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Diary of Mahlon Pickett

Mahlon Pickett

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Indianapolis

Nov 7, 1853

At Mercersburg of interesting
events which came under my notice.
Some account of our late gathering.
The yearly meeting convened as usual
on Tuesday 7th of 11th mo 53 after a
time of silence we were called by
Jonah Hoyle, (a minister from
Ohio) to the circumstances
of the crowning of the young
King of Israel. That the people
were invited to arise and sanctify
themselves and come unto the
Sacrifice of the young King
1st Samuel 16th Chapter
and we were very feelingly invited
to arise and sanctify ourselves
and come unto the sacrifice of
the young King, of the House
of David, who is the Captain
of our souls salvation, and the
Pledgation was that He would be
with us, which was fulfilled
for we were abundantly favored

The His. Overflowing Grace
meeting throughout was
very interesting and instructive
several Friends from other pe-
tungs were in attendance, amongst
them were Fina, Hagle, from Chic-
go, D. Lang, from Maine, Isaac Fay,
from Indiana, William, Leavison, from
Iowa, Susan, Koutland, from Mass.
& Mary, D. Wadkins, from Indiana.
The Representative, 22 in number
answered to their names but two
whose absence good reasons were
given, the meeting throughout
publicly attended and
especially by the younger class.
On Sabbath morning, it is just
fifteen years since my precious
father went to eternal rest
and I to show I do desire to
be prepared to follow her
he followed Christ.

2nd This is the day called
Christmas, being the day
on which our Blessed and
Holy Redeemer was Born 1800
years ago, since which time
Name and all are not required
as sacrifice but the Heart
of man is what the Lord
requires of us all, therefore
if one do desire to give him
my heart and will and to
submit to his yoke for a will
the my yoke is easy and my
burden is light,
3rd It is a beautiful Sabbath
warm and pleasant, South wind
as it proceeded directly from
some fair fields of Italian
Spices, and what a lesson
is taught, how to love his
Lord supremely in return for
so great favor, and to love his
brother as himself without which

God will not receive his offering, hence my fervent desire is that we may all have the true Badge of Discipleship to wit love to all men and above all, love to God, and if we love him we will keep his Commands, and if we keep his Commands we will love all men and if we love all we will strive to do them good whenever in our power to do so for we are Commanded not only to love them that love us but also to love our Enemies and to bless them that curse us, and pray for them that spitefully use and abuse us, and to ask God to have mercy on, and forgive our Enemies is perhaps the greatest boon we could bestow upon them, if so be that the Lord of life and Glory will

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be entreated to spare and
warn them, and thus let the
unfruitful fig tree stand until
it shall be digged out and
burned.
4th Sabbath Morning. The Birds
are praising their God in strains
of sweet melody this morning
to listen at their well
cultivated to turn our minds to
the Author of every blessing
that is bestowed on us, and
that we may be admonished even
by the fowls of the Air to
praise and serve Him for
his mercy is great, and his is
unfathomable to bless or curse us
and verily do I believe that
we shall receive a just reward
for all our deeds done in the
body and O that the minds of
the people might be stirred up
to serve the true and living God

and ~~if~~ this was the case with
all ~~men~~ in our ears would
not be stained by accounts of wars
and bloodshed, which we so frequently
now have to mourn over, for when
Christ's peaceable kingdom is establis-
hed on earth then all men will
love one another the world over and
wars and fighting will be heard
of no more.

It has pleased the giver of
every good thing to bless us thus
far with good seasons and fair
prospects, but he can blight in a
moment all our prospects and
expectations, but verily do I
believe that he will bless us
in basket and in store if we
do look to him in Faith, and
seek him with full purpose of
heart, and look to him in
childlike confidence and faith to
know his will concerning us if

we follow his guidance, for he
does teach his people himself.
~~the~~ Yesterday was our churchley
meeting in which Eliza Robson
and Malinda Thompson expressed
their intentions of Intermarriage
and my desires for them is
that they may be led and
guided by best wisdom, not only
in the accomplishment of their
marriage, but through the whole
course of their life, that they
may bring honor and praise
to the name of our Holy leader
for verily do I believe that
if the light that is in us
is strictly kept so that it
is sufficient to keep us out of all
errors, and customs that are not
in accordance with his holy will
and if we live and walk in
the path that he points out
we shall certainly do well.

