

## BENJAMIN F. PEARSON'S WAR DIARY

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*Nov. 17.* Maj Morey & D Sturgeon called again to see me today, Capt Whittredge of the 43rd Indiana & A Genl to Col McClain of the 43rd Ind who was Commander of our Brigade, arrived here at Little Rock today he made his escape from Tyler Texas he was captured with us on the 25th of April last at the battle of Mark's Mills Ark

*Nov. 18.* Maj Morey & H Sturgeon called on me again today they expect to start in the morning to Ft Smith on a steamer I have had a severe time with Rheumatic pains I have not been able to leave camp for the past two days

*Nov. 19.* I suffered severe pains from Rheumatism.

*Sunday, Nov. 20.* Evening I hobbled out to meeting Lieut Mosier of the 18th Ills infy preached from Pauls 2nd letter to Timothy I am now ready to be Offered up & the time of my departure is at hand I have fought a good fight &c

*Nov. 21.* I took dinner with Rev Ed. Crowl & spent the evening with Capt Vances family

*Nov. 22.* In the morning Ice on the ponds in Little Rock Ark bore me up & I walked on it. at 9 Oc A M I called on Judge H C Caldwell & I took dinner with ——— Hollman one of the members of the legislator evening I called on Rev Edward Crowl.

*Nov. 23.* At 10 Oc A M I was invited into the Cenet Chamber & I was called on to officiate as Chaplain At 1 Oc P M I attended the congratulatory meeting at the State house in relation to the reelection of A Lincoln The meeting was large & enthusiastic the brass band was present & played finely the Opening speech was made by Judge ——— Cenitor from Phillips Co. & next by Dr Kirkwood then Col Fishback U.S.Cenitor then Judge Barton Cenitor Ark then ——— Stoddard formerly A Lincons private sec then Maj Ham Cenitor of Ark & closed by a speech by Governor Murphy of Arks, they were all pithy spirited speeches Genl Steele was present, my son & I called on Judge Caldwell & then on Rev Edward Crowl & at 7 Oc night we saw a fire in the City & Brother Crowl & us went down & there was almost one block on the Levee burnt & much Gov property consumed.

*Nov. 24.* I went down in the City of Little Rock Ark to See the destruction the fire had made last night & the Commissary stores were yet burning in heaps I called a short time on Brother Benham. Our Surgeant council me to resign & take better care of myself than I can in the army.

*Nov. 25.* I kept in camp all day & spent the evening with Capt



Yours Most Affectionately  
Benjamin Pearson  
1st Lieut Co G 36 Iowa Inf

LIEUT. B. F. PEARSON, KEOSAUQUA

Vances family I received an Order from Maj W D Green A G to report at 9 Oc A M tomorrow to sit on Courts Martelal from day by day until released I am therefore detached from the Regt.<sup>34</sup>

*Nov. 26.* We met Organized our Courts Martial & adjourned until Monday at 9 Oc A M I suffered severely with Rheumatism in my joints & especily in my left hip.

*Nov. 27.* At 11 Oc A M I attended the Union M E Church Brother Flecharty from Moline Ill who is here now on the Christian Commission preached & Lieut Mosier of the 18th Ill Infty exorted text Luke 15th Ch & 10 verse There is joy in heaven over one Sinner that repentith &c. At candleliteing I tried to preach from James 4 ch & 14th verce & Brother Mosier exorted & invited mourners & one bateryman came weeping he was very penitent but did not obtain the blessing At 4 Oc P M I called on Judge Caldwell & he introduced me to the U S District Atturney for the State of Ark. Mr Redman of Dubuque Iowa

*Nov. 28.* 9 Oc A M I went to our courts martial room & was excused went back to camp Our Regt recd orders to be ready to march at 1 Oc P M & I was sory to see our boys have to leave their nice winter quarters they have gone some 4½ miles out on the Benton road to guard a mill they have to fix winter qrs & put up fortifications I remain here on detached duty also Maj Hamilton of our Regt is on courts martial duty & Capt Lambert is on military commission & we three now mess together. Capt Wm L Vermillion is on detached duty as Board of examining surgons for the Arkansas Militia evening I atended church Rev Flecharty preached & the Chap 40th Iowa exorted

*Nov. 29.* The Steamer St Cloud that I shiped on at St Louis & that sunk at St Genevieve the last of October has been raised repaired & arived here at Little Rock this day & she delivered me 10 & ½ bbls of apples out of the 12 bbls that I shipped on it.

*Nov. 30.* At 9 Oc A M we met at our Courts martial room transacted some business & adjurned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow at noon I received my apples at my quarters At 1 Oc P. M. Our good Chaplain M H Hare arived at Little Rock looking quite poorly but much better than I expected to see him, he was captured with us at the battle of Mark's Mills April 25th & he was taken to Tyler Texas. he & I took tea & spent this evening with Rev Edward Crowl

*Dec. 1.* Very warm Musketoos quite bad at 9 Oc A M we met at our Court Martial room & commenced & proceeded with a case until ½ past 12 Oc noon got through with the witnesses on one side & adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow afternoon Chaplain M H Hare & I called on Judge Caldwell had a pleasant interview

*Dec. 2.* We met in our Court Martial room at 9 Oc A M tryed two soldiers of Co K 1st Mo Battery commanded by Capt James Marr Chief of Artilera Depart of Arkansas

<sup>34</sup>See facsimile of a letter from Lieutenant Pearson to Colonel Kittredge announcing this appointment, ANNALS OF IOWA, No. 2, p. 82.

*Dec. 3.* At 9 Oc A M we met at our Court Room but our Judge Advocate had recd his papers excepting his resignation & he is out of the Army & we adjourned to meet Monday at 9 Oc A.M. at noon I went out to where our Regt are camped guarding a mill & I returned back to the city at sun set & evening I went to the State house & herd  
 ——— Rogers & Maj Johnson

*Sunday, Dec. 4.* At 11 Oc A M Chaplain M H Hare & I after having a morning ride on horseback Called to the M E Church & heard a good sermon by the Preacher in Charge ——— Wentz he is also P Elder of the district, the text was Ezekiel 33 ch 7th & 8th verse Chaplain Hare & I took dinner with Rev Edward Crowl afternoon Chaplain went out to our Reg & at 3 Oc I was at the Colored M E Church & the Paster Rev Bruce of Iowa organised a new the Sabbath School. Evening I preached to them from 2nd Corinthian 5th ch & 10th verse Rev Oliver of the 29th Iowa exorted after me & Called mourners & there was 7 came to the alter we had a time of power. after meeting closed the Rev Andrews a Colored Brother maried a couple of the Coloured members, Chaplain Hare & I then went to our quarters & slept together

*Dec. 5.* At 9 Oc A M we met at our Court Room & no Judge Advocate appearing we adjourned until tomorrow at 9 Oc A M. I then went to our hospital & saw the few convelesence. Chaplain Hare & I then went out by invitation & took dinner with Chaplain F. M. Slusser of the 33rd Iowa Infty at 2 Oc P. M. we attended the chaplains association at the Sanitory room & had a pleasant time Rev Holiday 77th Ohio Inft Presided, presant M H Hare 36th Iowa Slusser 33rd Iowa Garrison 40th Iowa Rand 1st Iowa Cav Thair a Sanitary agent & my humble self. after dismission I visited the inmates at the Jail & in the evening I went to the state house & heard a good speech by Judge Baxter U S Senator from this State

*Dec. 6.* At 9 Oc A. M. we met at our Court Room & our new Judge Advocate ast for time to prepare his papers & we adjourned until 9 Oc tomorrow morning Afternoon Mrs Chittingden came to our Hospital & I invited her to my headquarters & then I acompanied her to her boarding house at the hospital of the 29th Iowa Infty Vols Mrs Chittingden informed me where she had seen several boxes catridges & two pairs of fine Appaletts & in the evening I got Capt Polock Chief of Police & some guards & we went & seized them but did not get the man.

