

Courtesy of David L. Myers.

Diary of Boyd Donelson Myers

Born in Smithfield, NY – Madison County – January 13, 1833

Died in Waterford, PA – Erie County – August 28, 1913

Buried in the Old Edinboro Cemetary

Married to Emily Phelps (1837-1879) October 2, 1864 in Waverly, NY

Married to Lucy Minor, June 7, 1881

Resided in Smithfield, NY – 1833 to 1842 (age 9)

Resided in Conewango, NY – 1842 to 1865 (age 29)

At War 1862 - 1865

Resided in Napoli, NY – 1865 to 1867 (age 34)

Resided in Edinboro, PA – 1867 to 1881 (age 48)

Resided in Erie, PA – 1881 to 1895 (age 62)

Resided in Waterford, PA – 1895 – 1913 (80)

1st Son of Frederick F. Myers and Mary (Edington) Myers

Civil War Service:

Enlisted in Company A, 154th NY Infantry at Napoli, NY – July 29, 1862

Promoted to Corporal – September 10, 1862

Captured in action at Chancellorsville, VA – May 2, 1863

Imprisoned in Libbey Prison, Richmond, VA & paroled – May 16, 1863

Sick in Camp Convalescent, VA – since September 23, 1863

Transferred to 14th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps – September 16, 1864

Assigned to Company G, 14th VRC – March 1, 1865

Mustered out – June 27, 1865 – Washington, DC

Brothers & Sisters

Ruth (Myers) Seager: 10-3-1836 (Smithfield, NY) – 8-17-1868 (Conewango, NY)

Gerrit S. Myers: 11-2-1838 (Smithfield, NY) - 1912 (Conewango, NY)

Eugene Myers: 8-29-1841 (Smithfield, NY) - 5-22-1863 (Brooks Station, VA)

Nancy Myers: 4-22-1843 (Conewango, NY) - 9-9-1845 (Conewango, NY)

Wells Myers: 6-21-1846 (Conewango, NY) - ?

Orville Myers: 9-26-1854 (Conewango, NY) – 2-21-1858 (?)

Sons & Daughters

Fred Phelps Myers: 4-23-1866 (Conewango, NY) –

Ruth Ellen Myers: 5-8-1868 (Edinboro, PA) –

Mary Linn Myers: 10-30-1870 (Edinboro, PA) –

Walter Edwin Myers: 2-1-1873 (Edinboro, PA) – 12-20-1950 (Erie, PA)

Robert Henry Myers: 3-28-1877 (Edindoro, PA) -

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OF
THIS TO
BE AN
ADDENDUM

Names in the diary

Cousin Elizabeth

Emily Seager

F. W. – Fred West

C.L.B.

L. F. H.

Gerrit Myers – brother

E.C.P. – Emily C Phelps

J. R. Doolittle

Slover

Aunt Emily – Emily Myers, sister of Frederick Myers

Ruth – sister Ruth (Myers) Seager

Uncle Chauncy – Chauncey Myers – 5th Son of Frederick Myers, Brother of Boyd's father

INCOMPLETE
AT THIS TIME

ADDENDUM

Place in the diary:

Camp Chase
Fort Murston
Forrest Hall
Fort McHenry
Freedmans Village
Sugar Grove, PA
Leon, NY
Chacellorsville, VA

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INCOMPLETE

— BEGIN —

Mon. April 11th 1864 fair (?) pleasant weather. not a very hard days work (?) wrote to cousin Elizabeth at night

Tues. 12th quite pleasant, but few men sent away. considerable searching of the Books. received a letter from Emily Seager. about 300 men received at night. worked late.

Wed 13th cool and cloudy men of the 5th Corps sent away. recd a letter from F. W. (?) wrote an answer. also a letter to C. L. B(?) copied rolls for 2nd Corps also for 9th Corps. (?)

Thurs. 14th about 200 Deserters received part (?) from Forrest Hall and part from Fort McHenry 65 men sent to 2nd Corps 2 transferred to 1st and 2nd Divs of (?) of (?) wrote a letter to Emily Seager, rec'd, one from L. F. H.

April 1864

Fri. 15th 97 Men sent to Regt, all but two to Army of P. the above sent before noon a few sent afternoon in all over 100 men plenty of work wrote a letter in the evening recd, two papers. pleasant weather.

Sat. 16th some (?), no letters recd, a dull day; not much to do. wrote a letter to Gerrit at night

Sun 17th a little rain; 51 men sent away no letters recd.

Mon 18th plenty of work, recd a letter and wrote an answer but few men sent away

Tues 19th pleasant weather but few men sent no letter recd or written: Wed 20th Men of the 5th Corps sent to Regt. No letters recd or written quite unwell at night. A man who was arrested as a Deserter died in Barrack 26 from heart disease was sick but a very short time

Thurs 21st Nice pleasant weather. Cav. Corps & 9th A Corps sent away. Recd two letters one from Father & Mother and one from Gerrit. answered the first one.

Fri 22nd plenty of work on hand. Men of 2nd Corps sent off recd some papers from E. C. P.. fine pleasant weather

Sat 23rd 6th Corps sent off very windy and dusty. no letters recd not so busy as usual, but enough to do. recd. a letter from Sugar Grove PA. An Order for western men to go on Monday morning to Camp Chase.

Sun 24th comparatively an idle day but plenty to do at night copying rolls (?)

Mon 25th received a letter from Emily. wrote answer at night; had plenty of work. the Camp Chase men sent in the morning about 90 men

Tues. 26th fine pleasant weather plenty to do. But few men sent away a squad received from Forrest Hall. No letters today wrote one in the evening to Clara

Wed. 27th very busy all day sent away 176 men, no letters tired at night no work in the evening

Thurs. 28th men of 5th Corps sent to Regt, plenty of work, no letters received or written

Friday 29th men of 2nd Corps sent to Regt. warm and pleasant at noon cool at night. wrote a letter in the evening to E. C. P.

Sat 30th a few men sent away in the morning. I went to Alexandria with some men, was quite tired when I returned, plenty to do at night recd, two letters one from L.F.H. and one from E.C. Phelps wrote one at night; warm and pleasant most of the day a little rain in the afternoon.