I take my pen to sketch
a little of the incidents which
have come under my notice of
latter time among which was
our late quarterly meeting, held
13th inst there being several Min-
isters in attendance, the silence
was broken by John Hutchins in
an exhortation to repentance and
faithfulness to God and man
he was followed by Mahlon
Hockett, after which the society
business and concerns was transacted
during which there was much
good council and advice given to
all, by different concerned friends,
on first day the meeting was well
attended, the silence of this sitting
was broken by David Fairlow &
followed by John Hutchins
neither of which spoke to any
considerable length, J. H. was

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followed by Daniel Barker who
spoke very considerably, and to
several different states so that
no doubt all got their portion
in due season, unto the
contrite ones was given soothing
and encouraging language while
to the hardened sinner was
given the meet that he
deserved, after this sitting
Mahlon Hockett had an appoint-
ment at Lane Creek, to beat
four o'clock, J. Hutchins also
attended, during this meeting
the master was graciously
pleased to be very near, and
to be with us, in a marvelous
manner, the meeting was very
quiet and still throughout although
it held till near dark in
the evening

th I take my pen to scrawl a few lines if so be that I can collect my ideas sufficiently to in any way to convey my thoughts or the emotions of my heart, for verily I have it at heart to strive to do the will of him who made me, and O that the good part may be strengthened and that I may receive power to overcome all the snares and wilds of the wicked one, and thus be instrumental in the advancement of the Redeemers kingdom on earth, for I do believe that it must and will be brought about and that by individual faithfulness to the cause, but alas there are too many who profess Christ with the lips but their heart is

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far from him, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Mat, 15, 8
O how I desire not to be found a hypocrite, professing one thing and doing another.

Of latter time I apprehend it to be my duty to surrender more fully to the will of the Master, and my prayer is that I may know his will concerning me, and that I may be enabled to do it, and not only enabled but, made willing, for without his aid I know that I can do no good thing at all, nothing that will conduce to my present, or eternal happiness, therefore the work is his, and unto him belong all praise, honor, glory and adoration that poor mortal

man is capable of ascribing unto
his exelent name

th I feel rather dull this evening
perhaps the cause may be traced
directly or indirectly to my
own Conduct, and hence I must not
complain, but I have seasons of
trial on account of some with
whom I am connected in worldly
concerns, which does at times try
my faith, but every time that
I have stood firm to my principles
I have felt sweet consolation, as
a reward, O then may I take
warning not to offend either in
word or deed, but do the best
I know under all circumstances and
thus preach to others by my
example and so prove my faith
by my works, for precept
without example will have verry
little influence, hence I do desire
to give no cause of offence

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but that I may live soberly
righteously and Godly in this
present world, and thus I
think perhaps if others will
be bound to acknowledge when
they ~~may~~ have considered well
that honesty is the best policy

th ^{morning} I feel very weak and dependant
to day, dependant on the Lord
of life and glory for all the
blessings I enjoy, and O that
I may be enabled to put my
whole trust in him, for he is
able to administer unto all
our wants, not only able but
is also willing if we will
only give up all into his keeping,
he will supply all our wants and
give us food convenient for us
• Intelligence reached mine ear to
day of the removal of our beloved
Sister Mary S. Watkins, from work
to reward, verry sad news to me

so much so that I could scarcely
bear the thought for a time,
but I must not accuse, God who is
the Sovereign Lord of all, and knowing
what is best for us, of being unjust
or a hard master, for in taking
the beloved Sister from amongst us
he hath freed her of all trials, pain
sorrow and suffering here below and
taken her, as I do verily believe and
hope to his own habitation there
to be eternally happy, so that our
loss is her eternal gain,

