave good attention & behaved very respectfully during the whole discourse which lasted about 3 quarters of an hour. He retired to his place, and the be-

lievers commenced marching. after they had marched one song bro Frederick gave the worlds people liberty to rise to their feet that is he said there was no objection on believers part if they were so disposed; They almost all arose and seemed glad of the opportunity, they had sat so long.

They sang several songs and marched several tunes, then assembled to their ranks after which the assembly was dismissed. This meeting lasted near two hours. We did not attend this meeting but viewed them thro' the ventilating windows above, and the meeting time was well filled up.

We attended Church meeting which commenced at half past one clock bro Wm spoke to the rest of us to know whether as Elder John Martin was not able to attend, we had better postpone delivering the love, Eldress Sally said she tho't we had better give the love to day:

They opened the meeting by sining a most beautiful and Heavenly Hymn then Elder Bro Daniel Crossman made appropriate remarks respecting love for the Western Believers, Elder Amoss spoke a few words very feelingly. Then bro Isaac Youngs read a verse making us welcome to their blest habitation; - then it was sung together with two other verses; Then Elder bro D. - opened the way for us to deliver the love from the West. The Union Village Ministry went foremost and delivered their love; We followed and delivered our mite in as feeling a manner as we were capable of & we believe the the assembly received it and all felt its influence. We had a real good meeting felt the power and influence of love thro' out the assembly. There seemed to be more of the real substance of the gospel manifested in this meeting than we had ever witnessed in any manifestation we had ever before been privileged to partake of. And since we are so blest with the opportunity of partaking in our measure of the realities of this genuine gospel love and the blessings of the Mother Church, it brings us under much obligation to the beloved Ministry, Elders, Brethren and Sisters of this place (Mount Lebanon for blessing us with such a great privilege and for sending this blessed yea precious gospel to the Western Country.

Elder Bro Daniel C. - made all in the West that were faithful heartily welcome for all that had ever been done for them that they loved Mothers children wherever they were.

We first labored in the square order, Then marched in the circle - Then circular shuffle in a kind of a loop while running round in the first part of the Tune. - had but one quick song - never took our own side of the room for the mixed dance, but at the same time there was freedom of spirit, and many of the brethren and sisters spoke their faith and feelings, still there was no formality about it, and

I do not believe any body of people could imitate it short of gaining just what this body has gained. Meeting continued about two hours.

20th To day the boys visited us and told their names and ages. Thus. George Seers 14 last march; This was all that was necessary. - After telling their ages they commenced at the request of their Care-taker, and each one repeated a verse of poetry expressive of their feelings of thankfulness, we were much pleased with it & would have loved to had a copy of each ones verse.

We were treated with a nice drink of Lemonade while in the Ministries room.

In the evening after supper we attended union meeting with the Office Deacons and Deaconesses, which lasted one & a half hours. - Then had a good long talk with bro Isaac N. Youngs on the subject of choosing whom we should serve. He held that each one, has once a right to choose their Master; but once that choice is made it then behoves the parties having made their choice, always to obey their Master, wound up the day with a good nights rest.

Aug. 21. Monday. Spent the forenoon in company with brothers Jonathan Wood & Allen Reed, John Dean; They took two carriages & escorted us to the Lebanon springs spent some time looking at the surrounding scenery; The springs are beautiful, the water rises seemingly up out of a solid rock sparkling, and the Pool appeared to be about four feet deep. There did not appear to be anything peculiar in the flavor of the water; only it is quite warm, as it boils up and is said to continue so through the Winter. A short distance below where the water rises, they have made beautiful pools for bathing, one for each sex in different apartments. We returned by a different rout. Came by the farm they recently purchased. Halted and went thro the Herb Garden. The lots & farms lying in the township of Lebanon

On our way to the Springs, we saw the Rock that Father James got his ribs broken on, when he was going to Eleazer Grants, or when the mob dragged him out of the carriage while on his way there. Saw the place where Grants house stood.

The Lebanon hollow shows an unprosperous state of things; Many of the houses are in a dilapidated condition. Much of the land is now owned by believers. - What a contrast is here presented; On the hill 70 years ago were to be found a few poor despised Shakers. In this very Lebanon hollow were found many wealthy opposing enemies to the cross of Christ. - But now on the hill is to be found a society of thriving industrious

people, in the possession of all that is really necessary to make people happy in this life: While in hollow is to be found those once large mansions in a dilapidated condition forsaken of God and not cared for by man.

The believers carry on the Herb and botanical business quite extensively. - Raise a portion of the herbs themselves, and buy a great many from the worlds people.

The sales in that business amounts to about \$30,000. annually. - Garden seed business carried on extensively and perhaps more lucrative than the Botanic. In the afternoon we visited the second order, had an agreeable time of it with the good souls in that family, and returned to the office about dark, while there we went thro their herb and Botanic establishment.

We were taken to bro Barnabas Hinkley medicine shop, saw many nice things & he made us a present of some nice candies of different kinds and gave each one of us a cologne bottle filled with cologne of their own manufacture. He conversed some on the subject of medicine. Said he considers water is good in some cases, but dont consider it a specific for all diseases. - Uses medicine in some cases, and thinks to advantage, and says he would make use in certain cases, any human remedy to mitigate pain. - But at the same time he would be cautious about using strong medicines of all kinds, and not use them where one more simple would answer.

Had a visit with bro Henry De Witt he prints all the herb laybills & seed bags saw him operate on the printing press He thinks believers ought to avoid unnecessary embellishments in their printing, and instead of gaudy borders, use plain black lines. -

Aug 22nd Elder brother Caleb Shapley came with a carriage and took us to the South house, had an agreeable visit there we sung some and the brethren and sisters sung for us a nice family of about fifty members. The Elders names were Elder bro Caleb Shapley bro Henry Mantle Elder Sis Anna Williams, Sis Lydia Lewis. In the afternoon we visited the second family had quite an interesting interview with the good folks there, looked around at their conveniences and accommodations. - The family numbers about ninety members. They seemed to be in a prosperous condition both spiritually and temporally. Their employment seems to be in the seed business, & they do something at the broom business. Elders names Jeremiah Talket James Smith Elder Sis. Marilla Fairbanks Ann Busbey.

Aug. 23rd Went in company with E. Daniel Beler & bro Daniel Crossman Eldress Betsy Bates Eldress Eliza Ann Tayler Rachel Sampson & Maranda Barber bro John Dean drove the carriage & we went to the chosen feast ground on the Mountain. Called the Holy Mount.

We were soon visited by some of our Heavenly Parents, who bestowed on us many heavenly gifts and precious fruits. We had some singing and feasting on the fruits of the spirit. The inspired one was Maranda Barber. She spoke for Mother Ann & Mother Lucy who encouraged us to be faithful and we would be rewarded for every good thing we do. We felt it a great privilege to be on such sacred and holy ground, and to be with such lovely company both visible and invisible. - After our meeting was over we feasted on such fruit as we could see & taste with natural senses. - Such as Figs Peaches, Apples, Tomatoes, Candies and white sugar. We four had a written notice given us from our Heavenly Parents on that day.

Words upon the Gold Cup sent from Holy Mother Wisdom, and brought by Mother Ann for Elder John Rankin. - Given on the Holy Mount August 23rd 1854.

Copied by Mothers request
 Sweet rosed blossom in the morn
 Emwrap'd in heavenly dew
 Emblems of love and innocence
 Which in my child I view
 May consolation rest upon My worthy little son
 Truly beloved, thee I own My child thou hast well done
 Blessed thou art and blessed shalt be
 All clothed in robes of white
 Angels delight to encircle thee
 Accepted in my sight
 Fountains of good still running o'er
 Continue to flow down
 Blessings unnumbered more and more
 Heap'd up upon thy Crown.

