

A Civilian at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Hays, 1878-1879

Extracts From a Diary of Ephriam Goodale

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APRIL 6, 1878.—Chicago. At 11 am. cars by C. R. O. and P. R. R. to Rock Island and sleeper to Leavenworth where we arrived at 10 am and found Mr. J. Beach and boys, George and Roy¹—found a most hearty welcome at Greenleaf's² very pleasant home. Everything arranged for my comfort by dear Fide.³ Attended meeting in the evening.

April 8, 1878.—Rainy am and a little snowing pm. A most beautiful prospect from my south window.

April 9, 1878.—My 72 birthday! I had a beautiful coffee cup and saucer—cake with flowers from Greenleaf and Fide.

April 10, 1878.—Fine day but cool. Went with George and Roy to see Target shooting. Not well or sick. Saw death of Dr. Pollard, also of Col. Knowls of Bangor [Maine].

April 11, 1878.—Cool am. Target practice. Callers in Evng.

April 12, 1878.—Very warm. Two soldiers from prison with an armed soldier worked on front yard. Evng went to hear amateur theatricals. Very good.

April 13, 1878.—Quite ill. Showers at night, thunder and lightning.

April 14, 1878.—Cloudy morning. All nature looking green and beautiful. Attended meeting at prison am. Episcopal service in evng. Small attendance, soldiers playing ball.

April 15, 1878.—Monday cloudy. The band played finely. Target practice—pretty good.

April 16, 1878.—After breakfast rode to Indian Camp called on Chief Joseph and other tents. They are an interesting tribe now prisoners of war. Heavy thunder and lightning at night. Capt. [R. I.] Eskridge called at night. He has a charming wife and 5 children. Mrs. Eskridge was born at Bucksport, Me.

April 17, 1878.—Boxes came all safe— at 5 pm a terrible shower or rain and hail and wind with thunder and lightning. It blew down chimneys & etc. Capt. [J. T.] Haskell called. I did not go out today.

Ephriam Goodale (1806-1887), a widower and retired farmer from Orrington, Maine, spent many years on the frontier at such places as Fort Hays, Fort Dodge, Fort Bayard, N. M., and Camp Supply, I. T., with his son Capt. G. A. Goodale of the 23d Infantry. A portion of his diary, "A Civilian at Old Fort Bayard," appeared in the October, 1950, issue of the *New Mexico Historical Review*, Santa Fe.

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1. George S. and Roy Lewis, grandsons of Ephriam Goodale.

2. Greenleaf Austin Goodale, later brigadier general, enlisted as a private in the Sixth Maine volunteers in 1861, served throughout the war meritoriously and was appointed first lieutenant in the 23d Infantry in 1866 and was serving at Leavenworth when his father kept this diary.

3. Fidelia Beach Goodale, wife of Capt. G. A. Goodale.

- April 18, 1878.*—George's birthday—7 years old. Greenleaf and Fide made calls evng. Fide made George a fancy cake and he had a fancy tea table set for himself, Roy and others.
- April 19, 1878.*—Cool in the morning but a fine day. Went over to company garden am. The country is looking beautiful—the cows *stuffed* with clover that they are troubled with "Hoven"[?] quite often. If our Maine cows could exchange pastures with them wouldn't they laugh.
- April 20, 1878.*—Clear and warm. Three companies have orders to leave this fort and remove Indians on reservation. PM went over to cemetery to see grave stone set to dear little Hattie's ⁴ grave. What a lovely spot for the weary to rest in.
- April 21, 1878.*—Fine warm morning—little rain. Attended Catholic chh. after seeing "dress parade" to my mind about equally spiritual. Strong wind pm. In the night came up most terrific squall with thunder and lightning.
- April 22, 1878.*—A most beautiful morning— got up late to breakfast and went to city in ambulance pm. Some good stocks of goods and plenty of pigs in streets. Maj. Broderic called evng. Greenleaf and I called at Col. [R. I.] Dodge's—remarkably pleasant people.
- April 23, 1878.*—Cool and dry. Capt. Goodale went to Indian Camp. I wrote letters to Marston and Mrs. Thurston. Sent paper to Mr. Miller.
- April 24, 1878.*—Fine day— went to Indian Camp with Lt. Dodge and Roy. Made calls evng. Chaplin Mitchel called. Mr. Tilton lectured at L. City.
- April 25, 1878.*—Read all day—dear Fide quite ill.
- April 26, 1878.*—Went to Co. garden am. Evng called on Lt. Dodge and lady—pleasant call, very. Also on Capt. [O. W.] Pollock who very politely showed us his telegraph, etc. Also Capt. [Charles] Wheaton and lady—very pleasant couple.
- April 27, 1878.*—Rode out with Fide say 2 miles with new horse which I like much. Greenleaf has bought a fine new Pharton [Phaeton?]. It will be so nice for Fide.
- April 28, 1878.*—Sunday. A beautiful day. Went to Dress Parade 8^h o'clk. 11 o'clk went to meeting at Prison Chapel. Chaplin preached a good discourse—good singing and prisoners quite attentive. Walked home with Chaplin Wort—attended service at Post Chapel—good sermon.
- April 29, 1878.*—Fine day—rode with Fide in morning. Read most of the day. Went to retreat.
- April 30, 1878.*—Went to Indian Camp morning. Muster of regiment for inspection—very good display. Capt. Goodale at Indian Camp. I went to I. C. with Fide and the boys pm, saw little Indian boys shoot for pennies and the circle of Indian women gamble etc. Decidedly funny and amusing. A little rain at night with thunder and lightning.
- May 1, 1878.*—Fine showers this morning. Wrote to P. M. [?] E. Orrington. Have read and written most of the day. Thunder shower most of the night.
- May 2, 1878.*—Cloudy morning. Wrote P. Kent and sister Little. Fine growing day. Went to co. garden pm.

