

VICTORIA'S JOURNAL

Day-to-day Life On River Rd.

1879 - 1880

A journal by Victoria Bell Starkweather
b. 1866 d. 1890
Sister of Harvey Starkweather

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INTRODUCTION

Oak Lodge's Starkweather family legacy begins with William Austin Starkweather (1822-1905). He was born near New London, CT on Feb. 16, 1822 but headed west in March 1846. For the most of 2 years he was in Cumberland, Allegany Co., Md. and the western counties of Pennsylvania. In the winter of 1848 he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio by way of Canton. He taught school in the villages of Lockland, OH and Reading, OH for a while, then in the spring of 1850 he set out to California where he unsuccessfully mined for gold from July through November 1850². Following a bout with malaria Starkweather headed north to Oregon that same year, first filing a land claim in Linn Co., then settling in Molalla in 1853. He taught the first school in Molalla, and on Sept. 22, 1853 he married Eliza Gordon whose family had a land claim there. He purchased land adjacent to the Gordon claim in Molalla and he and Eliza commenced starting their family.

Starkweather served in the Oregon Territorial Legislature from 1854-1857. He was a Clackamas County delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1857 and the Oregon Legislature in 1860, 1866, 1870 and 1878. He was a member of the Committee on Education and School Lands. William A. Starkweather was a surveyor for a short time, and from 1861 to 1865 was the appointed Register of the U.S. Land Office at Oregon City in June 1861³. In 1880 he was made a member of the state senate.

In the midst of his public service Starkweather purchased 220 acres located in the Benoni Rogers D.L.C. from Byron P. Cardwell in March

1865, which encompassed the later combined farms of John Jacob Naef and John G. Roethe. The Starkweather home was located adjacent to a small stream at today's intersection of McLoughlin Blvd. and Naef Rd.. This same stream later provided the water source for the Naef family home, and later yet Steel's Pansy Gardens. Many years later the Starkweather's home was the sole house to stand within the right-of-way for the proposed "Super 99" highway, and was demolished.

It was on the 220 acre Starkweather farm where Victoria Belle Starkweather was born in 1866, their son Harvey G. Starkweather in 1868, and Ida A. Starkweather in 1870. William Starkweather served as an Oregon State Senator from 1881 to 1883. In Sept. 1887 William & Eliza Starkweather sold their property to Rudolph Staub⁴, and removed to an adjacent farm. It was William A. Starkweather that suggested the name "Concord" for the new school built in 1890. William A. Starkweather died in 1905, and Eliza died in 1916.

Though Victoria never actually lived on today's River Rd., that road was the closest road to the Starkweather home, and was where many early families were located, including the Risley family. It was on River Rd. where Harvey Starkweather later built his grand home in 1909 after having married Alice Risley in 1894. Victoria's ledger mentions many of the local people her family interacted with, including the Risleys, the Oatfields⁵, the Neals⁶, Whipple, Meldrum, the Hagers⁷, Bunnell, Latourette, Wells, Walling, Thessing and many others. Her entries give us a detailed glimpse into what life was like in today's Oak Lodge for one short year. Victoria's life was cut short in 1890 when she died from "Typhoid Malaria". She is buried along with her parents and other Starkweather family members at the Clackamas Pioneer Cemetery on the east side of I-205.

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² Letter from William A. Starkweather to Col. Edwin Palmer, June 30, 1895; transcribed by Nancy Starkweather Hersey

³ Letter to Wm. A. Starkweather from C.S.Drew, June 19, 1861; transcribed by Nancy Starkweather Hersey

⁴ Rudolph Staub had arrived in the U.S. aboard the same ship as the Naefs. He and his wife Anna sold 100 acres of the Starkweather property to John J. Naef in 1887 and moved on to Beaver Creek where he became the pastor of what we know of as the "10 O'Clock Church" from 1887-1889. Staub sold the other 100 acres of the Starkweather property to John G. Roethe in 1889.

⁵ Michael and Minerva (Thessing) Oatfield owned about 600 acres on Oatfield Rd.

⁶ Pilgrim Neal sold part of his land to Henry Thiessen in Oct. 1879.

⁷ In Feb. 1879 Barbara Hager was brutally murdered in the home she and her husband occupied, originally the old McNary home. This event caused a huge stir in Clackamas Co. resulting in a massive manhunt, a high-profile trial, and a prison sentence.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring the integrity of the financial statements and for providing a clear audit trail. The text also mentions that proper record-keeping is essential for identifying and correcting errors in a timely manner.

2. The second part of the document focuses on the role of internal controls in preventing fraud and misstatements. It highlights that a strong internal control system is necessary to ensure that all transactions are properly authorized, recorded, and reviewed. The text also notes that internal controls should be designed to be effective and efficient, and should be regularly evaluated and updated as needed.

3. The third part of the document discusses the importance of transparency and disclosure in financial reporting. It emphasizes that providing clear and concise information about the company's financial performance and position is essential for building trust with investors and other stakeholders. The text also mentions that transparency and disclosure are key factors in determining the company's creditworthiness and overall reputation.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of compliance with applicable laws and regulations. It emphasizes that the company must ensure that all financial reporting and internal control activities are in compliance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements. The text also notes that compliance is essential for avoiding penalties and legal liabilities, and for maintaining the company's standing in the market.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of communication and collaboration in financial reporting. It emphasizes that all employees involved in the financial reporting process should be clearly informed of their roles and responsibilities, and should work together to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the financial statements. The text also notes that communication and collaboration are essential for identifying and resolving issues in a timely and effective manner.

CONCLUSION

The document concludes by reiterating the importance of maintaining accurate records, implementing strong internal controls, providing transparent and clear financial reporting, and ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations. It emphasizes that these practices are essential for ensuring the integrity and reliability of the company's financial statements, and for building trust with investors and other stakeholders. The document also notes that these practices are essential for the long-term success and sustainability of the company.

On January 1, 1879 Victoria Bell, age 13 years and 108 pounds began her journal in which she recorded daily life in the Starkweather household. Their home was in Clackamas County in the Concord community between Milwaukie and Oregon City (near where Naef Road and 99E intersect today). Her journal continued periodically through April 1884.

Although she was only 13, Victoria wrote her journal in a beautiful flowing script. Money was short and books were expensive, so Victoria faithfully recopied each of her diary entries into a permanent ledger 8" by 12", after first having scribbled them down in whatever she could find to write on. She had always wondered about the daily lives of her 'heroes', the ancient Greeks and Romans, so she wanted future generations to have a record of her own family's daily life.

Victoria joined her older siblings Will and Eliza Ellen (better known as Ella). Later her brother Harvey and sister Ida would join the family circle. Her father William Starkweather told his family that he had travelled across the United States from his home in Preston, Connecticut on the "hurricane deck" of a mule. Between 1846 and 1850 he taught school periodically, boarded with local families and then moved westward in his quest to reach the California gold mines, where he soon acquired malaria. After taking a sailing ship up from California, he walked from Ft. Vancouver to Molalla. Because his health was so debilitated, he was happy to respond to a position in Molalla teaching school. It was there he met his future wife, Eliza Gordon.

The journal begins:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

"Weather moderately cool. Harvey and I are not very well. Ella and Willie went to Mr. Neal's (neighbor who often works for the family) and he was here this evening."

(Entries hereafter are paraphrased.)

It snowed. Victoria and Harvey went out and made paths for the hens to get to their roosts. Ma made mincemeat and candles

(The pioneer settlers were a gregarious group and the names, which are memorialized in the present community, appear regularly in Victoria's journal. While the term "courting" is never used, we may assume that the young men who visit repeatedly are there to see the young lady or ladies of the family.)

Ida and Victoria cut her sled out of ice that was 3" thick. Mr. Whipple spent the evening. He gave Ella his picture.

Ida and I went to Mr. Oatfields to get some of the calves. Some of the Indians were over today. Ella washed. Pa went to Oregon City. Visitors were Willie Oatfield, Indian Jim and Larry. I made a shirt. Pa went to O.C

Snow thawing. 3 of the Indians were here. Grandpa went to Oregon City. Because of rain Pa, Ma and Ella couldn't get to Mr. Meldrums. Ma baked pies.

Ma, Ella & Willie went to church. Mr. Johnson preached. Pa went to the river. Ida and I went with him. Stayed till the boat came (There was a Starkweather Landing, one mile above Risley Landing and one mile north of Jennings Landing on the Willamette River.)

(As early as 1879 agriculture was a thriving industry in the Willamette Valley, and the Willamette River served as a major conduit for goods going to market. At one time Portland was one of the major ports in the world for the out-going wheat crop.)

Today it rained, snowed and hailed. Pa took 90 bushels of onions to the river, worth about \$120. Mr. Neal was down to today to get some sugar. John Bunnell here. Ed Magone came down here with them and is going to spend the night. Charly Hager here.

Ma, Ella and Willie went to Mr. Tompkins.

Pa and Willie took 45 bushels of onions and hens laid 77 eggs today

Harvey got his picture from the Home Companion

Ella and Willie went to church. Ella went to Mr. Latourette's. Mr. Wells arrived to get onions. He taught Victoria a tune on the dulcimer. Mrs. Oatfield and the baby over today We sent for some calling cards.

Pa went to Oregon City, and took 88 dozen eggs. He got a drawing knife and me a pair of shoes. Killed 4 hogs today. Ma is getting 7-8 dozen eggs a day

(Rather than owning land individually, the Native Americans banded together in groups, one of which was located at the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette rivers. The tribe members regularly "hired out" to assist the settlers in harvesting their crops.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

3 of the Indians were here today

Harvey went to church and brought Ella home. John Bunnell here. Grandpa's birthday (Hugh Gordon)

Pa went to Mr. Bunnells for a load of hay. The wagon came "Uncupped" as he was coming home. Willie plowed in the orchard

Pa and Willie went to Mr. Bunnells for hay. Ma and Ella went to Mr. Meldrums. Mishap with wagon

Pa and Willie building a hen house (Need a place for all those chickens and the eggs they lay)

Menfolk looked over places for a road. Mary Hager and Elmer Risley visited.

Entire onion crop brought him \$1000.00

Ma and Ella washed clothes. Grandpa burnt out his chimney.

Willie went up to Mr. Hagers and brought down the mail

Kids played Hide and Seek

Pa and Willie cleaned the henhouse. Ma made Ida an apron. Ella did the ironing. Ma is writing a letter to Aunt Victoria. (her brother Harvey's wife) Ma baked bread today

We made preserves today.

Went to Oregon City with 54 dozen eggs, but stopped at the railroad on account of high water (Clackamas River) and walked up on the track (SP railroad track)

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Sam was down, thought they'd caught the ___ that stayed all night at Mr. Hagers. Pa went to Mr. Jennings, Mr. Meldrum's, Mr. Hollings and Mr. Titus's. Mr. Titus said a man borrowed their boat on the Friday of the murder and left it on the other side of the river.

Pa went to church. Neal family visited. Esther will stay all night. Ma got 40 eggs today
Talk of having school about the middle of April Mr. Oatfield stopped by to attend the meeting. Pa went to the Indian camp to get a squaw to wash.

Young man here today to begin a school

Matilda Hager will spend the night. Squaw here washing Willie took Mary and Matilda up to Mr. Oatfields. They intend to go to Portland.

Mr. Neal helps distribute the eggs.

Willie went to Oregon City and got his teeth filled. Pa went to Mr. Risley 's.

Willie went to Milwaukie for the mail. 2 of the Indians came over to get eggs and milk.

Chinamen over here to get eggs (In the midst of the Boxer Rebellion in China, many Chinese men came over to look for gold and work on the railroad and subsequently helped the settlers)

Willie and Johnny Oatfield came over.

Ella went to get her teeth filled in Oregon City, but the dentist wasn't there.

Ma & Ella went to Bunnells and Chamberlains. Harvey went to Oatfields. Ma and Ella called on John and Elmer Risley.

Willie hauled 2 loads of hay from Meldrums. Eddie Haas came to get milk. Ma got 160 eggs.

Pa grafting fruit trees. William Jennings was here looking for his horse. Jim came back from Portland and brought fireworks and candy. Indian Jim came over to get some apples. Mr. Neal came to plow.

Pa and Grandpa went to Oregon City

Some of the men working on the schoolhouse. Esther Neal came to get milk
Pa went to Oregon City because he heard they'd caught the German who stayed at Mr.
Hager's.

Mr. Hobart was here visiting Ella. Pa went to Portland to get some onion seed.

Johnny and Phil Oatfield over here today

Alice and Jake Johnston over here. Eddie Haas, Folks went over to the school house. All
the Risleys were there except Charlie. Mr. Hobart & the others all came over to our
house afterward. The contract was extended to a man by the name of Hartson for one
hundred and twenty dollars and he would board himself. (annual salary)

Pa went to Mr. Appersons to see about some desks for the schoolhouse. Eddie Haas
came over to get some milk. Ma got ten dozen and a half eggs.

(Hospitality was ever-present. If things got too tight, guests could sleep in the hay.)

First day of school Mr. Allan going to spend the night Mr. Neal plowed, then went to
Oregon City where he was summoned on the jury. Pa went to Mr. Meldrums to get a load
of hay. On the way back he fell off the load and was hurt pretty bad. Mr. Hartson and
Mr. Oatfield came over to see Pa , We got our calling cards today.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Mrs. Neal washed for us. (The Neals are hired regularly.) Mr. Waller and a man from
Oswego here to look at a cow they are thinking of buying.

Ella went to see Mrs. Hartson. Mr. Neal and Mr. Allan plowed today.

Willie went to Risleys and borrowed a drill. Mr. Tompkins came over. Pauline stayed.

Mr. Whipple here today

Mr. Allen and Jim cleaned the yard.

At school they played Pussy Wants a Corner. Pa got eggs to the boat on the river (117
dozen) Larry brought over a fish this morning.

Pa and Ella went to O.C. with Mr. Hartson.

_____ married ? Oatfield today

(post office in Milwaukie, no telephone)

Heard that Mr. Titus died last Saturday.

At school we played Hide and Seek.

Ed Naas was angry and got into trouble

Willie Oatfield got his hair cut. Mr. Allan and Jim (workers) had a fight and Jim got hurt
pretty badly. Mr. Allan left.

Mr. Neal plowed

Mary and Addie Jennings came over to the schoolhouse at noon.

Teacher whipped Johnnie Oatfield This evening Ed Magone came over to get Ella to go to Oregon City to hear Dr. Watts lecture on Temperance. (Mr. Hobart, Mr. Whipple & Ed Magone visit Ella regularly)

Pa planted his 3rd patch of onions today. Willie went to Milwaukie to get Sally's wedding cards. Mr. Hartson was here this evening.