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Copied by Mothers request
 Pretty child of Holy Wisdom
 With clean hands and holy heart
 With my precious heavenly blessing
 From thee I will never part.
 Thou hast walked in paths of sorrow
 Washed thyself in fountains pure
 Precious soul thy Mothers power
 Caused thee all things to endure
 Press thee on for heavens glories
 In thy pathway thou shalt meet

And at last in Holy Holies
 Crowned Prince shalt take thy seat
 For on Wisdoms Holy Record
 Is now written a new Name
 For thee now, and with loud echo
 Angels bow and say amen.

Words upon the Gold Cup sent from Holy Mother Wisdom and
 brought by Mother Ann for Eldress Setsy Smith Given on the
 Holy Mount Aug. 23rd 1854.

Copied by Mothers request.

O blessed thou art my innocent child
 Thy spirit thy mother doth own
 Clean hands & pure heart with a conscience unsoiled
 Confessed do stand at my Throne
 Ill hover my wings of protection o'er thee
 Salvation thy soul shall yet find
 Wield the bright sword triumphant
 O'er thy enemy
 In the fetters of truth now confined
 When thy soul immortal shall cast off its clay
 The vessel of Earth where it dwells
 By angels most Holy 'twill be borne away
 To glories no tongue can e'er tell
 There with thy kind parents shalt
 walk hand in hand
 In beautiful streets paved with gold
 And join with that holy and heavenly
 band
 Whose treasures no tongue hath e'er told.

After we got thro, we proceeded to the East or Hill family.
 spent the ballance of the day visiting in friendly chit chat
 with the good folks there the time spent quite agreeably.
 The Family no. about 50 members. The Elders were Elder
 bro John Lockwood Alonzo bound. Elder Sister Amy Benett,
 Sis, Sarah A Vanvike.

Words upon the Gold Cup sent from Holy Mother Wisdom
 and brought by Mother Ann for Sister Nancy E. Moore

Copied by Mother's request

This Golden Cup is filled up
 With blessings ever new
 They do belong and rest upon
 My faithful child 'tis true

Receive from me I say to thee
 My lovely little One
 A precious store; Yea, more and more
 Ill add unto thy crown.

Blessed shalt be the path I see
 Thy soul wilt travel in
 And dwell among the heavenly throng
 Redeemed from all sin
 Let naught annoy thy inward joy
 The blessed shalt be blest
 All Earth and hell cannot prevail
 Against thy heaven of rest.

Composed for the Schollars at the 2nd family Holy Mount
 For the Ministry S. Union

Our kind and affectionate love we now send
 With joy we will roll it for each little friend
 O give it most freely to each little band
 Of children residing in the Western land
 Tell them in obedience we're bearing the cross
 To refine and redeem us from natures deep loss
 And O may they join us we'll go heart and hand
 Our journey is onward thro' sion fair land
 Tell them too, that sweet flowers do bloom in our way
 We'll pick some and send them as cheering & gay
 They're emblems of Heaven on which they may feast
 A present from their little friends in the East
 A token of union sweet roses of love
 Such as Angels do gather in heaven above
 In gospel affection we give there to you
 With a promise that we will be faithful & true
 Tell our dear little Sisters we love them all best
 And hear ends the message we send to the West.

Mount Lebanon Augst 1854

Wisdoms Valley aug.^t 18th 1834

The following gifts were brought for the Ministry from the
 West in Church meeting Sabbath P.M. as made manifest by the
 spirit.

Firstly. A large Trunk for each lot of Ministry filled
 with precious gifts from our Heavenly Parents Mothers word
 was (as communicated by the Spirit) That the Ministry might
 deal out these gifts according to their own Wisdom to the
 people under their care. That the Ministry were to keep the
 Trunks for their own comfort and blessing. She said at any

time we felt needy and as the we would like something from the Valley we might open the Trunks & receive something there from.

There was also a box of Ointment brought, called Limber Ointment, to rub on the joints, to make us limber in the worship of "od. This gift Mother wanted all her children to gain, and have a share in, especially the younger class. She desired that her love might be given with the song that goes with the Ointment.

Mother Lucy said she had brought a basket for each of the Ministry to carry home with them. There were many kinds of fruits in the Baskets, which she wished her children to receive in connection with her love and blessing. This fruit was gathered from the gospel Garden which abounds with fruits most lovely.

Beloved Eldress Betsy I think the foregoing is the substance of what was brought by the spirits. - Be so kind as to receive with the foregoing my best love and well wishes.

E. B. Harrison

Aug. 24th Elder Richard Bushnell and Bro Frederick Evans came to the office with two Carriages & took us all to Canaan about 3 miles South West of Lebanon. There is two Families there, which are branches of the North or gathering order of New Lebanon. We visited the Upper Family in the forenoon, and the Village Ministry the lower Family - We changed after dinner & had quite an interesting time in each of the families They number about 40 members in each family; We took a ride round a small Lake to the South East of Lebanon and returned to the Office about dark.

From the Village at Mount Lebanon up to the up to the spiritual Pool on the top of the Holy Mount is about two miles The road is rough and steep of ascent nearly all the way, and puts one in mind of the believers travel of self-denial in this life and the feast we had on the Mount gives a lively foretaste of the joys which shall be revealed hereafter, to those who reach the promised land. - The road is not only steep but without shade, the timber is of stunted growth, The mountains are cleared and have been for many years, for they bear no traces of stumps, We must not say the land is all cleared, but one half of what we passed thro is denuded.

On the Mount we saw to the East on another Mountain side the Hancock Holy ground, from whence the believers have exchanged love with Lebanon believers in a shout in days gone by. They seldom meet there now for worship

We were shown the location of Tyingham away in the blue Mountains about 24 miles distant. - The place called the Holy Ground Mount is a square lot of ground enclosed by a board fence, I should judge about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre. - It has a framed building in it with benches to retire to in case of a storm

or intermission.

About the center of the ground from the house is the pool in the form of an octagon, and at the head of this facing the East; once, stood a marble slab with some appropriate inscription on it, but it was broken from its place some years since by the some wicked creature, and now lies in the aforesaid building & altho much defaced, the superscription remains readable. We gathered around the Pool, sung and drank of its Holy waters then were requested through the instrument of its Holy waters then were requested through the instrument to go to the building where Mother Ann spoke to us all in general terms then noticed each of us visitors individually (as before mentioned) with her love and blessing & a promise of her presence to abide with us thro' time, in our days of tribulation which we are called to pass thro'. - It was a great comfort to me and I believe it was to all present.

Aug 25th Visited the North family or gathering order Elder Richard Bushnell and bro Frederick Evans are the Elder brethren & Eldress Antionett Doolittle & Sister Harriet Bullard are the Elder Sisters Their buildings are large and finished in the best believer style. - They form a strong gift in the line of Elders. This is to be seen in every thing about the family both in and out of doors, on the farm and in the Garden every thing is in the first & best style. They have about four and a half miles of stone wall 4 feet wide, and at a cost of 6 dollars per rod. One wall was nine feet wide this was made on purpose to use up the stone that lay on the ground. They seemed to have plenty of good buildings to answer every purpose. - Fruit all kinds in great abundance. And from what we saw we come to the conclusion they were the most independent and as rich as any family we have visited among believers any where. Bror Frederick is a shrewd longheaded reasoner; goes into the matter with his whole weight. On our way we passed the Grave yard, Frederick observed, "If I were to conduct burying grounds according to my sense of consistency with our doctrines: I would ten years after a burying ground is filled up, level the graves - take away the head stones and sow it down with grass seed for meadow." "For said he if this society continues to keep as sacred all their grave yards, in two or three hundred years much of our best lands will be occupied in grave yards, besides we profess not to believe in the material resurrection. And this practice of honoring the sepulchers of the dead originated in heathen darkness. - And for us who are in the age of the enlightenment of Christs 2^d appearing to cling to these idolatrous usages, is certainly not consistent with our profession; There was none in company who dared to openly dissent with him; He then commenced on the practice believers have been in of deteriorating land. - said the policy was

Wrong, both in point of profit and the example is wrong. We yesterday went with him into the grainery and seeing a quantity of coarsely ground grain - we inquired what it was. He said this is grain ground in a suitable state for the healthy use of man. This contains all the elements that God placed there; and you cannot take one element away without injuring it. Mother Ann said health is one of the greatest earthly blessings, that we can have, and if we transgress the laws of health, can we go blameless? I think not.