Sun. May 1st sent away the men belonging to the (?) Corps R. and F. Arty Eng Corps and Prov Mar. Brig plenty of work recd a letter from home and wrote an answer at night.

Mon 2nd One year today since the Battle of Chancellorsville was begun and I was separated from my Regt to which I have never returned.

Tues 3rd pleasant through the day some rain at night plenty to do recd a letter from J. R. Doolittle

Wed 4th fine pleasant weather considerable to do some (?) in the afternoon recd 3 papers and mail. Very busy searching records

Thurs 5th employed most of the day searching records 55 men sent to 18th Corps very pleasant no mail or news from home. one year ago today was cold and wet & was a prisoner in the hands of the Rebs

Fri 6th very warm and pleasant very busy searching records recd, a letter from E. C. P. wrote and answer in the evening: Saturday 7th very warm busy most of the day examining records, recd a letter of inquiry from Philadelphia wrote a letter to Aunt Emily in the evening

Sun 8th very warm not very busy wrote a letter to a lady in Philadelphia in answer to inquiries concerning her brother an order for men for Camp Chase to go in the morning at 9 O'clock

Mon 9th 61 men sent to Camp Chase. Very warm weather. sent 17 men to the 18th Corps

Tues 10th very warm, no men of any account sent. no letters recd by me. went to the Hosp. to see Slover, wrote a letter for him wrote one in the evening for self

Wed 11th not so busy as usual recd a letter from Fred L. West worked some examining books

Thurs 12th but few men sent away worked examining books and Descriptive lists had some pictures taken which did not suit me so gave them away. recd a letter from Leon wrote an answer at night

Friday 13th rainy in the forenoon not very bust recd a letter from home and answered it no men of any amount sent away

Sat 14th Rainy in the forenoon cool and pleasant at night. a thunderstorm before morning but few men sent away did not receive or write any letters

Sun 15th rainy in the morning. an occasional shower through the day two very hard showers
- received a letter from E. C. P. wrote an answer in the evening. Also wrote to Fred West

Mon 16th but very few men sent away. quite busy searching records cool an pleasant in afternoon some rain in the morning

Tues 17th quite busy through the day worked most of the night by spells making rolls

Wed 18th a general roll call over two hundred men transferred to Capt Murston, 1st Div R. of D. to be sent to the Army

Thurs 19th quite busy copying rolls in the forenoon went to see the 179th N.Y. and to Freedmans Village in the afternoon. Received a letter from Gerrit

Fri 20th warm and pleasant had plenty to do in the forenoon. but little in the afternoon went to the Hospital and around camp. sat for some Photographs. two Deserters shot by the sentry both of them in the Barrack one of them dangerously wounded the other serious, but not fatally wrote a letter to Gerrit in the evening describing the occurrence

Sat 21st very warm. not vey busy. Recd, a letter and two Papers from E. C. P. Sun 22nd a squad of men sent to the 18th Corps. Orders for Western Department, Camp Chase one of the Deserters shot by the sentry through both legs one the bone so shattered as to render amputation necessary. wrote a letter and sent a picture of this camp to E.C. P.

Mon 23rd 36 Deserters sent to Camp Chase. very warm: an order recd. to make lists of all men present in this Div. Part to be sent to Alexandria part to be transferred to the other Divisions of the camp the rest to be retained. Tues 24th very busy until late in the evening recd a letter from E.P. and some papers

Wed 25th sent 230 men to Alex. busy most of the day. Recd an order to report to the Div.vannort (?) for examination; marked Obs (?). wrote a letter sent two Photographs

Thurs 26 rainy. A Thunderstorm last night and night before examined again marked Regt not so much to do as usual. A lot of men received in PM no letters recd some work at night

Fri 27th recd a letter from home containing two Dollars very busy most of the day transferred a lot of men to the 1st Div R of D.

Sat 28 busy again more men received not very well but so as to write

Sun 29 busy most of the day. sent 72 men to Alexandria transferred some to 1st Div R. of D. wrote a letter to Father & Mother

Mon 30th very warm some men sent to Department of Va and N. Carolina wrote a letter in the evening to Ruth.

Tues 31st very warm busy part of the day examining records not very busy in the afternoon. no mail for me.

Wed June 1st very warm; busy part of the day did not do much afternoon no mail for me today

Thurs. June 2nd 1864 cool and some rainy recd, a letter and wrote an answer not very busy most of the day.

Fri June 3rd Busy most of the day recd, a letter from Gerrit warm and pleasant. Sat 4th recd a letter from Emily wrote an answer at night busy most of the day

Sun 5th a very busy day recd a letter and answered it. some unwell at night: Mon 6th very warm quite unwell. did not do much Tues 7th Recd a few men quite unwell recd a letter and some Photographs which I had ordered from the artist in Camp

Wed 8th not very well yet but so as to do any usual labor in the Office recd, some men from Forrest Hall.

Thurs 9th a warm day plenty to do recd, some men from Fort McHenry, Md. A hard shower just at night

Fri. June 10th some men sent to Southern Department early in the morning not quite as warm as yesterday men examined and some transferred to Capt Mearston, 1st Div. R. of D. over a hundred men received from Forrest Hall wrote to E.C.P.

Sat 11th plenty to do recording the arrivals of yesterday and date of Desertion and Arrest. Wrote a letter to Uncle Chauncy

Sun 12th the arrivals of Friday examined and part sent to Alexandria. Made out list for transfer to Capt Marston recd 3 letters wrote one to Father

Mon 13th very busy transferring men and making lists and recording departures wrote a letter to Emily Tues 14th busy most of the day did not receive any letter wrote one to Ruth another to Nettie Bigelow (pleasant)

Wed 13th very pleasant weather busy most of the day transferred some men to Capt Mearston in Command of 1st Division and over 100 to Lieut Samuels in com. 2nd Division Rec'd about 80 men from Forrest Hall busy until late in the evening

Thurs 16th very busy sent some men to Alexandria and transferred some to 1st and 2nd Divisions R. of D. recd about 60 more from Forest Hall and transferred part of them also recd, a letter but was too busy to write an answer: Fri 17th very warm weather, sent some men to Alex. and transferred a few . wrote a letter in the afternoon to E.C.P.