(Some things never change, enter the assessor)

Mr. Parstow, the assessor came

Mr. Risley and Mr. Whipple here this evening (These men and WAS were the school directors)

Pa got 5 acres of wheat sowed today

They are making a croquet ground at the school today

Johnny Phillips came over to get Mr. Neal to testify tomorrow as a witness (in the murder trial of the German who was accused of killing Mr. Hager, one of the neighbors)

THURSDAY, MAY 1

May 1 Ella and I went to Mr. Risleys to take music lessons. The directors Pa, Mr. Risley and Mr. Whipple came to school today.

Hager's murderer appeared before the court today. Ella and I went to Mr. Hartson's and to Mr. Risleys to take our music lessons.

Pa and Willie went to Mr. Hager's place

Sarah Chamberlin came to school and spent the night with us

Mr. Neal keeps plowing

(Regularly Victoria goes to Mr. Risleys to practice her music. Regularly one of the family goes to Meldrums to get hay)

Mr. Hobart passes by quite often. Making a swing with the boys

Pa and Ma went to Portland. Ma got a hat. Willie went to Milwaukie and got the mail

Weather back and forth between rain and sun Mr. Neal keeps plowing regularly. Willie goes to Milwaukie and gets the mail and to Mr. Meldrum's to get hay Neighbors come over regularly to get eggs

Ella and Charlie went to Milwaukie to get mail. Rain water is standing on the onion crop. They need "Chinamen" from Portland to weed the onions

Ma, Ella, Willie and I went to church.

Charlie Risley brought the wagon to the schoolhouse for the children

Ella got a letter from Sally in Portland (her cousin)

Ella stayed home today. She and Ma worked on Ma's black dress.

(Victoria reflects on how it will be nice in future years to learn what somebody said or did.)

Mr. Hobart here this evening

Willie went to Mr. Hartson's to see if Mr. Hartson was going on the excursion tomorrow. Ma was making a cake and found she was out of 'saleratus', so she sent me up to Mrs. Neal's

May 30th, (Memorial Day) Ella told Vic she was silly and Vic told her she thought the same of her.

Ma, Ella, Willie and I went on an excursion to Vancouver. They went down to Mr. Risley's in the wagon. Harvey and Ida came down with him and left the wagon at Mr. Hobart's dock. (Maybe Mr. Hobart's place is just north of Risley's) Ella, Mr. Whipple and Charlie and John Risley got on at Risley's. Mr. Risley's folks went to the cemetery. We got to Vancouver about one and ate our lunch at the cemetery. The band played. Ma and Pa met Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Estham. They went to a Vancouver service and then went down to the boat. Vancouver is a very pretty place. Mr. Hester took a picture of the crowd just before we came back. Band was on board. Got home about 7:00. Enjoyed myself. Mr. Hartson was here while we were gone. (Hartsons do not live on the river.)

Ella and I had music lessons at Mr. Risley's. We came up with Mrs. Hartson. She heard a boat on the river. Mr. Hartson thought it was the family and came down to get them. Mr. Hartson went to school yesterday. He went to the Indian camp, but no one was there but Doug and Freddy.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

A peddler was here today, but we didn't buy anything.

Pa went to the Neals and Mr. Oatfield. Mr. Whipple, Mr. & Mrs. Hartson were here. Ella and them took a boat ride. Willie went to Mr. Neals's and Mrs. Neal was down here. Willie went to Milwaukie.

Willie Oatfield stayed too late; he stopped to pick berries. Pa went to Cason's to get some grain.

Mr. Whipple was here. Pa sowed the onions today. Charley Risley brought the wagons up to the schoolhouse to take the children home.

Mr. Whipple came this evening to invite Ella to a party at Wallings. (West side of the river) Willie went to the Indian camp and borrowed a boat.

At the party I danced 3 sets, 2 with Mr. Whipple and 1 with Willie. We forgot our lunch on the fence, but Ella sent it back with Mr. Whipple when he came over. We got home about 5:00 this morning. Mr. Whipple intends to start for California today. (The reason the party-goers habitually got home so late was because they needed a little light in order to see all the stumps along their way home)

Mr. Neal was over and told us somebody had stolen Mr. Hager's boat last evening. He wanted to know if Jim could stay at Mr. Hager's this evening.

2 of the Chinamen went away.

Mr. Oatfield passed here this morning. Ella and I went to Mr. Risley's to practice. Ma went to Risley's and she and Mrs. Risley went to Mr. Wallings. Mr. Hartson brought the boat down.

Pa sowed the first potatoes today.

Pa sowed some oats down in the bottom land.

Pa, Ella and Eva went to Portland. (Eva came back with them from church.) They saw Sally and her husband (Sally Gordon Lister). They sat for pictures.

Mrs. Hartson taught school today. (Apparently both the Hartson's are teachers.)

Lily(Jennings), Alice (Risley) and I came over at noon.

Mrs. Neal washed here today.

Mr. Wheeler is going to sell Pa a pump.

Eva went with Ella and saw Walter Thessing. (Minerva Oatfield, the mother of the clan was the daughter of Dr. Thessing).

Ella, Eva, Charly and Mr. Hobart intend to go the Iron works (Lake Oswego).

Vic sailed part of the way as they passed the schoolhouse.(?)

Willie came back for them later.

Pa sowed oats today.

(June 20.) Harvey was 11 years old today.

Mrs. Neal here doing the ironing. Mr. and Mrs. Hartson here. Mr. Neal was here and also the Chinaman. We are going to have a feast tonight. They sent us a piece of chicken and some stuff we didn't know what it was.

Mrs. Hartson came over today to sew on the machine.

After practicing their music, they came back with Mr. Hartson in the wagon.

Mr. Neal came and hauled wood for Grandpa and cleaned out the shed.

Mr. Hartson talked about having a party here and at Risley's. The Chinaman worked with Mr. Hobart today. Mrs. Hartson came to sew.

(Ella and Vic frequently go to Risley's to practice.)

Dr. Clark and a young man by the name of Hilton stopped by. Pa went to Mr. Wallings (They live across the river.)

Mrs. Malone was here to get some eggs.

Ella, Willie and Grandpa went to Oregon City to see a minister by the name of Hobbs.

He wanted to have church at the school. Willie went around to tell the neighbors.

Ella, Alice Risley, Mr. Hobart and Mr. and Mrs. Hartson went this evening. Some of us went up to Mr. Neal's. Willie and Harvey went to Mr. Risley's. Ida and I went almost to their house with Alice in the evening.

Sarah Chamberlain had a fall.

Mrs. Hartson was not very well, but she gave us our lessons. Mr. Hartson here this evening.

Mr. Randall, the county superintendent visited school today. Pa went to Oregon City to get some medicine for Mr. Neal. A tramp was here this evening. He wanted to sleep in the barn.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

There was a dog followed Pa from town. The man went away. His name is Randolph. (July 4) Willie went to East Portland to celebrate the 4th with Willie Oatfield. Mrs. Neal was here to bake a cake and pie for tomorrow. We intend to have a little picnic at the creek if the weather is good. No school today. Ida and Harvey went to Mr. Hobart's today.

John and Elmer Risley were here. Pa went to Oregon City. Willie fixed a box upon legs to keep -----in, didn't have our picnic. I sewed a little today.

Pa, Ida and Harvey went to church. Ida didn't feel well, so she and I came home. Esther Neal came down and got a chicken

Pauline Thompson and Ed. Magone came by this evening. Phil Oatfield came by. Alice, Lillie and I are working on addition of decimals. Later played Hide 'N Seeek.

Pa planted potatoes.

Pa sowed some turnips today

Gave Mary Walker one of my pictures

Ella, Willie, Mary and me went to the party last night. Danced 4 sets with George Walling, once with John Risley, once with Mr. Hobart. Mr. Hobart brought the wagon home about 5:00a.m. I slept about 2 hours and went to school. Mary came over to school just before the forenoon class was over. (Remember they needed some daylight to see the stumps.)

Harvey, Ida and I and Willie and Johnny Oatfield went a little beyond the sawmill. As we came back some of the children counted their stops from the Chamberlains home.

Mr. Neal was here today. Pa sowed turnips. Went up to Neals to carry the baby.

John Risley came over at noon. Pa went to Oregon City. Ella and I went to Risleys for our music lessons.

Mrs. Oatfield and the baby came by and spent the afternoon

Mrs. Neal picked some huckleberries

Sallie and her husband visited. Willie Oatfield came today. Sally talked of going up north and buying a small place called Pomeroy.

Mr. Jackson went away this morning. I studied my geography lesson.

Mr. and Mrs. Risley and Alice came by and Mr. and Mrs. Hartson and Ed Magone came over.

Mr. Lister went away this morning on the boat. He wanted to get some horses. Lily, Alice & Harvey completed their maps today. I didn't because I had no paper. Lily and Alice had drawing paper

Sallie Lister went at noon.

Mrs. Neal and Ella went huckleberrying. Mr. Ferguson came over today. He is going to spend the night. Last day of school.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Party at school. Mr. & Mrs. Risley, Laura Bennet, Elmer Risley and Mr. Oatfield, Mr. Jennings, Sarah Chamberlain, Mr. & Mrs. Neal and her children, Mrs. Hartson, Pa and Ma were there. The teacher examined the class. Later Ella & I went to Mr. Risley's. Sarah, Mr. Neal and Mr. Oatfield stopped at our house. Willie went up to Mr. Neal's to help him burn brush

Pa & Willie hauled hay. Mr. Hager here this morning to get eggs

One of the Chinamen was here for us washing

I worked on my arithmetic. Willie and Jim hauled hay

Mrs. Neal and Esther came to buy a chicken. Ida went home with them.

We came up in the Hartson's boat. Lulu Huff came down with Pa and Ma. Lulu taught me how to work in worsted.

A man came by to take Lulu home. Her father decided they should leave.

Esther Neal down this morning. Ella and I went to Risley's

Sally & Mr. Lister came by. They are starting up north. Laura Bennet and Charley Risley and Mr. Hobart came by this evening.

Ella went part way with the Listers and Mr. Hobart brought her home.

Pa and 2 of the Chinamen worked on the road. Mr. Neal & his children came down this evening and played on the dulcimer. Us children sang until bedtime

2 men came to cut grain by the names of Record and Carruthers. Mrs. Neal came down this morning to get a tub. The Chinamen worked on the road the rest of the day.

Pa went to get potatoes. Ella & I & Ida went to Mr. Neal's to pick huckleberries

Mr. Cummings came here and is going to stay the night. Willie Oatfield down this evening.

I peaced quilts this forenoon. Mrs. Keller came down this forenoon and spent the day. Ella & I went to Mr. Risley's. The workmen left because they got all the grain that was ready.

I done most of the housework, so Ma and Ella could work on my dress. It's just calico. Mrs. Neal came down to tell us Mr. Oatfield was sick. (Neals live on what is now Oatfield Road.) Pa went there and spent the afternoon. Pa thought he was a little better this evening. I started to work on my quilt today. I'd like to finish it when I can, but I don't have much time because I take music lessons.

The Chinaman bound grain. Pa & Willie hauled grain. More practicing. Johnnie Hungerford came by this afternoon. This evening Pa went to see when the threshing machine could come by.

Pa went to Risley's and Oatfields. The Chinamen brought us candy and peanuts this evening.

Men hauled grain today.

One of Jim's cousins came up with him this evening. Jim brought Pa a red handkerchief. Mr. Hager came down to get some eggs. Chinamen washed and scrubbed for us today.

Mrs. Neal came down to sew on the machines. I went to practice. The men hauled grain today. Got 2 sacks of wheat. They caught 6 dozen chickens to take to Portland tomorrow.

Ella & I went to Mr. Risley's etc. Do not intend to take any more lessons until we get our own organ. Mary and John Thessing and Lina Ross were at Risley's. Pa & Ma went to Portland today. They got a looking glass and me a blank book I have been wanting for a long time (for the journal)

I'll have quite a bit of copying of my papers. Pa thought maybe he would send for an organ today, but he didn't. Intends to write for it soon. Pa getting subscriptions for the school. (Schools were paid for by financial contributions of local residents) Ma was to Mr. Neal's and Mr. Oatfield's. Mr. & Mrs. Hartson were over this evening.

Sent for the organ (2 days later) (Pa must have given in to the anguish of his daughter.)

Willie went for the mail.

Ella & I went to Mr. Risleys to practice. Harvey went with us. Ella is going to stay all night. Willie went to Portland to get a suit of clothes. This evening he went to Mr. Hager's to get some vinegar.

Ma, Willie, Harvey, Ida and I went to church. Johnnie Oatfield was down this evening.

Ella & Mrs. Hartson took a horseback ride this afternoon. John Risley came to take Alice

home. Chinaman washed for us. Willie went to get some flour. Pa went to Mr. Oatfield's today. I picked blackberries and helped with supper. Pa was sick. Ma went up to Mr. Neal's this morning and got some beans. Grandpa went to Oregon City. The Chinaman ditched today (digging ditches ?) Ida went home with Esther Neal. Ella fixed the rocking chair pad today. Mr. Hobart came over and told us the threshers would be here sometime today. Ida went to Mr. Neal's house this morning to get some yeast. The threshing crew was composed of 4 men with machines besides Mr. Hobart and his Chinaman and Mr. Risley & Charley. Next they went to Mr. Oatfield's. They got 191 bushels of wheat. Later the threshers went to Mr. Meldrum's. Pa, Ella & I went to church. Nina Latourette came home with us. Lulu Huff told me she would come down next Thursday if Pa would bring the wagon up. (Transportation was by wagon, buggy, horseback or walking) Pa went to Mr. Oatfield's this morning. 2 of the Chinamen worked there today. Jim was not well and didn't work much. Pa, Willie & Harvey went to Portland. Esther Neal came down this morning. Ida and Nina went home with her. Ella & I went to Mr. Risley's to practice. Ida and Nina went with us. We played croquet and had a nice time. Mr. Risley's folks intend to start to Soda Springs tomorrow. Us children played Hide & Seek and other baby games till quite late. I think Hide & Seek is quite interesting if there of plenty of places to hide. I suppose I play more baby games than most girls of my age, but then as long as I enjoy it; I suppose it's all right. Most girls my age count themselves Young Ladies, but it is impossible for me to appear one. This is nonsense I'm writing. One of the Chinamen worked for us today . Willie cradled oats most of the day. Pa went to Mr. Risley's and Mr. Bunnell's. The Risley folks did not get to Soda Springs today, but they intend to go if it clears off this afternoon. Ella curled Ma's hair and fixed it nice. Mrs. Hartson came over this morning to see if I could come down with her to Mr. Thessings when she gave music lessons because Mr. Hartson was away. (Mrs. Hartson apparently taught music wherever she could find an instrument.) Risleys went over the hill (up from their riverfront home) on their way to Soda Springs. John Thessing was waiting for us (her first time there) I like them very well. They have quite a nice place. They have a piano. Mrs. Risley brought it up to them. Mary gave me her card and I promised her one of mine. We played the organ, and Mrs. Hartson played the piano. Stopped at Risley's to get an umbrella. Pauline Tompkins came over this afternoon. Pa went to Mr. Risleys to get mutton.