Frederick says he has full faith in these water witches, (those who can find a stream whereon to dig a well) and believes the thing will yet be accounted for on philosophic principles.

The lower Family of Canaan is situated like all the other families at the foot of a Mountain, only this one is lower in the valley. The Elders names are Daniel Frasier Chauncy Sears Mary Ann Patterson and Betsy Stone. At this family they make use of compost as a fertiliser. Their first in care is a scotchman, and is a long headed person, - is a chemist and a philosophical sensible man, goes in for farming on philosophical principals and not in a hap hazard way.

We the U. Village Ministry reached the upper Family about one o'clock and was met at the Horse-block by bror Daniel Scizer who is the Elder of the family, the rest of the lot of Elders bror Closon Middleton Sister Olive Holton, Catharine Vanhouten. Here also is a nice flourishing Family. In passing thro' the Cow Stable we saw encased in a neat little glass frame a few lines cautioning all to beware of abusing Gods brut creation.

These two Canaan families on the brethrens side are made up mostly of Scotch, English and Irish. This evening we received a letter from home S. Union and besides other interesting matter, It stated that the citizens of Russellville had requested them to pray for them, that they might be blest with a shower of rain; For said they we have had a day of prayer, but our prayers have not been answered, but we believe if you will pray for rain we will receive it. - This being on Saturday next day being Sabbath the believers being assembled in worship, felt a gift to comply with their request, and that night they had rain in quite a copious shower.

Aug. 25th We had a little visit with sister Hannah Ann Agnew today. She said the gospel fire burned hotly here, and no false hearted one could long abide in this church, but the honest and sincere found much comfort in bearing the cross and wearing the Yoke of Christ but the dishonest hypocrite does find a hot place of it.

Yesterday while in conversation with Elder Richard Bushnell we inquired of him how he maintained so much order and prosperity in his family. He replied by saying, Elder Ebenezer used to teach them that it was always necessary to keep young believers awake by a testimony. I would said he rather see young believers awake in the flesh than not to be awake at all.

Their wood-houses here are generally large frame two storied buildings neatly weatherboarded.

Aug. 28 Spent the forenoon with Elder brother Daniel Crossman & Elder Sister visiting their various shops. In their Machine shop, they have two planing Machines One cost valued one hundred dollars and planes 700 feet per hour - The other cost \$500. but this was made in an early day, and is not considered so good as the \$100. - They have an engine Lathe made by themselves and is said to be very good. - A floor jointer - An oval box planer - And Buzz-saw for sawing lumber in various lengths for boxes, such as are used for Garden seeds and herb-boxes - A place for turning Iron rollers &c We went to the Old Meeting House which was built by Father James. - It is now occupied as a seed shop - Saw F. Joseph's room where he used to labor in tribulation of soul for the increase of the work of God. F. Joseph lived in one end of the house & Mother Lucy lived in a room on the opposite end. And those who were called laborers, & were sent out to labor with the people lived in rooms divided off from theirs. What feeling it does bring over a body when they pass thro such places, thinking that on this very floor, and in this very room, those holy Fathers & Mothers once dwelt, and often bathed their souls in deep tribulation, for the salvation of a lost race.

Took a walk in the afternoon thro the garden and farm.- The Gardens looked well, we passed thro a potatoe patch of 7 acres, pulled up one hill, and they looked like they would give a fine yield. Their soil seems to stand the drouth much better than the soil of Ky.

Passed thro both the seed and Botanic Gardens and for neatness & being free from weeds it it certainly surpassed any thing of the kind that we have seen. Elder Solomon King's Garden had not a weed in it one in. high that I could see.

We had a little visit with David Parker from Canterbury. he arrived here to day. He is a very funny, lively goodhearted brother, and full of antic's. He says the Genesee Farm does well and is profitable. - It consists of upwards 430 acres - cropped with 125 of wheat 150 Broom corn - 75 Indian corn & 75 of meadow. They employ a man to oversee it, and pay him \$500 a year, a house, a garden, a pasture for one cow, and allow him 1. dollar 75^{cts} per week for every hand he boards & employs. He sometimes has as many 40

hands to work the farm. The value of the products of the farm this year, he values at from 15 to 20 thousand dollars. The soil is inexhaustable in its treasures. It is said to be ofrom 6 to 12 feet deep of a black rich soil, and will yield the enormous quantity pr acre of from 30 to 40 bushels of wheat, and it has been known to yield as high as 50. David visits this farm from 10 to 15 times annually, can go and return in about 30 hours at a cost of 15 dollars. The believers here have a shed at the meeting house that will contain 15 waggons with horses attached, they drive in at one door hitch their teams if they wish shut up the doors & let them remain so until after meeting, then drive out of the other door.

- 26 This evening had union meeting with the Lebanon and Union Village Ministries, sung some heavenly songs and had a good time of it. When we were ready to part we all rose to kneel in prayer together. Elder Amos spoke of his thankfulness for the gospel, and for the privilege we have of coming into union in all things. - Eldress Asenath spoke in a very solemn and impressive manner & said "There is one thing I have been thinking of dear friends since we have been here. - There are all the lots of Ministry from the West but one, & I am glad dear friends you are here. And now dear friends, it is necessary in this day of the travail of the Churches, that we should be united. Union is our strength, if we are united we can do wonders; yea, as Mother used to say to those in the Lot with her, if we are united we can work miracles. Dear Friends do let us make the sacrifice for union; let us be yielding one to another for union's sake. In this labor I will bless you all dear friends and God will bless you I know. I feel the more on this occasion, because I never expect to see some of you again while in the body & indeed I may never see any of you" This and much more to the same import she said while she wept over us. - And many of us wept over a parting Mother's blessing. & last words of counsel. Bror Daniel B - spoke much to the same import. Sister Betsy B - good Mother also united in the support of this gift.

We all unitedly returned our kind thanks to the first Ministry of God on Earth for the privilege we were blest with, and especially for the good counsel we had received from good Eldress Asenath, & we promised to set out anew & obey it more faithfully, we received their blessing & begged to be remembered in their prayers & promised to remember them in our prayers.

This evening we were favored with a blessed shower of rain, to the great joy of believers, that God had remembered them in mercy. - There fell about 7 eighths of an inch, and came down out of the clouds in very gentle lowerings, so that

the thirsty Earth had time to drink it all up.
 Aug 27 Sabbath. After breakfast this morning we were all conducted over to the first family to visit the brethren and sisters and had a real good time of it. They had so much of the tribulation that melts into a oneness of feeling, the subjects of Christs Kingdom, that they sat right down and went into a familiar conversation about many interesting things and the time glided by in a social chit-chat of upwards of an hour to our mutual satisfaction. There were 63 sisters in the first family. In consequence of the rain, The believers did not intend to have public meeting, but the world came on in carriages by the Doz. that they were forced to turn out & have meeting to come to their feelings. We counted 30 Vehicles comprising large stages & carriages and a few buggies, but we dont see near all of them. -

At the morning or public meeting, by request, the believers knelt down in thankfulness to God for the blessing of his fruitful showers on the thirsty Earth.