the family circle doubtless feel
the breach, that no earthly treasure
in all respects can fill, but God who
gave surely has right to take away
the Church has sustained a very great
loss, the loss of a mother is great
but the Minister of ministers is
yet in our midst and will teach
his people himself, if they only
listen to the still small voice

speaking intelligibly in the ear of
our souls, which if heeded is
sufficient to lead us out of all
error, into all truth, without
the instrumentality of the creature
but he who is all mercy does send
forth his servants to warn the
thoughtless, and to encourage those
that are endeavouring to follow him
in the way of his requiring, and O
what an high calling to be Mouth
for the Lord, so that he does
teach his people himself, even
though it be through an instrument
and without the divine assistance
of God man can do nothing, he
cannot redeem his brother or give
to God a ransom for his soul,
nor can he even think one good
thought or do one good act of
himself, hence we are dependant
upon him whom we are accustomed
to think so little about

for every thing we enjoy
th it is very warm and sultry
Today, so much so that I do not
feel like taking much exercise
of any kind. This is the time
of the Camp Meeting at Breckin
Hill, to which a good many of
our members have gone today,
and some of them asked me
if I was going, to which I
replied, that I would not lower
the standard of our profession
by attending meetings where the
Ministers were hired to preach
for the hireling must try to
please his master, and hence it
is that they preach for doctrines
the Commencements of men
yesterday was our c Monthly c Meeting
at R. River, Dugan Clark and
wife Aseneth also David Farlow
accompanied by Gabes Farlow, were
with us, and administered, food

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food convenient for all I believe
these that are trying to please God
and work Righteousness were encouraged
to press forward on their way
Zionward and those that are
pleasing themselves (for there is
such amongst us) were warned to
turn repent and live, lest the
visitation mite not be held out
to them, and my prayer is that
all with myself may look unto
him who is able to save, for I
do believe that he is not only
able to save but, that he is
also willing, to forgive even the
worst of sinners

I have been led to contemplate
this morning, and to meditate
upon the almighty power of God
in revealing unto the Children
of men secrets and hidden things
which no man can know, only by
the revelation of God

10th last seventh day was our quarterly
meeting at Spring, our friends
Dugan & Aseneth Clark were
in attendance, and were enabled
by divine power, to preach the
Gospel, in a powerful manner
and it was truly wonderful how
Dugan was favored on first day
to labor, for, according to nature
he is very weak, having been
confined to the house for most
of the time for many months
previous to starting on this
visit about the first of this
month. my desire is that I
with all who heard him preach
may take the advice given, by
or rather, through the instrument
in the hands of the Lord, (Dugan)
I feel this evening, very
poor in spirit, as much so
as ever I did I believe at
any time of which I have any

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recollection, I feel bowed
in humble prostration before
the Lord, and do humbly
crave his forgiveness of
past transgressions and grace
to overcome the future.

O Lord be merciful to me
a poor unworthy sinner,
do thou be pleased to forgive
mine iniquities and transgressions

10th mo 21 In reviewing the past I am
brought to return my best
thanks and gratitude to
the bountiful giver of all
good for his adorable goodness
and mercy toward me, in
giving me not only health of
body but sweet peace of
mind, for which very great
blessing I do crave to be
thankful and obedient unto
the Author, and my earnest
desire is that I may prove

myself worthy at all times of his
favor and protection, by rendering
strict obedience to his commands
and the dictates of my own
Conscience.

29th I was very much bowed in
spirit this morning, but received
good comfort and consolation
in our silent meeting, and
verily do I believe that the
good Shepherd does condescend
to teach his people himself, and
his presence is often felt, when
no word are spoken.

I have just returned from our
ly, collecting which was largely
attended, especially by the
youth and I think there was
a good degree of interest manifested
by those of all ages, and it is
my earnest desire that we may
improve from the opportunity
thus afforded us.