Willie went to Oregon City. to get Lulu. Girls worked on their worsted. Girls went to Mr. Neal's this afternoon. Pa went to Mr. Risley's to get mutton.

Willie Oatfield was down this morning before I was up, but that wouldn't have to be very early. This afternoon Lulu, Nina, Ida and I went to Mr. Neal's to pick huckleberries. Esther came back with us. Later Pauline and Ella went to pick. Pa went to Mr. Meldrum's to get Ma. Mr. Magone came by to take Pauline home. Lulu & I had to entertain him because Pauline was elsewhere.

Mrs. Neal came down and told us William Luelling was dead. Mr. Record is going to stay here all night.

Ella, Willie, Harvey, Ida and I went to church. Lulu and Nina went home.

Pa went to Mr. Neal's & to Mr. Oatfields.

Ella, Willie & I spent the evening at Mr. Tompkins. Ed Magone came home with us.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The Records came over to cut grain. Mr. Neal came down this morning and brought down Esther & George while their folks were to William Luelling's funeral.

Mr. Hartson and Eddie Haas came over today. First day of Mr. Hartson's school at Oregon City.

This evening Ella & Willie went up to hear a temperance lecture by Mrs. Pickaham. Mr. Neal came down this evening to take Esther & George home.

Day pleasant and Sunny. Ella went to Oregon City this morning. This afternoon Pa went to the river to get apples. Harvey, Ida & I went with him. We saw Larry over there. He was hunting. Willie worked about the house today.

Nice day. Men folks hauled in grain. Mrs. Neal was down this afternoon. Ma, Ella & I went to Mr. Risley's. Mr. & Mrs. Risley and Alice had went to Portland and Charley was working on the road. Menfolk hauled grain. Esther Neal and one of Mrs. Webster's boys came down to get some chickens.

Harvey & Ida went to Mr. Neal's. Menfolk hauled in grain.

Mr. Risley & Charley told us there was going to be church at Oswego this afternoon.

Men finished hauling grain. Chinamen washed & scrubbed for us today.

Ella & I went to Risley's to practice. We rode down on Kate (horse or pony) & got considerably wet. Alice wasn't home. She's been staying a few days in Portland.

Menfolks cut their last wheat today. Ella went to Mr. Oatfield's this afternoon. Pa went to Portland. Mrs. Risley & Elmer were here. Mrs. Neal and Herman came over this afternoon. Ma, Ella, Mr. Risley & Elmer went over with her to see Mrs. Hartson.

Willie hauled wood. Ma & Ella went to see Mrs. Hartson. Mrs. Naas, Ida and I picked apples and made cider.

Harvey went to Milwaukie to get the mail. He got Mr. Oatfield's by mistake, so he went up there to take it to him.

Day pleasant & sunny. Ella & Willie spent this afternoon at Mr. O's. The rest of us took a walk to the swamp (could that be River Forest Lake?) to look at the ditch. Pa went to Mr. Hartson's this evening, but he wasn't home.

(9 -15) First day of school. Quite warm. First rate. Mrs. Hartson did not hear all of the classes because we did not have the right books.. They have changed the series. All but Ella went to school. At noon today us girls went over to Mrs. Hartson's. Alice & Lillie played on her piano & Mrs. Hartson played a little. They wanted me to play, but I didn't want to. Mr. Hartson let out school. Mrs. Hartson let out our school at half past 3:00 and does not have recess in the afternoon. This evening Harvey & Willie went over to the river to get peaches.

At school the scholars played Hide & Seek. The girls wanted me to, but I didn't want to. At noon us girls started over to Mrs. Hartson's. We met her coming to school, so Alice & I came back. Ida & Ella went to Mrs. Naas's this evening. Willie & Harvey went to the river to get apples. Pa went to Oregon City this evening to get some books. It's now 20 minutes past 8:00, and he is not back yet. Soon after I got my journal written, Pa got home. I was in bed. Pa left the books at the schoolhouse. Vic is studying Reading, Writing, History, Spelling, Geography, Grammar & Mental Arithmetic. Willie & Harvey went to the river to get some apples.

"I mist 0 words in my spelling." Mr. Cummings brought some lumber. Going to stay the night.

Pa & Ma went to Oregon City. I went to Risley's to get Alice to go to Mrs. Hartson's. Mrs. Risley & John brought the wagons to get Alice this evening. Mr. Walling is working on the threshing.

Pa went to Mr. Wallings. The Chinaman washed for us. At school the scholars played Hide and Seek. Ella Brown came to school today

Got my lessons very well. Mrs. Hartson very busy

Pa went to Mr. Hartson's to get our stove. The Chinamen are going to board themselves. Mr. Oatfield was down today. He sprained his ankle, but it's much better. Alice got her picture to me. Mr. & Mrs. Sanders came down this evening. They are going to stay the night.

At school the scholars would change hats and put on each others' shawls and cloaks.

Harvey put on my cloak and Willie Oatfield thought it was me. We have some gay times. I got my lessons very well. Mr. & Mrs. Sanders went away this afternoon. Ella

was at Mr. Neals this forenoon. Today was Esther's birthday. Polly Webster came. Mr. Neal came down this afternoon.

Did my lessons very well. Pa went to Mr. Ford's today to see about the thrashing. On way home he saw John Thessing hunting.

Esther went home this morning. Ma went part of the way with her. Mr. Hoef was down this morning. Going to stay the night

Day pleasant and sunny. Scholars went to Mrs. Hartson's at noon I had my lesson. Mr. Ramsby was here this forenoon. Mr. Cummings brought lumber this evening.

"I weigh 108 pounds." Girls went over to Mrs. Hartson's just as school took up. Alice & Ida went over to get a jumping rope at recess. Lily (Jennings) was not at school today. Her sister came and got her books, because she won't be well enough for awhile. Mr. Hobart told them the thrashers would be by tomorrow. Pa went to Mr. Wallings. Mr. Hoeff came down and spent the night. Mr. Neal was here today, and the Chinamen worked here.

Pa got home last night about 11:00. Been at Mr. Oatfields and Neals and went to Oregon City. It rained. No thrashers.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Victoria always has her lessons done before she plays, be it jumping rope or Hide & Seek.

Thrashers came, five men and one machine. Willie and Willie Oatfield helped the thrashers, 2Two Chinamen are bundling. Machine breaks down

Ella and I went to Risley's to practice our lesson. We rode down on Kate and got considerably wet. Alice wasn't home. She's been staying a few days in Portland.

Menfolks cut their last wheat day. Ella went to Mr. Oatfield's this afternoon. Pa went to Portland. Mrs. Risley and Elmer were here. Mrs. Naas and Herman came over this afternoon. Ma, Ella, Mrs. Risley & Elmer went over with her to see Mrs. Hartson.

Willie hauled wood. Ma & Ella went to see Mrs. Hartson. Mrs. Naas, Ida and I picked apples and made cider.

Harvey went to Milwaukie to get the mail.

Vic did not have her history very well. Ed Magone came down. Mrs. Neal and Esther brought George down. He'll stay while Mrs. Neal cooks for Mr. Hager. Mr. Oatfield was down. Mrs. Hartson came over this evening. Everyone watching the thrashers. They got over 318 bushels of wheat.

Willie went to Mr. Hager's to thrash this afternoon. Pa went to Milwaukie to get the mail. Mary Hager came down and I guess she'll stay till Monday. Pa went to Neal's this afternoon.

Cloudy and showery Willie went to Mr. Hager's to help with the thrashing. Mary and Ella went to Oatfield's and they passed by Mr. Neal's, but didn't stop.

"Allie" and Jake Johnston came over this afternoon. Mr. Thessing came over this forenoon. Ella Brown came. Mr. Risley brought John and Alice up on the wagon.

Played game of tag at school

Esther Neal came down this afternoon and they took George home.

Cloudy. Us girls didn't play tag. Esther Neal was down this morning. John Risley came over this evening. Alice went to Mr. Hartson's to take her music lessons

Mr. Neal told Pa his horse was sick. Pa gave it a quinine pill

Scholars played Blackman at school

Two of the Chinamen went up to Mr. Neal's to help thrash

Jumped rope today at school. Examination day.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Willie Oatfield helped the thrashers. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe came by. Here this afternoon.

Pa hauled onions today

Mrs. Neal came down this forenoon. Mrs. Cummings and Ma went up this forenoon.

Mrs. Cummings is going to stay all night there. The menfolks hauled onions part of the day. The Chinaman threshed at Oatfield's.

Mr. Neal came down this forenoon. Mr. Whipple came up yesterday. He got back from California about a week ago. Mrs. Neal came down to tell us their horse is dying. Pa went up there, but it was dead and Mrs. Cummings remained this afternoon

At school I had lessons well. Mrs. Neal down this forenoon again. Menfolk hauled onions. Pa went to Mr. Neal's. Mr. Phillips came to see Grandpa today.

Jumped rope at school. Mr. Oatfield was here this afternoon. Pa came to the school today.

(10-14) General Grant was to have arrived in Portland yesterday. Perhaps he'll come today.

Scholars played marbles. William Jennings was here to get some straw. Mrs. Neal and Esther came down. George is going to stay while his mother cooks for the threshers at John Bunnell's.

Scholars jumped rope and played marbles. Willie went to Milwaukie for the mail. Pa went to John Bunnells and Mr. Hobart's this morning. Mrs. Neal took George home. Pa hauled onions.

Menfolks hauling onions. I ironed and made preparations for church.

Sunday Pa, Ma, Ella, Harvey and I went to church. Ella went to Mr. Latourettes to stay for a week. Pauline Tompkins came over to stay a day or two. She went as far as Mr. Rinearsons and then continued on her way. Johnston boys came to get onions. Ed Magone came over for Pauline this evening.

Oatfield boys told us Mrs. Gray had drowned herself. Ma went to the funeral this evening. Mrs. Hartson and Alice came to ask if Vic could stay all night, but I couldn't go because Ma was away.

Morning bright, evening misting Pam Ma and Grandpa went to Oregon City. Ma went to get the impressions of her gums, so she could get some teeth. She is going to stay in town tonight

Heavy showers Played marbles at school Mr. Hartson here this morning and again this evening Pauline Tompkins and Annie Magone over this afternoon Pa went to Oregon City to bring Ma home.

Mrs. Neal was here this morning

Day pleasant and sunny Mr. Oatfield was down this morning.

Ma, Willie, Harvey, Ida and I went to church. Ella came home. Pauline Tompkins came over this afternoon and is going to spent the night.

Played marbles at school Mrs. Naas has a baby. Pa went to Mr. Naas today, Mr. Oatfield, Phillip, and Earnest came down this evening to get some onions. Pa sowed about an aker of wheat today.

Ma went to Oregon City and got her teeth. She stopped in at Mr. Naas's this evening.

Played marbles at school Pa plowed in the forenoon and picked apples in the afternoon.

Cool wind from the North I had my lessons well. Mrs. Neal and her children came down and spent the evening. Mr. Neal came down this evening to take them home.

Esther and George are going to stay all night.

SATURDAY, November 1

Frost last night Day pleasant and sunny. Pa plowed and later went to Milwaukie. Mr. Hobart was up today. Him and Ella went to church in Oswego. Pa and Ma spent the afternoon at Mr. Oatfield's.

Morning showery, most of day sunny. I got a little late for school. first time. Mr. Record was here. Pa and Harvey went up to Mr. Oatfield's this evening.

After school Alice came with us to see if Ida and I could stay the night. We had a nice time, looked at pictures and played the organ.

I wrote in my journal for yesterday

Today was examination day and I had my lessons very well. Mrs. Neal down this morning

Mr. Oatfield and Joe Brother came down this evening to get the bailer

Mr. Neal and Grandpa went to Oregon City

Mr. Neal was down this morning. Johnnie Oatfield came down this morning to see if Harvey could go up there. He went and this evening him and Willie Oatfield came down to see if Harvey could stay all night. Ma let him stay. Pa went to Milwaukie today.

At school the scholars played marbles. Pa went to Oregon City today.

I didn't play marbles because I had to finish history. Mr. Risley and Charley passed here this morning. Mr. Risley came up to the schoolhouse with the wagon to take the children home.

Day cloudy and showery. Ella visited the school this afternoon. She went to Mr. Naas's to see the baby. Mrs. Hartson came over with her to spend the night here.

Day quite rainy when Mrs. Hartson came over to the schoolhouse. She let John Risley take care of school while she came home to change her shoes. This evening Ella put a quilt in the framer.

Most of day rainy, Ma and Ella quilted some.

Pa spent most of the day in Oregon City. Eddie Naas was over today.

Sunday pleasant and sunny. Willie went to Milwaukie to get the mail. Grandpa got a letter from Mr. Lister. Dr. Thessing and Mr. Hartson over today. Days are so short that a person don't have much time. There are a great many things I would like to do but I don't suppose I will do. I might write a story or a letter to the Home Companion, but I suppose it's a silly notion. I guess I will quit.

Morning frosty and pleasant. Mr. Neal hauled wood for Grandpa. Ida and Willie and Ella came to school this afternoon. They didn't stay long. They went home at recess. Today was Willie's birthday and he was nineteen. We didn't give him anything. Alice said she might come and stay the night tomorrow.

Frosty day. Ma, Ella and Willie went to Oregon City. Alice came over this evening to stay all night. We had a very nice time. Mr. Neal was down this evening. Ella got me a dress today. I think it is very pretty.

Morning frosty and pleasant. Alice and Ida and I got up at five o'clock and got breakfast. Alice and Ida slid downhill and had a very nice time. Mr. Neal plowed here today.

Esther was down.

Lily Jennings came to school this afternoon. She looks very well again except she is rather pale. Ma and Ella went to Mrs. Risley's and Mrs. Risley and them went to Milwaukie to see Mrs. Bunnell. Pa went to Oregon City.

Pa went to Portland today. He got a letter stating that our organ had been shipped. Girls played ball at school.

Harvey and Ida went to Mr. Oatfield's and Mr. Neal's. Pa went to Milwaukie today.

Pa went to Mr. Neal's and to Mr. Naas's and Mr. Hartson's this evening.

Mr. Neal was down this morning. Pa went to Oregon City this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Neal and their children and Cecelia and Ida Cummings spent the evening here.

Day cloudy and showery. Cecelia and Esther went home this morning. Ella went over to Mrs. Hartson's to stay all night.