The order of the Church Meeting was on entering the meeting house to bow - after taking their places in flaring rows we bowed four times - Then sung a hymn. Then Elder Ames spoke a few words. - Elder bror Daniel Crossman stepped out and read a farewell to us. It was then sung. - They then labored two songs in the square order or what we call step and shuffle - then one step song - Then marched three songs - then a quick song, but dont turn like we do for they go in a kind of waving turn & are longer about it. -

Elder brother raised a shout of wellcome to the good spirits who might attend meeting with us, all raising our hands unitedly saying welcome welcome. The brethren did not try to march so precise as we, but their labor seemed to be to give spring to their step up & down. The young brethren in a special manner marched as if they had springs to their knees & joints. - Their singing was loud and strong & abounded with life. We all united in kneeling and giving thanks for the blessings we received, both spiritually and temporally.

When the Elders spoke in behalf of the people; The brethren and sisters spoke after them and repeated the sentence unitedly, they being careful not to give a longer sentence than all could remember to speak at once. This we found to be the common practice all round wherever we have been. The Elders leads the way, but if he is not able some one else does it.

Bro Daniel B. speaking of the present drouth; said, he did not know but if believers were placed under the necessity of doing with less than they used to formerly in regard to having our wants supplied, but it would be a real advantage to us in our spiritual travail.

The Believers here are said to own about 7,000 acres of land all included, two thirds of which is said to be Mountainous, we did not learn the exact amount which they have in a state of cultivation, but from what we could judge, it is not extensive.

They dont pretend to raise any thing but spring Wheat and even that in small quantities. They put up in the Church from 225,000 to 250,000 papers of Garden seed, & their sales in Botanic medicines amounts to about \$30, 000 per year.

At Elder Richards family, or the gathering order they put up 24, 000. papers Garden seeds - raise their own grain - make some brooms, and the Sisters in this family makes a thousand dollars annually making palm leaf table mats. They gave us a sett to bring home with us. They are said to be the most in dependent family in the Mount.

Sis Naomi Ligier called bror William in to hear Nathan Williams sing like Father W^m Nathan told us that he could sing like Father William, but he was not capable of having that love for souls which he & Mother Ann & Father James. He said Mother could compass a man, and all the men in the world could not compass her, for she knew more than them all. Mother Ruth when at meeting, six miles from here, in the first opening of the gospel, was taken by the power of God; commenced turning in a south west direction passing in her course over a run of water & thro' a swamp, and commenced gathering some spiritual substance. Mother Ann then prophesied that the next opening of the gospel would be in that direction and that Mother Ruth (who was then only a youth) should be the Mother of hundreds. Words spoken to bror W^m Reynolds by bror Nathan Williams. When he came to bid me farewell, he stretched out his hands taking mine in his. He said I love this little one, and Mother loves you, Mother Ann is here she owns you. Then he paused while the tears flowed into his eyes, he said you have much to go thro' yet, but Mother will be with you & will not forsake you. After this was spoken to me I never felt more or so much of Mothers love nor ever felt so determined to obey her & follow on in her self denying path; - everything seemed to wilt into nothingness compared with the privilege of being owned of Mother. W^m Reynolds,

Aug. 28. After visiting a little in the forenoon in the Ministry's Shop, we all gathered into a room and Elder Frederic Evans read to us a treatise on sabbath keeping which took into view a good many things of a general reform showing the evils of the present system of land monopoly and showed that this land monopoly is the cause of almost all the evils that beset us in our social state, and setting forth by strong scriptural argument, that no man ought to be allowed by law more land than would be sufficient for his own & family's support & that land monopoly is the foundation of slavery &.

At three o'clock P.M. we in company with the Ministry & brother Peter long set off in two carriages for Hancock 3 miles from Mount Lebanon. It is quite an ascent for a Team. There is hardly any thing to be seen on either side, but steep stony hill sides, and the land which is cleared up looks bleak enough. But as you are ascending the Mountain if you look back you have a beautiful view of the Village & Lebanon valley and a more beautiful scenery is not easily found; and if you look ahead you have a splendid view of the Hancock Mountains. Hancock Village is in a beautiful valley about one mile in width and more in length. Within one mile of the Western Rail Road which passes with in one mile of the Office.

As we were passing over the Mountain Eldress Asenath showed us where Mother Ann once held a large meeting, to a large concourse of people, and Elder James got upon the fence and preached to them; - Also she showed us the place where Mother commanded the horse-men to go back & they did so.

Brother Daniel Boler wished us to give his love to all at some suitable time.

Elder Amos also wished to be remembered to all in love.

Aug. 29th At Hancock we visited the two East Families, which is the 2nd family and gathering order. - Found between 30 & forty members in each family. Bro Thomas Damon & Eldress Dana Brewster and Sister Sarah Harrison went with us to the different Families, had a agreeable time and saw many nice folks. They say but few members come in there to join they are so near to the Fountain head most all prefer passing on there. They make brooms and raise garden seed, and Farm to some extent, raise some Indian corn but have to manure the earth to raise it.

Believers have let out a privilege to the world of digging Iron Ore and receive for every Ton they dig 50^{cts}. The ore is quite extensive on their lands. Took a walk down to their Depot; there is quite a large business at it, but it is all under the control of the brethren.

Aug. 30th Just after breakfast to our surprise who should we be greeted with? Elder Brother Daniel Boler Elder Sister Eliza Ann Taylor and Adazillah Potter with Eliza Ann Broadbent came over from Lebanon where Eliza had arrived late the previous evening from Glen Haven. She having been taken there by her father & left among strangers. She worked until she had earned money enough to take her there. We were much pleased to see the good Company from Mount Lebanon & our little Sister Eliza with them. She returned back with the good Elders to remain there at Lebanon untill we went our 4th round East & see if she cant be reconciled to remain there; & if she cannot to meet us at Groveland, & we meet her there & take her home with us.

We visited the West family in the forenoon. Elder bro David Terry bror Simeon Holebert Elder Sis. Marcia Bayington Mary Ann Auger.

We were conducted in the afternoon by Bror Isaac Auger thro the Center house, their Barn & they have many conveniences, and are what we would call rich; but brethren are scarce, and they seem to have had very bad luck with their young People.

Aug. 31. Spent the forenoon visiting the Ministry's Shop, School & in the afternoon we visited the people in the first order and finished up our visit at Hanesek. It is a handsome place with flat lands sufficient for cultivation.

One of the aged sisters told us a singular account of what transpired in Mother Ann's day, the run of which was as follows A man came with the mob and accused Mother of having been sent from her home in England and was cropped and branded, Mother raised her cap ears, and told him to look & see for himself, and said to him the churning of milk bringeth forth butter and the ringing of the nose bringeth forth blood. And said Mother "I want you to lap out your tongue for every lie you have told! He then commenced putting out his tongue like a snake, and had to run and hide himself not to be seen". - Had a very pleasant visit with the Ministry. Elder Grove is a beautiful brother, he looks so innocent and pure, he puts me in mind of Elder Rufus, his health is poor, the Erysipela s has settled on his lungs, - he cannot speak above a whisper much of the time. They the Ministry made a present to us of one doz. pair of winding blades & four gross of vest and coat buttons We have been in the Meeting House & had a little dance there. It is the same house that Father James Whittaker had built.