*Dec. 7.* At 9 Oc A M we met in our Court room had a new Judge Advocate John B Hannak 51 Ills Inft we tryed one private of Co. K 1st Mo light artillery, the Co is commanded by Capt James Marr, in the evening Chaplain M H Hare & I attended the Colored M E Church Rev Hugh Brady preacher in charge of them preached & called mourners there was several came forward text 2nd Corinthians 6th Ch 1st verse

*Dec. 8.* At 9 Oc A M we met at our Court room but for want of a quorum we adjourned until 9 Oc tomorrow. Afternoon Chaplain Hare

& I hired a colored man with his dray & we moved from our Quarters at the old Camp of the 36th Iowa, down into the city of Little Rock on the corner of Main & Mulberry Streets into a room with Rev Hugh Brady at night we attended the Church of the Colored Methodist Rev Oliver Williams of the 29th Iowa preached & called mourners a number ware up Text Acts 17th ch & 27th verse

*Dec. 9.* At 9 Oc A.M. we met in our Room of Genl Court Martial & took up the case of Private Samuel Laird now of Co C 18th Ill Infy Vols & formerly a member of Co F same Regt

*Dec. 10.* At 9 Oc A M we met in Our General Court room & proceeded with the tryal of Samuel Laird until 1 Oc P M we adjourned to meet on the 12th at 9 Oc A M evening Chaplain Hare & I attended meeting at the church of the colored Methodist & the Rev Wallace Andrews Colored, preached & called mourners & five came to the alter text except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish

*Sunday, Dec. 11.* At 11 Oc A M I went to Church at the Colored Methodist it was to have been quarterly meeting but on the account of the cold the P Elder ——— Wentz put it off, for two weeks I went home with Brother Wentz & took dinner & the Chaplain of the 40 Iowa Rev Garrison came home with Mrs Wentz from the Union M E Church & we had a pleasant time at 3 Oc P M I went to church & Rev Samuel Folkington a black man preached from the 15th Ch of Rev & it was an excelent discourse & after him Wm Talt Harden mulatto preached from the 3rd verse of the 15th of Rev & he preached well. & at night Chaplain Hare & I went, & their Pastor Rev Hugh Brady preached text Revelation 1st & 7th verse there was a time of power & several clear conversions among them a son & daughter of Rev Andrews, colored

*Dec. 12.* The Arkansas river was frozen over here at Little Rock last night & remains so this night, but the wether is moderating. at 9 Oc A M we met in our Court Martial & at 1 Oc P M we adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow. At 2 Oc P M I met in the Chaplains association by a special invitation of theirs entered upon their minutes of last mondays requesting me to be with them as often as it is possible for me to, evening we attend the Colored Church Rev Garrison Chaplain of the 40th Iowa preached text Ecclesiastes 3rd & last clause of the 15th verse, there was a time of power & some 35 mourners came to the alter & near half of them ware converted I put in a requisition to the Post Qr Master & drew 2 cords wood

*Dec. 13.* At 9 Oc A M we met in our court room & proceeded with the case of Laird until 1½ P M when we got through with the witnesses & he asked for time to bring in a written defence & we granted him until 9 Oc tomorrow, I received notice from head Qrs of the 1st division of the 7th Army Corps that the finding of the Millitary commission in the case of me overstaying the time of my sick leave is approved & I am restored to duty without loss of pay subject to the aproval of the Secretary of war, by order of Brig Gen F Salomon. My son sent me in a load of wood.

*Dec. 14.* At 9 Oc we met in our court room & got through with the case of Samuel Laird & took up the case of ———, my son & Ely Bryant came in to see me & took dinner with the Chaplain & I, in the evening the Chaplain & I went to the Colored Church, the Rev Oliver Williams preached from John 1st & latter clause of the 29th verse there ware 40 mourners came to the alter

*Dec. 15.* At 9 Oc A M we met at our court room & proceeded with buisness the evening haveing the appearance of rain I did not go to church being so afflicted with the Rheumatism I visited our hospital a little before night. I also called to see Rev Wentz P E of this district he was absent at Duvall Bluff

*Dec. 16.* At 9 Oc A M we met in our court room & adjourned as some of the court wished to be presant at Genl F Steele's last review which took place, today he leaves this department tomorrow I hope he will act more favoarable to Soldiers & Loyal citizens in days to come & not be so partial to rebbles as he has here. he has their praise & best wishes while the curses of the loyal people follow him Afternoon I spent an hour with Maj E F Joy Judge Advocate of the 7th Army Corps & then I spent an hour with Hon H C Caldwell U S Judge of the district of Ark.

*Dec. 17.* Before day this morning there was a fire in this city Little Rock Ark. there was one very nice two story frame building & several small out buildings belonging to the premises the goods & furniture dores windows &c ware saved when the alarm was given Chaplain M H Hare & I got up & went to the fire At 9 Oc A M we met in our Court Room & tryed one young man of the 54th Ills Infty for desertion after which we adjourned until 9 Oc A M on monday, P. M. I visited senitor James A Butler & Judge H C Caldwell recd a presant of Butler the 2nd geological survey of Ark & judge Caldwell made me a presant of a nice military vest. Evening Chaplain & I attended the Colored church Rev Hugh Brady preached text 14th Proverbs & 34th verse

*Sunday, Dec. 18.* At 11 Oc A M I attended the Union M E Church Rev Wentz preached a good discourse from Mathew 7th 21st At 3 Oc P M I tryed to preach from John 19th & middle clause of the 30th verse (for it is finished) it was a crouded house at the Colored M E Church there was a time of great power & I believe that more than one hundred happy souls redeemed by the blood of Christ Shouted his praise aloud, praise the Lord for the display of his saving power, at the close of the service we took up a collection for their preacher he was not presant at the meeting & we raised \$46.15 Evening Chaplain Hare & I went to the Union M E Church Rev Wentz preached after which we spent an hour in prayer meeting

*Dec. 19.* At 9 Oc A. M. we met in court room & after commencing a case the defendant asked until tomorrow 9 Oc A M to procure a witness that is at Duvall Bluff it was granted & at 11½ Oc A M we adjourned

*Dec. 20.* Chaplain M H Hare & I visited Rev Wentz P Elder of

this district & we took Supper with them at Brother Bennums they live in a part of the house with Rev Wentz

*Dec. 21.* At 9 A. M. we met in our court room & proceeded with the case of Joseph Bushell citizen wagon master 2 Oc P M we adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow

*Dec. 22.* At 9 Oc we met in our Court room and at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 1 Oc P M adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow. At about 10 Oc A M salute guns were fired in Honor of the Majors Genls Q A Gillmore of Charleston noteriety. & Genl Reynolds who takes the place of Steele in this department & Gillmore is here I believe to examine the troops fortifications & they arived here last night Chaplain M H Hare & I attended prayer meeting this night at the Union M E Church there was but few Out

*Dec. 23.* Ice running in the river here at Little Rock Ark & the river at present in good boating stage & some 3 or 4 boats here at 9 Oc A M, we met in our Court Room & proceeded with the Case of Joseph Bushell until about 1 Oc P M we adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow. Evening Chaplain M H Hare & I attended the Meeting at the Union M E Church the Rev ——— from the central Ill conference sent by the Christian Commission preached fromm John 16th Ch & 31st verse he was very brief & appeared some confused. Chaplain Hare exorted after him.

*Dec. 24.* At 9 Oc A M we met in our Court room & continued with the case of Bushell until  $1\frac{1}{2}$  P M when we adjourned until 9 Oc A M on monday, I spent an hour pleasantly at Capt Vances & in the evening Chaplain Hare & I attended Church Rev Garrison Chaplain of the 40th Iowa Infy preached text 2nd Corinthians 1st & 12th v the discourse was lengthy the Elder Rev Wentz made a short exortation

*Sunday, Dec. 25.* At 8 Oc I went & got a pass & went out & preached in the Chapple of the 1st Iowa Cav to them from James 4th the Chaplain exorted & closed & we attended Quarterly Meeting at the Union M E Church the Elder Wentz preached we had a good sacramental occassion I accepted an invitation & went home with Rev ——— when we arived at their house Mrs Holdman was there & insisted that we go to her house for dinner her husband is from Iowa & is one of the secret polece, we went to Brother Holdmans & had an excellent Christmas dinner, at 2 Oc P M I went with Rev Garrison Chaplain of the 40th Iowa to the Penitenitary & he preached from Mathew & I exorted after him & trully it was a melting time many of our unfortunate boys wept bitterly & when we closed they insisted on me returning as often as I could. At 4 Oc P M we went to the colored M E Church & it being also quarterly meeting the Elder preached & here we again took the sacrament evening we attended at old union

*Dec. 26.* 9 Oc A M we met in our Court Room the Judge Advocate not appearing, at 10 Oc we adjourned until 9 Oc tomorrow. At 2 Oc P M. I attended the Chaplain association & took part with them after which I got from the Christian Commission Rooms 6 testaments 12 sol-

diers hymn books & some 4 or 5 dozen small books & religious tracts, then went to the Provo Martial Genls Office & got a pass to go into the Penitentiary & at 4 Oc P M preached to our men in there & had a melting time I spoke from Rev 22n & 17th v over 20 of them askede my prayers & promised to seek the Saviour at night I attended the colored M E Church John Payton colored Preached from Acts 9th 6th we had a good time,

*Dec. 27.* At 9 Oc A M we met in our Court room & finished up the case of Bushell & at 1½ Oc adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow Chaplain Hare & I being invited to take supper with the Rev Wallace Andrews a Colored Methodist Minister at 5 Oc we went & met Rev Wentz P Elder of this district & his Lady there & Rev Oliver Williams of the 29th Iowa & Rev Garrison Chaplain of the 40th Iowa there for supper they had a Rosted Goose & an excilent supper & we had a very pleasant time at 7 Oc night we attended the Union M E Church the Rev Westergreen from Iowa on the Christian Commission Preached a good dis-course from John he is a Methodist from Switzerland

*Dec. 28.* At 9 Oc A M we met in our Court room & the Judge Advocate not appearing at 10 Oc we adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow By a Request of Maj Genl Reynolds Commander of this Department of Arkansas, for the Chaplains to meet him at his Office in the city of Little Rock Ark at 7 Oc this evening, by their request I also accompanied them Chaplain M H Hare 36th Iowa was appointed master of seremonies Chaplain F S C Garrison 40th Iowa F M Slusser Ch 33 Iowa Chaplain Holiday 77th Ohio & Chaplain Peak 28th Wisconsin & Chaplain Rand of the 1st Iowa Cav & Rev Wentz P Elder of this District & I met the genl & passed a few moments pleasantly



Residence erected by B. F. Pearson in Keosauqua in 1845-1847, and by him and his descendants owned and occupied to the present day.