Mrs. Neal was down this morning. Today was the last day of school. Mr. Hartson visited the school this afternoon. He was a little bit funny. We did not know it was going to be the last day of school until he came down. There would have been one more week of school if Mrs. Hartson had taught the rest of the quarter. It was quite a surprise to us. I am rather sorry because we were getting along very well, and I hate to quit, but then I intend to study at home and not forget what I have learned. This afternoon Ma and Ella went to Mr. Neals and Mr. Oatfield's and Mr. Stein's. Mr. and Mrs. Hartson were over this evening. They intend to move to Oregon City soon.

Thanksgiving Day Ella and I spent the afternoon at Oatfield's. Mr. Neal plowed today.

Pa and Ma and Ida spent the evening there. Victoria continues to study her lessons.

Day cloudy, little rain. Johnnie Oatfield came down. Pa went to Portland and Willie went to Oregon City.

MONDAY, December 1

Day cloudy and rainy. Pa went to Oregon City. Ella cut out my dress and sewed this evening.

Ella and I went to Mr. Neal's to quilt. Harriet got her leg burnt on the stove lid. Got too dark to quilt. We caught some chickens this evening for Pa to take to Portland. Didn't go because of rain. Ella finished my cloak today. She went to Oregon City this afternoon to get some buttons.

Pa heard the organ and had been shipped to Milwaukie.

Pa and Willie went to Milwaukie to get the organ, but it wasn't here yet. I guess it's been shipped to Portland.

Ma and I washed this morning. Dr. Thessing was here. Pa and Willie went to Portland to get the organ. I think it is very nice. We sat up till about twelve o'clock playing on it.

Mr. Whipple and his cousin Mr. Whipple spent the evening. He is thinking about getting him a farm around here if he can.

Played the organ most of the day. Willie went to Mr. Risley's this afternoon. Mrs. Neal was down this evening. I played a tune for her. I cannot play much yet.

Harvey and Ida went to Mr. Naas's, and some of us practiced most of the day.

Pa went to Oregon City intending to bring Mrs. Hartson down, but she wasn't feeling well. (I'm guessing she might have been pregnant, wasn't feeling well, and that's why Mr. Hartson came to school and announced school was over.) Mr. Neal came down this afternoon. Johnnie Oatfield was down

Pa went down to Mr. Jennings this afternoon. Pa put straw on the onions and potatoes today to keep them from freezing.

Mr. Neal hauled wood for Grandpa this afternoon, and Mrs. Neal was down this afternoon. Ma finished Ida's cloak and Ella almost finished hers.

Day cloudy and full of snow. Two inches. Pa, Ma and Ida went to Oregon City.

More snow. We made paths. Mr. Neal's birthday. Harvey went up there to take up a scarf for which Mrs. Neal sent up by our folks yesterday for his birthday present.

Cold wind from the north. Pa went to Portland. He got Willie a razor. We are busy getting ready to go to Mr. Sellwood's and Miss Bunnell's wedding.

Snow melted enough so we could go. In the forenoon all us went to Willie Jennings looking for horses to ride this afternoon. (Maybe a horse is nicer to ride than going in the wagon?)

(Christmas Eve) Harvey, Ida and I hung up our stockings tonight. I made a few little things today. I don't suppose any of us will get much.

A Merry Christmas to all, and we had a Christmas dinner all to ourselves today. Day cloudy and dry. Harvey, Ida and I played (?) Mr. Whipple spent the evening here. He asked Ella to go to a party at the Rinearson's some night next week. I guess she'll go and play the organ some this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Risley and Elmer came up this afternoon in a "slay" (sleigh?) They had taken Elmer's sled and put wagon seats on it. Mrs. Risley gave Ella, Ida and I a handkerchief for Christmas presents. Ed Magone spent the evening here and is going to stay all night. Played on the organ and sang.

Snow thawing. Mr. Magone was down this forenoon when Ma baked pies. Went home in the afternoon.

Ella, Willie and I went to church and Mr. Whipple went with us.

Ella's birthday. (21st) Pa gave her a birthday present \$100 at 10% interest to be paid one year after date.

Day cloudy and dry. Willie got the mail in Milwaukie. Ella got a letter from Eva

Pa and Willie hauled some bran from the river. Ella ironed some this afternoon. Mr. Lynn was here this forenoon. Pa paid off Yim and Wing. They may stay here awhile longer. Ma cut out an apron for Ida and Ella. We girls made bookmarks for Ida and Harvey as New Year's presents.

Harvey, Ida and I hung up our stockings. I guess it's not a custom for most folks, but it seems to be with us. I don't expect we'll get much. I'd like to stay up for the new year, but Ma expects me to go to bed. "I will bid goodbye to the old year after 12:00."

1879 was quite a year. Everyone worked together to get the necessary work accomplished. Households were headed by men. (Mr. Oatfield's, Mr. Risley's) This area was fairly homogeneous, White, Anglo-Saxon Protestants. (Others were labeled "Squaw", "Chinamen" or "German".) Getting the organ was the highlight of this year for the Starkweather family. Everyone seemed to get along fine with their horses and wagons and news travelled quickly from neighbor to neighbor, and their parties sounds like so much fun!

THE OLD STARKWEATHER HOME built previous to 1855 stood within the right-of-way of the present Super-highway. At that time it was the only home standing within the said right-of-way between Oregon City and Milwaukie.

William A. Starkweather and his wife, Eliza Gordon Starkweather, and their three children came to make their home in what is now known as Concord community in the spring of 1865.

The name of Concord had not then been applied to this locality. Indeed, it was later adopted as suggested by Mr. Starkweather, for the name of this school and later applied to the Concord road, and still later the name "Stub-switch," on our electric railway was changed to Concord Station.

Mr. Starkweather had then recently purchased from Byron P. Cardwell a 220 acre farm, being a part of the Benoni B. Rogers Donation Land Claim. The Starkweather family lived on this farm where the three younger children were born, for twenty-two years. In 1887 the family built a more commodious home on an adjoining farm where they lived until after the death of both Mr. and Mrs. Starkweather.

Mr. Starkweather, the father, died in 1905 at the age of eighty-three years and Eliza Gordon Starkweather, the mother in 1916 at the age of eighty-five years.

Mrs. Starkweather's parents, Hugh Gordon and Jane Hicklin Gordon spent their declining years on this old home farm purchased in 1865.

The Gordon family including Mrs. Starkweather came to the Oregon Country in the days of the Provisional Government which was organized at Champoug in 1843, and which functioned as a government until the Territorial Government was proclaimed by General Joe Lane at Oregon City on March 3, 1849.

The Gordon family started the long journey to the "Oregon Country" in 1845, by migrating from Indiana to Missouri. The next year they traversed the unsettled country from Missouri to Oregon, arriving at Oregon City in September, 1846 only a few months after the opening of the new Barlow road.

The trip was an undertaking which called for strength and courage, but the five people, all of the family, lived to complete the journey all the way to Western Oregon.

No doubt they were happy to reach the trail's end, even if they had to survive that first winter on a diet composed largely of boiled wheat, wild game, and native wild fruits still on the trees when they arrived in this, the promised land to many an Oregon Pioneer.

William A. Starkweather, born in Connecticut in 1822, came west via Ohio and California, and then by an ocean vessel up the Columbia and Willamette rivers to Oregon City, arriving in the fall of 1850.

In the winter of 1850-51 he taught the first school at Molalla.

In 1851 he traveled for The Smithsonian Institute.

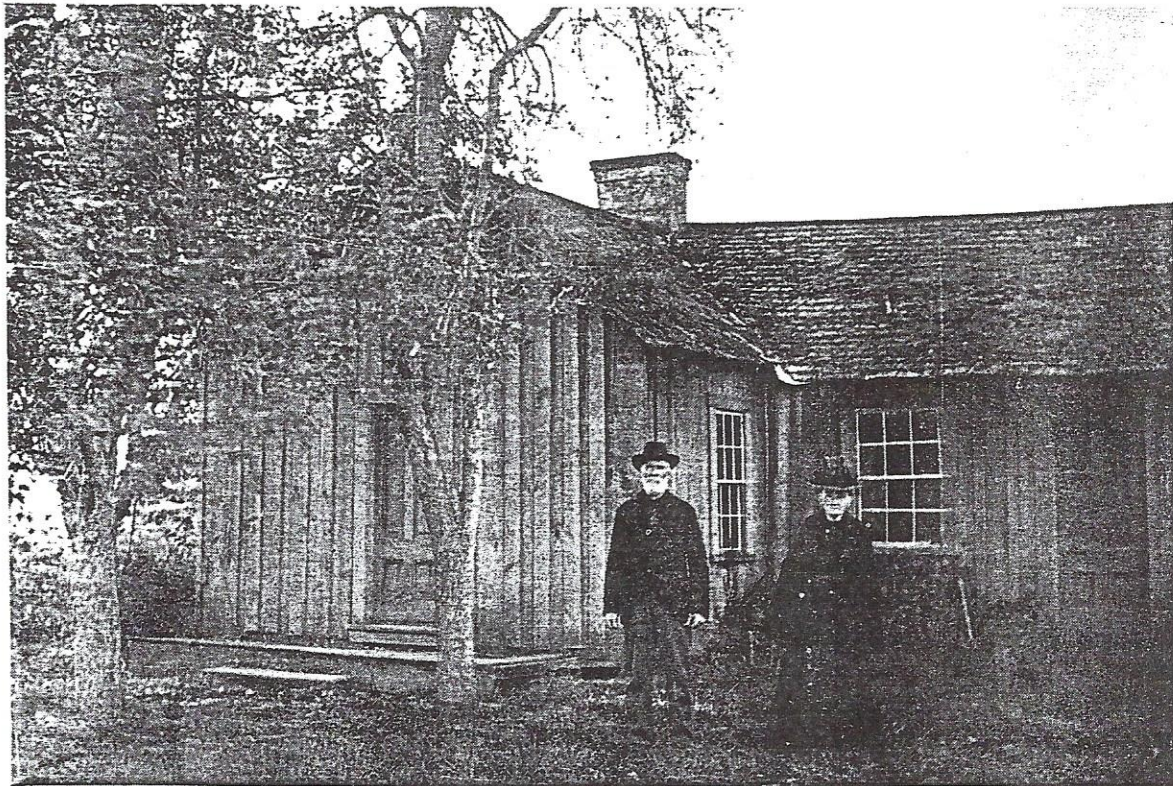
In 1852 he was one of the party which surveyed the Willamette Meridian from its intersection with the Base Line southward.

Mr. Starkweather early took an interest in Oregon politics and served as a member in two sessions of the Territorial Legislature. In 1857 he was a member of the Oregon Constitutional Convention and later in six sessions of the House of Representatives of the State Legislature and in two sessions of the Oregon State Senate.

From 1861 to 1865 he served as Register of the U. S. Land Office under appointment of President Lincoln.

—HARVEY GORDON STARKWEATHER.

Historic Houses of Clackamas County, Oregon



The Original Starkweather House

No longer standing, this pioneer home stood where the present McLoughlin Boulevard (Super Highway) runs through the Concord Community between Milwaukie and Oregon City.

Timeline

- 1850-William Starkweather arrives in Oregon from the California goldmines after suffering a bout with malaria.
Also the year Congress passed the Donation Land Claim law allocating 320 acres to a man, or 620 acres if he were married, to settlers who wished to settle permanently in Oregon
WAS taught first school in Molalla
- 1851 – Travelled for the Smithsonian Institution
- 1853 - William Starkweather marries Eliza Gordon in Clackamas County
Purchases land adjoining the Gordon claim (after relinquishing earlier claim in Linn County)
- 1854 – 1856 – Served in Territorial legislature
- 1857 - Harvey Gordon, his brother-in-law, designs the Oregon State Seal, adopted by the Oregon Constitutional Convention
- 1858 - Eliza Ellen is born to William and Eliza Gordon Starkweather on December 20th.
- 1859 - Oregon is admitted as the 33rd state in the Union on February 14th
November 17, 1859 William Lincoln Starkweather is born to William and Eliza.
- 1860, 1866, 1870 and 1878 WAS elected to State legislature
- 1861 – Civil War begins
1861- 1865 Wm. Sr. appointed as Register of the Land Office in Oregon City by Abraham Lincoln
- 1866 - Victoria Bell is born on March 26th.
- 1868 - Harvey Gordon is born June 20th.
- 1870 - Ida Augusta is born December 11th.
- 1879 - Victoria begins her journal
- 1880 - WAS elected to Oregon State Senate

1880

Rutherford B. Hayes was president. Modern amenities like telephones, television, automobiles and computers were in the unforeseeable future, but there was a train, which stopped both in Milwaukie and Oregon City. Meanwhile the neighbors banded together to share the news and help one another as needed. The principal activity of the Starkweather family, and most of the others, was agriculture, raising chickens and gathering eggs, as well as raising onion³, grain and shipping it by boat down the Willamette River to Portland.

After the California Gold rush of 1849, there was a reliable outlet in San Francisco for Oregon lumber and wheat, which helped Portland to develop into a major shipping port.

As you may have noticed, chickens and eggs play a vital part in the economy of the Starkweather family. The following is an excerpt from the Oregon Journal of November 1922, which explains how the business enterprise began. The speaker is Marianne Hunsaker. "You asked me how the early settlers earned money before the discovery of gold in California. In the winter of 1846-47 we lived in a double log cabin on the Molalla. The Gordons lived in one room and Mother and Father and we five children lived in the other room. Mother made soap, which she took to Oregon City and sold, and with the money she bought a hen. Together with Eliza Gordon, who later married Mr. Starkweather, she bought a rooster. They raised chickens, taking the little chickens from the hens as soon as they were hatched so the hen would go to laying sooner. We never ate an egg. They were all saved to be hatched. Mother raised 102 chickens the first year from her hen and the daughters of the hen. Mrs. Gordon raised nearly 100. This gave them money to buy cloth to make dressed⁵ for themselves and their girls." (Information courtesy of Shirley Graham.)

Thursday January 1

Jim came back this forenoon. He brought us some firecrackers and me a red handkerchief.

Willie Oatfield was down, intends to go to a party at Mr. Rinearson's tonight.

Ella and I went to the party last night. Mr. Whipple came up in the evening and told us the wagon would be here later. We started about 7:00. John Risley and I went together. Mr. Whipple and Ella; Mr. Hobart and Emma Bullock; Charlie Risley and Maggie Johnston. I enjoyed myself very well. I think I danced eight sets, 4 times with John, once with Mr. Whipple, once with Peter Rinearson, once with Molan Rhoads, and a Virginia reel with Mr. Hobart. There was quite a large crowd there. The party was for Will Grand (sp?). He was married in the afternoon at Portland and came up on the train. We got home a little after 5:00 this morning. I went to bed and lay till noon. Pa and Ella went to Oregon City. She got 2 dresses and some shoes.

Dr. Thessing called today on business.

Pa said he would pay \$5.00 if I got up every morning at 6:00. I intend to try, but I think it will be hard.

Day cloudy with rain. I got up at 6:00 this morning. Pretty good for a beginning.