Sat 18th not very busy. The weather comfortably cool recd a letter and wrote an answer. went to bathe at night Sun 19th not quite as busy as usual Mon 20th very busy again warm and pleasant went to bathe at night

June 1864

Tues 21st received 128 Men today they were examined by Capt. Crawford, very warm weather: no letters today

Wed 22nd very warm: went to bathe at night sent away and transferred over 100 men received 114 more near night. who were examined by Capt Crawford had plenty to do until late in the evening

Thur 23rd Sent away and transferred about 100 men: very warm weather very busy until late in the evening. No letters today: Friday 24th warmer than any previous day of the season. busy recording departures and searching records. recd, two letters and answered one in the evening. went to bathe at night.

Sat 25th very warm again. not very busy part of the day. wrote a leeter at night. over 70 men received from Forrest Hall in the afternoon and about 137 from Fort Columbus. Sun 26th very busy most of the day recd two letter, wrote one, worked quite late in the evening. very hot weather transferred some men to the 1st Div R of D.

Mon 27th Transferred some men to 2nd Div R. of D and sent some to Alexandria. very busy making out rolls and recording Departures a little rain in the afternoon. recd a letter from sugar Grove; a little cooler at night

Tues. 28th Worked on roll to send to Washington in the morning and (wrote) two letters during the day and evening, no letters received a little cooler than for a few days past

Wed 29th cool and cloudy: not very busy: worked at copying up old Arrival Book. no letters today a few men received from Hospital

Thurs 30th a little rain in the afternoon. did not feel very well not very busy: no letters

Fri. July 1st very warm some rain in the morning. did not feel very well; recd some men from Forrest Hall not examined

Sat 2nd The men from Forrest Hall examined in the forenoon, and rolls made out: some transferred to the 1st and 2nd Divisions and some sent to Alexandria in the Afternoon also some men recd: from Fort McHenry examined in the afternoon plenty work

Sun July 3rd 1864 very pleasant, quite busy most of the day; recd; a letter and wrote an answer received 96 men from Pennsylvania Conscripts and Subs.

Mon 4th not very busy; recd, a letter from Emily and answered it. went to see fireworks in the evening

Tue 5th not very busy; quite warm. recd a letter from home and wrote an answer

Wed 6th recd. a few men from Alexandria no letters for me recd a paper from Emily sent a paper to her also. very warm weather

Thurs 7th very warm still, recd a letter from Gerrit. Transferred 11 men to R. of D. Recd 88 Conscripts and Substitutes in the PM A Thundershower about sunset. wrote a letter to Gerrit

Fri 8th very warm; not much to do in the forenoon, received 142 Substitutes in the afternoon

Sat 9th Still very warm. Recd, 81 Deserters from Forrest Hall in the afternoon the news from the army are that the Rebs are in Maryland

July 1874

Sun 10th News received that the Rebs are marching towards Washington. A little more than 300 Subs and drafted men sent out from here in the afternoon. the Deserters who were received yesterday were examined and part of them transferred to the other part of the camp and some sent to Alexandria. Recd, a letter from Emily. not much sleep in the camp as most of the men were armed and equipped to go early in the morning

Mon 11th a large number of men left camp the guards all taken away to go across the river for the defence of Washington. A number of Deserters escaped from the Barracks. Very warm

Tue 12th considerable excitement in camp with fears of a Rebel raid. the detailed men in camp nearly all were armed. two men of this Division left to care for the Office "the chief clerk and myself" Recd two letters one from Boston and one from Leon

Wed July 13th the detailed men most of them were out on drill and Dress parade. I remained at the Office wrote two letters in answer to those recd yesterday. Obtained a pair of cloth slippers from the Sanitary Commission

Thur July 14th considerable excitement in regard to the safety of Washington and its Defences; not a very large amount of business done in this Office today. no mail received by any of us.

Fri 15th Cool and comfortable. but very little mail recd for this Division. no letters for met the (?) (who had formerly guarded the Prisoners) who were this morning again placed on guard after an absence of two days were again relieved and sent away and a convalescent guard in their

place. a very poor change. About 130 prisoners recd, from Forrest Hall in the afternoon most of them transferred to 1st and 2nd Divisions of R. of D. plenty of work to do

Sat 16th More Deserters recd from Fort McHenry, some of them sent to Alexandria in the afternoon, most of the remainder to be transferred to 1st & 2nd Divisions R of D. recd a letter from Ruth and wrote an answer busy all day making out and copying rolls. cool and nice

Sun 17th men transferred to 1st and 2nd Divisions and other work to keep one busy all day. between one and two hundred Subs returned from the Fortification about midnight: Mon 18th the men recd, last night with between two and three hundred more recd, today from 1st Div sent away to work on Fortifications. About 230 more recd, from N. Jersey and Pennsylvania. a

Tues 19 quite a busy day more men recd, one lot from Forrest Hall nearly all Stragglers. Recd, a letter from home, too busy to write an answer

Wed 20th a lot of subs recd busy all day until near night no letters recd today. wrote an answer to Fathers letter. the men recd. from Forrest Hall transferred to 1st and 2nd Divisions of the camp. Thurs 21st a few men received from Alexandria some subs sent to Camp Briggs. Wrote a letter in the evening

Fri 22nd warm day weather. about 100 men recd, from Forrest Hall. but little mail recd, in this Div. Sat 23rd the men recd, yesterday were partially examined and some sent to Alexandria some transferred to 1st & 2nd Divisions R. of D. busy though the day wrote a letter in the evening. 70 or 80 subs recd.

Sun 24th plenty of work to do. did not get any mail. rained most of the night

Mon 25th busy most of the day. and not very well. but better than yesterday. when I was quite unwell a good soaking rain which cooled the air and will assist grass and all vegetation.

Tues 26th very warm again. 38 men rec'd, in the forenoon and sent away afternoon and 100 men received afternoon who stayed all night. the above were Drafted men and substitutes no Deserters rec'd I went out of camp after Berries in the A.M.