*Dec. 29.* At 9 Oc A. M. we met at our Court Room but the Judge advocate not having a case ready we adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow At 8½ Oc my son came in from the Regiment & spent the day with me we called an hour on Rev John Payton Colored & then an hour on Rev Edward Crowl, white both Methodist & we accepted an invitation & accompanied Rev Hugh Brady to Mr ——— Colored & partook of an excellent dinner among the which was a Oppossum nicely Roasted, evening I attended at the Colored Church Rev Brady preached text Hebrews 1st verse of the 12th Chapter

*Dec. 30.* Variable cloudy all day with some fog & mist & lite sprinkle of raine at 9 Oc A M we met in our Court Room & tryed one Case & adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow the good news from Genls Sherman Capturing Savannah with all the armament &c & Genl Thomas defeating Hood & capturing most of his artilary & many prisoners, there was a musical time here at Little Rock this day firing salutes in honor of the brilliant victorys Evening I attended the Union M E Church Rev J G. Evans from Central Ill Conference preached a good discourse from Joshua 24 Ch & 15th v & he is here by the Christian Commission Chaplain Hare exorted after him

*Dec. 31.* Thank God for his loving kindness & tender mearcy through the past year, for I now write at 1 Oc on the morning of the New Year I have just returned to my room from a most glorious watch meeting at the Colored M E Church, there ware Indians male & female & Negroes & Mulattoes & white people & the Lord was with us in mighty power demonstrating his word in that he said he is no respecter of persons but they that fear him & work Righteousness are axcepted of him, the Preacher Rev Hugh Brady preached after his discourse we had a general speaking meeting, before the meeting Commenced there was presants given to several of us who had laboured with & for them & I received as a New years gift from them in cash four dollars & a nice linning handkerchief, At 9 Oc A M we met in our court. rooms & proceded with buisness until 1½ Oc P M when we adjourned until 9 Oc Monday morning. Just after I had returned to my room from our watch meeting I discovered fire in a drug store on main Street & I raised the alarm but before it was stoped it burnt up some half dozen frame houses.

*Sunday, Jan. 1, 1865.* In Little Rock Arkansas Thank the Lord for his tender mearcys, so richly bestowed on so unworthy a Child as me Oh that his preventing grace & controlling Spirit may enable me to be a better & more usefull man this year than ever before. We had a most Glorious time at our watch meeting at the Colored M E Church there was Indians male & female & negros of every Color & white people all happy and praising God together truly the Lord is no respecter of persons but they that fear him & work righteousness are axcepted of him. This morning was clear with a very lite frost afternoon variable with some appearance of rane night beautifull Clear & pleasant At 10½ A

M I attended preaching by the Elder Wentz at the M E Ch at 2 Oc P M I took testaments & religeous tracts & went into the Penitentiary & preached to the prisoners. evening at preaching at the M E Church

*Jan. 2.* Beautifull Clear & pleasant a very lite frost in the morning at 9 Oc A M we met in our Court rooms & tryed one case & adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow Evening I attended Church we had a pleasant time several ware at the alter but there was no one professed.

*Jan. 3.* At 9 Oc A M we met in our Court Room & the Judge Advocate haveing no case ready we adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow, I then got on one of the wagons of Our Regt & went out & spent the day with our boys I had a pleasant time with them & at 4 Oc P M our Chaplain & I returned to the city rideing his horse in turns. At 6 Oc P M we went on a previous invitation to Abner Hamilton the colored sexton of our white M E Church & partook of one of the best suppers I have ate for years they had Oysters & Oyster soop Goose, Ducks, Chickens Sardeans & various kinds of meets, sweet bread & cakes & various kinds of pies fruits jelly nuts candys & sundary things to numerous to mention, there ware some nine M E preachers presant Chaplains, Christian Commission, & Local preachers & the Elder of this district & the preacher in charge of the Colored Methodist & several white ladys & among them Mrs Chittenden of Iowa a Sanitary agent here at Little Rock Ark Surely we had a pleasant time, after supper we went to Church & Rev Evans of Central Ill Conference preached & Chaplain Hare of our Reg exorted & called mourners several came forward & two soldiers ware converted truly the Lord was with us.

*Jan. 4.* At 9 Oc A.M. we met in our Court Rooms & the Judge advocate did not appear & the President Maj Hamilton sent an orderly but he could not be found & at 10½ Oc we adjourned until 9 Oc A M tomorrow. At 5 Oc P.M. the Chaplain & I went to Mrs Warren Colored & took supper there ware some half dozen preachers of us & we had a very excellent supper about such as last evening discribed on yesterday page, there was a Son & Daughter of Andrew Jackson Donaldson to supper with us they are of the Cherokee tribe of Indians the Girl Eugene was stolen from her parents at 4 years of age & put in the slave pen at New Orleans to sell & was taken out & raised by Dan Rice as an actress in his Circus She is this day 21 years old & the brother with her found her some weeks since after a six years search & they are trying to get home but dare not go through the Reb Country. After supper I attended Church & we had a good time.

*Jan. 5.* Cloudy & Constant rain all day. At 9 Oc A M we met in our Court Martial Rooms tryed one case & adjourned Sina die. At 9½ Oc A M. Maj Hamilton & I ware summoned as witnesses on the part of the Government vs Col Kittredge who is under arrest for drunkenness. At 5 Oc I visited Capt Lambert of Co K. 36th Iowa Infnt he is quite sick. Evening I attended prayer meeting at the Colored M E Church & after

the services Rev Wallace Andrews Colored married a couple of the Colored members.

*Jan. 6.* Cool with a snow storm from before day until noon, the snow melted as fast as it fell At 5 Oc I went to Mr George Washington, Colored & partook bountifully of an excellent supper there ware several preachers & among them Rev Oliver Williams of the 29th Iowa Infy vols Evening I attended Church at the Campbellite or Clock Church Rev Evans of the Central Ill Conference a delegate here by the Christian Commission preached, there ware six mourners forward & truly we had a good time At 8½ Oc this night Capt John Lambert of Co K died very unexpectedly to himself & to us all he had been unwell some 4 or 5 days but went about until the last hour.

*Jan. 7.* At 7 Oc A M I went to Mr Woodall's to see the corps of Capt John Lambert of Co K of our Regiment, he was some unwell one week ago this day & on Sunday last he went out to our Regt some 5 miles from this Little Rock & back here & has been unwell through this week but has gone about every day & was not thought to be dangerous & last night at 6 Oc he was taken severely & at 8½ Oc last night he died. at 2 Oc P M this day there was a meeting of our Officers & Chaplain Hare Maj Hamilton & I ware appointed a committee to arrange for his burial. a part of this night I sat up with the corpse.

*Sunday, Jan. 8.* 9 Oc A M I went to Woodalls where the corpse of Capt Lambert is & the Maj took a schedule of his effects Noon I started out to the Reg found all there well 2 Oc P.M. our Chaplain had ——— Hall of the Central Ill Con preach it was a good discourse & we had a large audience the services ware out dores, 4 Oc we rode back to the City & evening attended service in the Campbellite Church which has been taken from this Reb Preacher Plattenburg & appropriated to the freedmans aid Society to teach negroes in ——— Evans of the Central Ill Con preached & hall invited mourners 12 soldiers came forward & some professed

*Jan. 9.* Cool with incessant rain from long before day until now 10½ Oc night & yet raining hard, I have been quite unwell all day & suffer severely with rheumatism. At 8½ A M I went to the Provo Martial Maj C C White & made an effort to get permission to bury Capt Lambert in the City Cemetery, but there being no public ground vacant could not, I got 2 bushels of salt & it was put about his body in the coffin & at 2½ Oc P M they came by my room with the Ambulences & I went with them out to the Soldiers burrying ground & there being no grave ready we deposited the body in the dead house there for burial tomorrow, a guard is kept at the dead house At 10 Oc A M I went to the Genl Court Martial Rooms as a witness & got excused for this day & being unwell

*Jan. 10.* Commenced to snow in the morning before Day & snowed rapidly all forenoon I was quite unwell & suffered severely with Rheu-

matism last night & this day & was too unwell to attend Church tonight.