4. Hattie Goodale, infant daughter of G. A. Goodale who died in childhood.

- May 3, 1878.*—Miss Reynolds from Fort Kelley came this pm. A very pleasant girl reminds me of Belle Pearson. Cavalry horses are being branded—fine horses.
- May 4, 1878.*—Cool but beautiful morning. Evng Negro minstrals at hop room.
- May 5, 1878.*—Cavalry out on parade. At prison chapel good sermon from Chaplin Mitchel. Saw Co. "K's" stable. At 6 ½ o'clk ceremony of laying corner stone of new Chapel. Fine address from Chaplin Wort.
- May 6, 1878.*—Fine morning. Capt. Goodale and I rode out on the Gen. Sherman road—a beautiful drive. This evng Rev. McJourdan 74 yrs old and Mr. Hofman of Leavenworth called. Mr. Jourdan is brother of aunt Enoch Goodale. He was graduated at Bangor Theo. Seminary. Mr. Hofman invited us to call.
- May 7, 1878.*—Warm and showery—thunder and lightning. Callers this evng.
- May 8, 1878.*—Went to Indian Camp am and again pm with Mrs. Goodale and took tea with Greenleaf. Mrs. Goodale and Miss Reynolds went out to concert room evng.
- May 9, 1878.*—Cold north wind. Chaplin Wort call. We rode to Mr. Hofman's fine house and grounds and called on Mr. Jourdan and lady.
- May 10, 1878.*—Fine day. Went to co. garden. Got a fine lot of "lamb's quarter" (pigweed) for greens.
- May 11, 1878.*—Cold and Cloudy—very cold at night. We have had fine strawberries for a week in market ½ [?] pr box. A few wild ones found now.
- May 12, 1878.*—Sunday attended chh. at prison chapel am. Mr. Mitchel preached pm for Chaplin Wort who was away. A little rain all night.
- May 13, 1878.*—Snowing all day. I wrote to Geo. B. Swazey and read.
- May 14, 1878.*—Lieut. Hay lost his cow by "clover colic." Many cows dying of it. The feed is very fine.
- May 15, 1878.*—Rain most of the day, wind N. E. a most disagreeable day. Lieut. Hay bought another cow and calf. Mr. Scillings (teacher) took tea with us.
- May 16, 1878.*—Cool and cloudy. Wind N. W. Capt. G. went to Indian Camp.
- May 17, 1878.*—Snowing with heavy thunder at night.
- May 18, 1878.*—Snowing with thunder and vivid lightning.
- May 19, 1878.*—Sunday. Fine day attended chh. twice good sermons.
- May 20, 1878.*—Mon. Warm and fine day. Read most of the day.
- May 21, 1878.*—Warm and cloudy. Looks like another storm.
- May 22, 1878.*—Powerful shower in morning with thunder and lightning. Did not feel quite well today. Greenleaf went for Dr. Fryee!
- May 23, 1878.*—Very warm. PM went to Indian Camp.
- May 24, 1878.*—Warm and showers all day. Remarkably growing weather. My health better.
- May 25, 1878.*—Cloudy but very warm. Went with Greenleaf and the boys to city PM and to the garden.

- May 26, 1878.*—Sunday attended chh at prison chapel am. Also at post chapel evng.
- May 27, 1878.*—Monday. Very warm day—almost sick. The band played finely evng. Geo. B. Swazey wrote Greenleaf he saw the death of Mrs. Little in paper. Was it dear sister Little?
- May 28, 1878.*—A fine day. Went to Indian Camp with Fide and Roy and took tea with Greenleaf. Had a nice ride.
- May 29, 1878.*—Cloudy—good breeze. Capt. Goodale ret'd from Indian Camp about 10 am.
- May 30, 1878.*—Thursday. Decoration Day. Went to cemetary grounds two or three times. Quite a crowd but little speaking. Mr. and Mrs. Hofman, two sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Jourdan called. Mr. Hofman's little high horse carried Gen'l Sheridan 100 miles from sun to sun in last war!!
- May 31, 1878.*—Fine day—warm and windy. Rode to town with Greenleaf and Roy.
- June 1, 1878.*—High wind but very warm. 90 deg. in shade. very hot last night. Wrote Laura [Little].
- June 2, 1878.*—Hot but less wind. Attended chh. at post chapel am and pm.
- June 3, 1878.*—Fine day. Mailed paper to A. Chapin and Mr. Miller.
- June 4, 1878.*—Capt. Goodale went to I. C.—I went to menageree and circus with boys. Col. Dodge's reception evng.
- June 5, 1878.*—Looks like rain. Band playing at night.
- June 6, 1878.*—Cloudy and a little rain. Read most of day. Mrs. Col. Dodge and Mr. Jourdan called evng.
- June 7, 1878.*—Capt. Goodale gone to Indian Camp. The Indian George Washington died last night.
- June 8, 1878.*—Dined at Mr. Hofmans who with his wife and children are remarkably pleasant people and have a beautiful place 1 mile S. of city. Mr. Jourdan's sister was Uncle Enoch's second wife. Had a fine time.
- June 9, 1878.*—Sunday. Attended chh at prison chapel am. Good sermon and good attendance. Evng post chapel.
- June 10, 1878.*—Fine morning. Sent *Times* to P. C. Baker. Regiment review at night. Very fine. Band concert evng. Army life many attractions.
- June 11, 1878.*—Fine day— read the papers all day. Wrote Rev. C. McEdwards.
- June 12, 1878.*—Wednesday. Cloudy. Dress parade pm. Band concert evng. George sick. Rain at night.
- June 13, 1878.*—Read all day. Fine shower pm and all night.
- June 14, 1878.*—Fine rain till 10 am. Letter from bro. G. B. Swazey— fine pm.
- June 15, 1878.*—Fine day. G. went to I. camp. Fide and I rode down 3 pm.
- June 16, 1878.*—I went down to I. camp to meeting but they did not have rite at 11 o'clk on account of two of the returning tribe causing hand shaking and excitement. Rev. Mr. Mitchell gave us a good sermon evng at post chapel.

- June 17, 1878.*—Greenleaf rec'd news of his promotion as capt. of Co. "K"! He received the congratulations of all the officers and ladies of the post which were very cordial and pleasant. He rode down to see a 4 mule reaping machine. I was introduced to Mr. Waters.
- June 18, 1878.*—Greenleaf invited me to ride into the country but I did not feel quite well. Took quinine last night.
- June 19, 1878.*—Very hot— a powerful shower at night with thunder and lightning fr. north.
- June 20, 1878.*—Thursday. Fine day. At night drove down to city with Springer and Roy. Read most of day. Co. "K" out on skirmish line drill. Capt. G.
- June 21, 1878.*—Cool morning. Reading most of day. Rode out with Fide evng.
- June 22, 1878.*—Lovely morning. Rode to Indian Camp with Fide.
- June 23, 1878.*—Attended chh at prison chapel am and at post chapel pm. Mr. Mitchel who preaches for Chaplin Wort in his absence—good discourses.
- June 24, 1878.*—A little showery— went to Co. garden. Things look finely.
- June 25, 1878.*—All G's family and Lieut. Hay's family had a nice picnic and visit to the State Prison 4 miles south of Leavenworth. Fine large prison— 501 prisoners. The warden took us all over its manufactory of shoes, boots, waggons, carriages, & etc. Also library chapel school room. A big thing.
- June 26, 1878.*—A fine day—hot. The band played finely evng.
- June 27, 1878.*—Rode out to Salt Creek Valley. Called at Mr. Brodus' large farm and fine place. Saw steam thrashing machine 500 bu. per day. 5¢ per bu. He has 2 acres fine park of rock maple and lawn about his building. About 500 bu. wheat.
- June 28, 1878.*—Gentle rain—quite warm. Read most of day.
- June 29, 1878.*—Very hot— went to Indian Camp in ambulance in morning and with Fide at night in carriage.
- June 30, 1878.*—Sunday. I did not attend chh today. Smart shower pm with thunder and lightning. Capt. G. at Indian camp.
- July 1, 1878.*—Cloudy in morning—fine pm. Went to parade at night and to R. band concert front of officers qrs evng, where band plays most of the evngs.
- July 2, 1878.*—Beautiful day— blackbeans 5¢ per quart. Greenleaf says he was offered 5 bu. string beans for one dollar. 20¢ per bu. There is no need of starving in Kansas!
- July 3, 1878.*—Fine morning. Wrote sister Thurston and A. Chapin.
- July 4, 1878.*—National birthday! Fine day, the citizens of Leavenworth and people fr. country had with Odd Fellows. 8000 or more a grand picnic on reservation with speeches and etc, fireworks in evening.
- July 5, 1878.*—Extremely hot day. George and Roy fell off the horse and Roy cut his lip rather badly. A narrow escape!
- July 6, 1878.*—Quite hot but fine breeze. Greenleaf went down to I. Camp. We rode down at night; two or three little Indian children were buried today and two or three more sick.