Wed 27th sent the men rec'd, yesterday PM. To Camp Taylor this A.M. and a few men recd. from 2nd Div R. of D. in P.M. did not feel very well in the afternoon very warm

Thur. 28th very busy most of the time; very warm weather. no news from home or elsewhere. plenty to do. received and sent away two squads of men recd. and sent away: Subs and conscripts also recd 310 Deserters in the afternoon and evening. recd a letter from Gerrit containing a Photograph of himself and wife. no time to answer it

Friday 29th very busy all day: up early in the morning two hundred men examined 41 sent to Alexandria: Subs recd and sent to Camp Taylor in the afternoon. recd, two letters today one from Leon and one from Sugar Grove very warm weather. Sat 30th about 150 men trans to 1st & 2 Divisions of the Camp 100 men examined part transferred and part sent to Alexandria 218 more recd from Forrest Hall. worked late in the evening did not sleep very well. a lot of Subs recd, besides the Deserters. recd a letter from Mother no time to write and answer

Sun 31st a very busy day. over 200 men examined by Lieut Stewart some sent to Alexandria, some to Camp Taylor and about 120 transferred to 1st & 2nd Divisions R. of D. recd' a letter from Em. too busy to write an answer

Mon Aug 1st Finished a roll to be sent to Washington for approval part of it written last evening. busy searching and other business pertaining to the Office in the forenoon. wrote some letters in the afternoon some rain P.M.

Tues 2 not so much to do as usual wrote a letter or so searched records a little and read some

Wed 3rd very little to do until near night when we recd, a little more than 300 men some Deserters from Forrest Hall, and some Subs and Drafted men from N.J. and Pa.

Thurs 4th a large share of the Deserters recd, yesterday transferred to the other part of the camp and part of the Subs, sent to Camp Taylor

Fri 5th 3 men sent to Alexandria. none of any account recd, I was not very well. did not have much to do. commenced raining in the night a fine shower

Sat 6th unwell in the morning. (a fine rain early in the morning.) too unwell for any kind of duty all day. recd a letter from Emily, answer it at night.

Sun 7th Mon 8th Tues 9th Wed 10th and Thurs 11th too unwell for any kind of duty. laid on the bed a good share of the time except the last day when I felt a little Better. Friday 12th no well yet recd a letter and wrote and answer.

Sat 13th a little better, but not so as to do duty in the Office recd. a letter from home containing \$5. Wrote an answer: some rain in the afternoon.

Sun 14th considerable unwell today did not work any recd, a letter and answered it some rain towards night

Mon 15th better today did not do much in the Office considerable rain. Wrote a letter in the afternoon and evening. got some bitters for giving me an appetite

Tue 16th Slowly improving in health. did not work in the Office. very warm and dry Wed 17 my neck and right shoulder lame, some signs of rain (a little afternoon) Thurs 18th some rain not a very busy day in the Office recd, a letter and wrote and answer no particular news. my health slowly improving not not good

Fri 19th Still improving in health moist weather not much to do in the Office. no letter rec'd or written

Sat 20th weather still moist. gaining slowly yet. nothing of importance to do in the Office no news from home or elsewhere

Sun 21st Dry and warm today my health comfortably good: appetite about as good as usual. wrote two letters one to my Parents and one to Lieut. C. L. Barnhart. 47 Deserters rec'd

Mon 22nd Transferred and sent to Alex. most of the men rec'd yesterday. rec'd and sent to Camp Taylor a lot of colored Subs a hard shower in the afternoon a beautiful rainbow just before sunset rec'd a letter and wrote an answer

Tues 23rd warm and pleasant. not very busy in the forenoon. rec'd a letter and wrote an answer in the afternoon about 500 Subs and conscripts rec'd in the evening which kept us up very late.

Wed 24th very warm: some Subs, sent to Camp Taylor in the afternoon nothing particularly new or unusual today wrote a letter in the evening to Henry Buck

Thurs 25th some rain: rec'd a letter from Gerrit. wrote an answer in the afternoon

Fri 26th very warm: rec'd a letter from home and some papers and a letter from E.C.P. answered the last and wrote one to Ruth at night

Sat 27th no letters rec'd. very warm weather: no rain: wrote a letter to Father went bathing in the evening

Sun 28th very warm. No letters rec'd or written by me. 32 Deserters rec'd and most of them disposed of. about 220 Subs and Drafted men rec'd just at night

Mon. Aug 29th not much to do in the Office. fine pleasant weather: no letters

Tues 30th a little cooler weather not very busy in the Office. Did not feel very well in the afternoon on account of some medicine taken in the morning. No letters today

Wed 31st Cool in the morning and evening warm in the middle of the day not very busy no letters

Thursday September 1st weather same as yesterday. not very busy in the Office. Rec'd three letters two from Leon and one of inquiry from the State of Maine answered the letter and one from Leon, also finished one to Gilbert Rogers. Not very well

Fri 2nd not very busy. cool and pleasant

Sat 3rd no letters to answer or much to do in the Office Lieut Stewart gone to City Point dull business

Sun 4th about the same as for a few days past no mail or much to do in the Office, did not feel very well. some references to search records for. some rain at night

Mon 5th not very busy. read most of the day good news from Atlanta two days ago and confirmed today "viz" the capture of that city, and rout of the rebel forces. Very rainy at night. wrote one letter to pass away the time

Tues 6th some rainy not very busy rec'd a letter and wrote an answer. a few Deserters rec'd from City Point some sent to Alexandria some transferred to 1st Div and 2nd Div of R. of D a few retained for Report

Wed 7th very pleasant, and quite cool: busy in the A.M. not much to do P.M. : Thurs 8th went to Alexandria on a Pass. Pleasant in the forenoon and rainy in Afternoon. recd, two papers by mail: no change of importance

Fri 9th Pleasant weather 110 Deserters Recd, from Fort McHenry Recd, a letter from home and wrote and answer

Sat 10th rainy in the morning: the men who were recd, yesterday examined. Some sent to Alexandria and some transferred to 1st & 2nd Division R of D.