We have been to the Girls school today & they performed admirably in Scripture, Astronomy, Geography Anatomy, also reading. They had a Globe about as large as they have at UV. Martha Converse is the Teacher

Brother Daniel Boler bror Barnabas Hinkley and Frederick Evans came over to consult together with the Ministry about taking Elder Grove Wright to Mount Lebanon to be nursed as he is quite low in health - They have concluded to take him home with them and we shall be deprived of his company to Enfield. - Brother Frederick came to see us and we had quite an interesting time with him for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. He told of getting into an argument with a Catholic Priest in Pittsfield on the subject of our faith They argued on the ground from the primitive Church down to the present. A large crowd gathered to hear the controversy between the Shaker & the Catholic.

We attended meeting with the Church, had a good time of it. Bror William R - felt a gift to tell his experience. -

how he was concerned about his soul before he came among believers. - Elder John Martin had a gift of blessing for the youth & children. - Labored some in the quick dance & all seemed to be mutually refreshed.

Sept. 1st At seven o'clock we left Hancock for Enfield in company with three of the Ministry viz. Bror Thomas Damon Eldress Dana Brewster & Sister Sarah Harrison a distance 60. miles 52 of which is by Rail Road arrived at Springfield 40 minutes after nine o'clock. Where three brethren soon arrived with carriages to take us home with them their names were Elder George Wilcox Joseph Allen Augustus Grosvener we arrived at Enfield a few minutes before 12 M. 8 miles, distant from Springfield. Eldress Dana enlivened our trip by telling us an interesting story of a dream she had just before the last time she visited Enfield. The interesting part of it was its singular fulfilment. She also told a story of an Elder brother of Hancock who had been much persecuted by an enemy, who one day while in worship struck him and drew his blood whereupon he quietly tripped him down, and let the blood he had caused to flow, flow into his mouth &c. He told Father James what he had done Father replied, "Well if you gave him what he drew from you I don't see as there is any law broken."

We unitedly sung many heavenly songs as we moved on in the cars

Population of Springfield 1,600. Has a United States armory, and it is a great manufacturing place, principally cotton.

This is the first time I have seen a country lying open to the commons, here is to be seen large fields of corn and other crops laid open to the common without any fence round to protect the crop. We were made welcome to their beautiful Habitations. We found Enfield situated most beautifully - level enough - soil quite productive, and vegetation not liable to suffer much with drouth. - They garden extensively, and have a large amount of seed raised in the country round them, which they vend mostly by the pound & bushel. - They paper perhaps 200,000. Papers. This Society is thought to be richer than any society among believers. They make their money mostly by Garden seeds. Jefferson Whyte is the principal Trustee in the church and is one of the most extensive seed dealers in the United States. He collects his seed from almost all the Societies in the East. He told us the story of the woden cucumber seeds.

The R - Road from Hancock to Springfield is a gigantic work of art and has been constructed at an immense cost. They have many deep cuts, some of them as deep as 80 feet through the solid Rock and many bridges over deep vallies.

Visited the wash house, They carry on their washing by steam. - Have their Tubs made something like a flaring trough 10 or 12 feet long. by 20 inches deep with a partition lengthwise, and again subdivided into square boxes, it is all raised about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the floor. Here is also a wringing Machine that flirts the water out of the clothes, by running around at the velocity of 300 revolutions in a minute. They boil their clothes ring, and wash them all by steam engine of 5 horse power. Cost of which was for the Engine 130 dollars - for the Boiler 150. Total \$280.

Sept 2nd We visited the family numbering eleven. five brethren & six sisters mostly aged, two or three of which were children in Mother Anns day. We spent 3 hours visiting this family, which was established about the year 1800. We then proceeded to the second Family where we were feasted on love, good dinner and Melons with sugar sprinkled on them. This is quite a respectable family of about 50 members. and has appearance of wealth - Has been established about sixty years. This family have recently built a new Office & a new Barn both covered with slate. - The rest of their buildings are mostly covered with Tin. When we collected together for the general visit, we were as is usual placed in little groups of five or six in each group. Elder John acted by request of Elder Thomas Diamond as Boss of the meeting to watch the time & tell us when to change places in the little groups which duty he performed to the universal admiration of all concerned. After this was over it was proposed for Elder John Rankin to tell over his Kentucky revival stories, which seemed to interest the assembly. Bror William having heard the same thing related before & fearing he would expose himself by nodding withdrew, and as he said, put on his hat and strayed up the hill in front of the dwelling house. As he advanced or carelessly strolled along, he saw a neat fence on the top of the Hill. - curiosity led him on; and there in the enclosure, he saw a Marble Slab. This is the Enfield feast ground, whose spiritual name is called, The Mount of Olives & on the Marble Slab was written,

The Lords Stone Written and placed on
this Mount of Olives by the command of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Erected October 7th 1843.

Engraved at Enfield Connecticut

The above lines were engraved on one side, and on the other is engraved the following. The word of the Lord. On this consecrated ground I have placed a living fountain, and here shall my laws be proclaimed, and my name be revered; and I command all people who shall come to this place, not to step within this enclosure, nor place their hands up on this stone

when they are polluted with sin; neither harm ye aught in this place. Bow before me the Lord Jehavah and fear to violate my laws, for I will surely punish the wilful violater of my commands, and those who injure my sacred things

I am a God of justice and am abundant in mercy, calling upon all to honor me, in the purity of their lives Yet will I chasten with Judgements those who defy my power, and set at naught my commands.

My word is truth. Amen.

The Slab as near as I could judge from measuring with my hands is $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet high and $2\frac{1}{2}$ wide. It stands at the head of the Spiritual Pool, which is six feet square, which stands in the center of a lot of ground 4 square and I should judge contained about half an acre of land.

There is one of the finest views to be taken off this Hill that you would wish to see; You can see the 4 families of believers and all their lands which is about 2,000 acres on which is a Pond of 50 acres which affords plenty of water for a vast manufactory. They have 150 head of cattle - 300 head of Sheep - In the center family where there are 90 people, they use 50 barrels of flour in the year. Apples look well here. Bror Jefferson Whyte says he has under cultivation in different parts of the United States, between two and 300 acres of Garden in seed.

Sept 3rd Enfield Conn.

Visited the Ministry in the Meeting House - went from thence to the first family & visited there. Elder John Martin spoke to the young people in quite a sympathetic and eloquent strain of entreaty exhorting them to faithfulness & perseverance in the work of God. He was affected to tears, & so was many others who were present. Elder bror George Wilcox & Elder Sis. Averil Haskil expressed their thankfulness in tears for this present gift of the Elder Johns (for both spoke feelingly,) They admonished all the brethren & sisters to wisely profit by their good counsel. And a number of both the brethren and sisters expressed their thankfulness for the present visit.

We met again at two o'clock in the evening and had quite a pleasant chit chat with the brethren and sisters to our mutual edification.

Susannah Wood an aged Sister sung us one of Mother Anns songs, & showed us how she motioned her hands which was quite different from the way we do it, and indeed bro Daniel Boler motions his hands quite different from us. He seems to avoid this stiff precise up & down movement; He move's along in a rolling peculiar shove very much like the way these sisters said Mother Ann did. Sister Louisa Farrington also

sung and altho those sisters were over 80 years old they sung those two songs in quite a gift and their voices seemed to be but little broken.

In the afternoon at half past six o'clock we were invited to attend the family's meeting, which was one especially appointed for our purpose. We met and after singing a beautiful hymn Elder Bror & brother Thomas very briefly invited all to freedom of speech and action in any to break the bands of death.