- July 7, 1878.—Very hot. Attended chh. morning and evening. Shower about noon also shower and wind at night.
- July 8, 1878.—Wrote P. C. Baker. Called pm on Gov. and Senator Lot P. Morrill from Maine at Maj. Dunn's who married his daughter. He was governor in Maine the winter of 1856 when I had the honor of representing our class—
- July 9, 1878.—Very hot but good breeze most of the day. I finished Dr. Draper's large book on "Intellectual Development of Europe." Good.
- July 10, 1878.—82 deg. in shade. Read am. Capt. G. gone to target practice pm.
- July 11, 1878.—Thursday. Very hot, but good breeze 91 deg. Read all day. Went to parade evng.
- July 12, 1878.—Hot but fine day.
- July 13, 1878.—Hot, hot, 98 deg. Chaplin Mitchel says 104 deg. at his house! Went to I. Camp with Lieut. Dodge.
- July 14, 1878.—Too hot for services today—about 100 deg! We start for Fort Hays 300 miles west of here next Saturday—2 companies.
- July 21, 1878.—Rode all day in a slow train. We arrived at Fort Hays⁵ this evng. We camped down any way in officers' quarters at night.
- July 22, 1878.—Monday. Fort Hays. All day moving up goods to No. 7 qrs. Quite hot, but fine air.
- July 23, 1878.—This post has 3 companies. Col. R. I. Dodge⁶ in command—one mile from city of Hays.
- July 24, 1878.—A most terrific shower with terrible thunder and lightning.
- July 25, 1878.—Getting settled slowly.
- July 26, 1878.—I like the post quite well. The officers and their families are very social and pleasant.
- July 27, 1878.—Lieut Charles Hay's⁷ little Charles better. Dear Greenleaf quite ill all day.
- July 28, 1878.—A beautiful morning. Greenleaf no better. No religious services today.
- July 29, 1878.—Monday. A fine day. I amuse myself by reading. Lieut Hay moved into their house. Windy at night.
- July 30, 1878.—Fine cool breeze all day. Greenleaf better and Officer of the Day. Mary the girl sick. Chas. Hay better. Almost total eclipse of sun at 3½ o'clk. Very fine.

5. Fort Hays was located in Kansas on Big creek and was first called Fort Fletcher. Biographical information, and locations of posts, forts, etc., contained in this paper is largely derived from Francis B. Heitman, *Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army* in two volumes (Washington, Government Printing Office, 1903), and unless otherwise stated is found therein. Journals and personal records in the possession of the editor have likewise added considerable insight and interest to the study.

6. Richard Irving Dodge was born in North Carolina. He entered the U. S. Military Academy in 1844 and was breveted second lieutenant July 1, 1848. After a career during which he was twice cited for faithful and meritorious service, Dodge retired May 19, 1891, as a colonel. He died June 16, 1895.

7. Charles Hay married Emma Beach (1849-1934), who had consented to accompany her sister, Fidelia (Beach) Goodale, after the latter's marriage to Captain Goodale in Oregon in 1871. Hay was born in Ohio August 23, 1840, and entered the regular army from the ranks where he had served as a private and noncommissioned officer in the 8th Ohio infantry. After a short time as an officer in the U. S. volunteers, he accepted a regular commission January 22, 1867. He held the rank of captain at his death June 27, 1892.

July 31, 1878.—The hottest day I ever saw. 106 deg in Col. Dodge's entry—quite a wind but hot as a furnace! Rode out pm into the country 3 or 4 miles to look for cows with Capt Goodale, and Lieut J. F. Trout.⁸

August 1, 1878.—Fine breeze but quite hot. I rode to town in ambulance.

August 2, 1878.—Terribly hot. Two front rooms painted and carpeted. Poor Fide has all her work to do—girl sick. Dry squalls at night—

August 3, 1878.—Very hot. No dress parade this am. Greenleaf bought a cow and calf \$32. Lieut Hay do. for \$30.

August 4, 1878.—Sunday. Dress parade this am. No religious services.

August 5, 1878.—Good breeze all day but hot 91½ degs. Read Lucinda's⁹ letters to me winter of 1858 at Augusta. What splendid letters! What a splendid wife!

August 6, 1878.—Fine breeze but hot and dry.

August 7, 1878.—Fine breeze all day. I think this a healthy climate. Kansas is a fine state with no more drawbacks than found in most states.

August 8, 1878.—Greenleaf and Fide have got the house and furniture arranged finely and it looks homelike and happy.

August 9, 1878.—Friday. Very hot 91 deg. Rain at night.

August 10, 1878.—Cooler 68 deg! Cloudy.

August 11, 1878.—Sunday. Fine day—Chaplain [Charles?] White preached evng.

August 12, 1878.—Fine day—I tried to fish a little found nothing but minnows. Rain at night.

August 13, 1878.—Greenleaf went out 12 miles into the country. He is not very well. 84 deg.

August 14, 1878.—Fine day— pm horizon covered with beautiful patches of white clouds. At 10 o'clk at night a terrible shower of rain and hail thunder and lightning with heavy wind. Some glass broken.

August 15, 1878.—Fine day—rode to town with G. and boys.¹⁰ Mary [Maggie] O'Brien the girl still sick. Wrote Willy Thurston.

August 16, 1878.—90 degs about 10 o'clk. Fine day.

August 17, 1878.—Rode out 7 miles. Greenleaf bought a cow of Mr. Jenkins for \$40. 8 years old will calve in about 7 months.

August 18, 1878.—The brindle cow will calve 9 mos from today the herdsman says. Went to hear the bishop at Hays city—good meeting. I walked both ways.