21th Since my last entry there has
many things transpired of great
interest to me, amongst which
was my trip to quarterly here
at Charlboro, and also my trip
with Francis Thomas, & Compaime
Jonathon Johnson, to Raleigh
by way of Cape Creek & Spring
which was very interesting
and I hope instructive, I do
greatly desire to improve by
every right opportunity, and O
that I may be favored, and
helped by him who is able
to help, for of my self I
know that I cannot even
think one good thought and
much less do one good deed
seeing then that all my dependence
is on thee O Lord do be
pleased to be very near
me and have mercy upon me
a poor sinner, give me a ~~clean~~
pure

heart and Clean hands that I
may teach others by my example
that I am striving to live and
be at peace both with God and
all men

3755 The Blessed and Holy One
has been pleased thus to
prolong my days untill the
present, for which I trust
that I do feel a degree of
thankfulness, even that I am
yet in the land of the living
and as yet have time and
opportunity to work out the
Salvation of my immortal Soul.
I have entered upon this year
with fervent and earnest desire
to serve the Lord, with all my
heart, and that I may do nothing
but what is Consistent with
his holy will, and earnest, I trust
I may use the language are my
desires that all of my past sins

17th

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and transgressions may be pardoned
I have a desire to pen a few
broken thoughts this evening up
so be that I can collect them
enough to make sense, for it
may serve to humble me in days
yet to come, to look over my
past life, and see the many
trials and temptations through
which it has been my lot to
pass, and to know that the
most High has been pleased to
be very near to deliver me
out of them all, and I am
persuaded that he, will not
forsake either myself or any
one else, that will look unto
him for all their help, both
spiritual and temporal, for I do
believe that he will and does
bless those that serve him,
not only spiritually but temporally
in basket and in store, I am

left quite alone these few days
as to the outward, but blessed
be his holy name forever, I
can rejoice in his company
and feel cheerful under almost
any Circumstances, and O what
a comfort it is, even when alone
as to the outward, to know that
I have the best of Company

28 I have spent most of my time
with traveling Friends since I
made my last entry, conveying
them on their way from one
meeting to another. Time very
well spent I think, and I hope
I may profit by their Company
4th Our C. H. collecting came on yester
day, which was a solemn time
though held in silence, but
I trust that the Lord was worshiping
in spirit and in truth after
the meeting for worship we
(the men) retired to the other

apartment of the house to 25
let the Dear Sisters have the
apartment in which the Stone
is kept, as the weather was cold,
the Representatives all answered
to their names when called, the
queries and answers were read
and by them some deficiencies and
departures were brought to view,
my earnest desire is that if
I have at any time been cause
of complaint that such may
be the case no more, I believe
that close and critical examination
is profitable for me and for
all, so see whether or not we
are discharging our whole duty
to our God, for I believe if
we do all that he requires, at
our hands the Discipline will
acquit us, very sorrowful
to learn there was a complaint
brought up by Cane Creek Pres

against John, Stuart, for
having departed far and wide
from the path of virtue and
holiness, and for running into
many excesses, and unworthy,
as I feel myself, as I feel myself,
I was on that was appointed to
labor with him, but how often
I feel myself, mayst thou O Lord
be with me and enable me
to plead thy Cause and do
that which is right in the
matter, to labor in the spirit
of love and meekness, and show
by my fruits that I endeavor to
practice what I preach, else my
labours will be spent in vain.
I just returned from meeting, on
little silent meeting, which was
I believe owned by the great
head of the Church, and he was
graciously pleased to be in the
midst of us, O that we may

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13th Mo 4th

never forget such great and
kind favors of the most high
in condescending to be with
his dependent Children
I had company to day until I
thought it was meeting time, so
near time to start, and though
I am often very lonely and
feel very solitary when by
myself I was willing to bid
my company farewell, and
go to meeting although to do
so was to be without company
when I returned from meeting
but O the sweet peace, for
having thus obeyed the dictates
of my Conscience, in thus turn-
ing back on my friends and going
to meet with my friend to
dworship at the footstool of
our Blessed and Holy Redeemer
a very beautiful and pleasant
Sabbath day, even unusually so.