We had a real good time of it and it seemed almost impossible to break up the meeting, we sung farewell after farewell, and still we staid - We returned thanks again and again intending each time to be the last, but still we were there and finally had to break up unceremoniously Bror WM R - had quite a gift to pray for the people here & especially the younger part and the brethren and sisters seemed thankful for this gift also. The meeting lasted an hour and a half

Names of the Terry Family

None of these ever went to the world
 Jonathan Terry born 13th Sept 1775.
 David J Terry born July 15 1778.
 Perrigrine T. " June 9th 1781.
 Jabez Terry " Dec. 2nd 1782.
 James T. " Sept 4th 1785.
 Zealots T. " June 4th 1787.
 Timothy T. " April 28th 1790.
 Sarah Terry born Aug 17th 1710.
 Abigail T. " Dec. 6 1747.
 Lucretia T. born June 8th 1748.
 S. Deceased Dec. 14th 1804
 L. do June 28 1824
 A. 1st " Novem. 19th 1841.
 2 Abigail T- born Jan. 12th 1780.
 & Deceased June 27 1844
 Susannah T- born 18th Dec. 1776.
 Deceased April 12th 1844.
 Abigail Terry the 3rd born March 15th 1784

Elders of the different Families at Enfield Connecticut.

Church George Wilcox WM Kellogg

Averil Haskell Elsa Parsons

2nd family Nathan Damon Gilbert Avery

Clarissa Peas Zilpha Blanchard

Gathering Order John Wilcox Harvery S. Kellogg. Ann Ervin

Garah A Denton.

Sept. 4th We have visited the South family or Gathering Order.

It is a small family of about 35 persons. They have built

a large three story house of frame and brick. It is a splendid Edifice and would accommodate from 50 to 60 persons. It was constructed to be warmed by heated air, but failing to give satisfaction in consequence of the inequality of the distribution of the heat. They say some rooms at a distance from the furnace were poorly heated; Therefore they have concluded to remove the apparatus for heating air and are now constructing an apparatus to warm by steam, which will be carried to every room by Iron pipes. This fixture will cost them one thousand dollars. They estimate the cost of the house at ten thousand dollars.

They have here a Trustee Office and all other necessary buildings to make a family comfortable. This family is also reputed to be wealthy, and altho they have just built this house brother Thomas told us they never felt the cost of it. Was conducted thro' the seed shop, and found it a well regulated, profitably conducted arrangement.

We walked thro or over the Grave yard and saw the grave of Father James W and on his head stone was written the following. E L D J. Whittaker Deceased July 20th 1787 aged 37 years. We at home know but little how to treat visitors compared with the people here. Here is a sample of a water melon arrangement which we were invited to partake at two o'clock.

Water Melons sliced & rined & placed in large dishes. Musk Melons in like style - Fine Peaches, and two kinds of splendid native Grapes, and ows well filled with white refined sugar, to be used on these fruits of the Earth, & there is no getting off from eating for Elders. Ministry, sisters all press you to eat, eat, eat, and you are forced to eat as it were. but you need not if you say nay right.

Brother William took a walk alone over to the West house. This house was was evacuated last spring for the want of members, having all proved unfaithful but 5 brethren and 13 sisters.

It is a beautiful place for a family & very convenient for machinery. there is a pond close by the door, and a wire is stretched from the house to the machine shop to call the workmen to dinner.

It has been a time of sifting in this society many have proved themselves unworthy of their high calling, and have fallen back to the beggarly Elements of this world. But a faithful band are here yet who seem determined to go to the end of the race. Sister Elisabeth Wood one of Mothers first born followed me along the walk and requested me to give her love to the young people at home.

Apples and Peaches are abundant here.

September 5th Tuesday. We were conveyed to Springfield with two carriages in company with our good brothers Thomas Damon, Elder Brer George Wilcox and Joseph Fairbanks. we found brother Augustus Grosvenor there who took the cars with us. He is a very pleasant man. A few minutes after 10 o'clock A.M. got to Worcester. - Some time after 12 M our good brother Joseph had us conveyed to the Exchange Tavern, and had a dinner prepared for us & he settled the charges.

After we got into the Tavern brother Jonas Rutting Trustee of Shirley came in, after the usual salutation he presented us with Tickets to pay our way to Shirley. Elder John offered him the money for them but he refused for the present.

After spending about 4 hours in the city and visiting the Lunatic Asylum. We took the Cars at half after four o'clock P.M. conducted by our good brother Augustus, & reached the Shirley Depot at half past 5 o'clock there we found two good brethren and carriages to convey us to Shirley where we arrived before sun down. Was met by the Ministry Elders, brethren, and Sisters and made welcome to their peaceful habitations This Lunatic asylum in Massachusetts is in the Town or City of Worcester. It is a splendid Edifice of Granite and Brick nice and clean and has about 350 maniacs in it, who are well cared for. Each one has his neat room furnished with a bed, clean white counterpane and a chair. The halls are large and well lighted and adorned with cheap pictures in frames. They have news papers, books and other ways to amuse themselves, and altho' we were stared at much by the inmates we were not molested They have a large meeting room where the Lunatics assemble for worship.

We entered Shirley from the South. The land to the East is level. - On the West it gradually rises, to the height of I would guess of a hundred feet. The soil of Shirley is rather sandy and stony to be productive, however by using manure they can generally get good crops. Shirley is a neat little Village. They have at the Church family a Brick Office quite spacious, a brick wash house, and quite a respectable framed dwelling a snug hip roofed Meeting house and all the neat and necessary buildings to represent a respectable Shaker Village.

Here we saw the old house where Mother Ann was shut up in the closets & went into the same two closets and was shut up too, as well as did some of the rest of our company. I stood on the very part of the floor where Father James kneeled down and showed Mother his back after he had been taken and whipped by the Harvard mob. The house is a two storied frame, and altho' it now looks shabby and weather beaten, In those days it was considered a respectable dwelling.

We spent two days pleasantly at Shirley visiting and looking round at their premises. The large factory building, and other

buildings erected by them to be rented, stand about one mile to the N. East of the Village. They together with the building of dams. - Cutting races &c cost them about \$40,000 for which they rent the whole for \$3200. payable semiannually. They have rented at that rate for 15 years. The renter having the privilege of keeping it five years longer by giving due notice.

The people here say in regard to Ice Houses, if there is the least hole any where under the Ice where the air can get in, it will melt the Ice very fast; Therefore, the utmost caution is necessary to guard against air; and when the Ice is opened it should be at the top. They give good reasons for their statements and their position is founded on good philosophy. For hot air has a tendency to rise, and if this hot air can get into a cold body from beneath it will pass with great rapidity to the top, and consequently melting in its course all the Ice in its way. Therefore they assert that an Ice house with its whole top part exposed to the sun (providing there is straw on it to keep the rays off) will not melt as fast as if one little hole the size of a spike nail is left in the sides or bottom of the building where air can have access. Their Icehouse here is a little framed building made above ground and plastered on the outside after our western mode of finishing buildings and an inner wall of wood leaving a space of 18 inches for tan bark or sawdust, they think the first is preferable where it can be obtained; and do so with the door way also.

We had meeting at the Church family gave out the love, sung many songs - had some laboring &c.

I had a season of sorrow and deep tribulation last night & could not rest well, and indeed this whole journey has been well mixed with this kind of experience. After thinking of many things, and many ways of seeking releasment from my sufferings of mind, and seeing no way of honorably escaping the cup prepared for me; at I cried in spirit to God to help me yield my whole life up in his service. and soon I fell asleep.