August 19, 1878.—Chaplin Dr. Renolds¹¹ dined and took tea with us from

8. John Franklin Trout was born in Pennsylvania and entered the 10th Pennsylvania infantry, April 24, 1861. He was appointed captain, September 4, 1862, and major December 27, 1864; honorably mustered out July 17, 1865. On May 15, 1866, he was appointed second lieutenant, Ninth infantry, and became first lieutenant of the same regiment November 10, 1867. He was assigned to the 23d infantry December 31, 1870, but left the service in 1883.

9. Lucinda Martin Goodale died in 1866.

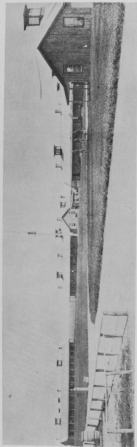
10. George S. and Royal Lewis—sons of G. A. Goodale.

11. Probably refers to Charles Reynolds, a native of England who served with the second Kansas cavalry as chaplain during the Civil War. Heitman shows Reynolds as having been an army chaplain at Ft. Riley from September, 1864, until April 29, 1867. He was appointed post chaplain April 3, 1867, and probably remained as such until his retirement June 30, 1882.



FORT LEAVENWORTH—Officers' quarters in 1872.





FORT HAYS—(Upper) Enlisted men's barracks, including kitchen and mess halls, about 1873.
 (Lower) Officers' quarters, probably after 1880.

Fort Riley. Very pleasant man.

August 20, 1878.—Very fine day—hot nearly 100 deg.

August 21, 1878.—Hot—98 deg. Read all day.

August 22, 1878.—Hot—not much news stirring. Rec'd 2 old Bangor Couriers from Mrs. Marston and P. C. Baker.

August 23, 1878.—Rode out pm with Greenleaf, Fide and Mrs. Trout to call on Mr. Smithers and his 2500 acre farm. Fine ride and call. Hot 96 deg. Mr. S. a very pleasant Eng. man.

August 24, 1878.—Very hot 101 deg. Quite unwell part of day.

August 25, 1878.—Quite ill, but attended chapel evng.

August 26, 1878.—Col. Dodge and others gone hunting this morn'g to camp out for a few days.

August 27, 1878.—Lieut Hay and wife had a little baby boy. Call on them tonight! All well.

August 28, 1878.—Much cooler—80 deg. I feel better. Wrote H. Whitehouse.

August 29, 1878.—Bad cold—went to creek fishing with Greenleaf and George, caught a mess.

August 30, 1878.—I feel better today. Rec'd letters from Lizzie Waters and Adelaide [Waters]. Went fishing pm.

August 31, 1878.—Mrs. Hay's baby was buried today.¹² 90 deg. Wrote Addie Waters and her mother.

September 1, 1878.—Attended chapel evng—what a farce for a sermon!

September 2, 1878.—Quite a part fr the fort went up to a Russian village to a wedding at church. The bride and groom were escorted fr their home to chh by their family and village friends with music and firing of guns. The services were very long—after which all returned to the bride's house for dinner and dancing. The bride receiving many presents— a drool custom—for the wedded pair not to laugh or smile for some days.

September 3, 1878.—Rec'd letter from P. Hunt. Hot, 96 deg and dry.

September 4, 1878.—Quite warm 96 deg. Looks like rain.

September 5, 1878.—Shower at night. Mr. Bagley dined with us.

September 6, 1878.—Dear Fide's birthday. Shower am. Mrs. Chaplin White called evng.

September 7, 1878.—Showers. Annie Shoemaker German-Russian came to work for us.

September 8, 1878.—Sunday. Mr. White invited me to ride to city. Mr. Hathaway preached a good sermon am in school house. At sundown had a violent shower and squall. Did not attend Mr. Bagley's lecture.

September 9, 1878.—Cold—62 deg. Put on my flannels. Cold all day. What an important historical event!

September 10, 1878.—Cool— kept fire in my room all day. It rained all night.

12. Life on the frontier took its toll of the young. Of six children born to the Hays between 1875 and 1890, four passed away before reaching their seventh year. Two others (Walter, born October 8, 1882, and Alice Hay Moody, born January 28, 1890) survived and are living at this writing in Los Angeles, Calif.

- September 11, 1878.*—Cool— kept fire am. Went to target practice.
- September 12, 1878.*—Fine day—2 cos of our post, "E" and "G" are ordered west to meet Indian troubles.
- September 13, 1878.*—I walked down to Hays City at $\frac{3}{4}$ past 11. Three cos of 23 Regmt came from Fort L[arned?].¹³
- September 14, 1878.*—After dinner I went out with Dr. O'Brien and Capt Goodale 6 or 7 miles on the Ellis Road where they each took up a qr section (160) acres of land making a beginning by plowing a small piece to hold their claim according to law.
- September 15, 1878.*—Very quiet—only Co. "K" at post.
- September 16, 1878.*—Very fine day— read and moped all day.
- September 17, 1878.*—Cool morn— antelope for dinner—good. Capt. Goodale went hunting with Col Dodge pm.
- September 18, 1878.*—Col. Dodge is ordered to start by tonight's train to join the cos. of cavalry and infantry gone west to intercept the Cheyennes. G. and I called on him and Dr. O'Brien evng.
- September 19, 1878.*—The 11 anniversary of my 2nd wedding day! What a burlesque on married life or what it should be. A terrible thunder storm this pm. Capt Goodale has pre-empted another qr sec 160 acres in my name. Dear Fide quite ill.
- September 20, 1878.*—Dear Fide better— read most of day. Lieut Hay came home at night.
- September 21, 1878.*—Walked down town morn. Rode up with Chaplin White and Mrs. Dr. O'Brien pm. Went out with Capt G. and Lieut Trout gunning. They shot 6 ducks. Fine time.
- September 22, 1878.*—Walked to city meeting. Mr. Mitchell preached his farewell sermon. Attended meeting in chapel evng.
- September 23, 1878.*—Fine cool day. PM went out with Capt. G. gunning 5 or 6 miles. Capt G. shot 4 ducks. Had a fine ride.
- September 24, 1878.*—Went with Capt. Goodale over the soldier's quarters. They look neat as a pin.
- September 25, 1878.*—Fine cool day—went down town with Capt. G. Signed application for qr section (160) acres R. R. L. at Land Office. Wrote letter to P. Kent.
- September 26, 1878.*—Fine day cool— read most of day.
- September 27, 1878.*—Dry and cool.
- September 28, 1878.*—Went over to Russian village. Capt. Goodale shot only one duck.
- September 29, 1878.*—Sunday—very strong wind and hot 96 deg. I rode to Hays City with Chaplin White's family to meeting.
- September 30, 1878.*—Cooler— report that Col Lewis¹⁴ was killed by Indians confirmed. Dr. O'Brien is ordered away tonight.