*Jan. 11.* My Son came in & spent the day with me hearing that I was unwell. Dr Evans was also with us for dinner I am much better than I was yesterday. Evening I attended our meeting in the Clock or Campbellite Church Oliver Williams of the 29th Iowa Infy preached from 2nd Corinthians 5 Ch & 11th verse he also called mourners & 16 soldiers came forward & several professed

*Jan. 12.* At noon Capt Vermillion of Co F & Lieutenant Vermillion took dinner with the Chaplain & I they are in the City as witnesses before a Court Marital & the Chaplain & I are at present detained here on the same case Evening I attended our meeting in the Campbellite Church & Rev Hall from Central Ill Conf preached & Called mourners text Can any good thing Come out of Nazareth. there was 19 came to the mourners bench & some professed

*Jan. 13.* Cloudy with a mist & at times a lite sprinkle of rain

*Jan. 14.* The Chaplain and I moved out to the Regt and I felt quite well, better than I had felt in a month before but I stirred around too much and before bedtime I was taken quite sick<sup>34</sup>

*Sunday, Jan. 15.* Today I am very sick, with the Pleurisy and pains intense I had an awful night of suffering last night and I am in great misery today I have a mustard plaster on my breast today, but it dont do much good apparently

*Jan. 16.* I am suffering greatly with pains in my Breast, Back, and Head. The Mustard plaster was taken off my breast this morning and a blister put on in its place I took twelve pills today

*Jan. 17.* I am a little better today than I was yesterday & day before I rested tolerably well last night and today I am taking medicine, cough drops and powders. I had the Blister taken off of my breast this morning and a bread poultice put on to draw it

*Jan. 18.* I am not as well as I was yesterday and the pain has settled in my breast back and head, Doctor Strong put another blister on my breast this morning I eat the half of a roasted apple this afternoon the first that I have eat since Saturday night

*Jan. 19.* Father is very sick and is still getting worse

*Jan. 20.* Father was very bad off this morning and about ten Oclock we thought he was dying, but about four Oclock this evening he began to get a little better and he is resting easy now.

*Jan. 21.* Father is some better today, I went into town and got some butter and jelly out of Fathers trunk that is in town, Mrs. Chittenden came out to see Father today I had a very muddy walk to town and back

*Sunday, Jan. 22.* Cloudy and misty all day until 5, Oclock when it commenced snowing and the ground is covered with snow Father has been some better today, and he has taken more nourishment than he has heretofore.

<sup>34</sup>Beginning with this date and extending to February 10, owing to Mr. Pearson's serious illness the entries in the diary were made by his son, Amandus.

*Jan. 23.* Father is about the same today as he was yesterday, he rest easy and has slept some today

*Jan. 24.* Father is a little better today and he has taken some nourishment today

*Jan. 25.* Father is a little better today I think. Mrs. Lambert was here to see Father today she looks well and hearty, the Colonel brought Father a couple of Lemons

*Jan. 26.* Father is a little better today than he was yesterday I think that with good care that he will get along now

*Jan. 27.* Pleasant and very much like a spring day. Father is a little better today

*Jan. 28.* Father is still getting better, I got a chicken this morning and made him some soup he relishes it very well the chicken cost 1.00

*Sunday, Jan. 29.* Cloudy and cool there has been a little snow on the ground for several days Father is better today, there is mail in town

*Jan. 30.* Father is some better today. I received a letter from George to Father and I got one from Lee Roy Meredith and one from Ann Father received 4 other letters

*Jan. 31.* Father is better today he set up at several different times in all he set up about three hours, this is the first that he has set up since he was taken sick

*Feb. 1.* Raining all day it commenced raining last night about midnight and has kept a continual rain until tonight with no prospect of quitting. Father is some better he has set up some today he has had a severe spell of coughing which makes his breast feel quite sore

*Feb. 2.* Raining incessantly all day and night, The Frogs begin to hollow as if they think spring is coming Father is some better today. he has set up some today

*Feb. 3.* Today is as nice as any spring day the Blue birds and Frogs make the wood fairly ring with their joyful notes Father is some better today

*Feb. 4.* I was in to the Rock today, Father is better today

*Sunday, Feb. 5.* Hailing and Sleet until noon, the Ground is some two inches deep with hail and sleet, 18 Rebs came in and give themselves up today, Father has set up nearly all day, he went to the dore when the Rebs passed, but I had to studdy him as his legs are rather shaky

*Feb. 6.* Father is some better today I wrote a letter home today, 4 more Rebs came to the Picket lines and gave themselves up today

*Feb. 7.* Father is better today

*Feb. 8.* Father is still mending he has been up all day

*Feb. 9.* Father is still gaining he has walked across the house a few times today with the cane

*Feb. 10.* Thank God for his abundant mearcy in sparing my life & permitting me once more to take the pen to write, this day has been the first for near one month that I have been able to attempt to write

I wrote a few lines this day to my children & now evening am permitted to resume my writing in the book yesterday I was enabled to walk a few steps in our cabin by resting on a staff & today also

*Feb. 11.* At noon Our Regt recd marching orders & at 2 Oc P M Co H was ordered to march to the camp of the 28th Wisconsin Inft which they left this A M near fort Steel Little Rock where our Regt is to quarter, one half of the Regt is to go in tomorrow & the remainder next day, a Colored Regiment takes our place here I am mending nicely am able to walk about the room a little by the help of a cane

*Sunday, Feb. 12.* Four Companies of our Regt moved to our new Camp near fort Steel Little Rock I am improveing have walked about the room a little without a cane today. After writing the above I was taken with violent Conjestion of the Stomach & for three hours from  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 Oc until  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 Oc night I suffered about all it was possible for me to suffer & live, Dr. Strong our Regtl Surgt our Chaplain & my Son done all they could for me they kept hot bricks to my feet & hot cloths on my stomach but the Cold clammy Sweat ran out at every poar cold as death Oh such hours of suffering, but the Lord was with me praise his holy name.

*Feb. 13.* It rained incessant all day & night & there was Sleet hale & snow occasionally mixed with the drenching rain, at 7 Oc A M. the last three companies of our Regt Started in the Storm for our new Camp at the City, it was  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Oc P M before the Ambulance arrived to take me, they got me in & we Started the Storm was desperate & the roads fearfully bad, but I was well rapped up & protected from the Storm, but I was very much fatigued & chilled when I arived at my cabin in Camp this being the first time I had been out of the door since the 14th of January. I had some fears as to being moved in the Storm but after ariveing & haveing some hot tea & tost & some rest I thank God I felt none the worse for coming

*Feb. 14.* It rained hard & incessant all last night & until noon today I have felt weary but am thankful that moveing did me no harm Praise the Lord for his protecting Care & preventing Grace

*Feb. 15.* I rested well last night & feel quite refreshed today I have been assisting my son some to make a bird cage we have a red bird & a sparrow in a rough cage together, we bought them last week from a little refugee boy he caught them out by where we ware then camped guarding a mill on the Rebble Genl Rust's place, our Regt have left their mark on it in slaying timber, Cutting sawlogs & Cordwood & they got two dollars per Cord for Cutting the wood & from fifteen to twenty cents apiece for cutting pine sawlogs. the Cord wood was Oak

*Feb. 16.* I am improveing slowly thank the Lord

*Feb. 17.* I think I am improveing sloly

*Feb. 18.* The musketoes have been buzzing about this day & the frogs seem to be haveing a general jubilee tonight The 40th Iowa Infty Vols left Camp here this P M at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Oc for Ft Smith to remain there &

we are the only Iowa troops now remaining here I have been very feeble this day have not improved any.

*Sunday, Feb. 19.* I have felt quite smart this day but suffer from boils my feet & ankles are much swollen. the frogs are making merry tonight

*Feb. 20.* At noon Mrs E S Chittenden Sanitary Agent from Keosauqua Iowa started from this city Little Rock Ark for her home in Co with Rev Bachelor M E preacher from Albia Iowa & Rev Miller from Iowa he is a United Brethren preacher & they are both here as Christian Commission men Mrs Chittenden has been very sick & is now barely able to travel. Amandus Reed a letter from my Soninlaw G W Minear Dated 13th & mailed the 14th I have felt quite smart today & had the good luck to get a chicken

*Feb. 21.* Prospect of heavy rain all night I have felt quite smart most of the day praise the Lord

*Feb. 22.* Showers & constant music by the frogs And the salutes fired in honor of the birth day of Genl George Washington, from the canon in Ft Steel made the earth tremble about our Camp between the Ft & the City of Little Rock Ark. I have felt comfortable & the Chaplain & I had a nice dish of chicken soup for dinner my son was the cook

*Feb. 23.* There was incessant rain all last night & until noon today. I have not been so well this day as I was the past two days

*Feb. 24.* Very high wind & almost constant heavy rain I have felt quite lively this day, & my appetite good & my vituals all agrees with me well

*Feb. 25.* Rain falling in torrents thunder & flashes of vivid lightnings & winds threightning to demolish our cabbin. Now 9½ Oc night continues unabated in fury with the appearance of continuing through the night. I have felt comfortable as I could expect through this gloomy day

*Sunday, Feb. 26.* Our Chaplain had meeting in Camp at 3 Oc P M of this day he preached to the Regt out in the open air & Rev Hancock of the Christian Commission closed after him Hancock is a Congregationalist he called a short time to see me I have felt quite comfortable today & was it pleasant I would be out in Camp

*Feb. 27.* I was out in camp a short time this P M for the first time I have been out in camp since the 14th day of Jany & the second time I have been out of the door since that date I am feeling quite comfortable today thank the good Lord

*Feb. 28.* We mustered for pay today & had Co inspection I was out in quarters a short time fore & afternoon & feel none the worse of the exercise I took although it fatigued me at the time

*Mar. 1.* I walked out in camp a short time today & also to the Cols cabbin & spent a short time with him

*Mar. 2.* I was out in Camp a short time this A M At about 5 Oc

P M. I came very near having a chill but kept it off I think by drinking hot Coffee & I now feel quite comfortable At 6 Oc this evening we received Orders to prepare without delay to go to St Charles on White river. & I am in a streight to know what to do in my feeble health whether to go with the Regt or to remain in this City until I get more strength