Wm R The Sisters rode in the carriage & the brethren walked to the far famed Factory of Shirley. The house is a three storied building above the basement story. Contains 128 cotton Looms besides braking, slubbing, carding and spinning machines to keep the looms in yarn. - All the work is done here from the raw cotton in the bale to the finished cloth, which is an extra fine article. The warp of which is 72 threads to the inch well beat up, width 36 inches & brings 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts in Market. They employ 100 operatives. The dam flows about 1,000 acres of land, but the dam is only partly owned by believers

We went to their sacred ground called the Holy Hill. At Shirley. and on their marble Slab was engraved the the following words.

WORD OF THE LORD

Behold ye saith Lord, my doings shall greatly confound the mind of natural man. Here flows my holy Fountain of pure and living waters. - Come all ye who thirst for salvation, purify your hearts and freely partake.

But those who are defiled with sin, thus saith the God of heaven. Touch not my holy fountain, deface not any thing on this holy hill; for if this ye do, cursed shall ye be, and in Judgement will I meet you, in a time that ye least suspect it: For I am not a God to be mocked by vain man. Therefore fear and tremble before Me. When you read or hear this my solemn word, and take heed to your ways, for I have chosen this place and sanctified it unto myself, and my holy Angels watch and guard around it, and record all your doings here, saith the God of Israil.

To this place shall I call my people to worship me their God, and like the dews of heaven shall my blessing descend upon the pure in heart, and from this place shall my word go forth in mercy and in Judgement to the children of men.

All power is mine & all flesh is as grass before me, but the objects of my delight are those who do my holy will, saith the GREAT I AM. amen.

Written and placed here by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Engraved at Harvard Erected July 15th 1844

The foregoing writing was taken from the marble Slab on the place called the Holy Hill.

This is a neatly fenced piece of ground of about half an acre on the top of a high hill, and about 80 rods from the Office. There are no shade trees in it, but they have planted a few pines along the fence around it. In the center is a six square pool at the head of which is the Marble Slab about five feet high from which was taken the foregoing writing. I penned the writing while I sat beneath the stone in the Pool, leaned back against the posts thereof in the dusk of the evening. After which I worshiped there while I felt the dews of Gods love distilling in my soul. W^m Reynolds

We had meeting at the Gathering Order and were feasted on fruits of both spiritual and temporal things.

We had water melons and musk melons, fine Peaches and white loaf sugar to be sprinkle the fruits with. We had no sugar at Lebanon to sweeten our melons. but we had all sorts of sandies and sweet meats & we had Tomatoes sweetened with loaf sugar and them in the Elders shop room

7th Today we visited the hip roofed Meeting house, the only one they have here. It is over 60 years old, and looks neat and clean with its neat white fence around it. This is the house that some turn backs got into, and kept possession of for three days, and abused it very much cooking & broiling their meat &c. They were finally compelled to leave it, by the Sheriff.

Had union meeting with the Deacons this evening, sung for them. They said they were very thankful to have us with them, said they considered it a great privilege & notice to them to have us call and see them. I really believe they were glad to wait on us and felt it a privilege to do so.

It is nearly 10 oclock P.M. and all around is wrapped in sable gloom of midnight darkness, nothing is to be heard but the crickets song, and occasionally the shrill whistle steam Charriot which even in the gloom of midnight ceases not to speed its way. So I will cease to write for the last time at the little village of Shirley. For in all probability I will never see this place again - (Yet I may) and the next time I raise my pen, it will be at that land of sufferings, sufferings indeed it was to Mother and the Elders. So farewell Shirley and may you increase in the knowledge of the things of God and in the numbers of good honest souls.

The believers of Shirley own about 2,500 acres of Land and none of it can be very good, altho' land situated as it is, if it was in the West would be good. - W^m. R.

Sept 8th After having an agreeable visit at Shirley we left in company with the good Ministry for Harvard which is only about 7 miles from Shirley. - Arrived there about ten oclock A.M. found the good Elders, brethren and sisters in good health & prosperous.

Had a pleasant ride. passed the croton Junction where six R - Roads meet and the Trains connect three times a day. Thirty two Trains of passenger cars connect here every day with an average aggregate of 3,000. passengers per day, besides a corresponding amount of freight Trains. It is distant from Harvard about 3 miles. There is but a few houses here but the probability is that a Town will soon be built, however it has no attractions but the Rail Roads. - no water privileges & the country is not a farming one.

You enter the Village of Harvard from the North. - The first family you meet is the 2nd family who have lately built a new house of Brick on the hill north of their old dwelling, and perhaps 30 rods of it. They did not like the old site it being low a place. About three 4th of mile from this is the Church family built in a hollow place, yet it is a little rising. The first house you meet on the East side of the road is the far famed Square House, built in 1770 by Shadrach Ireland.

Harvard is a lovely place and many precious souls reside there. It is the place where Mother and our first Parents suffered much persecution in establishing the gospel.

The church of Harvard numbers between 80 and 90 persons. They till in all their farm crops about 12 acres. - Their Botanic Gardens amount to 3 acres. And they have

3 hands engaged in cultivating this and pressing herbs, roots and barks. The land is rather rocky for farming purposes & they make their support mostly putting up herbs, making brooms & manufacturing many nice articles for sale. They have Boston for a Market where they can go by Rail Road in two hours. do business & return the same day. They say the sales of their herbs amount \$8,000. a year. They have their herbs mostly procured by other persons for them just as they do at Mount Lebanon & other places.

They say it would cost from 50. to 100. dollars an acre to put their land in a condition to Till. In the first place they in commencing a piece of land ;take powder picks, and crow-bars to blast and pry out the stone, when they get the surface stone all out of the ground is litterally covered to the depth of from 6 inches to a foot, then these are all to haul off of the ground. This is the material they make fences of. After the ground is all cleared of these stones (which is no trifle to do) They commence with the plow, and plow the land 3 times over each time bringing to view a fresh supply of stone. When these are all cleared off, the ground is in a tolerable condition to bring crops by manuring it well, & keeping it up with with manure.

They dont feed their oxen any grain neither winter nor Summer. The oxen that is fed on grain are very much adicted to loll the tongue, but those fed no grain will hardly ever loll.

They send their milk to Boston once a day, they take it to the junction & put it on board the cars from whence it is taken to the Boston Market. Today we visit the Square House built by Shadrach Ireland which is 84 years old. - It is two stories high with a good cellar. There is where Mother Ann and the first Elders lived for the space of two years. but were finally compelled to leave in consequence of persecution and go back to Watervliet. We were in the room called Mothers room, and in the meeting room where Shadrach and his followers used to meet together for worship which was afterwards used by believers for a meeting room. Elder Grove B- told us they used to have meetings some times 14 days at a time, they had four hours to sleep in each night, and then got up and went right into meeting and labor all only while they were eating their meals, and thus they continued for 14 days at a time.

This house has lately gone thro' a repair which has altered its appearance very much, so that now there is no antiquated appearance; The roof which was very flat is now raised and covered with slate; and it is newly weatherboarded and painted a light yellow; The inside altho' repaired has been left as much as possible in its original style; The same old swinging partition doors, - the same raised pannel work which was there in Mothers day still remains. In Mothers room there are only

three boards in the floor, which were there when she occupied it; They are much worn by time. - Here too is the room where Father James used to weave, he brought his web on the beam from Water Vliet and made a loom & wove his web here is this little room. For many years this house was occupied by the aged Sisters, but many of have died and the rest have been moved to the center family. The house is occupied by little girls. They showed us a secret hiding place up near the top of the chimney where Ireland used to conceal himself when his persecutors sought him. - His faith was that he would live forever and that all of his followers who were faithful would also. They lived a life of celibacy and were much persecuted by the wicked.