considering the time of year
and I hope and do to some extent
believe that Praises and Praises are
ascending from many hearts to the
author of all our sure mercies, and
oh that all the families of the
whole earth would unite in ascribing
Praise Glory and Honor to his great
and excellent Name, but alas alas how
many there are that are forgetful
of their God, and are profaning
and blaspheming the name the God
of Jacob, and too how sorrowful
the thought, that some of this class
are to be found amongst the
professors of the Religion of a
Crucified and risen Lord, he who
has set us an example of meekness
humility self denial and virtue
teaching by example and precept that
we should live soberly righteously
and Godly in this present world,
and if we follow his example and

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keep his Command, we shall render
unto him all of our Sabbaths and
present our bodies, as living sacrifices
before his footstool, and implore
his mercy toward the workmanship
of his holy hands, for he hath
Created and made us all, and that
too on purpose of his own Glory
and oh what will be our condition
if we refuse or neglect to give
him that Glory? why I think it
we leave it in holy writ, that they
that forget God shall be cast into
hell, with the hypocrite and the
unbeliever,

3rd mo 15th The most high is pleased to give
us a blessing this morning, in
that he is giving us a bountiful
shower of rain, for the want
of which the earth is very
dry, but he who rules the Universe
by the word of his power, know
how to dispence his blessings

#35, It is quite rainy this morning
which after a very long dry
time is quite acceptable, and
I trust I for one am thankful
to him from whom all all
blessings flow, for this and all
other blessings, but how shall
render unto the author of all
these blessings my gratitude &
do any good thing in return
+ For I know that in me (that
is my flesh) dwelleth no good
thing, for so will is present
with me, but how to perform
~~that which~~ is good, I find not,
but if I will forsake all the
evil of my ways, I believe the
promise is that he will be with
me, and if he is indeed my
friend and protector I need fear
no evil, Oh then let me take
a little courage and renewedly
strive to overcome all of my

+ Romans 7. 18

bad habits and dispositions, 31
Since my last entry there has
many thing transpired of very
great import and interest to me,
oh may I be thankful for all
the blessings I receive at the
hands of the Lord, and verily
all of our blessings come immediately
from him, he it is that giveth
the early and the latter rain,
therefore, praise the Lord O my soul
and love and obey him for he is
good, do thou O Lord make my way
plain, and keep my feet in the
right path, that as I grow in
years I may also grow in Grace
and be in some measure instrumental
in turning men from darkness
to light, and from the power
of Satan to God, I know full
well that in order for me to do
any good I must be very exemplary,
therefore do be pleased to be with

me, and forgive all of my sins
both of Omission and Commission,
and be merciful to me a poor
sinner, if consistent with thy
most holy will, not for the
any good that I have, or can do
but for thy mercy sake

First day morning, Since my last
entry I have enjoyed, I think,
some of the surest moments,
of peace that ever has been
my lot, and now my desire is
that thou O Lord wilt be
pleased to ~~be~~ continue evermore
with thy poor unworthy child
and be thou a father to me
received a letter from my
dearly beloved friend Hannah
Pearson, the other day which
indeed was a feast of good
things, Oh my unworthiness
of such favors, yet if it please
thee O Father thus to deal

with thy poor Sinful Child ³³
I think I shall strive to live
more to thee and less to myself
Be pleased O Lord to help me
to do so, and unworthy as I am
do not forsake me I beseech thee
truly hath the Psalmist said,
The Lord is good to all, and his
tender mercies are over all his work
therefore let me not be afraid
but put my whole trust in him
and seek after him to know his
will concerning me.
just returned from meeting,
our little silent meeting, as
it generally is, but I believe it
is owned by the most High, and
that true and acceptable worship
is, therein often performed, worship
that is well pleasing in His sight
and O the sweet incomes of His
love, poured into the soul, The
Blessing of the Lord it maketh rich

and he addeth no sorrow to it. Psa. 119
How gracious are the words of the
Lord, I, even I, am he that comfort
eth you, Isaiah, 51. 12 seeing then
the Lord comforteth his dependent
Children I think all ought to put
their trust in him.