*Mar. 3.* This A.M. we received Orders to be ready to march at 5 Oc tomorrow morning & all hands ware in a bustle fixing up but this evening we recd orders that we would not start until day after tomorrow as the tract is out of order from here to Duvall Bluff. I forwarded a request to Maj Genl J J Reynolds to remain in this city until I recover my health better before I go to St Charles

*Mar. 4.* The day was Clear & Cool, & the boys have buiseyed themselves in fixing for the march & in playing ball & pitching horse shoes I was out a short time in their barracks but I have frequent Chilly spells but not serious

*Sunday, Mar. 5.* This P M. the principal part of the Rations & heavy plunder of the Regt was taken over the River to the Depot & a guard sent along to take care of the things, as we expected to start at 5 Oc in the morning for St Charles but received Orders this evening not to start until day after tomorrow morning At 2½ Oc P M Rev Swallow Genl hospital Chaplain preached in our Camp for Our Chaplain, he is an Englishman & baptist & tedious to a fault. I was out a short time but got chilly & went into my cabbinn

*Mar. 6.* At noon we recd Orders for the Officers to have their things ready to be halled over the river by 1 Oc P M & for the Regt to march at 3 Oc P M & so preparations ware at once made & at the given hours they started Lieut Col F M Drake Commanding the Regt. my son had engaged a team to move me & soon as they started I had my things taken to the Rev John Paytons & I took supper at the Rev Wilson Brown's a Colored Baptist minister & Rev D Davis of our Regt & Dr Evans our hospital Steward also took supper there & Rev Evans Married Brown & his wife over although they had been married 21 years & had 8 children 6 of which the Rebs had taken away Dr Evans preached his farewell surmon at candlelight in the Baptist Church & they had a good time

*Mar. 7.* Cloudy with the appearance of raine I took breckfast at Rev John Payton, & dinner & staid all night with Rev Maloy a M E Preacher & Refugee from Texas & now in the Secret Service. I took tea with Rev Edward Crowl & evening went into the M E Church & heard Rev ——— Preach text Seek the Lord while he may be found & call upon him while he is near there ware 15 or 18 came to the alter & one young woman professed religion at the close of the meeting Oliver Franklin Hale a seargent in the 8th Mo Cavelry came to me & requested a religious interview with me at 2 Oc P M tomorrow & I appointed the place at Brother Maloys it is now 9 Oc night & I feel very feeble & tyred.



*Mar. 8.* I took Breckfast with Rev Maloy, dinner at Mr Woodalls & supper with Rev Joel Grant, at his room in the Ringold house he is a Congregationalist & Chaplain of the 12th Ills Infty but now detached & assigned to this department to look after the interests of the freedmen & Organize Schools for them.

*Mar. 9.* Cloudy & Cold freezing all day it rained last night until about midnight I took dinner with Rev Oliver Williams at the Arcnel & supper with Capt Vance now collector of the revenue Evening I went to church & ——— Preached from as Moses lifted up the Serpent in the wilderness &c & Rev Maloy exorted & called mourners about 20 came forward & several ware converted two women in the number & Seargent O F Hale of the 8th Mo Cav, with whom I had an interview on the 7th

*Mar. 10.* Evening I attended Church they wanted me to preach but I declined being so feble I am scarcely able to get out to Church Rev Maloy preached text what shal I do to be saved &c Oliver Williams exorted & called mourners & there was about 20 came to the alter & among them one Indian. there ware several clear conversions

*Mar. 11.* I have been severely afflicted with head ache & pain in my right side running to my shoulder blade & I have had Chilly spells Evening the Brethren insisted on me going to our Church even if I could not labour they said my presence there would do good & I went Brother Newel a refugee preached from these words He that winneth souls to Christ is wise there was a time of power, about twenty ware at the alter & several professed 2 women among them, I accompanied Sister Maloy home Brother Maloy is sick & sent her to Church for me when we got home he was better & Mrs Hutt who lives next door came in & they introduced us & I am well acquainted with two of her brothers Drs Wm & John Finley of Bloomfield Iowa.

*Sunday, Mar. 12.* At 11 Oc A M we had preaching by Brother Newel & I closed after him & at 2 Oc P M we had a general speaking I opened the meeting & we had a glorious time at 4 Oc Rev Oliver Williams & I went to the Colored M E Church & the Rev Martin a Christian Commission man from northern Ill preached from 2nd Corinthians 8th ch & 9th v he preached a good sermon & they had a time of power & at the Close took up a collection of 70 odd dollars for their preacher Rev Hew Brady of Iowa at noon I accompanied Mr & Mrs Hallman home & had a splendid dinner he is from Iowa & married in Helena Ark. I took dinner with them on Christmas evening we attended Church Oliver Williams preached & called mourners & over 30 came & quite a number were converted & being so crouded we concluded to divide our forces & gave out meeting to be held at the Clock Church also tomorrow night

*Mar. 13.* According to arrangements by the Rev brethren last evening, I this evening attended meeting at the M E Church the Rev Martin Christian Commission preached & Rev Rand Chaplain of the 1st

Iowa Cav exorted & called mourners there ware over 20 forward & a number professed & among them several women it was a time of power. text Ephesians 4th Ch & 30th ver

*Mar. 14.* I took tea with Rev Wallace Andrews a Colored M E Preacher & evening attended Church at the M E Church the Rev H L Martin preached & Brother Newell talked a few moments & called on me to exort & call mourners in my weakness I done the best I could & about 20 came forward & several ware converted & among them one woman it was a time of power

*Mar. 15.* The Rev Hew Brady & I took supper with Mrs. Eliza Warren colored & we had a splendid supper & a superb dish of oyster soop & I know that was good for me for I was very unwell all day but have been much better since I had the Oyster soop, I wrote a part of this day for Chaplain Grant assisting with his school plans &c.

*Mar. 16.* It cleared up before day with cold north breeze and this morning we had a big frost the peach & plumb trees I think in this City of Little Rock are all in bloom, Evening I was persuaded to accompany Rev Oliver Williams to the M E Church he preached & invited mourners & some 20 ware at the alter it was a time of power & several ware converted among them several women

*Mar. 17.* I wrote most of the day for Chaplain Joel Grant Superintendent of the educational interests of the freedmen I was quite unwell part of the day evening Revs Oliver Williams Hewy Brady--Newell & I took supper with —— Hamilton we all then attended the M E Church & Newell preached & O Williams exorted & called mourners & some 20 odd came forward & several ware converted some 2 or 3 women among them. text Matthew 15th & last clause of the 25th v

*Mar. 18.* I have been quite unwell all day & now 9 Oc night I am quite unwell morning I went in to see Rev Maloy & he is on the mend & able to be up Mrs Hutt came in & invited me into her house I went in & remained after dinner until 2 Oc in the evening I accompanied Rev Oliver Williams to church he preached & called mourners & some 25 came forward & some 8 or 10 professed & among them several women; his text was Matthew 22nd Ch 11 & 12 verses

*Sunday, Mar. 19.* 10½ Oc I attended Church Henry J Newell preached text Ephesians 4th 30th v he opened the doers of the Church & some 8 or 10 Citizens united. I took dinner with Brother Ed Crowl & at 2 Oc went & heard him preach to the Refugees & I exorted after him 4 Oc P M I heard the traveling agent of the Freedmens aid Society Mr Cobb speak to the Colored people at their Church Governor Murphy & a number of dignitarys ware presant & he maid an excellent & telling speach to them setting forth their duties Evening I attended at the M E Church Rev —— preached & Oliver Williams called mourners over 40 came & I believe 20 ware converted near half of which ware women

*Mar. 20.* I was in to meeting until after mourners ware invited & I

felt so unwell I came to my room E Smith a Christian Com Man preached & Henry J Newell invited mourners 20 came forward & one woman & some soldiers ware converted before I left text Rev 6th 17th. I was some alarmed as I was coming from meeting to hear the pitious cryes of a Dutchman laying against the fence & I could not understand him & was not willing to go up to him as I could not see him but soon a dutchman came along & he said he had been robbed of five hundred dollars & a voucher for one hundred dollars and his discharge papers & he was almost crazy

*Mar. 21.* Through the latter part of last night I was very poorly. this P M I have felt much better I took tea at Mr Woodalls & he had not got home from over the river a meeting time & his Daughter & Mrs Capt Lambert insisted on me coming back from meeting & staying all night which I did but he had got home before meeting was out Rev Oliver Williams preached text John 12th 26th there was over 20 at the alter & near half of them professed truly it was a good time

*Mar. 22.* I have felt much better than I did yesterday. I went to the hospital & Saw my men & then to the Arcenal & got me a saber & belt & took dinner with Rev Oliver Williams who is clerking there. Evening I attended Church Rev Edward Crowl preached & I exorted & Called mourners over 20 came forward & about 15 of them professed & most of them ware Clear & powerfull The text was Ezekiel 33 ch & latter clause of the 5th verse

*Mar. 23.* Beautifull Clear & warm I called on Judge Caldwell & attended the general Hospital with Mrs Mary E Bonny in the afternoon & evening we went to Church Rev Oliver Williams Preached & invited mourners some near 20 was at the alter & several professed truly the Lord was with us text John 12th 35th. Brother Nelson G Olmstead acompanied Miss Edwards. & I went to his office & spent the night with him he is in charge of the Londry at the General hospital at St Johns Colledge Little Rock Ark we accompanied the Ladies to their room in the Woodsrough house now occupied as an Officers hospital they are Christian Commission ladies & are attending to the diet table at hospital This day we found out our room & mess mate had the small pox & he Mr Belding was taken to the pest hospital