Finally he took sick and died, and his followers opened a vault in the cellar wall and placed his remains there. They kept his body there for three days, and the stench became intolerable, so one night they carefully took up some hills of corn & there dug a grave and placed the body in it, filled it up & carefully set the corn stalks back to their place again; they grew off nicely, and the world at large could not learn what become of Shadrach Ireland. They showed us the place in the cellar wall where they first concealed his body.

The following proclamation was taken from the Marble Slab on the feast Ground, Harvard

WORD OF THE LORD ALMIGHTY

Hol! Every one that thirsteth come ye to the fountain, the humble and meek the pure in spirit, and the honest hearted may here drink & bathe in these holy waters and find rest to their souls. - But the proud and impure, the hypocrite and the rebellious, thus saith the God who ruleth the Univers. Come not to these holy waters, for all who sin against me in this thing, shall surely fall under my wrath & hot displeasure. I the God of Heaven & Earth have not sent by my holy Angels this solemn warning on a sheet of fire, to the children of men who are yet lost in sin, to be mocked and derided. Come not on this holy spot, persecute not my people on this holy ground Lift not your hands to deface - to destroy, or even to touch any thing within this Holy place, for all who disobey my word, I will cut down in my wrath, and load them chains of Judgment at some future day. This is the spot I have chosen, whereon my people can worship Me the Lord their God, and it must be kept holy till time shall End. - - - Amen.

The foregoing was Engraved at Harvard November 23rd 1843. 9th September. A new thing under the sun Here is a press on which can be pressed two pounds of herbs, roots, or bark per minute

The brethren were pressing Elm Bark to day when we went into the shop; it was weighed in single pounds, put into the press and was ready to paper in two minutes

Sister Betty Babbitt told us an anecdote on Elder Abithar Babbitt which occurred when he was a lad about 3 years old. which was as follows. - Now says Abithar to his little sister. I am going to ride away, and I will come back & rap at the door, then you must bid me to come in and ask me about my health & families. So he got on his little stick horse & rode round the door yard, and then drove up to the door & knocked and the following speech took place. Little sister says come in Abithar enters. Good morning Mr. Babbitt good morning. How is your family Mr. B- O my family are all well; all but my wife. Is your wife sick indeed? O yes, what will you do if your wife dies? O I don't know. Why, what will you do with your children? I I guess I will make a stew of them.-

Elder Grove B--related the following story he said, Some years since, when the manifestations were at their highest, a spirit possessed a sister. The spirit was an Irish woman. She said she wished to become acquainted with the first Leaders of the society, she was told the first leaders (meaning the Ministry) would be here in a few days, and invited her to come again. On our arrival the instrument came in to the Elders room, and requested an interview with the Ministry, which was granted, she came and sat down and got into a conversation about matters, & while we were all seated around the stove The pipe began to creel over and finally fell over & filled the room with smoke. This done, the next move was to tip over the stove. The stove was not tipped over suddenly but was gradually raised at our side and emptied of its contents on the floor in plain view of us all in the room. & no one could be seen to do it. After awhile the Irish woman (thru the Instrument) said "It was you Johnny that done that mischievous trick, you are always getting into mischief but I'll attend you after awhile, but you must leave the room now. So she (thru the Instrument) opened the door, and as she said put Johnny out, and promised to have a settlement with him, for overturning the Stove and pipe. But Johnny was invisible to us as well as his Mother. So when the door was closed she sat down again, and enquired what that black thing was used for, and what it was standing there in the middle of the floor for. We told her it was used to keep fire in to warm the folks by O! said she if that is its use it must be a good thing, and after some more conversation she went away satisfied. But this was kind a curious, want it? why yea. At another time, two sisters were sitting in a room, and I saw in their aprons something like fire, and mentioned the fact to them. They looked and said it was fire, and asked me why I had not told them of sooner. So they got up off of their seats and the fire fell to the floor, and looked like an iron heated to a red hot heat, it

rolled about on the floor and finally disappeared.

This was kind a curious for it was seen by all in the room as well as I. G. B.

Had quite an agreeable union meeting with Ministry of Harvard. Elder Grove B- asked us if we would be pleased to hear about Ireland. We all agreed we would. So he took out a packet of letters and read to us the substance of which was as follows Ireland was a convert of Whitfields who used to preach in the United States some 100 years since, and was cotemporary with John Wesley. - Ireland became converted to Whitfields doctrine, and became a zealous advocate of purity and advocated a life of celibacy and had great light and power and by his zeal, became obnoxious to the priests of his day; and they threatened to take his life if he remained in Boston. Therefore, he sought refuge in the wilderness of Harvard, and his followers collected and built the house which is known by the name of the square House. This house was built in secret, for none of the neighbors knew that such a house was in building until it was up.

Ireland was then moved into the house where he lived 15 years, and none of the neighbors knew of his being there until some time after he was buried. He taught his people that if he died his body would rise again the third day, or the ninth. They kept his body concealed in the cellar of the house until they could endure the smell no longer so they took the body in the night & buried it as before stated in the cornfield. So secret were they about their movements in regard to S- Ireland, that when they had occasion to speak his name, they would never call his name but would always say the Man & when they concluded to bury him, they took up 3 hills of corn and dug his grave - put down the coffin & carefully replaced the hills of corn so that it grew and none but those who buried him and his followers could tell where the grave was.

But poor Ireland fell from his first light and took to himself a spiritual wife some years before his decease.

Sept 10th Sabbath. Had a very agreeable visit with the first family in Union meeting Elijah Myrick seemed to be charmed with Eldress Sallies God like deportment, and would follow her up to hear her talk where ever she would go. that is to whatever circle she would sit at. Church meeting at two o'clock half an hour later than usual.

The meeting house is small, was built in 1791. on the hip roof order of Architecture, but is quite adequate to the presents wants of the Church.

At some future day they purpose to build a larger Meeting House, not on the present site, but between the Ministry's Shop and the Office, they also have in their minds to build a dwelling house large enough to contain the Church Family. They now live in two buildings This house they purpose to build on the ground where the present Meeting house is.

We will now speak of the Meeting! It was opened by singing an appropriate hymn after which Elder Grove addressed the people on the necessity of being thankful and improving every privilege. Then referred to us, stating that he considered this an extra privilege they had, and it was one he had long desired to be blest with seeing some of his western friends at this place, and said in speaking this he

was only speaking the sentiments of all his brethren and sisters said he hoped we would free while in meeting and take much comfort among them. They all unitedly made us welcome. We unitedly thanked them, then each one of us spoke a few words separately, in reference to the privilege we had to come and see the place where Mother and our first Elders dwelt and suffered. -

Then commenced laboring in a mixed dance each sex on their own side of the room, they did not stand in one place as we do in the west, but went in a kind of promiscuous leaping shuffle. The boys did not mix in with the brethren but had a little circle of their own. -

Then marched round in the circular order, some speaking was done by them & us. Elder John Martin spoke to the youth, stirring up their minds to appreciate their good home - brother W^m spoke some of his thankfulness for the present privilege we had. Got quite happy in the reflection of being in the house of our Father and Mother so he said, he leaped with joy for the great deliverance he felt from bondage and power of man. and in the depth of my soul thanked the brethren & sisters & gave them my love and blessing. - Eldress Sally & Sister Naomi spoke some in reference to the gratitude they felt in being permitted to visit this place. & Elder John Rankin & all of our company united in the same, & manifested our gratitude for the privilege we enjoyed in the land where Mother and the Elders suffered in laying the foundation of the gospel and for the love we felt from those here now. Several of the brethren and sisters spoke expressive of their thankfulness to see us. The deacons & Trustees here are spiritually minded, they spoke in meeting at some length and this too without being called on by their Elders. On the whole we had a good and comforting meeting, of one hours time.