Sept 1864

Sun 11th Rainy by spells; not a very busy day; searched records most of the day which did not amount to much; no news of importance today

Mon. 12th cool and cloudy; about 30 Deserters received before dinner from City Point busy in the later afternoon searching records; cool and very pleasant in the evening

Tues 13th A pleasant day, not very busy; no news of any importance, cold at night

Wed 14th Warm with rain at night. not very busy through the day. no letter recd, or news from the front Camp Taylor broken up and a lot of Subs. Received at night

Thurs 15 pleasant throughout the day a little rain at night; quite busy no letters today, wrote one tonight

Fri 16th busy most of the day. cool enough for comfort, but pleasant. no news by way of letters.

Sat 17th recd, 3 letters wrote answer to one. the Detailed men belonging to the 1st Div. R of D were examined by a Board of Surgeons and the rest of the camp to be examined on Monday night

Sun 18th was transferred to the hospital for the purpose of obtaining a Furlough. Recd, one letter wrote two in the afternoon and evening. did not feel very well stayed at the Hospital all night

Mon 19th wrote an application for a furlough which was approved by Dr. Sutton, Surgeon in charge of Auger Genl Hospital. filled out the blank furlough which was forwarded to Washington was in Camp R. of D a good share of the day done a little work in the Office, very pleasant

Tue 20th a pleasant day, did not feel very well. in Camp psrt of the day, and Hospital the remained, did not receive any letters

Wed 21st warm and pleasant in the Hosp part of the day, was examined by a board of examination, do not know the result. wrote a letter in the afternoon but did not receive any. some pain in my breast and side. good news from General Sheridan.

Thurs 22nd part of the day in Camp and part in Hospital. my Furlough came in the afternoon. Spent the evening preparing to go home. no letters today

Fri 23rd Left camp in the morning went to Washington in an ambulance in the morning and returned to camp to obtain the Surgeons signature to my Furlough left Washington about 5 O'clock P.M. arrived in Baltimore about 7 (" ") stayed two hours rode all night

Sat 24th Arrived in Elmira at 1 PM left for Randolph at 15 minutes past 5. Arrived in R about midnight "quite rainy" went as far as Abram Dockstaders where I stayed until morning Sun 25th Left Mr. Ds; after Breakfast called at Uncles Ger. and Chuanceys then went to Gerrits and from there to Ruths from there went to Rutledge to church in the afternoon went home after meeting folks all glad to see me

Mon 26th helped ? ? a load of wood in the forenoon; went to Waverly in the afternoon stayed all night. pleasant weather

Tue 27th Remained at W. until afternoon when I left for home stopped at Catt. Station; bought a pair of shoes for \$3.50; arrived at home in the evening "all well"

• Wed 28th at home in the forenoon, started for Emery Seagers in the afternoon, called at Martin Browns and his Fathers, also at Mr. Bigelows; stayed at Emerys

Thurs 29th went with Emery & Ruth to Darwin Charles in Cherry Creek; a very rainy day stayed at Ems all night Fri 30th went to Gerrits in the forenoon stayed to Dinner went to Mr Bushes in the afternoon and home at night.

Sat Oct 1st at home in the forenoon went to engage Mr. Sanfords carraige. went to Waverly in the afternoon made arrangements in the evening to be married tomorrow

Sun 2nd some rain in the morning was married to Emily Phelps at 9 1/2 A.M. by her Father; a few friends were invited to witness the ceremony. Went to church at Waverly in the forenoon and to a Funeral at East Otto in the afternoon; stayed at her Fathers the first night

Mon 3rd Went to my Fathers to stay at night where we arrived in the evening; Mother quite sick

Tues 4th At home in the forenoon, went to Mr. Sanfords with Emily in the afternoon stayed at home at night

Wed 5th went to Uncle Chauncys in the forenoon where we took Dinner and Supper then went to Uncle Georges where we stayed all night

Thurs 6th stayed at Uncles Gs in the forenoon; called at Americus Saunders in the afternoon, and went to G.E. Seagers to stay at night Cousin Elizabeth went with us rained hard once during the day, and at night

Fri 7th Carried Elizabeth home in the morning, went to Leon in the afternoon took Dinner at Ezra Coopers; went from there to Dr. Stickneys after Dinner Stayed all night with the Doctors Family; a rainy night.

Sat 8th went home with the Doctors carriage in the Forenoon intending to go the Napoli in the afternoon, but did not go, because it was too stormy.

Sun 9th Snowed quite hard most of the morning did not go away until near night when I went to Leon Center. Lucy Herrick rode with me and went home with me to spend the evening after which I went to take her home.

Mon 10th went to G. E. Seagers and to Gerrits in the forenoon and to Cattaraugus and Waverly in the afternoon; had an Ambrotype taken at Cattaraugus; went home with Father Phelps to stay all night, quite cool weather,

Tues 11th Left my wife at her Fathers and he went with me to Cattaraugus where I took the cars for Elmira arrived at E about 4.30 P.M. Took the cars for Baltimore at 5.45 P.M. arrived in B next morning

Wed 12th My Furlough expired today arrived in Baltimore about 7 A.M. where I took Breakfast and started for Washington at 9 O'clock arrived there about 11 left the city to go to Rendezvous of Distribution about noon arrived there after 1 O'clock reported at the Hospital in the afternoon and wrote two letters in the evening one to Emily and one to Doctor Stickney for whom I purchased some Photographs which I sent in the letter.

Thurs 13th Pleasant weather; was returned to duty from the Hospital some work in the Office wrote two letters one to Father and one to Ruth

Fri 14th A pleasant day, wrote three letters during the day, and evening, had some work to do, but was not crowded with business. my health is good as usual for which I ought to be grateful and I hope soon to hear from the loved ones at home and that they are well

Sat 15th warm and pleasant , recd, about 30 men from City Point part of which were sent to Alexandria and most of the rest transferred to 1st and 2nd Division R of D. some work examining records today made out a list of men to send to Washington.

Sun 16th a very little labor in the Office felt lonely and did not know what to do read some in the Testament and some in the newspapers wrote to cousin Wm. Myers; went to church in the evening; very pleasant weather.

Mon 17th Pleasant weather; not much to do in the Office went to the Quartermasters and drew a pair of shoes. Went to 1st Div. Hd.Qrs and voted, and sent my vote home or to Washington by W.C. Doolittle who agreed to post it in the Post Office there, wrote a letter to Father in the evening quite cool

Tues 18th a fine pleasant day, not very busy through the day, recd, 89 men at night, from Fort McHenry wrote a letter in the afternoon to Clara Weld.