13. On Pawnee fork; established as Camp Alert in 1859, and renamed Fort Larned.

14. William Henry Lewis, a native of Alabama was appointed to the U. S. Military Academy from New York and graduated 15th in the class of 1849. He was promoted to captain on May 7, 1861, and distinguished himself at the battles of Apache Canyon and Peralta in repelling the Confederate invasion of New Mexico. For this he was breveted major and lieutenant colonel. He died September 28, 1878, of wounds received on September 27 in action with the Cheyenne Indians at Punished Woman's fork in western Kansas.

October 1, 1878.—Chaplin White invited me to ride out 5 or 6 miles with him which I did.

October 2, 1878.—Read all day—cool.

October 3, 1878.—This morn'g at 2 o'clock we were aroused by the guard that Indians were about to attack us and all the post were called up but we were to light no lamps but keep as quiet as possible. Capt Goodale called his Co. "K" to arms—stationed guards, etc for 2 hours expecting an attack, but it proved a false alarm!

October 4, 1878.—Dr. O'Brien returned. I spent $\frac{1}{2}$ hour at office. He says the Indians have stole 100 horses and killed 18 or more settlers and their bodies are [being] brot in to Fort Wallace.¹⁵

October 5, 1878.—Cool day. Rec'd letter from Willis with P. O. O. from Mr. Kent for mowing machine. I went down pm and got case for p. o. order \$12— left my watch at shop [\$]2.50 for cleaning and new case spring and warranted for one year.

October 6, 1878.—Sun. Cloudy morn'g. Good sermon from Mr. Hathaway— 3 admissions to chh. and sacrament of Lords Supper. A poor fellow with his ox team was arrested last night stealing govmt. wood and locked up.

October 7, 1878.—Wrote Willis. Fine day. Grenleaf rec'd his appointment as captain fr. President fr last June.

October 8, 1878.—Read A. M. and went with Capt G. gunning P. M. Evng went to town political meeting. Anderson & Prentiss—good speakers.

October 9, 1878.—Cool weather—nothing new.

October 10, 1878.—The two cos. returned all well. I paid 2.50 for repairs on watch.

October 11, 1878.—I called on all the returning officers— went to town evng and heard minstrels.

October 12, 1878.—Letter from Decon George.

October 13, 1878.—Sun—attended services at post chapel.

October 14, 1878.—Fine day—Capt Goodale and I shooting at targets. G. made 9 bulls eyes out of 10 shots at 100 yards. Sent Hays paper to sister Thurston.

October 15, 1878.—I feel quite ill this am.

October 16, 1878.—Lieut Pratt¹⁶ came last night. He and his wife stop with us. They are very pleasant.

October 17, 1878.—Cool day— I went to town am.

October 18, 1878.—Quite cold this morn'g. It made ice $\frac{1}{2}$ in thick. Capt Goodale and Lieut Pratt gone hunting pm.

October 19, 1878.—Fine day— new stoves put up. P. M. went gunning with Capt Goodale and Lieut Claggett¹⁷ miles north of town. Saw lots of prairie dogs. Capt G. shot one.

15. Located on the South fork of Smoky Hill river, present Wallace county.

16. Edward Barton Pratt was born in Virginia and entered the regular army from Michigan, joining the 23d infantry as second lieutenant, December 12, 1872. On August 17, 1899, he was appointed lieutenant colonel, 46th U. S. volunteers, for service during the Spanish-American War and on October 7, 1902, he became lieutenant colonel, 15th infantry.

17. John Rozier Claggett joined the 23d infantry from the district of Columbia as second lieutenant, November 20, 1875. He was a major in the Second infantry at the time of his death, March 28, 1902.

October 20, 1878.—Sun—fine day— attended meeting in town. Mr. Hathaway preached a first rate sermon. Rode home with the White family.

October 21, 1878.—Rec'd letters from cousin A. Chapin and wife.

October 22, 1878.—I walked to town and mailed letter to A. Chapin.

October 23, 1878.—Cool day— went down creek with Capt G. and Lieut Coles¹⁸ fishing. "Terrible storm on the Atlantic coast \$3,000,000 lost and many lives"!!

October 24, 1878.—Col Dodge, Capt Goodale and Lieut Coles [Cowles] have gone out for 2 or 3 day's hunt. Cold—looks like snow pm.

October 25, 1878.—Cold— letter from Sister Thurston.

October 26, 1878.—It snowed 2 or 3 in last night. Cold pm. The hunters came home— they shot 1 antelope and lots of prairie chickens, quails, etc.

October 27, 1878.—Cold— did not go to chh. Chaplin White gone. We had a splendid game dinner.

October 28, 1878.—Warmer and pleasant— Greenleaf's goods fr. N. Y. arriv'd.

October 29, 1878.—Fine day— wrote sister Thurston Capt. Goodale bought 8 hens— I went to town with Capt [James] Henton,¹⁹ Lieut [Stephen] O'Connor,²⁰ Lieut Pratt, and Dr. O'Brien to Democrat and Greenback meeting. Speech by McClure.

October 30, 1878.—Cold wind but pleasant. G. bought 3 ducks 20[¢] ea.

October 31, 1878.—Today is to be Willis Thurston's wedding day.

November 1, 1878.—Went with Capt Goodale, Lt Pratt, ladies and children gunning and fishing.

November 2, 1878.—Quite ill all day—

November 3, 1878.—I feel better but not well. Fine day.

November 4, 1878.—Fine warm day not quite well but better.

November 5, 1878.—Election day in this and several states. Post chapel being torn down. I rode down town and voted Republican ticket.

November 6, 1878.—Fine day— my cold not much better.

November 7, 1878.—Cloudy part of day. Lieut. Hay arriv'd tonight. Capt. Goodale and wife gone to wedding Hays City.

November 8, 1878.—Cloudy looks like rain.

November 9, 1878.—Rain all day. Lieut Hay and lady dined with us 4 o'clk nice turkey.

November 10, 1878.—Cool and muddy day. No religious service.

November 11, 1878.—Cool and pleasant— Capt Goodale, Lieut Trout, Lieut Coles [Cowles] start hunting tomorrow.

18. Calvin Duvall Cowles was born in North Carolina and appointed to the U. S. Military Academy from North Carolina, graduating in 1873. He became a major, 17th infantry, August 14, 1899, and served with the regiment while it was commanded by Col. G. A. Goodale. On October 18, 1902, he was appointed lieutenant colonel of the Fourth infantry. He died in Hartford, Conn., June 21, 1937.

19. James Henton was born in England and entered the U. S. Army November 22, 1853, serving as private, corporal, and sergeant of Co. "D," Sixth infantry. He later served with the 14th infantry, receiving his commission October 5, 1861. He died July 5, 1895, having attained the rank of lieutenant colonel.

