

Sunday Aug 30th 1863

Yesterday Mrs Kensington started for her home. Uncle Ephraim died Wednesday morning Aug 19th about 10 o'clock A.M. The funeral and burial took place Friday 5 o'clock. Mr. Potter & Hedges officiated. Only the family followed the remains to their last resting-place with one or two exceptions.

The Estate at the time of this date as far as Mr H. is concerned is settled and it seems like very quick work. I lived with him eight years and he always seemed very near to me and I always thought a great deal of him (v.c.) I always had and affectionate regard for him. We are none of us perfect but if I am any judge of men it is not often you will find a man with so many good qualities as he did. He was sensible, thoughtful and considerate.

He had lived a good life and he had the solace and thought which such a life gives. He was true to his highest conviction of duty and would not shrink from what he thought right and only think what a strength there is in such a faith.

"Living far off each thing of sin and guilt
And in clear dream and solemn vision
Tell her of things that no gross ear can hear
Till of converse with heavenly habitants
Begin to cast a beam on the outward shape
The unpolluted temple of the mind
And turn it by degrees to the soul's essence
Till all be made immaterial."

I hope we shall imitate his excellencies and his faults perhaps we may avoid, but there are common to us all and we must overlook and forgive them. At one of friend's should not be hated for little faults. And when I think how few he had and how many I have I say a true and noble man has gone from among us. To that home from whence no traveler returns. When Mrs Kensington left us yesterday it seemed as though the last link between him and me was parted. I was intimate in my relationship with him and passed many many pleasant evenings at his house and from other places had a warm and hearty welcome. It was one of a very few places where I was a frequent visitor and the recollection of them is so pleasant!!!

Sunday Mar. 27th 1864

Been to the house of worship to day, listened to a very good discourse from Mr. Badger; there was an alarm of fire last night, said to have been at Smith's Bakery on North Second Street - to-day is mostly clear this morning, alternate clear and cloudy and P.M. clear with some mild wind went up towards the Country Room met Mr. Butler and look round a little and then went home.

April 10th Sunday 1864

To day is one of Rain. The wind has been at East about three weeks and it has been very disagreeable weather. I am not "weather sick" very often but I confess to it a little now certainly, three weeks of the kind of weather of very trying to almost any one. We have had some clear weather but most of the time it has been cloudy.

I have been to the "House" of worship to day and in the afternoon have finished reading the last Vol of Hutter's History Dutch Republic. Frank & Sarah are in Boston to day. She has been there ever since Tuesday and he goes down every night. The ~~business~~ Some of the principal events of one's life is a very profitable business in my opinion for they are convenient some times as matter of reference. I was in Suffolk yesterday. I came home in a Chaise with Mr. Rice. Miss Greene is here from R.I. and cousin Fanny Leach of Brunswick. He has been here I think she is a very nice girl. I did myself the pleasure to take them Mrs G & L out to ride a fortnight ago to Milton (and Rd the carriage hire at the time) and Mrs Cory let us go a little way with us we had a very pleasant time. I think Mrs L is a very fine in spirit and understanding also.

Thursday April 14th 1864

The vote on the water question has been taken to day and resulted in the Yea being about 174 votes ahead. The vote was small about 1200 voting. The wind has changed and has been S.W. to day in the evening. I have been to the City Council meeting we got through about 8 o'clock and then I went up to Ed. Bartlett and Jan. Frank & L. Came home at 10 o'clock and at 10 1/2 am writing this.

Friday April 21st 1864

During the last week Frank has had the Measles - To Monday will be my birth day. I am 26 well I trust taken as a whole the world is no worse for my existence he makes mistakes.