Wed 19th a pleasant day quite busy. an examination of men in the forenoon some transferred in the afternoon. I recd, a letter from Emily and wrote and answer in the evening also one to her brother Edwin. quite sick most of the night

Thur 20th not very well; laid about all the A.M. worked at the desk P.M. wrote a letter to Linda Phelps in the evening a very pleasant day.

Fri 21st A little better today, some work at the desk but not very busy through the mercy of a kind Providence my health is slowly improving; hope to be well soon

Sat 22nd Busy most of the day searching records. Recd a letter from Emily and wrote an answer, also wrote a note to American Gold Pen Co. N. Y. City and enclosed a stamp, to have them send me a circular. quite cold at night.

Sun 23rd A nice peasant day; not very busy in the Office, no letter today. went to meeting in the evening.

Mon 24th quite busy most of the day. wrote a letter to Cousin Annah Matthewson in the evening sat up quite late to read.

Tues 25th busy most of the day, recd, a letter from Gilbert Rogers and wrote and answer in the evening, went into camp with some men who came into camp to take soldiers votes for McClellan when I supposed they were one for Mc one for Lincoln "a bad hit that" recd a lot of men in the afternoon from Fort McHenry. Two weeks today since I left my dear wife to return to my labors in camp, 11 months to serve

Wed 26th busy most of the day the men recd, yesterday examined today and most of them transferred to 1st & 2nd Divisions of the Camp. 8 sent to Alex. recd a circular from N.Y. City, no letter

Thurs 27th quite busy most of the day, recd, 2 letters one from home which was very welcome and one from Lucy Herrick also welcome, answered both.

Fri 28th a few more Deserters received, busy again received a letter from Emily which I answered also wrote one to cousin Adi, a pleasant day

Sat 29th Went to Alexandria in charge of two Deserters visited King Street Hospital, also 3rd Div. Hospital, and Slough Barracks Went to 69 King St. for Photographs sat for a picture to have 6 copies sent to me next week. paid him 2 dollars, bought 33 postage stamps came back at night so finishes the record of another week and I am one week nearer eternity than last Saturday night and I trust one week nearer heaven although the last week has not been as much Devoted to the service of God as it should have been God help me to live more for him in the future,

Sun 30th cool but pleasant done some Office work and spent some time reading in the Testament. Spent the evening singing and reading letters from my Wife. part of them written before our marriage.

Mon 31st not very busy. some searching of records and some reading. Very pleasant recd' a letter from Clara Weld and wrote an answer, burned her letter

November 1864

Tues 1st Cool and pleasant; not very busy wrote part of a letter to my Wife, in the evening. not much news from the front; and sometimes it does not seem Grant is doing much to crush the rebellion, but we will wait patiently hoping for good and great results, from the protracted delay

and may God grant to carry on the work in such a manner that our Nation may come out of this struggle purer and better.

Wed 2nd Wet and not very pleasant. Rec'd a letter from Emily with the sad news of her Brother Edwin's death he was at or near Portsmouth Va had been sick for some time with bloody Dysentery and his friends expected he was recovering until they heard of his untimely death. Like myself my Wife has now lost a dear Brother in the Service of our country. Finished a letter to Emily. May all his friends have the love of God to sustain them in their affliction.

Thurs 3rd a wet muddy day, not much to do in the Office no letter received or written today spent my time in reading.

Fri 4th busy part of the day. wrote a letter to Sister Ruth and one to Mr. Bennett Alexandria Va

Sat 5th Cool and pleasant. rec'd 46 Deserters from Fort McHenry. I received a letter from Gerrit and some Photographs from Alexandria. wrote a letter in the evening to Gerrit & copied some rolls

Sun 6th A pleasant day quite busy most of the day; wrote two letters in the evening; one to Martin Brown, the other to Nettie Bigelow. transferred 36 men to 1st and 2nd Division R of D. sent two to Alexandria

Mon 7th Rainy all day; rec'd a pass to go to Washington but did not use it on account of the storm. not very busy in the Office. wrote a letter in the evening to my Wife.

Tue 8th not very busy. spent most of the day in reading very rainy at night. today is the one appointed for the Election of the President for the next 4 years and I trust God will influence the hearts of voters so that the right man will be elected, and that the war may speedily be brought to a speedy and honorable termination and I believe A. Lincoln is the proper man for the position. God grant he may be Elected.

Wed 9th rec'd 30 men from City Point transferred part to 1st & 2nd Divisions and sent part to Alexandria; did not get any letters very warm for this time of year & some rainy. good Election news, Lincoln probably elected

Thurs 10th rainy in the morning; pleasant in the afternoon, not very busy in the afternoon. rec'd 3 letters, one from my Parents, one from L.F.H. and the other from Clara Weld with a Photograph enclosed. Wrote answers to all of them. Election returns all right for Lincoln & Johnson. Also we think Hon. R. E. Fenton elected Governor of the State of New York I believe God has been moving the hearts of the people in this election to defeat the enemy for they had great hopes placed on the election of McClellan & Pendleton

Fri 11th cool in the morning, but pleasant busy in the Office part of the day spent part of the time reading, rec'd a letter from Cousin Adi and wrote an answer

Sat 12th went to Washington & obtained the Ration money on the Furlough rec'd in Sept \$5 in all. Also rec'd \$1.50 for a Gold pen which I sold to R.M. McKee last spring bought some pictures for Dr. Stickney and

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wrote a letter in the evening & enclosed the Pictures. Rec'd a letter from Emily but did not answer it as I felt some tired & wrote lately.

Sun 13th Cool and pleasant, very busy through the day examining records. Recd, a letter from Gilbert Rogers & one from a lady in Maine in the evening

Mon 14th Cold & pleasant. 47 men rec'd from City Point part of them transferred in P.M. quite busy part of the day; spent part of the time reading, wrote a letter to Gilbert Rogers in the evening

Tues 15th busy most of the day; spent part of the time reading. no letters rec'd or written prospects of rain at night. Oh that my heart were more pure; that I might love God more & serve him better may I have the grace to do so.