A very beautiful sabbath
day, and the prayer of my heart
is, that the Lord Omnipotent
be praised, and thanked for his
goodness, and mercy towards us.
Yesterday was our Mth Meeting
at which some very important
duties devolved upon me amongst
which was the appointment as a
representative to attend the Quar-
terly Meeting, but I am comforted
in remembering the language
of the Prophet, saying, To this
man will I look, even to him
that is poor, and of a contrite
spirit,

11th
5th m 12th

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seventh day morning, of our
Quarterly Meeting, to which
I have been looking with much
interest, my prayer is that
the Lord will be pleased to
be with us, and teach us
by his Holy spirit, and lead
us in the way in which we
should go, and preserve us, and
unite and cement us together
in the union of the Spirit
and the Bond of peace, for
myself, the language of David
is, very applicable, (Remember
not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions; according
to thy mercy remember thou me
for thy goodness sake, O Lord,
and how consoling the lang-
uage, (Good and upright is
the Lord; therefore will he
teach sinners the way.
therefore I think there is hope

for me, poor and unworthy as
I am.

Again I must record some
of the mercies of our Heavenly
Parent, toward us in giving
us rain, for without it our
prosperity for bread would soon
have been cut off, and who
could wonder if there was
famine in the land, seeing
the people are so perverse in
their ways, and dealings among
men, and in too many instances
have forgotten God who made
us all, and are serving the
God of this world, Israel
was punished, and driven into
Captivity for their Idolatry,
and shall we escape unpunished
when we are doing no better
than they? Surely the sin
of human, Chattel, Slavery
is one of very black dye

and deserves to be punished³⁷
(I think) very severely, as
well as many other departures
from the Precepts given
us by the Son and sent
of the Father, whilst he
was personally on earth.
Blessings are the rewards of
Obedience, and Cursing and
punishments are meted out
to the disobedient, hence
I think it will be nothing
strange if there is a lack
of bread,

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Attended the Southern Church
at Holly Spring yesterday
the day was fine, and I think
there was about as many in
attendance as is usual for that
place, there were three churches
belonging to their own Church,
and one from Deep River (viz)
C. Haklon Hockett, who broke

Silence of the meeting, by
approaching the throne of Grace
in Supplication, for the Church
and for the sin of the people
after which there was solemn
silence a few minutes, after
which, the promise of the most
High was revived in our hearing,
by Daniel Barker, that they
that do hunger and thirst after
righteousness shall be filled,

O what consolation this brought
to my soul, for verily do I desire
to serve God and him alone, and
that, in the way of his requiring, O
then how necessary that I should
be filled with righteousness, and
with Grace, that I may know His
will concerning me, and that I
may have strength to do
all that may be required at
my hands,, after this promise
had been revived, another Friend

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gave an excellent exhortation
to read the Holy Scriptures
and to mind the light
within, and several other
duties of the Christian, after
the regular business of the
Church was accomplished, at
the request of M. Hockett,
the Shuttles were raised, and
after a very weighty Communi-
cation from M. H., the meeting
concluded.

^{the} ^{me} ^{and} I feel this morning, on entering
on another month, as though I
was willing, and wanted to
enter into Covenant with my
God, to serve him better, and
dedicate my time and attention
more fully to him and the
Cause of truth and righteousness
in the earth; there is much
work to be done, and every one
that will, may do something in

promoting the blessed cause, but
alas. I fear that too many of us
are not doing what we might and
ought to do; O thou merciful
Father do be pleased to instruct
thy poor dependent servants and
teach them what they ought to
do, for without thee we can do
no good thing at all, not capable
even of thinking one good thought.
Oh that all were willing to
acknowledge their dependence,
wholly and solely on thee, only
source of all good; then if all
were willing to obey, O what a
reformation in the Church,
and in the world, what a
revolution we might expect for
the better in moral and civil
society. I therefore I feel as though
I was willing to bow unto the
Lord, to serve him