Mr. Neal down. Dr. Thessing here. Ed Magone and Johnnie Jennings gave us a call this afternoon. Johnnie played the organ some.

I got up at a quarter to seven this morning. Mr. Neal and George came down. George spent the day and Mr. Neal came down for him this evening. Pa went to Milwaukie and got the mail.

Ma, Ella, Willie, Harvey and I went to church. Charlie and John Risley came up this afternoon.

Mr. Oatfield was here

Pa and Grandpa went to Oregon City today.

Willie and Ella went to Mr. Tompkins. They are going to stay all night.

Victoria continues to play the organ. Mr. Neal came down to borrow our horses. He went down the Ridge Road and came down the other road. (Ridge Road, maybe Oatfield?)

Ella and Willie came back this afternoon.

Pa and Willie cleared out the road between here and Mr. Oatfield's. They went up there and got the wagon. The Neals and the children came down.

Victoria continues trying to get up early to get that \$5.00. Willie went to Milwaukie to get the mail. Grandpa got a letter from Mr. Lister. (his granddaughter Sally Gordon married a man named Lister.)

Albert Walling and Johnnie Conley came to get onions. Albert tried the organ. Mr. Whipple came up and spent the evening.

Ella and Ma washed. Annie Magone came over and spent most of the day. Mrs. Neal came down.

Snow is 3 inches. Mr. Oatfield here this morning. Pa went to Oregon City to see if Mr. Houf's folks could come down. They couldn't.

Day pleasant, little sunshine. Mr. Ford worked today.

Pa went to Mr. Risley's this afternoon.

Mr. Neal down this morning. Because it was slippery, Pa didn't go to Portland.

Mrs. Risley, John, Elmer, Alice and Mrs. Bunnell and her baby came over this afternoon.

Mrs. Risley brought up a paper with a list of the passengers sailing from San Francisco for Portland. They started the 27th. I guess we'll go to Portland to meet them.

Pa and Ella went to Portland today. Pa was at the wharf when the steamer arrived, but he didn't see Nellie (Lister) I wish we could see her. (I wonder what happened to her!) Pa thinks she went to Mr. Storrel's. Got back at 8:00 this evening.

Sunday, February 1st

Willie and Ella went to Portland. They saw Nellie at Mr. Storrel's.

Willie went over to the river to meet her. She played the organ. She plays very nice. Nellie went away this afternoon. She started down to the river to get the boat. The boat passed. She came back. Willie took her to Milwaukie to get the train.

Esther Neal came down. Willie was at Oatfield's. Pa and Willie went to Mr. Risley's this afternoon.

Ma and Pa spent most of the day at Mr. Neal's. Mrs. Neal was down this morning. Minnie Hunsaker and a man named West here today. She applied for the school.

Pa and Willie went to Mr. Risley's to fix the capstan (?) they wanted to borrow. He went to Milwaukie. While he was there, Mrs. Haas and Maggie and Fannie Johnston made a call this evening.

Victoria is getting up earlier to get her \$5.00. Mrs. Neal was down to sew on the machine. Esther here. Pa and Willie had to straighten up the barn. Pa went to Oregon City.

Pa, Ma, Harvey and Ida went to church. Mr. Whipple came up this afternoon. He, Ella and Willie and I went to Mr. Oatfield's. Mrs. Stein and her children were over there. She appears to be a very nice lady. Mrs. Oatfield and her and maybe Mrs. Neal talk of coming down here next week. Mr. Neal was down this morning. Two men passed by here this morning for the ridge (which we now call Oatfield Road) because they couldn't travel the other road on account of the logs.

Willie went to Mr. Whipple's to get a horse to pull the barn up. They returned the rope. Went to Mr. Risley's

Pa hauled onions to the river.

Pa hauled more onions to send them to Portland. He got on the boat.

Ed Magone came over and he's going to stay all night. It's almost 12:00; I ought to be in bed. Pa came home this morning. He brought home the mail. He got a letter for Grandpa from Mr. Lister. He wrote to tell he him was a great-grandfather. He has a little girl. They named her Victoria after Aunt Victoria and Mr. Lister's sister. Mr. Miller passed by. He's going to the Ridge Road on account of not having the logs cut out. Edward sang and we played on the organ this afternoon.

Pa and Willie butchered beef today.

Pa went to Oregon City this afternoon. Willie went to Mr. Oatfield's and Milwaukie. I sent valentines to Mr. Hobart and Willie Oatfield.

Willie went to Mr. Johnston's. He asked Fannie to go with him to the ball at Oswego.

Mr. Johnston and one of his boys came over this morning. Esther and George Neal were down. Mrs. Neal and Harriet came down this afternoon. Mrs. Neal sewed on the machine. Mr. Neal came down. We sang and played on the organ. Mrs. Neal helped us sing. Esther is going to stay all night. Mr. Hobart was here today and staid (sic) awhile. Pa is 58 today (born 1822)

Allie and Clara Johnston came over this afternoon.

Me and Ella tacked a comforter. Willie went to Mr. Hobart's and to Mr. Risley's. Charlie and John came up with him in the evening to get some chickens.

Freezing, day, pleasant and sunny. Willie went to Oregon City today. Young O'Connor (sp?) came up this evening. He's going to spend the night.

Mr. O'Connor went away this morning. Harvey and Ida went over to Mr. Neal's. Willie went to Mr. Stein's and Mr. Oatfield's to borrow a wagon because they broke ours today. He got one of Mr. Stein's. He wanted it to take Fannie to the ball at Oswego.

Willie came home this morning between 7:00 and 8:00. (Remember those stumps.) He went up to the Stein's to take the wagon home. Worked in the barn awhile and then went to bed. Fannie and Allie went with him to the ball. He said he had a nice time. Pa and Ella will go to church this morning. Didn't because the wagon was broken.

Ma, Pa, Willie, Harvey and Ida went to church. (wagon ?) Esther Neal disappeared after church. Sam Kennedy found her at the drug store. We saw Mrs. Hudson at church. She talked of coming down. While we were gone, Dr. Thessing and Mr. Stein were here. Pa went to Oregon City this evening.

Pa took 96 dozen eggs to Portland.

Jim came back this forenoon. He got Wing to carry his blankets down to Milwaukie because he was not well.

Pa planted the main patch of onions today.

Harvey went to Milwaukie to get the mail. Pa sowed about 3 akers (sp?) of grass today.

If I'd get up early and help get breakfast, I'd get me \$25.00. (the price has gone up.)

Monday, March 1st

They had a school meeting today. Pa and Grandpa went over. Pa said he thought the school would begin about the first of April. They have decided to hire Miss DeVore.

Harvey and Ida went up to Mr. Neal's for George's birthday party. Emma and Alfred Stein and Johnnie and Philip Oatfield came. George was four today. Pauline Tompkins came over. She's going to spend the night.

Pa and Ella went to Portland. Mrs. Neal was down this morning. Mr. Tompkins came over.

Willie went to Mr. Hager's.

Snow and hail. I ironed some today. Pa went to Oregon City.

Mr. Day spent most of the day here.

Ma, Ella and Pauline went to Mr. Neal's. Annie Magone came over this afternoon. Ida went to Mr. Neal's. Pauline went over to the river by horse and Harvey went over to bring it home.

They are sledding. I don't expect to show my journal to very many persons. Some of the folks tease me about seeing the journal. If I ever get married, perhaps I will show it to my husband. I don't know if any fellows I would marry now, but I may change my mind. I wonder of any fellow would fall in love with me. Romantic dreams of fantasy. Pa and Harvey went to Milwaukie to get the mail. Grandpa went to Oregon City today.

Mrs. Oatfield, the baby and Willie came down and spent most of the day. Carey Johnson and Eddie Hass came over to borrow some medicine because Dick Johnson was sick.

Esther Neal came down. Ida went up to stay. Pa went to Mr. Hager's. Ella washed. I sewed. Allie came over. She wanted to know if Ida and I could come down with her to Mr. Risley's next Thursday. There might be a dance over at the schoolhouse.

Pa and Willie hauled onions over to the river. Pa got on the boat and will come back tomorrow. Allie Johnson wants to go to Risley's if Ida and I go with her. Alice is in Portland.

The girls tease one another about fellows. Allie has her eye on John Risley. Allie said her folks were planning on getting a party up at the schoolhouse. It's a secret.

One of the squaws and two of her children were here today. Willie hauled lumber to the river.

Pa and Willie hauled lumber from the river. Pa, Ella, Harvey and I went to church. A young lady was baptized today. Johnnie Oatfield came down. Mr. Whipple came by. Willie went to Risley's. The roof of their house caught fire and did some damage.

A man came to buy some chickens.

Last night a few inches of snow fell. We are reading the Enterprise (Oregon City newspaper).

Mr. Hass is going to stay overnight. Pa and Willie went to Mr. Meldrum's.

Pa sent some eggs down in the boat. He is sowing onions. Harvey went to Milwaukie to get the mail. A man going to Mr. Meldrum's passed here on the road.

Mr. Hobart came up this afternoon. Him and Ella and Willie and I went to the evening meeting. Willie and Pa plowed.

Ed Magone is going to stay the night. He grafted some ---. One of the Oatfields was down to get his horse. Pa came home on the boat. Pa and Harvey went up to Mr. Hager's.

Willie worked the table this afternoon. Somebody came down for eggs.

Many people coming by for eggs. The Home Companion magazine came. Willie went down to Mr. Meldrum's to get some hay.

Thursday, April 1st

Pa and Willie fixed the fence. Ida and I tacked on a comforter.

Some folks going to move up on Mr. Hager's place. (He was the one who was murdered.) Ella ironed and I sewed. Pa went down to Mr. Risley's to get some butter.

Miss DeVore was down

First day of school. Miss DeVore talked of having all the names of the scholars put on the Roll of Honor and published in the paper.

The scholars are not to whisper without permission. I intend to get my name on the Roll of Honor.

The Neals have moved up on Mr. Hager's place. A man by the name of Fitzgerald passed here today. We had some music.

Two new scholars at school.

Pa and Willie hauled onions over to the river. Pa went by boat to Portland. Willie went to Risley's for butter.

Grandpa went to Oregon City.

Willie hauled wood to the schoolhouse.

(4-8 1880) Pa went to the convention. He was nominated for state senator. (He had spent many years as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives.)

Ella and I had music lessons this evening.

Pa and Willie went down. Ma went to Risley's. They went to Wallings. (other side of the river).

Alice came over to take her music lesson. John came over. We played Hide and Seek.

Miss DeVore is the teacher at school. "I got a merit for perfect lessons."

Mrs. Neal topped onions. Mr. Day was here also.

The butcher was here this forenoon.

Music this evening. Mr. Day told stories of while he was in the army. (Civil War)

Willie hauled onions to the river by boat. Pa rode horseback into Portland.

Willie went to Mr. Risley's to get butter.

Pa came back with a new music book. We took lessons this evening

Charley Risley came up with the wagon for the children

Two men from Oswego (This was before it was renamed Lake Oswego.) came over to buy (?) They are singing "Swing low, Sweet Chariot."

John Risley has the highest standing this week. Jeanie Williams came with Lillie to school.

Lillie (Jennings) and Allie were there. They teased Victoria about John Risley.

The scholars will do pieces next Friday. Alice came over this evening to take her lesson. John came with her.

Harvey finished his composition. Miss DeVore and Ida went over to the schoolhouse this forenoon to black the stove.

I began my composition. Ella, Willie and Miss DeVore took a walk to the river. They went up to the Indian camp to get a boat to take a boat ride.

Jake Johnston came to school today.

Pa and Willie hauled onions over to the river. Pa also went on the boat.

Pa came back. Somebody bought his onions. Ed Magone's going to stay overnight.

Pa and Willie hauled more onions to the river. Pa went to Portland. I finished my composition.

Lily Jennings came over before we went to school. Pa went somewhere this afternoon to get some wheat. We read our pieces and spoke out compositions. Miss DeVore went to Mr. Risley's.

Pa and Ella went to Oregon City.

Ella and Willie went to church at Oswego. Miss DeVore came home with them. Mr. Whipple came up with them and spent the evening.

Pa hired Mr. Carhick (sp?)

Us girls and the teacher went down near the springs and got some wild currant. Mr. Neal was down this evening.

Pa and Willie took onions to the boat and went down too.

Played ball this afternoon at school. Mr. Cowhick came here this evening. Pa went to

Milwaukie. I took my lesson this evening. Pa went to Mr. Risley's. We had company at school,

Mary and Addie Jennings, Mrs. Meldrum, and Mrs. Williams. Ella was there too. We had speeches and compositions. I didn't get much frightened.
Alice came over this evening to take her music lesson. John came over with her.

Saturday, May 1st, 1880

Miss DeVore went to Oregon City on the boat. Ella went up today on horseback. Miss DeVore came back with her.

Willie Oatfield was down.

Mr. Oatfield was down after his horses.

Willie went up to Oregon City to bring Miss DeVore down. Mr. Hobart was up this afternoon. Ed Magone and his father visited the school.

Miss DeVore sprained her ankle.

An Indian came up around the school calling his dog. He came in and sat awhile.

A stranger came to the school.

Miss DeVore got a letter from Mr. Johnson saying one of her brothers was at his house and very sick.

Mr. Neal hauled wood for Grandpa.

A man in Oregon City is running for Congress.

Willie went to Oregon City to bring Miss DeVore back. Willie Oatfield's birthday; Girls went. Alice came over this evening to take her lesson.

Went over to school in the wagon. Mr. Oatfield is sick.

Pa went over to Mr. Oatfield's.

Mr. Barstow, the assessor was here.

Willie went to the Indians camp to get some of the Indians to weed onions. Willie and Jim went over to Oswego this evening to the ball.

Willie and Jimmie came home this morning about 5:00. Miss DeVore went up to Oregon City on the boat.

Ella and Miss DeVore took a boat ride.

Mr. Record and Joseph came over to weed onions.

Miss DeVore went over to Mr. Jennings to stay all night. Ida and I went down to Risley's to stay all night. Had some music.

Played "Pussy wants a Corner" and "Hide and Seek". We went to the spring to eat our dinner. Found a few strawberries. Lillie and Alice were sending notes to each other. I didn't want to. (Victoria confines thoughts of mischief to her journal.)

Willie got a fiddle in Oregon City

Willie came up this morning on the boat. Alice came over for her lesson; John came over with her.

Pa got back last night. Mr. Hobart came up this afternoon. Ed Magone was here.

Esther Neal is very sick.

Miss DeVore came here; then Risley's because her brother is sick and she needs to take care of him. Pa started out on the canvass again (raising money for the school). Girls intend to have their party next Friday.

John Risley taught school today.

John Risley taught again. He'll teach till Miss DeVore comes back.