20. Stephen O'Connor was born in New York and served in the ranks of the Eighth infantry, beginning June 21, 1860. On December 28, 1866, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He retired April 18, 1900, as a captain.

- November 12, 1878.*—Rec'd this morn'g letter from Willis Thurston of Bangor Maine \$165. collected for me by cousin A. Chapin in a check from Kindusking Bank Bangor on Nat. Bank of Redemption Boston. No of check 839 dated Nov. 8/1878.
- November 13, 1878.*—Fine day— rode out with Fide pm 5 miles west. I called at Chaplins evng.
- November 14, 1878.*—Fine day— quite warm.
- November 15, 1878.*—Fine day. Rec'd letters fr A. Chapin, wife, and Belle Pearson.
- November 16, 1878.*—Fine day— invited to 5 o'clk dinner at Lieut Hay's. Splendid dinner.
- November 17, 1878.*—Sun. Letter from D. Miller— attended chh in town am and chapel evng.
- November 18, 1878.*—Beautiful morn'g. Drove Fide to town in carriage at 10 o'clk— borrowed \$5 of her— wrote A. Chapin requested him to present Sister Thurston with 2 blls nice apples and charge to my acct.
- November 19, 1878.*—Went up to Russian wedding of 2 couples about the same as other weddings.
- November 20, 1878.*—Capt Goodale and Lieut Coles [Cowles] ret'd from hunt about 12 m. had a fine time and plenty of game. Glad to see them back safe and sound.
- November 21, 1878.*—Fine day— game for breakfast and dinner. Greenleaf cashed my draft on Boston \$165., and I let him have \$80 of it. Wrote Mr. Miller.
- November 22, 1878.*—Fine morn'g. I paid Lieut Trout \$62.50 for Greenleaf 1 shot gun a present to him fr. me.
- November 23, 1878.*—Not feeling well today— took pills.
- November 24, 1878.*—Sun.— quite ill did not go to chh or chapel.
- November 25, 1878.*—I feel better today, did not go out. Capt. G. and Lieut Coles [Cowles] left tonight on cars 12 o'clk for another hunt.
- November 26, 1878.*—Fine morn'g. Cool but pleasant. Paid \$6 for turkeys. Evng went over to the military dance all quiet and orderly—
- November 27, 1878.*—Fine day— Capt Goodale came home tonight at 5 o'clk with 2 antelopes and 30 mallard ducks. They had a good time and good success. They sent them [a]round to the officers.
- November 28, 1878.*—National and State Thanksgiving. We dined at 5 o'clk at Lieut Pratt's. Splendid dinner.
- November 29, 1878.*—Fine day cool— nice turkey for dinner. Wrote and sent letter to Willie Thurston and wife.
- November 30, 1878.*—Cold but clear all day— had mallard ducks for dinner very nice.
- December 1, 1878.*—Sunday— good sermon fr. Mr. Hathaway also services at chapel.
- December 2, 1878.*—Fine warm day went out to see target prac[tice].

- December 3, 1878.*—Fine day— cloudy at night— looks like a storm. Called on Lt. Hay, and Dr. O'Brien; Mr. Stephens of the "Leavenworth Times" dined with us.
- December 4, 1878.*—Fine morn— went to town— co. "K's" grand party at night well got up cost \$80.
- December 5, 1878.*—Fine day— target practice of officers. Dodge Club evng.
- December 6, 1878.*—Cool day— 4 two horse waggon loads of buffalo bones went down Hays City for market.
- December 7, 1878.*—Cold Day— looks like rain or snow.
- December 8, 1878.*—Sun.— a few flakes of snow but cold and squally; attended Methodist meeting at Hays am, chapel evng.
- December 9, 1878.*—Lt. Claggett came home— Col. Dodge[']s at night.
- December 10, 1878.*—Attended Prenle's lecture on England, Ireland, and Scotland— very good. Lt. Trout's ice cream evng.
- December 11, 1878.*—Splendid weather— rode out with Capt G. am to our land claims— nice ride.
- December 12, 1878.*—Snowed all day 6 in. evng. Fide had a splendid supper. Ice cream, raw oysters, coffee, apples, etc., etc. The table looked splendid. Capt Henton, Dr. O'Brien, Lt. Pratt, Lt. Trout and their ladies present. Snowed all night.
- December 13, 1878.*—About 8 in. snow and drifting. Roast turkey for dinner. Cold day 8 deg below 0.
- December 14, 1878.*—Cold day— did not get out much. Dr. [L. Y.?] Loring²¹ came.
- December 15, 1878.*—Sun. Walked to town with Chaplin White. Mr. Hathaway preached— evng he preached at post— nice turkey for dinner.
- December 16, 1878.*—8 deg above 0. Capt G. had dampers put in stoves.
- December 17, 1878.*—13 deg below 0 at sunrise— 8 o'clk pm 4 below 0.
- December 18, 1878.*—10 deg below 0— went to town am— looks like snow.
- December 19, 1878.*—Cold— the post getting ice.
- December 20, 1878.*—Good for ice crop.
- December 21, 1878.*—Capt Henton and family came, also Dr. Loring.
- December 22, 1878.*—Sun. No chh services in chapel.
- December 23, 1878.*—Qrmaster Trout and all hands getting ice.
- December 24, 1878.*—Mr. Davis Eng[?] took lunch with us.
- December 25, 1878.*—Christmas! Lots of presents for the boys. I had 7 bags S. tobacco— 3 lin. hkfs— 2 collars, smoking tray etc fr. Lt. Hay.
- December 26, 1878.*—Cool am. I went to see glass ball shooting and read.
- December 27, 1878.*—Cool— 2 deg below 0. Lt. Hay and Lt. Claggett moving Capt Goodale and Lt Trout to move next monday.
- December 28, 1878.*—Orders fr. H. quarters that the 23rd Infantry shall move to Indian Territory in a few days 200 miles march! and that 18th Regmt move to Fort Hays. Officers families remain here for the present!!

21. Probably refers to Leonard Young Loring, a native of Missouri who was appointed assistant surgeon, May 14, 1897, and major surgeon October 9, 1888. Loring retired February 27, 1891, and died April 1, 1903.

December 29, 1878.—Sun. Rec'd letters fr. bro and sister Marston. Answered.

December 30, 1878.—Cool and cloudy— read all day.

December 31, 1878.—Last day of year— wrote to Prue,²² Mr. Hathaway and son called. Had a fine large turkey for dinner. Capt Henton's co. had a ball.

January 1, 1879.—Cold morn. The boys knocked at my door with "Happy new year, Grandpa!" How many mercies has God bestowed upon us the past year! May we love Him more and serve him better.

January 2, 1879.—17 below zero.

January 3, 1879.—10 below 0! Mr. Hathaway called.