18th
June 3

" 24th

After meeting 18th
Deep indeed have been my
baptisms to day, I find no
relief only in pouring out my
Soul unto God, O may the
Lord accept my tears, as the
sacrifice of a broken and
a contrite heart.
Another Sabbath morning
has found me, alas, sinful,
for, though, I am often
brought to see my sinful
and lost condition, yet how
apt am I to yield to the
insinuations of the wicked
one, and do his service
instead of the Lord, O that
I may be more on my guard
in future, if indeed I may be
permitted to have a place
with the living, but this
depends altogether on the
pleasure of him who created
me, and surely it must be of

mercy, towards me if I am
not called to an account, but
yet spared a little longer,
O then that I may more
fully devote ~~my~~ and dedicate
my life to His service

^{tho} It has pleased the most high
to give us good fragrant showers
of rain for a few days past,
a blessing for which I trust I
for one am thankful, O that
I may be truly thankful for
all his mercies,

^{tho} I am through mercy still on
the stage of action, though
since my last entry I have
suffered, considerable from
sickness, no doubt for my
own good, Oh how thankful
we should be for all His favor
for surely we are unworthy

^{tho} Again I take my pen to record
some of the blessings and mercies

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bestowed on me, poor and unworthy
as I am, amongst which is an
occasional letter from some Dear
friend, for every such favor reminds
me that I am not entirely
forgotten, by my friends, and at
times I do indulge some hope
that, through the mercies of God
in Christ Jesus, I have a friend
who is able to, save, to protect,
and lead, and guard me through
life, not long since I went to
see our dear friend Hannah
Hockett, who is confined, mostly
to her bed, O how instructive
is her company, I felt well
rewarded for my ride of 16 miles
through the warm sun, and
thought within myself, it was
good for me to be there, O
how I do desire that I may
be prepared, not only to bear
sickness and pain, with patience

but, also to render up my
Stewardship whenever I may be
called so to do,

O how deeply do I feel, not
only for myself, but for my
brethren and sisters, O how
I do desire the salvation of
all, O that all would turn
repent and live, for verily do
I believe, that, the Lord would
have mercy on us if we would
turn unto him, with sincere
hearts, and follow after him
as he, does, or would make his
will manifest in our hearts
if we would look unto him
in all things for his counsel
and instruction: his promises
are sure, and one of them is
that he will manifest himself
unto his disciples, and make his
abode with them, Oh then we
that are making so high profession

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I say oh that we may turn
our backs on the Lord of Life
and Glory, but that there may
be a turning unto him with
full purpose of heart, to know
his will, and to do it.

9th mo 30th

I have with much sorrow to
record the death of my beloved
sister Catherine, which took
place on the evening of fifth
day, the 27th and oh, we all had
to part of the bread, and drink
of the water, of affliction,
not so much I think, for
the dear departed as for those
she has left behind, viz,
an husband and three small
children,, although her death
was very sudden and unexpected
even to herself I think, yet
I do not, I cannot doubt, but
that she is in the mansions
of eternal bliss, I think I

have had an evidence of
it, on the evening of her
departure as I was retiring to
rest for the night, there was
a voice that spoke to me
perceptible to my inner man,
saying, behold the feet of the
messengers are at the door,, and
in a few hours after, at mid-
night, the persons bearing the
sad tidings knocked at the
door, and aroused me from this
daze of sleep into which I had
fallen, and informed me of
her death,, oh the sorrow,
the deep heartfelt loss, that I
had to endure the remainder of
that night,, but to the praise
of, that most excellent name
the Comforter was sent unto
me, with the rest of the bereaved
ones, and we had a full assurance
that, our loss is her eternal gain

10th Feb 17th

and that she is forever at rest
with Jesus, in the mansions
of heaven.

11th Feb 24th

I find myself in good health
of body, this morning, and through
the Adorable goodness of our
heavenly Father Sweet peace
of mind, is, and has been
my lot, since I have been
left alone, alone, as to the
outward, but I trust not as to
the inward, the most essential
part has had good refreshing,
and consoling seasons. Oh what
shall I render unto the Lord for
all his mercies, his blessings
and goodness to me, a poor
sinner, and, disobedient child.
Once more I am permitted to
take my pen, to record some of
the unmerited mercies of God
toward me; although he has seen
fit to afflict the mortal body.