*Mar. 24.* Evening I took Mrs Mary E Bonny & went to the Colored M E Church to an exhibition of their school Children & a grand supper there ware a number of white Ladies & Gentlemen there & all ware well entertained with the childrens singing speaking & dialogues after which several of us visitors ware Called out & made short speeches, after which we partook of a No 1 supper prepared by them they showed a fine taste in the decoration of the Church with the Flag & evergreens, they had for supper a good variety of meets breads of all kinds & cakes pies candies nuts oysters sardiens variou's fruits green and canned chickens pickels lemonade &c sundaries things to numerous to mention & all went off in good order

*Mar. 25.* Beautifull Clear & warm the case smallpox of Mr Belding our room & messmate who was yesterday taken from our room in the Ringold house to the pest hospital, & this case has made me decide not to start to my Regt on monday & the Dr & others also say I ought not to go now Evening I attended Church & the preachers insisted on me preaching & I took as a text, (It is finished) John 19th 30th there was 18 men & 7 women came to the alter & 5 of the women & several men Converted truly the Lord was with us

*Sunday, Mar. 26.* At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 Oc A M I attended Preaching by Rev Wm H Gillum a citizen of this State who was received into the late Mo Conference & appointed to the Ft Smith Charge he has just arived here on his way to his work, his text Rev 1st 5 & 6th verses, he preached a good Sermon & we took dinner & tea with Wm A Counts one of the Official members here & transportation Agent for the Refugees here & he informed us that he has given transportation to over three thousand since the first of January. at 2 Oc P.M. I attended a prayer & speaking meeting at Brother Fields truly the Lord was with us & many Shouts of triumph from Citizens & soldiers went up, evening I attended meeting Rev Gillum preached text Luke 16th 30 & 31st Rev O Williams exorted and called mourners & quite a number came to the alter & several ware converted

*Mar. 27.* I took tea with —— Holman an Iowan he is one of the Secret police here he & his wife & I went to Church Rev Gillum preached text Ecclesiastes 1st 9th I exorted and called mourners 8 men and 6 women came forward & several of each professed. After the meeting Closed Mr Holman & his lady & I started from Church & he had been out on his business & he informed us that two Government employese had got into a quarrel about a woman & that Harry Williams plunged a buoyknife through the heart of —— Roberts killing him instantly & he Holman took Williams & had ironed him & lodged him in the City prison My mind has been in solmn contemplations; this day six years ago the Lord took my companion to join our five sweet children then in heaven, & one since.

*Mar. 28.* The Paymasters arived in this City Little Rock Ark yesterday I spent the day with Lieut Baylies & Dr Smyth of our Regt at the Ambulance Corpse 1st Lieut Baylies is detached & in charge of the Corps & Dr Smyth is detached & with them; evening I attended meeting Rev H J Newell preached & 1st Lieut Moshier of the 18th Ill Infy exorted & called mourners 6 men & 5 women Came to the alter & 2 or 3 professed. text 1st Peter 4th 7th The bushwackers captured some 40 mules this day from the wood train some five miles out from the City of Little Rock on the Benton Road near a sawmill that our Regt guarded all winter, the train had no guards with it & the drivers report that there was 6 or 8 gurrellares, the drivers ran into the band & the Rebs took the mules out of 7 wagons & left & there was one team that they did not disturb they ware in such haste

*Mar. 29.* Cool with heavy rain all day I kept my room in the Judge Ringo house nearly all day evening I attended Church Rev Henry J Newell opened speaking meeting & after one hour thus spent he had me to exort & Call mourners several came forward & truly the Lord was with us

*Mar. 30.* Evening I attended Church Oliver Williams preached text Rev 22nd 17th Some 2 women & 2 men ware at the alter.

*Mar. 31.* Beautifull clear & pleasant One of the City guards shot a little negro boy dead Evening I attended Church Rev Wm Gillum preached one soldier & several women Came to the alter there seemed to be a drag to the meeting & but little earnestness with the church or penitants I maried Isaac & Milla Bracy at Rev John Paytons

*Apr. 1.* Variable & pleasant Evening Rev Morrison formerly Col also Chaplain of a Colored Regt 57th preached for us text Oh Lord revive thy work. Rev O. Williams Exorted & invited mourners Some 12 women & 6 men ware at the alter & over a ½ doz professed

*Sunday, Apr. 2.* 11 Oc A M Rev Wm H Gillum preached after which Rev Newell Baptized by sprinkling some 10 soldiers at 3 Oc I endeavoured to preach at the Colored M E Church text 1st Psalm Rev John Payton Colored exorted & called mourners & over fifty came & nealed down for prayer Oh it was a time of power evening Rev Col Morrison preached in the M E Church text 1st Peter 1st 11th Rev Wm Gillum invited mourners & some 8 women & 4 men came forward but there was a drag to the meeting I united in Marriage Benjamin & Clary More at Rev John Paytons And also Thomas & Matilda Lawson at their own house in Little Rock

*Apr. 3.* Evening preached text prepare to meet thy God, Wm Gillum invited mourners & several Came but there was a coldness in the Church

*Apr. 4.* Evening & O Williams preached & invited mourners several Came to the alter & some 3 professed. text 1st Timothy 6th 12th At 9 Oc A. M. I got a pass to go out of the lines to go to the top of Big Rock Mountain & Lieut Wm A Tade of the 57th U S Colored Infty went with me & we went to the top of the mountain & was at the precipice overhanging the River & the view is grand & sublime the mountains highest elivation is near the River & is little less than a sold mass of Rock & in some places they lay in nice layers of from 8 to 20 inches thick the mountain is litely wooded over with Oak hickery & pine & there are 3 wood shoots at the top of the mountain they are from 20 to 40 ft long then the wood falls perpendicular after I returned I maried Rev John & Julia Payton. John & Ann Maria Thomas & Moses & Emma Mackim

*Apr. 5.* We had a speaking meeting this Candlelighting at the M E Church there ware only about fifty soldiers out but we had a good meeting, At 2 Oc P.M. I united in marriage Mr. Harmon & Julia Ann Scruggs & Ruben King to Miss Fanny Bestick & Rufus & Sarah

Tanner. & James Washington to Miss Elizabeth Miller & James Gardner Louiza Gardner & John L & Martha Strickland & Charley & Louieza Mumford Samuel & Julia Lanamore

*Apr. 6.* Evening Rev Oliver Williams preached there ware 2 soldiers & 6 women at the alter & 2 professed I united in marriage Jerry & Martha Decator & John & Maria E Mathews & George & Ann Phelps & Anderson & Phebe A Moore & Washington & Martha A Williams

*Apr. 7.* The Capture of Richmond & Petersburg was Confirmed & salutes ware fired & a big time generally with the illumination of the principal houses of the City of Little Rock Ark evening I tryed to preach in the M E Church from these words If a man die shall he live again. there ware 6 soldiers & 7 women at the alter & several professed I this day united in marriage John & Margaret Harris & Baylam & Susan Kinyan & Ben & Betty Bracy

*Aug. 8.* Evening I tryed to exort & there was a good time 6 ware at the alter. I married George & Rachel Johnson & Alfred & Mary Jones & George & Rachael Johnson, & Abraham & Mahala Cesar & Edward & Nancy Burton & Hew & Sharlott Johnson & Alfred & Nancy Jones & Nathan & Sarah Shelton & Samuel & Ann Allan & Lewis & Elizabeth Rush & Lewis & Jane Kibby & Moses & Esther Burton & William & Mary Daniels & Samuel & Elizabeth Tillman & Henry & Cynthia Smith & Jack & Susan Herington & Samuel & America Rogers & Jeremiah & Mary A Blackburn & Silas & Emma Gumby

*Sunday, Apr. 9.* Evening O Williams preached text by Grace are ye saved through faith 3 soldiers & 4 women ware at the alter I married Westly & Sharlot Conger & Absalom & Sarah Chinnautt & Samuel & Leanna Fisher & Rev Talton & Martha A Hardin & Lewis & Catharine Smith & Charles & Juda Sanderson & Malon & Lucinda Budd & Ely & Nancy Smith John & Hariet Grey Joseph & Judah Johnson Thomas & Betsey Smith

*Apr. 10.* I this day married Robert & Carry Gibson William & Mary Arbough Jacob & Hariet Robinson Henderson & Alphe Woods Captain John & Eliza White Mack & Delia Woods Arthar & Mallissa Hill Daniel & Molly Thompson Madison & Orena E Hendimen Robert & Emely Haliburton Daniel & Mary Truhart Charles & Netty Marr Robert & Lucy Ofenton Stephen & Sarah Holland Charles & Evey Falkner Virgel & Peggy Howell William & Sarah Alexander Richard & Lucinda Kellog Martin & Lurena Howard Jessy & Rachael Miller Joseph & Cena Lorance

*Apr. 11.* William James & Mary Ann McColough Henry & Muggy Ann Whittington (White) Thomas & Maria Ann Shepperd Samuel & Fanney Ransom Samuel & Mary Martin Logan & Maria Ware Nathaniel & Sarah Haney Charles & Lucinda Wells Joseph & Lavana Brown