Eva and Nellie Latourette came up this morning by boat. Miss DeVore came on the boat. Stopped at schoolhouse. Lillie came to school. Lillie has been sick. Harvey went to Risley's for the butter. We dressed for the party. Ed and Don Magone, Mr. Hobart and Mr. Whipple, Charley and John Risley, Jake and Alice Johnson. We played games and had some music. Jimmie may go back east and I'll never see him again. I am sorry though I have known him a month. Very nice gentleman. He is quite lovely. He made a great deal of fun this evening. Last meal we'll ever have together. Also Pauline Tompkins was here. Going to stay the night. Jake Johnston was here this morning. Annie Magone came over after Pauline. Ella and Willie went out to get strawberries.

Willie, Ella, Pa and Miss DeVore and Eva went to church. Eva went home. Mr. Whipple and Charlie came up this afternoon. They went to Mr. Risley's.

Tuesday, June 1st

Grandpa was very sick, and he was sick last night. Willie went to Portland; Ella came over to school to tell John Risley to tell his father we would like to have him come to see Grandpa. He came up and went down to send some of the boys after Dr. Thessing. He came up this evening. Mr. Whipple came up this evening, and they are going to stay all night. (My guess is Pa is attending legislative sessions down in Salem, and that is why others are attending to Grandpa's welfare. No doubt Ma is with him.)

Grandpa is no better. Willie went to Oregon City for medicine, and he sent word for Pa to come home. Mr. Whipple went home this evening, also Mr. Risley. Soon Mr. Hobart came up and spent the day. Charley Risley came this evening. They intend to sit up with Grandpa, but Ed Magone came over, so Mr. Hobart could go home. Charley and Ed will sit tonight. Dr. Thessing came up today. Mr. Neal came down this evening. Grandpa is very ill. Moved him back here. (from his own place which is nearby) Mrs. Jennings came over to see Grandpa. Allie and Jake Johnston were up this evening. Some better this evening. Pa got home. Albert Lambert was here today.

Grandpa is better this morning. Charley Risley went home. Ed Magone went home this forenoon. Mr. Oatfield was down. Dr. Thessing was up this forenoon. Willie went down to Mr. Hobart's to get him to come up and sit with Grandpa. He's worse this evening.

Mr. Hobart went home this morning. Dr. Thessing was up this forenoon. Mrs. Neal was down this forenoon. Mr. Jennings came over to see Grandpa. Mr. Risley, this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Haas came over. Mr. Haas will sit the night

Mr. Risley and Mr. Haas went home early. Mrs. Neal came down. Mrs. Haas went home. Willie went to Oregon City. Miss DeVore and Ida went strawberry picking. Pa and Harvey went out.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellwood and Johnnie and Emma came over. Pa went up to Mr. Neals's because Mrs. Neal came down to get him. Mr. Oatfield and Ed Magone came to see Grandpa. Mr. Whipple and John Risley came up.

The men went home. Willie went to Milwaukie. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and their little boy were up this afternoon.

Grandpa is about the same. (Sounds like Grandpa Hugh Gordon is highly regarded in the community.)

Pa went to Milwaukie to the election. (Voting?) Mr. Haas and Herman came over. Mr. Neal, Charley Risley and Mr. Hobart came up this evening to sit with Grandpa.

The men went home and Mr. Risley returned. Pa went to Portland today. Ed Magone came to see Grandpa.

Girls went strawberry picking.

(June 10, 1880) Grandpa died about ten minutes after one this morning. Many people came over. Pa went to Oregon City this morning. Mr. Oatfield, Mr. Naas Mrs. Risley and Mrs. Haas came this afternoon. Ida went up with Lily to get some flowers to decorate the coffin. Many neighbors came over. Will Jennings, Allie Johnston and Miss DeVore are going to sit up in Grandpa's room tonight.

(the service) There were a good many people here and many of the neighbors and several from Oregon City. Mr. Teal made a short sermon and we had a little singing. Mr. Johnson played. We left the house a little after one. The hearse was brought down. Albert Walling brought over his hack for some of us to ride in. There were a great many people there from the neighborhood. Got home late. Dan and Ed Magone spent the evening.

A man stopped here to get a drink on his way to Mr. Neal's. Mr. Bailey stopped by. Pa went to Mr. Neal's. Mr. Haas passed by.

Pa and Ma went to church. Don't know preacher's text.

One of the squaws washed here today. Willie went to Oregon City.

Pa went to Oregon City. At school us girls and Miss DeVore went by the spring to gather moss and ferns and fixed a playhouse there.

Mr. Gray stopped by to get eggs. One of the squaws stopped to get eggs. Mr. Hobart came up this evening.

Pa went to Portland. Most of the scholars played ball at school. I don't play often.

Alfred Stein came over to school today. Pa went to Milwaukie this afternoon and Mr. Hobart's this evening. Ella and Willie went to Mr. Oatfield's and Neals this evening. Ed Magone came over.

Lillie went home from school sick. Maybe measles. Jamie Williams has been having them.

Alice came over to take her lesson. John came over with her.

Got weighed. I weigh 107. I have fallen off one pound since I was last weighed. Willie went to Milwaukie for the mail. Got the words to some songs he sent for. Some man is going to spend the night. Miss DeVore made some candy this evening. We had a nice time this evening pulling it. (taffy)

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey borrowed a horse. They are going to Marshfield (now known as Coos Bay). Charley and Mr. Hobart came up this evening. Willie and Miss DeVore and Ella went up to the falls and up to their house.(where Miss DeVore's brother is staying?)

Pa went to Oregon City. Esther Neal came to school today. Pa went to Oatfield's. Mr. Risley and Charlie passed by the schoolhouse on their way to Milwaukie to catch the train. He stopped for a few minutes. Nellie went away today. They took her down to Milwaukie in the wagon. Ma, Ella and Willie went down with her. They met Mrs. Hartson and John Thessing going to the train. She had been down there to give lessons. It seems lonesome now with them gone.

Day clear and warm. I got up at 6:00 this morning. Pauline Tompkins came over this afternoon. She is going to stay the night. Alice came over this evening to stay all night. We gathered flowers and played Hide and Seek and ran around in general.

Day clear and very warm. I got the girls up at quarter till 5:00 this morning. Pa went to Oregon City today. Ma and Ella and Pauline went down to Mr. Risley 's. As they were going, a tree they were falling near Mr. Bailey's came pretty near them where the log choppers were falling trees. They stopped at Mr. Hobart's on the way down. I wrote my journal tonight for last night. That's getting to be quite a common occurrence with me. I don't like to do it, but with me it's had to avoid it.

I got up about half past six this morning. John Bunnell was here this morning. Pa went up to Mr. Neal's. Ma went up to Mr. Neal's and Mr. Oatfield's today,

I got up before 6:00 this morning. George and Esther Neal both came to school today. Today was the last day of school. We had visitors. Mr.Oatfield, Mr.and Mrs. Risley and Pa and Ma and Ella and Willie.

We had our exercises just about as usual. Really got along very well. Alice came over this evening to take her lesson. Mr. Risley came to get her. Miss DeVore, and Willie and Ella took a boatride.

I don't know what time I got up. I guess it is useless. (to get up early and get the \$5.00) Willie worked on the road today. Mr. and Mrs. Neal and their children spent a good part of the day here. Miss DeVore went to Mr. Jennings this afternoon. Johnnie Oatfield was down this evening.

Ella and Miss DeVore went down to Mr. Risley's this afternoon.. Mr. Neal passed here.

Day cloudy and a little sunshine. I got up at a quarter to 7:00. John Bunnell was here this morning and went up to Mr. Rinearson's. . Willie took Miss DeVore up to the paper mill station this afternoon.(paper mill in Oregon City) Ma and Ella went up with them. They got Miss DeVore on the train. Ella and Willie went in to Georgia Straits (?) Eddie Naas was over this afternoon. Pa went up to Mr. Neals this evening.

Thursday, July 1st

Day most part pleasant. Pa went to Milwaukie this afternoon. Mrs. Williams and Lillie Jennings were here. They came to see Miss DeVore.

Mr. Risley here to get eggs. Will and Mr. Reynolds are in Oswego.

Pa, Willie, Ella and Ida went to Oregon City.

July 4th. Folks went to church. 33rd anniversary of the church and 104th anniversary of our country. Had a baptism. left the wagon this side of the railroad and walked on the track. Pa stayed in town. Mr. Hobart here this evening. Went out to get blackberries.

Mary Hager was here overnight.

Pa went to Oswego. Harvey had a cry and got a talking to by Pa and Ma.

Mr. Oatfield, Mr. Risley and Albert are the appraisers of Grandpa's estate.

Indian Jim came over this forenoon. This afternoon Ma, Willie, Ella, Ida and I went to the river. Ella, Ida and I went to the Indian Camp to get a squaw to wash for us.

Pa and Harvey went to Oregon City. Ella, Ida and I went to Risley's to get currants for jelly.

Willie is hauling clapboards.

Mrs. Thurlow from Portland was visiting Mrs. Risley.

Mr. Hobart came back with us. Mr. Scholl is at the Risley's. (Mrs. Risley's maiden name was Scholl.)

Pa, Willie and Harvey went to haul shakes. (which we call shingles)

We picked some blackberries.

The day was warm. Some of the Indians worked a patch of grass. Getting smoky outside.

Ma and I went blackberry picking. Menfolks raked hay and mowed some today.

Finished picking the wool for a bed after Ella tacked it.

Willie went to the baseball ground. Esther and George Neal were down this afternoon.

Mr. Risley, Alice and Mrs. Thurlow came to visit.

Dick and Larry Ough worked here today. Fred Ought was down this forenoon. Mr. Neal came down this evening.

Dick and John Bunnell worked here today. We are going to church at Oswego tomorrow.

All of us except Pa went to church in Oswego. They moved the benches out into the shade.

They brought up an organ from Portland. Saw Miss DeVore and some of Mr. Shipley's folks. Some Portlanders chartered a steamboat and stopped at Mr. Risley's.

Willie Oatfield and Harvey went to the Indian Camp.

Major Rinearson and Eddie came here this forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum and John spent most of the afternoon.

I had to do up most of the morning work. I did grumble. (Ella was ironing). I want to play on the organ. Harvey went to Milwaukie to get mail. John Bunnell working and is going to spend the night in the barn.

Ida and I picked blackberries. Willie picked the cherries this evening.

Sunday, August 1st

We got words to some songs in the mail. Jake Bunnell called at the door this evening. I was singing.

Allie, And Clara Johnston spent most of the afternoon here playing in the hay and at other things. They were harvesting hay today.

We all went to Portland and left the farm in charge of Wing.

Harvey and Pa went after raspberries. Pa went around to several of the neighbors to get "school money". (At this time teachers were paid \$4 - \$8 / pupil.) When he was at Risley's, he learned more about Miss DeVore's visit.

We went to church. Ella and Ida went to Mr. Latourette's. Rest of us went up to Mr. Johnstons and took dinner there. It was the first time I was ever in their house. Mr. Hobart and John Risley were here this afternoon.

George LaRoque and another fellow passed here this morning in a buggy. Alice Risley and a friend went up to get of piece of music I had borrowed from them.

Lots of company. Miss DeVore's brother died. the 13th. Mr. Neal came down this morning. Mr. Cummins went away this morning. Ma did housework. Phillip Oatfield came down returning a horse borrowed a few days ago.

Pa, Ma, Harvey and I spent the day at Mr. Kennedy's playing croquet. Willie stayed at home taking care of the place. Some played croquet. I got acquainted with Lillie Kennedy. She is a good deal older than me.

Day was smoky again. Ma, Willie, Harvey and I went to church today. Ella and Ida came home. Charley Risley was up this afternoon. Pa went to Mr. Naas's this evening.

Day clear, but smoky. Mr. Johnston and one of his boys was here this morning. Pa went to Oregon City. Mr. Neal was here this evening.

Day clear, but smoky. Mr. Johnston and one of his boys worked around the place cutting grass that Pa let them have. I practiced some this afternoon.

Mr. Johnston was cutting grass. Pa went to Portland. He brought up 4 Chinamen with him to grub and clear land.

Pa went to Oregon City and down to Mr. Risley's. Mrs. Neal and children were down this afternoon. Mr. Johnston and one of his boys worked the hay today.

Mr. Johnston's folks hauled hay today. Ella ironed today. I didn't do much.

Mr. Cummings came down this afternoon and is going to stay the night.

Day clear, but very smoky. Mr. Johnstons's folks finished hauling their hay. Alice and Jake were over for a little while. Mrs. Neal and the children came down this afternoon. Mr. Neal spent the evening. Alice came pretty near falling on Harvey when he was out where the Chinamen were working.

Pa, Ida and I went to church today. Esther went away this morning. Harvey went to Milwaukie to get the mail.

Mr. Hobart, Ella, Willie and I went over to the river for a walk and a boat ride if we could find a boat. We waited awhile and saw Charley and John Risley coming down the river. We waved to them and they came ashore. We went out and had a boat ride. Victoria wishes she would have talked more.

Ma did the washing. Pa helped some. Mr. Neal was down this morning. Pa burnt some slashings. Esther and George Neal were down this afternoon.

Pa went to Milwaukie and to Mr. Oatfield's today. Ma went up to Mrs. Neal's to help her quilt. Ida went up with Ma.

Ella and I went to Neal's to help quilt. Several ladies were there. John Risley came up to get Willie to come down and help tomorrow.

Willie is threshing at Mr. Risley's. I practiced some.

Day is mild and smoky. Rain this evening. Victoria and Ida played. Lots of pretending and playing grownup. Victoria feels a little guilty that a girl of her age is planning stories in her mind, but can never get them down on paper.

Victoria knows she is imaginative and confides in her journal. She wishes she had a friend to confide in.

Jake Johnston and Eddie Haas came over to get some onions. Mr. Hobart was here this morning. We had some music.

The family is cleaning. Pa is in Oregon City.

Dan Magone is going to stay all night.

Wednesday, September 1st

Willie went to Oregon City this morning and brought back the carpenter who'll build a new onion house. Ella cleaned Grandpa's room today. Mrs. Oatfield had a little girl (who later became Amanda Hart). Ma put up some more plums today.

Mr. Cummings brought a load of lumber. He is going to stay the night.

Ma went to Oregon City to a church meeting. John Bunnell was here today.

Day was clear and warm. Pa, Ella and Willie went to church today. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot from over near Marshfield (Coos Bay) and spent a good deal of the afternoon. They were here some time before the folks got back from church. We went down and looked at the onions and to see what the Chinamen had been grubbing. Mr. Comer came over with them from church. They took dinner at his house.

Pa cradled grain today. Ella washed and I pitted some plums to dry. Charley and John Risley were up this evening. Mr. Neal was down this evening. He said that Mrs. Neal was back. The men are getting along pretty well with their onion house.

Harvey and Ida went to get some butter. Pa went to Oregon City today. Ma and I pitted plums, and Ella ironed.