• Wed 16th not very busy through the day; wrote a letter to Uncle George 67 men rec'd from Fort McHenry after dark

Thur 17th very busy most of the day sent 9 men to Alexandria & transferred about 40 to 1st and 2nd Divisions of the Camp. rec'd a letter from Emily and answered it at night

Fri 18th Rainy most of the day; not very busy rec'd a letter from Emily & wrote an answer read some in the evening Rained nearly all night

Sat 19th rainy in the forenoon; pleasant in the afternoon. Busy part of the day with references and Descriptive Lists. spent some of the time reading

Sun 29th A wet rainy day 26 men rec'd from City Point most of them transferred to 1st & 2nd Divisions R. of D. busy most of the day in the Office. Most of the detailed men of this Division sent to Washington at night to attend a concert.

Mon 21st some men sent to Alexandria, busy part of the day with Office duties. Lieut Stewart relieved from duty on account of expiration of term of service no assigned until afternoon to Command the Division. Lieut Thomas of the 14th Veteran Reserves assigned to the command in the P.M.

Tue 22nd not very busy; rec'd a letter from Sister Ruth; wrote an answer in the evening. a very little Office labor today

Wed 23rd not very busy. cool and pleasant weather no letters rec'd or written by me spent part of the day in reading

Thurs 24th A day set apart for Thanksgiving & prayer. Cool and pleasant; some work in the Office rec'd two letters one from Emily and one from Lucy Herrick; answered both

Fri 25th A very pleasant day; not very busy . had charge of business in the Office Rec'd a letter from Cousin Annah Mathewson and wrote and answer to it.

Sat 26th rec'd a lot of men from City Point and transferred most of them. Some to go to Alexandria warm comfortable weather

Sun 27th quite busy most of the day. Rec'd a letter from Father & Mother and one from Emily; wrote an answer to both

Mon 28th warm and pleasant. 81 men rec'd from City Point some work in the Office. rec'd two papers from Emily. God is good to me for which I ought to be thankful

Tue 29 very fine weather. not very busy in the Office. A few more men rec'd from City Point. No letters today but another paper from Emily bought one and sent her in return. God help me to be worthy of her and both of us to love and serve him.

Wed 30th The men rec'd yesterday and day before were examined today. I was quite busy part of the day. no news from home, quite unwell in the evening

- Thurs December 1st Today is the beginning of the last month of this year. Have been very busy all day some men transferred to the other Division of the Camp and some sent to Alexandria 90 more received from Fort McHenry. Rec'd 2 letters and wrote an answer to both in the evening.

Fri 2nd A little wet. Plenty of work searching records. Rec'd a letter from Emily and wrote an answer in the evening

Sat 3rd very busy. the men from Fort McHenry examined & part transferred. made out a list in the evening to send to Washington. tired of work today

Sun 4th Busy in the Office all day. went to church in the evening the meeting was a good one. I caught cold because the house was chilly for want of wood to make fire. Did not receive any letters or write any today

Mon 5th Some unwell with Dysentery and headache; plenty to do in the Office felt better at night rec'd two dollars which had been lent some time to a man whom others would not lend to.

Tues 6th Some work examining records rec'd order to send all Deserters to Alexandria but they did not go today rec'd a letter from Emily & answered it

Wed 7th Deserters Division broken up and the Deserters sent to Alex. the unassigned men transferred to 2nd Division R. of D. and the 2nd Div Hd. Qrs. moved to the Office formerly occupied by the 3rd Division. I was ordered on duty at 2nd div by Col McKelvy Commander of the Camp

Thurs 8th Commenced my duties as Clerk in the 2nd Div R. of D. did not do much until evening. rec'd a letter from Sister Ruth and wrote an answer in the evening. weather quite cool in the evening

Fri 9th not very busy through the day did not receive any letters, wrote one to Clark Sheldon. A little work at night a snow storm in the evening the first of any account this winter

Sat 10th Cold wintry weather, not very busy rec'd no letters today wrote a letter to Emily not much news in papers

Sun 11th cold but pleasant some work but not very busy; rec'd a letter from Emily and one from Lucy Herrick; wrote one in the evening to Lute. A very cold night

Mon 12th the coldest day of the season so far, but quite pleasant; about 500 men sent to Regt wrote a letter in the evening to Emily, besides making a list of names for 98 men so ends the labors of another day. God help me to improve each day that each night will find me one day neared to heaven

Tues 13th a pleasant day; some work to do, but not very busy. my new position is not quite as laborious as my old one and in some respects, much more pleasant

Wed 14th Spent some time examining records and some in filling out index to the record of Deserters Statements. Received a letter from Martin S. Brown and wife and wrote and answer in the evening

Thur 15th Busy most of the day filling out an Index to Statements of men arrested as Deserters . Cool weather with some signs of snow. A very little time spent searching records

Fri 16th busy most of the day in finishing Index of Statements. rec'd two letters one from my Wife; the other from Cousin William Myers. answered both in the evening also rec'd an order to move to Hd.Qrs of Camp with Books & Papers of old 3rd Division R of D

Sat 17th moved to Hd. Qrs R of D busy most of the day. Rec'd a letter from my Parents and one from Gilbert Rogers; wrote and answer to each. Plenty of business not much time to read

Sun 18th nothing to do in the daytime but read and had I known in the morning there would be no work for me in the Office, I think I would have gone to church. Cool and cloudy God help me to profit by what I have read in the holy word that this day may not be entirely lost the news in the papers were gratifying to those who wish the success of our army and the downfall of the Rebellion as it states that Gen. Thomas has had a Battle with Rebel Gen.Hood and whipped him and captured a large number of Guns & Prisoners with a comparatively small loss to our forces. God grant that our nation may soon conquer the Rebellion and be blest with and honorable and substantial Peace

Mon 19th Quite busy most of the day. rec'd two letters one from cousin Adi one from Clara Weld wrote an answer to the letter. Gratifying news from the Army. Rainy and warm in the day cold and windy at night

Tues 20th Cool and pleasant busy all day arranging the records of men rec'd in the Deserters Camp. Rec'd a letter from Emily and one from Geo. H. Lawson and wrote an answer to each Good news from the Army again today

Wed 21st Rainy most of the day sent a pair of boots to Geo H. Lawson and drew another pair from the Quarter Masters. Went to visit Jerome Pratt & Wife in the evening. Rec'd a call in the afternoon from Henry Watkins

Thurs 22nd cold and windy but no storms busy arranging records of old 3rd Division Rec'd a letter from Lucy Herrick and wrote an answer Rec'd a call from H. Watkins had a good visit very cold for Virginia

December 1864

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Fri. 16th busy most of the day in finishing Index to Statements, recd two letters one from my wife; the other from cousin William Meyers. answered both in the evening. also recd an Order to move to Hd. Qrs. of Camp with Books & Papers of old 3rd Division of D.