*Apr. 12.* The news of the Capture of the Reb Genl Lee & his army was received here at Little Rock & aj Genl. J J Reynolds ordered salutes fired from the fort, & baterys & they fairly made the earth

tremble & at night the principal buildings in the City were illuminated & there was a meeting in the State house & among others I was Called on & made a Speech I joined in marriage this day Elick & Amelia Dawson Richard & Julia Wills Jackson & Amanda Mathews Jonathan & Willey Parker Andrew & Sarah E Jackson Monroe & Elizabeth Gill Washington & Mary Ford Samuel & Cherry Barnes Thomas & Amanda Chaney James & Susen Lewis

*Apr. 13.* Truly it was a great day at Little Rock salutes were fired & at night the City was illuminated beautifully & the 12th Kansas paraded the City each having a transparent light with various inscriptions expressive of our victorys & contemptions of Rebs & their Cause [I this day married] Garnet & Lucy Harden John & Amanda Parks William & Ann Nealy Punch Hayse & Rebecca Stone Samuel & America Armstrong Marshal & Ann Eliza Jackson James W & Lydia Craig Ely & Mary E Hardyman Green & Susannah Alston Thomas & Nancy Stout

*Apr. 14.* I united in marriage this day Jackson & Malinda Cesar Andrew & Catharine Etherly Thomas & Thamer Woodrough Stephen & Nancy Jane Harris Isaac & Clara Jane Gibson Jurdon & Julia Murrel Thornton & Rosetta Moore John & Eliza Washington

*Apr. 15.* I joined in marriage Lewis & Jane Hayse George & Abigal Wallace Alexander & Sarah Parker George & Matilda Wilson Albert & Lutishia A Gratten George & Louiza Jane Anderson James Percey & Emeline White Richard & Adaline Jones Isaac & Joanna Francis Jerry & Elizabeth Potts Harison & Victoria Arbaugh Berry Zoach & Hannah Smith

*Sunday, Apr. 16.* There was a grand review of all the troops here at Little Rock & the scene was Beautifull the Colored troops moved with beautifull precission & made a formidable appearance Brevet Maj Genl Solomon & Brig Genl Bowen Reviewed the troops Evening I attended the M E Church & Rev Col Morrison Preached text 1st Timothy 3rd 16. it was rather a dry meeting [I joined in marriage] James & Susan A M Morgan William & Martha Brown We had a fine wedding supper at 5 Oc P M when I married David & Cordelia Low Rev John Payton & his wife & quite a number of their Other friends were there I married David & Amanda Flemming next house to D Lows at 6 Oc P M.

*Apr. 17.* Forenoon beautifull afternoon Cloudy & heavy raine. Oh but this has been a Sad day to my heart & to all the loyal people here at dawn of day the Roar of a Cannon told that sad news was upon us & when I arose I saw that the flags were all at half mast & draped in mourning & I hastened to learn the Cause & learned with pained heart of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln & Secretary Seward & his Son which had been done on the night of the 14th. Oh how many brave men & soldiers I have saw weep this day & when I met Judge H C Caldwell we wept together the Cannon was fired every 30 minutes

all this day I had promised to marry some Colored Soldiers & they had made their arrangements & I united in marriage Lewis & Sarah Sanders Harison & Caroline Miller David Gremitt & Malinda Glass Jacob & Silva Howell Hamilton & Sarah Martin Elijah & Adaline Patterson John & Martha Lee, Moses & Lucinda Allen John & Jane Galoway John W & Margaret McBride Henry & Sharlott Murrel Henry & Lucinda Jay Thomas & Fannee Edwards David & Lucy Skipper Benjamin & Nancy Robinson Andrew & Isabella Daniels Joseph & Hannah Nickels

*Apr. 18.* At 12 Oc noon I left Little Rock Ark & crosed the river & at 2 Oc P M I left the river in the Cars landed at Devall Bluff at 6 Oc & at once took passage on the steamer Rowena for St Charles and arived there as 1 Oc night I then had the pleasure of meeting my Capt who was Captured with me on last April 25th he is well & hearty. This A M united in marriage William & Mary Mackley Butler & Sarah Smith On my arivel at St Charles this night at 1 Oc I learned that my Son was gone off with a Scout for four days, & after I spent a short time with my Capt I called on the Chaplain found him well then called on Brevet Bigadier Genl F M Drake of our Regt & Maj A H Hamilton & found them well

*Apr. 19.* I arived at St Charles at 1 Oc this morning the Officers & men all appear very glad to see me & are rejoiced that I have recovered so as to travel, I have had a pleasant day with them but feel much wearied from the travel & excitement of meeting so many old friends and Comrades the atmosphere seems much heavier than at Little Rock & my lungs seem greatly pressed

*Apr. 20.* Praise God Oh my Soul & all that is within me praise his holy name for the countless mearcies & blessings of my unprofitly life this day I am fifty years old & Oh how little I have done for the Lord Oh for grace to cause me to be more usefull the remnant of my days. I am feeble tonight Lord help me This day has been Cloudy & rainy except about two hours from 9 Oc to 11 Oc A M it rained but little & there was regimental inspection in that time but from noon until now 10 Oc night it has rained in perfect torrents. Our boys that was captured at Marks Mills the 25th of last April nearly all arived here this P M & Oh such a greeting I will not pretend to discribe it

*Apr. 21.* Afternoon my Son arived from a four days expedition he is in excellent health & Spirits, I am not well today but there is joy in my heart praise the Lord.

*Apr. 22.* Our boys are all cheerful haveing this day been paid off up to March 1st. & the pay master Maj W.C. Emerson told me it took about one hundred & twentyfive thousand dollars to pay our Regt this day the Regt had not been paid for eight months & some of us longer & the Marks Mills prisners not for a year past I received of Maj W.C. Emerson nine months pay including June & February \$956.65. My Son Received 8 months pay & 3 instalments of his bounty making



in all he received \$226.50 At 4 Oc P.M. by Order of Genl Thayer the troops here at St Charles Ark ware all out & formed in columns & marched to his headqrs. to pay proper respect to the demise of our late beloved President. Genl Thayer Chaplain M H Hare of our Regt & Chaplain Roseberry of the 126th Illinois Infy Vols

*Sunday, Apr. 23.* At 2 Oc Chaplain M H Hare preached to us in our Chapple text Isaiah 42nd 21st verse At 4 Oc P M we had a formal reception for our returned prisoners that were Captured at the battle of Marks Mills on the 25th of last April & have been exchanged & returned to us here P M of the 20th Col Drake who then commanded us made the reception Speech & Capt T M Fee, of my Company replied he has been a prisoner with the boys the speaches were appropriate & good & the thing passed off very well We had Some tremendous cheering Genl Thayer was presant evening we had a good religeous Speaking meeting in our Chapple. Chaplain Hare opened the meeting & we had a good feeling time together.

*Apr. 24.* The boys have all been buisey fixing up their money to express it home I believe there will be near one hundred thousand dollars sent home from this Regt from this payment.

*Apr. 25.* I got Cirtificate from the Q M & A Q M. of our Regt & also from Lt Col F.M. Drake who is commanding the Regt; showing that I am not in any way indebted to the Q M Department or to the Government. I also wrote out my resignation founded upon the Surgeons Cirtificate & I presented it to Lt Col Drake & he said he regretted very much that my health was so poor & he regretted to have me resign but he thought it was a duty to myself & my Children & therefore he would approve my Resignation hopeing my chest would be intirely restored & my rupture cured & my general health return

*Apr. 26.* I wrote out request to Genl ——— Asking a leave of absence for 7 days to go to little Rock on business pending my resignation & leave was granted me.

*Apr. 27.* At 2 Oc P.M. I bid goodby to the Officers & men of my Regt & the Chaplain my Capt T M Fee & my Son acompanied me to the boat Landing & then I took leave of them & gave my son a parting kiss & took passage on the Steamer Rebecca for Duvall Bluff Brig Genl Thayer who now Commanded the post of St Charles came on the boat & had a short Interview with Maj Genl J G Blunt & Brig Genl A N. Duffie they two are on the boat going up with us to the bluff we landed at the bluff about 10 Oc night & I remained on the boat all night

*Apr. 28.* I took my resignation papers to Col Graves our Brigade Commander at Duvall Bluff & he approved them I then took them to Brig Genl Alexander Shaler our Divission Commander, at the Bluff, we are now in the 2nd Brigade & 1st Divission of the 7th Army Corps, he Shaler directed me to Little Rock for Medical examination & at 2 Oc P M I took the Cars & arived at the Rock at 6 Oc P M & I then Called on Judge H C Caldwell & was pleased to find that his family

had arived Safe to him just from Keosauqua Iowa, Dr Creasap of Van Buren Co Iowa was at the Judges he had accompanied the Judges family down here

*Apr. 29.* Beautifull Clear & pleasant through the day & until late at night when it Clouded up & there was a very heavy Storm of wind & rain with hard thunder & sharp lightning I joined in marriage this day Jackson & Mary Smith Perry & Easter Edwards Amos & Margaret Phillips Thomas & Ann McLewe Perry & Emma Francis Cavins Ellick & Mary Washington James & Hannah Rider Israel & Silva Hawkins Andrew & Mary Ann Tucker Phillip & Susannah Porter & Milton & Rachel Jane Temple