Pa went to several of the neighbors this afternoon to get subscriptions for the school The Neals were down. Allie and Cary Johnston and Eddie Naas were over a few minutes this evening. Pa and Mr. Comer went over to Mr. Johnston's. They aren't back yet.

Day for the most part cloudy. Pitted plums a little while this afternoon. Pa went to Oregon City today. Fanny and Ellie and Clara and Gary Johnston paid us a call this forenoon. Ma was intending to go over with them to see Mrs. Walling, but Mrs. Anderson and her children came up and she concluded not to go. They spent a good part of the day here. Ida went up to Mrs. Neal's this forenoon. Some of us went with Mrs. Anderson and her children as far as Mr. Neal's. Pa and Mr. Conor went over to Mr. Johnston's this evening.

Day clear. Practiced some this forenoon. The menfolk finished hauling in all the grain. Ma went down to Mr. Risley's this afternoon and her and Mrs. Risley went over to see Mrs. Walling. She is about as usual only a little weaker. Harvey went to Mr. Neals, Mr. Oatfield's and Mr. Hobart's this afternoon. Ella sewed this afternoon.

Day clear. Mr. Neal was down this morning, also Mr. Oatfield. Pa and Ella and I went to Portland today. I sat for my picture. Harvey and Ida went up to Mr. Oatfield's this afternoon to see the baby. Ida went over to Mr. Stein's and a little while they both went to Mr. Goodknecht's to get some butter. Esther and George Neal were down this afternoon.

Day clear. Willie and Ida and I went to church. We went up to Mr. Johnston's and took lunch. Miss DeVore came down with us. Mrs. Neal was down this morning. Two men passed by here this forenoon. They wanted to learn something about the thrashing. Pa went around to some of the neighbors this evening. I don't know just where he is. We are going to have some music this evening.

Mrs. Walling died. Ma went over to the funeral by way of Mr. Jennings' landing (Risley's landing, then one mile south and Stakweather's, another mile than Jennings, another mile Meldrum's.)

The services for Mrs. Walling were at the Congregational church.

The legislature adjourned in Salem. The scholars gathered ferns and mosses at the creek.

Pa went to Oregon City to catch the train down to Salem.

Lilly got to singing pretty loud and somebody over at Waling's mocked her. . .laughing. (Sound travels well across the water.)

Someone from Portland is selling tombstones.

Miss DeVore is coming. Lily, Ida and I got leaves to decorate the schoolhouse.

Had singing and exercises at school.

Pa, Ida and I went to church today. Esther went away this morning. Harvey went to Milwaukie for the mail. Mr. Hobart, Ella, Willie and I went over to the river for a walk and a boat ride if we could find a boat. Waited awhile, saw Charley and John Risley coming down the river. We waved to them and they came ashore. We went out and had a boat ride. I wish I had talked more.

Ma did washing. Pa helped some. Mr. Neal was down this morning. Pa burnt some slashings. Esther and George Neal were down this afternoon.

Pa went to Milwaukie and to Mr. Oatfield's today. Ma went up to Mrs. Neal's to help her quilt. Ida went up with Ma.

Ella and I went up to Mr. Neal's to help quilt. Several ladies helping. John Risley came up to get Willie to come down and help tomorrow.

Willie is down threshing at Mr. Risley's. I practiced some.

Day mild and smoky, rain this evening. She and Ida played. Lots of pretending and playing grownup. Victoria feels a little guilty, a girl of her age playing stories in her mind, but can't ever get them down on paper. She does lots of thinking and knows she's imaginative. She confides in her journal, wishes she had a friend to confide in.

Jake Johnston and Eddie Haas came over to get some onions. Mr. Hobart was here this morning. We had some music.

The family is cleaning. Pa is in Oregon City. Dan Magone is going to stay all night.

Day pleasant and clear. Got up and got breakfast this morning when I met Lily riding down the road. I got on and rode up to the gate and there the saddle turned and we both slid off. We walked up the rest of the day to school. May Jennings was at the schoolhouse a little while this morning. Played ball at school. Ella finished the washing.

I got breakfast and had it late for when I got up from the table it was time to go to school. Some of the scholars played ball but I didn't play. Tried to write my composition some today at noon. I'd like to write this evening, but I don't know if I'll have any time. Mrs. Chamberlain and Sarah were here today.

We have great times getting our meals here. We are getting about out of flour and I think it's about time for Ma to get home. Guess we won't start before she gets home.

Friday, October 1st

Day cloudy and cool at least we felt it so at school because the stovepipe is broken And we cannot have a great big fire. Had compositions and speeches at school. One of the men who wanted to sell tombstones to us was here this afternoon Pa and Ma came home this evening. We didn't expect them till tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Stott came here this forenoon and staid till the middle of the afternoon. Jakey Johnston was here today. Pa and Harvey went up to Mr. Goodnecht's this forenoon and got butter. Set up till after 11:00 this evening.

Mr. Reynolds and Will made a telephone from the house to the barn. We have gay times talking through it.

Pa went up to Mr. Neal's this forenoon. Miss DeVore and Ella rode down to Milwaukie this evening to get the mail. They stopped in at Mr. Oatfield's on the way down. When they came back, Will and Mr. Reynolds went out to the barn to put up the horses and we had quite a long conversation through the telephone. Mr. Reynolds tried playing on the organ this evening before Miss DeVore and Ella got home. Think he seems to be quite a nice gentleman. Miss tries to tease me about him sometimes but I don't say much in reply. Pa got a letter from Sallie this

evening. She says that Bryon has been sick when they were in Salem. I forgot to say they shook hands with President Hayes and wife and many others at the party while they were there. Willie went to Oregon City today. We rode over to school with him this morning. Mr. Neal came down this forenoon and told the folks that Willie Roberts was dead. Willie and Ella went down to the funeral this afternoon.

Miss DeVore and several of the scholars went down to that old road to get maple branches and things. We got some very pretty leaves. Mrs. Neal and children were down this afternoon. Miss DeVore and Ida are playing checkers and Mr. Reynolds and Willie are playing cards. Mr. Reynolds told all of our fortunes last night. I don't usually like to write things that happened the day before but I had written my journal the day before my fortune was told and there was something about it I wanted to write, something that I wouldn't tell to anybody except my journal or my girl lover if I had one or perhaps a lover of the other sex but as I have neither of them I will tell it to my journal for I am sure I will not tell it to anybody. Last night when Mr. Reynolds told my fortune he had me choose a fellow but not to tell who he was; I chose John Risley. He asked if he was dark. I replied that he was. He went on and told me a good many things that were going to happen to me, but he said that he would have a rival, a light-complexioned fellow, and he said they would fight a duel over me. And it finally came out that J.R. would not marry me; and I did not know but what he kind of made that up, not that I think J.R. will ever marry me, for I don't think he will, and if he would, I don't believe I would want to and I don't know if Mr. Reynolds cares for me. Hardly believe he does, but somehow I thought he rather acted like it, but I guess it's just a girlish fancy; don't believe I care for him anyway; don't know as I will ever marry have got different plans laid out for the future. One thing I have a great desire for is to travel to Europe and over the United States and other places like Rome or Berlin to study music and other studys (sic). If only I could become a fine musician I would be happy. I think it's the nicest of any of the arts and painting and drawing next. I believe fine music takes you nearer to heaven. I would love to hear some of those extemporaneous players such as Beethoven or some of those. I believe it is said that Italians are usually about as fine players as any people; I would like to travel all over the world, but I don't suppose I will ever get enough money for that; I would not like to start out alone, but then I suppose I would have to get used to it. I wish I were a great beauty and could attract admirers; and I wish that I would keep up a conversation. it is so hard for me to talk unless somebody talks especially to me.

Today Miss DeVore, Ma and Ida and I went down to the mouth of the creek and went about half way up. I guess Mr. Jimmie Cowhick was here this forenoon. He said Laura Bennett was very low. Mrs. Goodnecht, and Anna and Emma were down this afternoon. They started away just before I got home from school. Mr. Reynolds and Willie played cards this evening.

May Jennings was at school today, She came a little before noon to bring M?'s dinner because she forgot it. A good portion of the school got kept in this evening for missing in their lessons, myself included. Miss DeVore and Ela and I went to Mr. Oatfield's this evening after school. Willie Oatfield brought down their pony this morning for Miss DeVore to ride on this evening,

but Ella and I each rode a piece. Willie came up later. I spent the evening there and had a nice time.

We had our usual Friday exercises this afternoon. We were expecting company but they did not come, Mrs. Johnston and some of Mr. Walling's folks. Ella and Willie went down to Portland this afternoon to see the Mechanic's Fair. I guess they will stay at the fair this evening.

Day clear. Ella and Willie got home about one last night. Willie was up to Mr. Oatfield's twice today. I forgot to say Mr. Stein went to Portland. Pa got home this evening. Harvey and Ida went up to Mr. Goodknecht's this evening to get butter.

Day clear. A man from Mr. Stein's place came up this morning to get his hogs. Miss DeVore and Ella and Willie went over to Oswego to church this afternoon.. Guess they got there late for they spoke of hearing the doxology and the Eucharist and they did not say anything about the rest of the ceremony. Mr. Hobart and John Risley came up this afternoon and spent the evening here. Mr. Reynolds went down after the mail this evening.

Day clear. Little frost this morning. Pa went up to Oregon City this morning and got on the train to go to Salem. Miss DeVore and some of the scholars went down that old road and got some maples and came up the other road. Johnnie Oatfield did not come to school today because he was sick.

Got kept in about half an hour this noon . At the supper table this evening we got to talking about All Hallows Eve. I believe that they say the witches or spirits are abroad. There are so many customs like that and days to celebrate them.

Day cloudy for the most part. The scholars played Blackman some today. Mr. Neal and John Bunnell were down this afternoon. Sat up pretty late this evening trying to learn my speech for Friday but I am afraid I will not know much of it.

May Jennings and Anna Ross, one of Dr. Ross's daughters were at the schoolhouse this afternoon.

Miss Devore sent Harvey over for a horse. He brought it to the schoolhouse and she rode it to the station He rode up with her to bring the horse back.

Ma, Willie and I went into Portland to the Mechanics Fair. We saw lots of things and would have liked to stay there longer

Pa came home around midnight last night. Ella and Willie went out horseback riding this evening. Mr. Hobart came up and spent the evening. He invited us to a party that's to be at Mr. Johnston's next Friday night.

We went to school this morning and were expecting Miss DeVore up on the boat., but the boats did not run like they generally do, and she didn't get here until about 11:00. She came up on the Ohio. I believe it doesn't run regularly. Miss DeVore brought 4 framed pictures, which she is going to give as prizes to the 4 scholars who have the highest standing at the end of the year. I intend to be one of those scholars.

The menfolks dug and hauled potatoes today. Pa wanted me to write down that when Willie and Ella and Ella were down to the Mechanics Fair a week or so ago, they saw President Hayes and Secretary Ramsey and General Sherman at the Pavilion. They were just looking around.

Morning quite foggy and pleasant and clear. I did not miss in any of the classes, so I did not lose a Merit. Ma went down to Mrs. Risley's this afternoon. I want to write a composition for Friday.

Miss DeVore, Ma, Ida and I went down to the Indian camp to see the beaver.

Mrs. Risley and Alice and Troy Bennett were up this afternoon. We walked part way home with them and later Alice came back to spend the night.

Alice went home this morning and Ida and I walked as far down as Mr. Hobart's with her.

Today for composition we wrote about a trip somewhere and described what we saw. Miss DeVore wanted to see who would have the most miraculous adventure. Guess Ida came out ahead. Ella Brown and Fred Ough were over this evening.

Day cloudy. Some rain. We went to a party including Miss DeVore. Enjoyed myself very much. Did not dance as much as I would have liked to have done. Danced 2 sets with Willie and a Virginia Reel with Addie Jennings. She seemed very friendly to me last night. I did not speak to her when we first came in because she didn't seem to notice me. But just after supper was standing in the room where Addie and Mr. Hobart and several others were promenading around the room, and the gentleman that took me to supper, Mr. Wolf had went to get me a chair. She took ahold of my arm and we went around the room together. Then I told her a gentleman had brought me a chair and I would have to go. I rather like her. Ma and Ida and Harvey went home before the rest of us. We went home about two o'clock. But I did not sleep until about eight. Willie took Miss DeVore and Ella down to Mr. Risley's, but there was no boat there because Mr. Hobart had borrowed it and had not yet returned it.

Miss DeVore brought down some costumes for us to wear at a kind of sociable we are going to have two weeks from tonight.

Have been kind of lazy today. Willie went for the mail so I have plenty of reading material.

Day cloudy. Got me two merits today. Pa came home this evening. The legislature adjourned Saturday, but he concluded not to come home until today.

Mrs. Neal and the children were down this afternoon. Allie Johnston came over after school to practice a piece for her to sing the night of the sociable

Day dark and cloudy. I had a good dialogue for my reading lesson, the dialogue between Brutus and Cassius. I would like to study ancient history. I like to see men caring about one another and having feelings.

The night of the sociable Ella will represent Martha Washington, Miss DeVore, Mary Queen of Scots; Ida is a peasant and I am Princess Ophelia.

Mr. Tison, He lives at Mr. Stein's place came down and chased a pig until they caught him and put him in a pen. They came down this evening and took it home. Pa was up there this forenoon. Ella went down to Mr. Risley's. She wanted to see if Alice could speak a piece at our sociable. Ella came over to school this evening and she and Miss DeVore are intending to go over to Mr. Tompkins and spend the night. This evening after school an excursion went down to the torchlight procession. The band was playing and it sounded very nice. I guess the democrats are ratifying (sic.) Hancock.

Day clear and cold. Pa and Mr. Reynolds went over to Portland today. Ella brought a horse over to the school, so Miss DeVore could ride it up to Oregon City.

Day frosty and pleasant. Ella and Miss DeVore went over to Mr. Shipley's today. Willie took them down in the wagon as far as Mr. Risley's and then took them across the river from there. (There must have been a boat somewhere here.) Some of Mr. Shipley's folks brought them down to Oswego by wagon. Allie Johnston came down to see if Ida and I could go down to Mr. Risley's. Willie went over to Minnie Walling's awhile. We had a very nice time. Got home about dark. Pa and Mr. Reynolds went to Milwaukie this afternoon. Mr. Reynolds rode Tamarack, the first time he has ever been ridden I believe.

Day cloudy, some rain. Willie went down to Oswego after Ella and Miss DeVore. Tonight is All Hallows Eve. Told our fortunes by coffee grounds after supper. Mr. Reynolds told our fortunes by cards. Mine was that I was to receive letters within 3 days, all from one fellow. I intend to eat a thimbleful of salt just before I go to bed to see if my dreams will come true.