January 4, 1879.—6 below 0.

January 5, 1879.—Sun. cold— Mr. Hathaway preached.

January 6, 1879.—19 or 20 below 0 wha[t] a cold snap.

January 7, 1879.—Squally but much warmer.

January 8, 1879.—Cool but fine.

January 9, 1879.—About 0° at sunrise. 10th and 11th fine days.

January 12, 1879.—Sun. Mr. Hathaway preached.

January 13, 1879.—Fire in town—4 stores burnt 12 o'clk last night.

January 14, 1879.—Cloudy but warmer.

January 15, 1879.—Capt Goodale rec'd his commission today.

January 16, 1879.—Cold night and warm days. Capt. G. and Fide attended theatrical performance at Court House.

January 17, 1879.—Fine day— I went to see the theatrical performance.

January 18, 1879.—Fine day. Mrs. Goodale took the boys to performance.

January 19, 1879.—Sun. Attended chh. at town S. House. New Methodist minister preached— good letter from Prue.

January 20, 1879.—This week to Mon. has been very mild— snow all gone. Capt Henton's Co. started on cars for Fort Dodge.

January 27, 1879.—Fine morn. Dr. Comfort has been with us 4 or 5 days.

January 30, 1879.—Rain all day— 31st snow all day.

February 1, 1879.—Fine morn. Cool— 2 Sun. services at chapel.

February 6, 1879.—Went to town evng with Capt G., Dr. Comfort, and George to evng lecture in S. House. Mr. Hathaway preached.

February 7, 1879.—Lt. Pratt, Lt. Trout and their wives dined with us yesterday and the wives left this morn on cars for the east. Co. "K" baggage shipped on cars this morn. Wrote A. Chapin—do Mrs. Prue Goodale.

February 8, 1879.—Fine day but cool morn.

February 9, 1879.—Sun. attended chh at Cout House am. Mr. Stud gave us a good sermon on Presbyterian chapel in evng. Wed 12 very cold snap. Blew a gale all night— dear Fide had some of her flowers injured. 13 Cold last night— more moderate at m.

February 16, 1879.—Sun. Attended chh at S. H.

²² Prudence Goodale, wife of Prof. George Lincoln Goodale of Harvard University.

February 18, 1879.—Two cos left this morn'g 2 o'clk. 21 Rode to Victoria with Chaplin White dined there with do fine ride. 22 lots of papers from Mrs. Osgood. Sun 23 attended chh in town Presbyterian. Mr. Stud good discours[e].

February 25, 1879.—Cold day equally. Monday morn'g and all day at 7° deg and today at zero.

February 26, 1879.—Cold last night and this morn'g.

March 1, 1879.—Winter over and first day of Spring. Fine am.

March 2, 1879.—Sun. fine day— attended Presbyterian chh and communion—interesting sermon. Letters fr Greenleaf and bro Marston.

March 7, 1879.—Fine weather 90 deg—a musical concert by the ladies of Hays City this evng for the "Home of the Friendless"—good entertainment. Squally at sunset. Postal fr Capt G. All well.

March 8, 1879.—Fine day 70 deg. Sun 9 attended chh in S. House Mr. Hathaway morn'g. Chapel evng.

March 10, 1879.—Fine day. Them. about 60 deg for some days past.

March 12, 1879.—Strong wind and very smoky. Paymaster and aide called.

March 13, 1879.—Terrible wind at night. Fires N.W. snow at night.

March 14, 1879.—Very cold last night and this morn'g. Letter fr G.

March 15, 1879.—Fine morn'g but cold wind. 16—cold wind.

March 22, 1879.—The past week has been cold and windy.

March 23, 1879.—Sun. attended chh in town. Mr. H. Chapel evng.

March 24, 1879.—A little frost this morn'g. Worked in garden a few hours, sowed lettuce etc.

March 25, 1879.—Worked in garden—very dry.

March 26, 1879.—Warm—70 deg finished sowing. Lt Hay pd me 70¢ g. seeds.

March 27, 1879.—Charles Hay 2 yrs old. Invited to dine at Lt Hay's— fine dinner— at night thunder and lightning but no rain. 28th Mrs. Goodale had letter from G.

April 1, 1879.—Very dry & cool. 6th Sun quite ill did not attend chh. just a little rain.

April 9, 1879.—My 73 birthday— have been quite ill for a few days—"Thus far the Lord has led me on." O' how good has God been to me. May I Love Him more & serve Him better. This morn'g I found a little note on my breakfast plate with \$5 and the good wishes of dear Fide.

April 13, 1879.—Very lame with siatica— Mrs. Thomas sick poor Fide has a hard time— all the work & the care of the sick.

April 14, 1879.—A nice little rain— cold & cloudy.

April 20, 1879.—Sun. attended chh in town a.m. chapel evng quite lame strong wind.

April 25, 1879.—Sick & lame for the last 3 weeks but a little better. Wrote A. Chapin to collect Hink's debt and send me Bangor Weekly Courier 1 yr.

- April 27, 1879.*—Sun. Mr. Stud ordained by Presbitery— attended chh morn'g & evng.
- April 28, 1879.*—Wrote bro. Marston— a little better p. m.
- April 29, 1879.*—I am much better— Fide had 2 good letters fr G.
- April 30, 1879.*—Tempest all night with rain.
- May 1, 1879.*—Fine day— good feed for cows. W. wheat looks well.
- May 4, 1879.*—Sun. attended chh in town & chapel evng.
- May 5, 1879.*—Worken in garden— look out for a calf next Feb 5 from Davis' bull!!!
- May 8, 1879.*—Walked to town am after dinner in garden.
- May 11, 1879.*—Attended chh. in town—Rev Mr. Miller good sermon.
- May 15, 1879.*—Fine day— wrote Charlotte— worked in garden.
- May 18, 1879.*—Quarterly meeting—good sermon by presiding elder.
- May 19, 1879.*—Very hot & squally with thunder & lightning all nt.
- May 20, 1879.*—Letter fr Augustus Chapin with bal. of Hink's note \$31.14 in P. O. O. He took out 2 blls apples \$3. & Bangor Courier \$2— all o. k.— answ his letter next day— wrote P. Kent also & Mrs. W. Thurston.
- May 24, 1879.*—Very dry & hot winds for 4 or 5 days— Mrs. Goodale had a pleasant little dinner party Dr. Comfort and the Whites.
- May 25, 1879.*—Attended chh. at Court House Mr. Stud gave us a good sermon— Dr. Davis came up & family I called on them. I sent the Hays Sentinel to the 3 P. Offices in Orrington [Maine] one to Brewer Village one to Bangor Whig & Courier, 1 to Willis Thurston.
- May 26, 1879.*—Walked to garden & to town.
- May 27, 1879.*—A nice brilliant meeting at Lt. Hay's at evng of the ladies Sociable of the Pres chh. it was a very pleasant affair— singing, reciting, reading.
- May 28, 1879.*—Mrs. Lt. O'Connor & her children have been with us today & left on the cars tonight. She met with a little "snag" at Hays City in the form of an arrest for debt, but got the money of a friend & went on her way a little mad.
- May 29, 1879.*—Attended a very pleasant Fair of the Lutheran chh at Kruger's Hall— quite a success I think. Refreshments, music, songs etc all nice. Receipts about 150\$.
- June 1, 1879.*—Sun. attended chapel evng a young man gave us a good discourse.
- June 4, 1879.*—Mrs. Goodale & Mrs. Hay left on cars for Abilene for a few days— very hot & dry 99 deg in shade.
- June 7, 1879.*—Mrs. Goodale & Roy Mrs. Hay & Charles came home— had a good visit & we were glad to see them.
- June 8, 1879.*—Sun. attended chh. with Chaplin White & family Mr. Miller had only 12 beaves— evng Mr. Stud's meeting.
- June 11, 1879.*—Col. Gilman²³ called with Lt. Hay.