*Sunday, Apr. 30.* At 9 Oc A M I went over the River by appointment to preach to the 1st Kansas Colored Infy but Genl Blunt had the Colored troops all out on review A M & so I staid until 3 Oc P M & talked to them from 5th of John 39th v evening I attended the Colored M E Church the Rev Isaiah Upshaw Colored preached from.—Watch ye therefore &c. I united in marriage this day Thomas & Winney Ross Henry & Ann Messicks John W & Sarah I Mitchael Albert & Martha Steel John W & Margaret Smith

*May 1.* At 2 Oc P.M. I went before the Medical board of examining Surgeons At the St Johns Hospital Little Rock Arkansas & my Resignation papers ware Approved by them I took tea with Judge H C Caldwell, Dr Creasap from Van Buren Co Iowa also took tea with him & we had a good social time, the Dr expects to start for Iowa tomorrow I joined in marriage this day Isaac & Jane Ann Robinson Elijah & Jane Lewis Jesse M & Lucinda Bradley John & Virginia Mayfield Samuel & Hannah Chambers

*May 2.* At 11 Oc A M. I called on Judge H C Caldwell & met my old friend Dr Creasap I took dinner with them & gave the Doctor two hundred dollars to deliver to Mrs M H Hare Our Chaplains wife at Keosauqua Iowa after dinner I went with the doctor & got him his pass & accompanied him to the Cars & at 2 Oc P M he started for Iowa I this day united in marriage Andrew Haley & Emily A Hall Reuben & Elizabeth Ruddic James & Emely Walker

*May 3.* At 10 Oc A M I presented my resignation papers with the approval of the examining Surgts approval to Col Levering Adjt Genl of the Army of Arkansas I joined in marriage this day Joseph & Matilda Ruddoc

*May 4.* I this day received a honorable discharge from the Service of the U S Army on a Surgts Cirtificate I joined in marriage this day Katoo & Milley Smith James & Racheal Smith Amos & Winney Payton

*May 5.* I joined in marriage this day John & Elizabeth Thompson Wm & Matilda Caroline Hayse (Cols Cook) Harrisson & Cherry Williams Jerry & Winney Taylor Henry & Margaret Clay Cornelias & Alice Hollman Adkins David & Catherine Lane Peter & Mary Ann Henry, Thomas & Martha Benton

*May 6.* The Rebble prisoners in the Penitenitary here at little Rock Ark are all anxious to take the Amnesty oath & they seem very anxious to give up their Cause & a great number of them have been turned out this day I united in marriage this day Jackson & Mary Ann Tailor Thomas & Isabella Martin Lindsey & Jane Martial

*Sunday, May 7.* At 11 Oc A.M. I tried to preach at Colored M E Church text John 3rd 14th & 15th verses Evening Rev Wallace Andrews Colored brother preached text Exodus 3rd 6th & 7th verses I united in marriage this day Robert & Julia Bradley Cass & Darcus Medlock

*May 8.* I wrote a letter to Amandus & the Chaplain & I deposited five hundred dollars of the Chaplains money by his order with the late Maj Barnes. Lucien J to forward without charge \$500. of the 7-30 U S loan bonds & I also deposited \$500. for my self on same terms both to be expressed free of Charge to Mrs Rev M H Hare & I at Keosauqua Iowa I united in marriage this day Alfred & Lavenia Barnes

*May 9.* Variable & Cool

*May 10.* Steady rain from noon until now 10 Oc night has been cold enough to wear an overcoat all day I joined in marriage this day Jackson & Hariet Kelly Peter & Betty Robinson

*May 11.* At 11 Oc A M I learned that the Steam Packet Rodolph would leave Little Rock Ark at 4 Oc P M for St Louis I went on board of her & found the Govt Aid Hiram Fate an old acquaintance in the early setting of Iowa & I at once decided to get ready & start for Iowa & I hurriedly got packed up & got on board & at 5 Oc P M we loosed Cable & started & at 11 Oc night we ware at Pine Bluff where we halted about 30 minutes

*May 12.* Clear & very cool so that an Over Coat is not Considered an incumberance even down on the Arkansas River, there was some fog before day & we had to Cast anchor for several hours & when the fog passed away we ran down the Arkansas River to the White River Shoot which is some 12 miles above Napoleon that is at the mouth of the Arkansas river & we ran through this Shoot into White river which is some 6 or 8 miles across from one river to the other & then we went down White river some 6 miles to its mouth reported then took up White river some 5 or 6 miles & took a Shoote through from it into the Mississippi river & we got out of this shoot into the Mississippi about 4 Oc P.M. the whole Country in this reagon is under water & the people are in boats or up in their houses

*May 13.* At a little before daybreak we arived at Helena Arkansas & reported & in a few minutes again we loosed & ware on our way rejoiccing at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 Oc P M we landed at Memphis Ten & remained there until 5 Oc P M I took a little ramble in the City & prominaded through Court Square one of the most pleasant resorts of the City I found buisness quite brisk but saw nothing especly worthy of note. We Saw this day the floating bodys of a number of drowned men &

several lodged in the drifts along shore but they did not stop to pick up or burry any

*Sunday, May 14.* We passed up the river without anything of interest transpireing & at 5 Oc P M we passed New Madrid.

*May 15.* At 5 Oc A M we arived at Cairo Ills reported & left at 6 Oc A.M. & at 3 Oc P M as we approached Cape Girardeau they shot across our bow twice & we landed & Lieut Col Dennie I Hines of the 17th Ills Cav put on part of his forces for to report at St Louis & at 5 Oc P M we loosed Cable and started up stream

*May 16.* At 12 Oc noon Just after daylight we passed Chester Ills & at 10 Oc A M we passed St Genevieve & 8 Oc night we landed at the City of St Louis Mo

*May 17.* I spent the forenoon in trying to get our Company flag ornamented with a golden eagle & the apropreate national emblems & on the Stripes on one Side in gold leaf this inscription Presented to Co G 36th Iowa Inf. by the Ladies of Appanoose Co Iowa May it never be Dishonored & on the Opposite side the names of the battles we had been in, viz. Fort Pemberton Miss Helena. Little Rock. Elkins Fort Prairie D'Ane Camden. Marks Mills. Jenkin Ferry but I could not find anyone that could put the Guilding on a woollin or bunting flag & at 1 Oc I took the Cars & went to Belleville Ills & saw my brother in Law they are Painters & Glasers but would not concent to undertake this job on woollen ground

*May 18.* At 7 Oc A M I took the Cars at Belleville Ill for St Louis & at 8 Oc A M I was in St Louis & spent the forenoon in a fruitless effort as yesterday to get anyone to under take to do us a good job on our flag I bought beautifull Silk Cords & Tassels of Red white & blu for it at \$12.00 & 8½ yds of beautifull imported gold fringe for a boarder for our flag it was \$2.00 per yd but I got the 8½ yds for \$16.00 I deposited the flag &c with E O Stanard & I went on board the Steam Packet Jennie Dean & at 4 Oc P M we started for Keokuk Iowa At 2 Oc P M. I went through the Court House in St Louis & viewed the grand & solmn funeral arangements for our beloved late President A Lincoln who was mearcilessly killed by the tratorous democracy. for the Golden Eagle for our Co flag.....\$12.00

Silk Cords & Tassels..... 12.00

Gold fringe ..... 16.00

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\$40.00

*May 19.* At 6 Oc P M we landed at Keokuk I called to see our boys at hospital & went from there with Mrs Sissin & Miss Ann Riggs & took tea with them I then Called & delivered a letter to Mrs loyar Strong with money in it from Dr Strong Surgeon of our Regt, I then went & staid all night with Rev Teters Chaplain of the Hospitals at Keokuk

*May 20.* At 7½ Oc I took the Cars at Keokuk for the Summit & at

noon I was at home in Keosauqua & thank the Lord I found my children in good health except my Daughter & she is quite feble but has been doing her own work until this day & they have just got a girl there is a Circus Show in town & quarterly meeting is in progress & I got to see quite a number of my friends & acquaintances, evening our Elder Rev Lyman Briggs preached text Jobe Who is the Lord that I Should Serve him & what proffit &c

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### DUBUQUE IN 1836

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The town of DuBuque is handsomely situated on the west bank of the Mississippi River, in latitude 42 degrees 30 minutes, about 500 miles by water above St. Louis. It is built on a level prairie, which rises about fifteen [corrected to seventy in next issue] feet above high water mark, and is from a half mile to a mile in width from the river to the bluff, and about two miles in length. There are already surveyed thirty-five blocks, which are sub-divided into 280 town lots, all of which are occupied by houses and gardens. The village contains about 1,000 inhabitants and 250 buildings of different descriptions, among which are fifteen dry goods stores, and one Methodist meeting house. A large Catholic church is now building, and preparation is making for building a Presbyterian church. Situated as the town is, in the vicinity of the richest lead mines and surrounded by a good farming country with as fertile a soil as any in Wisconsin Territory and located on the bank of the Mississippi, the great highway of the western country where steamboats continually arrive and depart, we may safely calculate that the place will continue to improve rapidly.—*BuBuque Visitor*, DuBuque, Wisconsin Territory, May 11, 1836. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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