Monday, November 1st

Pa and Willie sowed ^{wheat} what. Allie Johnston came home with Ida and will spend the night. Alice R. and Allie Johnston came over will spend the night. We had some music and played Blindman's Bluff and staid (sic.) up until about 11:00.

Alice went home when we went to school. Pa went to Mr. Risley's and John Bunnell's this forenoon.

Day somewhat cloudy. Pa went to Dr. Thessing's this forenoon. Ella and Willie went up to Mr. Oatfield's. Pa went up to Mr. Oatfield's and Mr. Tyson's this afternoon. Alice came up to school this afternoon. After school she and Allie came over to practice our pieces to sing. John Risley came up this evening to take Alice home. The folks worked very industriously this evening on their costumes.

We're very busy getting ready for the evening. Willie went to Oswego for Mr. Shipley's folks, Miss Anna Shipley and her 2 brothers, Edward Brook and Miss Linnie Shipley and her brother Lester. Like them very well. Tolerable large crowd. Enjoyed myself very much. The girls and Harvey and I all wore costumes. I had a long train which was very troublesome. We had speeches and singing. Linnie Shipley sings beautifully. Miss DeVore spoke her piece. I think we danced into Sunday.

Beside the Shipleys, Annie Magone and the Johnston boys staid (sic.) all night here. The Johnston boys went home early. The Shipley family and Annie went home between 10: and 11:00. Willie took the rest down to Oswego in the evening. Miss DeVore was very well-spoken. Ma said she saw Mr. Whipple shed tears at it. She told me not to say anything about it though.

Mr. Neal and Mr. Stein were down. Pa went up to Mr. Tison's today.

Our composition subject was Journey to the Center of the Earth. I wrote more about it than I generally do in my Friday compositions. Willie went to Oregon City today.

We heard that Sarah Chamberlain was married last Sunday. We all teased Willis about looking sad and said he would be going into consumption. They had teased him before about her. Pa, Ma, Ella and Miss DeVore went to church and returned at dark because they stopped at Mr. Johnston's. Mr. Reynolds and Willie went to Milwaukie this afternoon. They got lots of mail. I wish I had all the time I wanted to read.

Scholars played marbles. Pa brought a book on the history of the world in Salem on ancient ruins and people that lived in ancient times. I wish I could know what the people were like and their customs. I wish we had a good history from the beginning of the world and pictures of the noted people. I would like so much to read Ancient history. I have got Brutus and Cassius on the brain. I imagine them 2 handsome men with dark flashing eyes and dark mustaches. When my mind is not occupied with studies, I almost always dream of handsome young men And sometimes just young men and young ladies together. And myself a noted character and a fine musician with numerous admirers. Sometimes I think it interferes with my studies a little, but not enough to make up for the pleasure I take in it. I believe I have fallen in love with my heroes. Sometimes I intend to do something besides dream of these things. I intend to become a fine musician if I can. I wish I had begun to study younger. I wish that I was a fine painter to. Wish that I was a beauty so that fellows would fall in love with me. Maybe if I was though, I would get tired of it. They say that if you make up your mind, you will succeed. I suppose every girl at my age builds such air castles. It may be girlish fancy, but when I get to 18 or 20 I wonder if I will dream these girlish dreams. It does not seem that I will become a person of note, sitting here by the fire writing in my journal. Don't let me soar too high that I may fall down. I must study hard at school and learn all I can. I wish the people in olden times had kept journals and I intend to keep a journal always. I want to become a Christian and do good and be numbered with those who go there to dwell. I pray the Lord that I may.

It was so cold after school today that Miss DeVore and Ida and I ran all the way home. Willie and Harvey are playing checkers. I am as usual dreaming of my heroes.

Willie was twenty years old today Pa went to Oregon City today. Mr. Hobart and Mr. Whipple spent the evening here. I began to write on my composition, but I did not get to finish it because they came.

Part of the day was clear and part cloudy. Ma went to Mr. Oatfield's and Mr. Neal's today. Finished my composition this evening. Have got a long composition this time. I don't think there's a day that I don't think about my heroes.

Ella Brown and Fred Ough came over after school.

Larry Brown was here his forenoon. Pa went to Portland today. Miss DeVore said this morning that she had dreamed of my journal last night. She saw me sitting by the fire trying to think of something to write in it. Mr. Reynolds said he'd write in it and her and Ella had a great curiosity to see what he wrote.

Ella and Miss DeVore went to Oswego to church, but the minister did not come till most of the people had left.

Mr. Reynolds and Pa went out for a ride. Mr. Hobart spent the evening here.

Mr. Oatfield was down this forenoon. Pa went to Oregon City this afternoon. Missed in my grammar at school. Guess it was because I was dreaming of my heroes.

George and Esther Neal were down this afternoon. Was intending to study, but we got to singing and I will not have much time.

Played Hide and Seek some at school today. Miss DeVore went up to Oregon City after school. Willie got the horses and took her over there. She is going up there to spend Thanksgiving and will not return till Monday. Ma and Ella went down to Mr. Risley's this afternoon. They asked them to spend Thanksgiving here tomorrow. Mr. Hobart and Mr. Whipple asked Ella and Miss DeVore to get up a party at the schoolhouse sometime soon after school is out.

Morning frosty, clear and cool. Today was Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Risley and Elmer and Alice came up this forenoon and stayed till three or four o'clock. We put on our costumes to show them to Mrs. Risley and Alice. Harvey and Ida went to Mr. Tison's to get butter.

We heard a coyote pretty near this evening.

Miss DeVore came down on the boat this afternoon.

Mr. Whipple came up before breakfast and spent most of the day here.

I am often in the other room reading. Miss DeVore teases me that the quiet girls have a sly way of getting all the fellows. Wish I had a room of my own, so I could write in my journal in peace. Ed Magone took the Jennings girls skating and then apologized to Miss DeVore and Ella because he didn't have enough skates for them. Miss DeVore and Ella tittered.

Day cloudy and very rainy and windy. Did not do very much today at school. We had a half hour noon and got out half an hour early. Will brought the wagon over for us to ride home. I intend to study some tonight. I have been dreaming of my heroes as usual. Some of them are at college now.

Wednesday, December 1st

Ground white with snow. Will took us over to the schoolhouse in the wagon. Forgot our dinner. Harvey and Willie Oatfield went to get it. Scholars slid down the hill. Harvey brought his sled. I wish it was a sleigh.

Albert Walling was walking and a yellow dog that swam across the river following him and sneaked into the schoolhouse and scared Miss DeVore,

Ella worked on my cloak some today. Miss DeVore helped her some.

We took a short sleigh ride this forenoon. Ida got sick riding in the sleigh, so we decided to turn back.

Willie took us to school in the wagon. The snow is melting, and the snowballs are hard.

Pa went to Milwaukie. Mr. Hobart was her this afternoon. Ed Magone came by this evening.

Guess He'll stay the night.

Today was the last day of school. There were many visitors, Mrs. Naas and her children, Maggie and Fannie and Clara and Cary Johnston and Harry Walling, Mrs. Risley and John and Alice,

Ma, Mr. Oatfield and 2 visitors, Jake somebody and Carry Titus. Many declarations. I think Miss DeVore is a good speaker and Ida received first prize, Allie the next, Ella Brown the next and Johnnie Oatfield next. I might have had some chance if I had not messed in my arithmetic. Later Ed Magone was here. We danced some, no music, only singing and whistling. Ella, Miss DeVore and Will went over to the school to fix it up for the party. Mr. Whipple and Charley Risley came up to help. Mrs. Naas and some of Mr. Johnston's folks came over and scrubbed the floor. We crossed the river to get some boughs to festoon the schoolhouse. Pa and Mr. Reynolds cleaned out the well. Mr. Reynolds and Will have been practicing dancing. Miss DeVore, Harvey and I rode over on Kate. We forgot the key and had to climb through the window. After we got the fire built, Harvey went home to take the horse back. In the evening he and Ella and Will came over and Mr. Whipple and John Risley. We lit the candles. I enjoyed myself splendidly at the party. I went over in the first wagon load. The folks from across the river danced a good deal. I danced with so many last night I can't remember all the names. I went to supper with John Risley. The first load was Pa, Ma, Harvey, Ida, Ed Magone and I. We got home at half past four. Ed took the wagon back for the second load. I believe I've almost fallen in love with Lester and Milo.

Pa went around to some of the neighbors to collect school money.

I slept till 10:00. Mr. Oatfield was down today. Miss DeVore, Ella and Mr. Reynolds and Will went to the schoolhouse this afternoon. Some danced a little; some played with the dog. Miss Devore and Will walked along together and Mr. Reynolds and Ella and I walked together. Mr. Chamberlain was here this forenoon. Miss DeVore went home this afternoon. Will took her up in the wagon. She gave Ella a rocking chair and a pair of wristlets. Pa went to Mr. Oatfield's. Willie Oatfield was here this afternoon. It seems lonesome since Miss DeVore went away. No music this evening.

Mr. Reynolds and Wing are working at Mr. Oatfield's.

A man in a buggy passed here today. Mr. Neal went with him to show him the way to Mr. Jennings. It's lonesome without Mr. Reynolds and Miss DeVore away.

Pa and Ma went to Portland. Harvey went to Mr. Oatfield's. Johnnie Oatfield sent down a picture for a Christmas present.

Ma and I went to see if Mrs. Naas would go down to Mr. Risley's. We didn't go.

Today Ma and I and Mrs. Naas went down to Mr. Risley's and spent the day there. Alice is some better.

Ma and Ella and Will and I went to church. Mr. Reynolds was down this morning. He'll work a week or two. Willie Oatfield came down today. Dr. Thessing was here. Mr. Oatfield was here this evening.

The day was clear and more or less sunny. Mr. Reynolds was here this morning. Willie Oatfield came down to get Wing to come up there and work. Willie got to picking at him and struck him, so Wing came home. Will went down to the Brooklyn Mill today.

Pa went to Oregon City. He told Willie and I if we'd get up at 5:00 for a year, he'd give us \$50.00. Pa offered Harvey and Ida \$25.00 to get up at 6:00 for a year.

Pa and Will hauled wheat. I ironed.

Heavy showers today. Mrs. Neal has a little boy. Charley and John Risley spent the evening here and asked all of us to come down for dinner tomorrow. I hung up my stocking with the other children tonight, and they are all full. The fire is still burning, so I don't see how Santa could get down. Ma is still up, knitting a pair of gloves for Elmer Risley.

Christmas day. Wind from the Southwest, cloudy and showers. We had dinner at Risley's and later tried to dance a quadrille

Mr. Neal came down. Ma went up to help. Ida and Ella went up later.

Again Ma went up to Mr. Neal's .

Pa hired a Chinaman today to ditch.

The ground is covered with sleet.

Ma went up to Mr. Neal's. When Pa came home, he said he saw Dr. Frank Rinearson when he went to Oregon City.

Grandfather died last year. 1879 and 1880 are gone forever.

As the journal unfolds, the interaction of the family members is clarified. Ma is a strong central figure who holds the family together. Pa combines his work as a farmer with that of legislator and also as a collector of fees to operate the school. Family relationships are amiable. Harvey is crying and gets a "talking to" by both Ma and Pa. Control is maintained by respect not a whip. What a wonderful community support system is in place. We see all the different men spending the night with Grandpa, so he won't be alone when he dies. Whenever there is a birth, Ma rushes up to help. Everyone seems to be a good neighbor. Miss DeVore boards with the Starkweather family and seems right at home. And Victoria dreams all the wonderful dreams of an adolescent girl and faithfully records the everyday happenings of her family, so that future generations like us can know what life was like in 1880.

CONCORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

(2nd Concord School)

In 1865 William Starkweather purchased a large tract of land south of Milwaukie. He called the area Concord in honor of his New England roots.

He called for a special meeting to plan and build a school house. In 1866 the school was built on his land near the present intersection of Roethe and River roads.

Students came by boat from Oswego and from adjacent areas of what is now Jennings Lodge, Gladstone and Oak Grove.



1866

1890

The second Concord School called Riverside School was located near River Road and used between 1866 and 1890. Students in this picture taken during the 1880s were (back row from left) Charlie Tucholke, Will Oatfield, Alice Risley, teacher Neita N. Barlow, Annie Tucholke, Herman Wetzler and Charlie Meldrum. (front row from left) Gaylord Worthington, Eva Meldrum and Willie Hoess.

Husband: William Austin Starkweather

Born: 16 Feb 1822 in: Preston, , New London Co., CT
Married: 22 Sep 1853 in: Molalla, Clackamas Co., OR
Died: 22 Apr 1905 in: Clackamas Co., OR
Burial:
Father:
Mother:

Other Spouses:

Wife: Eliza Gordon

Born: 17 Jan 1831 in: Jennings Co., Indiana
Died: 02 Jan 1916 in: Clackamas Co., OR
Burial:
Father: Hugh Gordon
Mother: Jane Hicklin
Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1 F	Name: Lydia Jane Starkweather Born: 17 Mar 1855 in: Clackamas Co., OR Married: in: Died: 29 Aug 1856 in: Burial: Spouse:
2 M	Name: John Hugh Starkweather Born: 23 Nov 1856 in: Clackamas Co., OR Married: in: Died: 11 Feb 1859 in: Burial: Spouse:
3 F	Name: Eliza Ellen "Ella" Starkweather Born: 29 Dec 1858 in: Clackamas Co., OR Died: 22 May 1925 in: Clackamas Co., OR Burial: Married: 05 Mar 1890 in: Clackamas Co., OR Spouse: Gardner Whipple, Sr.
4 M	Name: William Lincoln Starkweather Born: 17 Nov 1860 in: Clackamas Co., OR Married: in: Died: 19 Dec 1926 in: Clackamas Co., OR Burial: Spouse:
5 F	Name: Mary Maria Starkweather Born: 09 Mar 1864 in: Clackamas Co., OR Married: in: Died: 03 Oct 1867 in: Burial: Spouse:
6 F	Name: Victoria Belle Starkweather Born: 26 Mar 1866 in: Clackamas Co., OR Married: in: Died: 04 Jun 1890 in: Clackamas Co., OR Burial: 1890 in: Clackamas Cemetery; Clackamas Co., OR Spouse:
7 M	Name: Harvey G. Starkweather Born: 20 Jun 1868 in: Clackamas Co., OR Died: 12 Nov 1951 in: Clackamas Co., OR

7	Burial: 1951 Married: 28 Feb 1894 Spouse: Mary Alice Risley	in: Portland Memorial, Inc. in: Clackamas Co., OR
M	Married: 14 Jun 1922 Spouse: Eva Margery Newman	in: Grants Pass, Josephine Co., OR
8	Name: Ida Augusta Starkweather Born: 11 Dec 1870 Died: 25 Sep 1955 Burial: Married: Abt. 1897 Spouse: George W. Derry	in: Clackamas Co., OR in: Clackamas Co., OR in:
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