

Friday July 4th 1862

There was nothing done by the way of a public celebration. The steamer made an excursion to Comfort. Left at 9 and returned at 8 P.M. there was a salute fired by the cutter at 12 M. a Prayer meeting held & in the evening the citizens on their private ground made a grand & less display of fireworks and so the day ended. I went to Mrs Booth in the afternoon, and Miss Beach in the evening, was in the street till 9 - home at 10¹/₂.

Saturday 5th

A fair morning not perfectly clear so was the day.

Sunday Aug 11th

A pleasant day quite comfortable in the evening called at Mrs B's she had retired with a headache. I then called at Uncle Ephraim's. Stayed till 10¹/₂ clock and came home. I think people when they become old are mighty apt to be a little uncomfortable about many things, and for any two persons to live together in real peace and quiet there must be a great many concessions on both sides; there are advantages and disadvantages in almost all conditions of life and if they are weighed fairly and the advantages are more than the opposite then in the language of "Crockett" go ahead - judge ye for yourselves.

Sunday Aug 31st 1862

A splendid day not a cloud in the heavens and cool and delightful. Went to church heard the Rev Mr Hodge a fair discourse nothing remarkable but the day, how glorious!!! I hope our hearts are attuned to these days so lovely and so beautiful. Thanks I suppose will go with the Guards this week. I hope if they are called into active service they will do valiantly. I shall say as the Roman Tribune said return with your shield or on it.

Tuesday Aug 2^d 1862

Very cool to night for the season. Letitia & her husband are spending a few days in town she brings about 200 lbs. I saw her Sunday night. I am in this or 8 corner Room at 9 o'clock writing this.

Sunday Sept 8th 1862

A foggy morning went over to "Fish Island" early. Left at 6 o'clock. Frank went over to Comfort about 8th of August. Mr Barton wife & daughter took tea here last night. I try to make myself useful in all I attempt to do and I hope the world will be no worse for my having lived in it.

Thursday Sept 18th 1862

To day the O B City Guards left this City for the Camp Ground at Lakeville. Frank is Commander with a great many others taking their chances in the battle of his country if he shall be called into the conflict. Called at Mr Barton's this evening he came from camp all right up there he said. Home to night at 10 o'clock.

Sunday 28th Sept 1862

Went to church this morning. Mr Potter preached on the Proclamation of the President. I concurred with a good part of what he said although I did not agree with him in all points. Raining to day and this evening while I sit writing this at about 8¹/₂ o'clock. I went to the cattle show at Myrick's two days during the last week they were most splendid days. I enjoyed the scenes very much. Nothing specially new at this time we are moving along about in our accustomed train a little work - some reading - some thinking and with the hope that we are of a little use in our day and generation.

Monday 5th Oct 1862

A bright clear day last night there was a fire at Whitier's carriage factory just north of the "Parker House" the steam engines were on hand and checked it very quickly. The wind was blowing at the time a perfect gale but just at that time the wind changed to the West or West and we had a shower but considering the situation of the buildings the hour at night 10 o'clock and the high wind which then prevailed I think they did exceedingly well. The City Guards were home two days last week. Tuesday and Wednesday went back Thursday morning in good spirits. This morning I went to church. Mr Potter preached fair discourse is about 200 lbs.