²³ Jeremiah Howard Gilman was born in Maine and graduated from West Point in 1856. He was breveted major and lieutenant colonel for gallantry and meritorious service in the battles of Shiloh and Stone river respectively. Gilman retired November 11, 1893.

- June 15, 1879.*—Last Thursday we had 4 showers with thunder & lightning— wet the ground 2 or 3 in but dry now. Capt Goodale with 2 cos gone to Reno— to chapel evng.
- June 16, 1879.*—Quite ill this mornng. Letters from Prue & Belle. Boys clothes came fr N. Y. & a nice dinner coat for me which dear Fide sent for— bless her heart!
- June 17, 1879.*—George scalded his foot the Dr. dressed it. Thunder storm at night.
- June 18, 1879.*—Wrote Greenleaf— 19th went to town planted 6 rows peas & hoed a little.
- June 21, 1879.*—Sowed E. turnips & got a nice lot of beets.
- June 22, 1879.*—At home all day sho[u]lder quite lame.
- June 24, 1879.*—Fine day— beets and lettuce fr garden. Ladies social at Montgomery's evng.
- June 25, 1879.*—Shower at night with thunder & lightg.
- June 26, 1879.*—Went fishing with boys— horse race P. M.
- June 29, 1879.*—Sun. walked to chh. Mr. Stud gave us a good discourse.
- June 30, 1879.*—Last day of mo. rather dry looks like rain. Garden pretty good— Hanes bot a cow & calf.
- July 1, 1879.*—Letter fr Greenleaf. Dry & hot.
- July 4, 1879.*—Very hot— we had a little picnick at post. Lt Hay had the post decorated with flags 13 guns mornng, 38 do at noon & 21 at evng.
- July 6, 1879.*—Too hot to walk to chh. 99 deg in shade.
- July 7, 1879.*—All night smart showers & very hot. A. M. 103 deg in shade terrible T. & lightning.
- July 8, 1879.*—Mrs. Lt Hay sick so the journey east was given up by her & Mrs. G. Cut first mess of green corn & S. beans fr garden— ponto betten[?] by R. Snake.
- June 13, 1879.*—Sun. attended Lutheran chh good discourse.
- July 15, 1879.*—Shower just at night. 20th very hot not very well did not attend chh.
- July 24, 1879.*—Roy's birthday— lots of little presents!
- July 27, 1879.*—Chapel evng. German preached a good discourse.
- July 30, 1879.*—Fine growing weather— plenty of cucumbers & beets.
- August 1, 1879.*—Wrote A. Chapin for \$50 of Harvey Smith.
- August 3, 1879.*—Sun. attended chh. in town mornng & evng.
- August 5, 1879.*—Tremendous rain p. m. & at night. 6th showers.
- August 8, 1879.*—Dr. Davis with Ponto got 17 prairie chickens and gave us two. Mr. Hunt & lady & mrs. Beach called.
- August 10, 1879.*—Sun. attended Lutheran chh in town good sermon do chapel evng. 11th cool fine day.
- August 12, 1879.*—Cloudy rain mornng. I had \$5. of Fide.
- August 17, 1879.*—Attended Mr. Stud's chh mornng— Methodist evng. I wrote Dea. George last week.
- August 18, 1879.*—Fide & Roy start at 2 o'clk for Flint Mich.

- August 19, 1879.—Hot day, 96 deg. 20th hot wind 96 deg.
August 21, 1879.—Rec'd letter fr G. & sent it to Fide.
August 24, 1879.—Sun. chh at Mr. Studs. Chaplin White & wife went to carry me P. M. George & I dined at Dr. Davis' & yesterday at Lt. Hays.
August 25, 1879.—Hot 100 deg. 26th sent Greenleaf's 2 letters fr Fide.
August 27, 1879.—Hot 99 deg. Sat 30th shower p. m. went to Sills [Sells?] great show & circus. Big show!
August 31, 1879.—Sun. Chh. a. m. Mr. Stud's good sermons.
September 1, 1879.—Fine day & cooler. Letters fr. G. & Fide.
September 2, 1879.—Invited to tea at Mr. Montgomery's 6 o'clk don't feel very well. 3rd wrote A. Chapin.
September 7, 1879.—Sun. Attended chh at Hays City Mr. Stude communion and admissions by letter Mrs. Dr. Davis admitted. Went down chapel with her evng.
September 8, 1879.—Election in Maine. Me. is full of politics. Very cool for the last few days.
September 9, 1879.—Hot & dry 96 in shade. 10th no letters fr. G. or Fide.
September 11, 1879.—Postal fr. G. & Fide— Fide starts next Monday wrote to Mrs. Marston— cold wind fr. north.
September 14, 1879.—Sun. did not go to chh. long day & cool.
September 15, 1879.—Dry & cool. No letters.
September 18, 1879.—Lt. Hay rec'd a dispatch that Co. K was to go to "Camp Supply" at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 Sergeant Grey & 5 men two teams arrvd 3 days fr. Ft. Dodge.
September 19, 1879.—Cool day— took tea with Dr. Davis.
September 20, 1879.—Got up at $\frac{1}{2}$ past one to welcome Greenleaf, Fide & Roy. All well & safe. We expect to move to Camp Supply in a few days. Capt Goodale and Dr. Davis gone hunting a. m.
September 21, 1879.—Sun. walked to chh Mr. Stud gave us a good discourse. Mr. F. preached at chapel.
September 22, 1879.—Packing to move. Letter from A. Bolton & ans to N. Y. left order for Lt. Hay to collect any P. O. order on Hays City office & remit to me at Camp Supply.
September 24, 1879.—Started from Fort Hays— camped on Smoaky Creek about 12 miles out.