Sat. 17th moved to Hd. Qrs. of D. busy most of the day. Recd a letter from my Parents and one from Gilbert Rogers, wrote an answer to each. plenty of business. not much time to read.

Sun. 18th nothing to do in the daytime but read, and had I known in the morning there would be no work for me in the Office, I think I would have gone to church. cool and cloudy. God help me to profit by what I have read in his holy word that this day may not be entirely lost

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Mon. 19th quite busy most of the day recd. two letters, one from cousin Adeline from Clara Weld, wrote an answer to the latter. Gratifying news from the Army. Pleasant and warm in the day cold & windy at night.

Tues. 20th Cool and pleasant, busy all day arranging the records of men recd in Deserters Camp. Recd a letter from Emily & one from Geo. H. Lawson, and wrote an answer to each. Good news from the Army again today.

Fri 23rd Cold and pleasant some work searching records worked at closing up the records of 3rd Division. Wrote a letter to Cousin Adi Myers and read some in the newspaper. My health good as usual for which I ought to be very grateful to my Heavenly Parent

Sat 24th A little warmer than for two or three days past. Busy at the old Books again and spent some time searching records. Not much time to read. Suffered some from the effects of a cold in my head and coughed some.

Sun 25th Christmas Day, and the second one I have spent within ½ a mile of my present location as a Army Clerk, and God grant before another Christmas day there will be no need of Army Clerks or an Army in our country but that the Angel of Peace may spread its wings over this land, and those now in Rebellion return to their just allegiance to the Government and the Government be reestablished over the whole land and Slavery forever abolished, then with Gods blessing this will become the greatest and best nation on the face of the Earth. A Christmas dinner provided for all men in the Camp consisting of Turkeys, Puddings, Turnip & Potato; with bread & coffee. I fared as well as most of them. Rec'd a letter from Emily and - wrote one to her in return, Went to meeting in the evening; heard a middling good sermon about a dozen arose for prayers. The weather some warmer than last night

Mon 26th A salute fired in honor of the capture of Savannah with a large number of guns, plenty of ammunition and a large quantity of cotton and some Prisoners although General Hardy with most of his Army escaped. God grant most of the Rebels now in arms may soon be captured, or lay down their arms so there will be no need of maintaining an army to fight them. This is a wet day and it has rained most of the time since ten O'clock last evening. Busy most of the time arranging and searching records. Rec'd a letter from H.C. Vedder and wrote and answer. went to visit Mr. Jerome Pratt & Wife in the evening very dark and muddy

Tues 27th a damp muddy day. quite busy searching records in the forenoon. A dull time no news or anything to make it lively or pleasant. worked some on the old Books in the afternoon. wrote a letter in the evening to Geo R. Seager. Spent some time reading a book entitled names & titles of Jesus; found it quite interesting and wish such things interested me more than they do

Wed 28th Pleasant overhead but very muddy underneath; busy most of the day examining Books Rec'd a letter from Emily & wrote an answer. I should be very lonely and fear discontented also if it were not for the letters from my friends and those I love and God is very good to one in giving me Parents & friends who have sufficient interest in my welfare to write to me and not only that but has given me sufficient talent to write as well as read the letters I receive and what is of greater importance than all these he has given his holy word to read and his spirit to direct, if I will follow its teachings, and more than all these he has given his only son to die for me and all of mankind, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. May he give me that faith in him which shall cause me to grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth, to seek him with my whole heart, and daily find him precious to my soul and may he daily bless my companions whom I have chosen to go with me through the journey of life

Thurs 29th Cold and pleasant, not very busy. Rec'd a letter from my Parents & wrote an answer; both of them improving in health and I hope & trust their health will continue to improve until they are at least comfortably well. I have coughed considerable today but hope my cold will not prove serious so as to affect my health

Fri 30th Busy in the Office most of the day; coughed considerable, but felt quite well; no particular news from the army or elsewhere. I went in the evening to visit Jerome Pratt & his Wife A little rain in the evening and a snow storm before morning. I was taken severly ill during first with pain in the stomach and bowels, and then with dizziness faintness and blindness a strange sensation for me, and something new and do not know what to attribute it to and hope it may not soon return

Saturday December 31st 1864

This is the last day of the year of the month of the week. Another week past and gone into Eternity. Many have been the changes during the past year; many of my fellow soldiers have been called from time to eternity while God in his mercy has spared my life and granted me many blessings while I have not deserved the least of them yet I trust my unprofitable life has been spared for some good purpose and hope I may be the means of some good in this world that when called to die I can look back on a life not entirely misspent

I know that during the past year I have done many things which were better left undone many things I ought to have done; and pray God may give me grace to live more in accordance with his holy will in all any future life. This is a stormy day

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This is a stormy day and I have been quite unwell, but hope soon to enjoy my usual health; quite busy in the Office part of the day. Rec'd a letter from Sergt Gilbert Rogers at New Albany Indiana and wrote an answer in the evening. Snowed most of the day, but it is not much deeper at night than in the morning. So closes the record of the year 1864 and I hope to so live in the future that if spared to see the end of another year I may be one year nearer to heaven and be able to look back on a year more profitably spent than the past year has been, and may God grant also that before the close of the new year our country may be blessed with Peace and the most of those now in the Army be permitted to return to their homes & loved ones

Adieu to 1864
Boyd D. Myers

(Rough Draft completed 12-30-98 – 3:42 PM – David L. Myers – proud Great Grandson)