with disease, yet with the applica-
tion, it has pleased Him to
comfort my soul with sweet
and unspeakable peace and
spiritual enjoyment; and now
again has in a good measure
restored me to health. Oh!
that I may serve Him better
and dedicate more of my time
and talents to his blessed cause.

do Thou enable me, O Father
to do thy will, teach me
plainly what Thou would have
me do, and give me ability to
perform it, for of myself I
do know I can do nothing,
no person I believe feels the
truth of this declaration
more than myself; poor frail
worm of the dust, not capable
of thinking even one good thought.
Oh! then be thou very near
and assist me to watch over

all my thoughts, words, and ⁴⁹
actions; that all my sins may
go to judgement before me,
Oh! The Lord has been so marvellously
good to me, O may I
be willing at all times and
under all circumstances to be
even as the clay in the
hands of the potter.

1st mo 29th 56 Since my last entry many important
things have transpired, and I have
been favoured to accomplish my
marriage, and to enjoy her sweet
company, which is indeed quite
agreeable to my feelings;

the first visitors we had after
we set up housekeeping, were
our Dear Friends Benjamin
Jones, & Nathan Breed of Tyne
cHass, who took dinner with us
after meeting at R. River, on
the 15th of 12th mo 55

one 6/26 last 7th day was
our monthly meeting at
Rocky River; our Dear
Friend Seth Barker was
there, after a considerable
time of silence, he arose
and addressed several states
and especially warned some
careless and unconcerned
persons, after the meeting for
worship was over we then
retired to the other end of
the house, to transact the
business of the Church, and
again our dear Friend pled
remonstrated with and
encouraged those who were
going astray, to turn from
the error of their ways
and seek the Lord where
he may be found. it was
quite a favoured meeting, the
business was transacted in

much brotherly love and ⁵¹
good feeling, our Dear
Friend attended the meeting
on first day, which was snowed
out on account of the
inclement weather, after
a time of deep and solemn
silence, dear Seth knelt
in solemn supplication before
the Throne of Grace, he
supplanted in a particular
manner for the poor and
oppressed of our land, the
sick and afflicted, &c, after
which the meeting solemnly
concluded.

2nd Mo 10th my dear companion and I went
to our quarterly meeting yester-
day at Cane Creek, and much
to my surprise and joy our
dear Sister Aseneth Clark
was there, and gave much good
counsel advice and admonitions

to the lockwarm and degenerate
only; and encouragement and
consolation to those that have
been in some measure endeavor-
ing to serve their Redeemer
in the way of his requiring.

10th poor unworthy and almost forsaken
have been my feelings for some
days, O Holy One do thou arise
if consistent with thy Holy will
for my delivery; for of myself
I can do no good thing at all,
nay, thou knowest that I cannot
think one good thought without
thee. Oh then be not far from
me! but be thou my constant
Companion, and teach me by the
light of thy Holy Spirit within.
I in contemplating the present
State of Society, I almost shudder
at the great wickedness of the
people, when I think of the power
and justice of Almighty God

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who hath said that he will
by no means hold the sinner
guiltless; and if the righteous
scarcely be saved, where shall
the sinner appear?

14th Nov 23rd 11th I have had cause of encour-
agement of latter time, but
oh how necessary that, the
watchman keep on the tower
for satan never rests, but
is always on the alert, guard
well; 'O my soul,' thy ways,
5th Nov 20th one week since our Quarterly
Meeting, which was a very
favored one,, Oh how unworthy
are we of His providential
care, and mercy.

6th Nov 8th deep travail of soul, has been
my lot for some days; on account
of the many departures,, (on the
part of some of those who are
professing with myself,) not only
from the wholesome rules of

our Discipline; but from moral
ity, in general; O that all may
be brought to a sense of their
error before it be too late

Our Dear Friend David Parlow
was at our M^c meeting today,
and on hearing the answers
read, (which-as is almost always
the case, were not quite clear)
was exercised in spirit for us
and after spending considerable
labor with us in warning some
and reproving others, requested
to go in to the womens apartment
a few minuts, he had a
certificate from his M^c meeting
(Marlboro) to visit the families
of Cone Creek M^c meeting, and
after meeting he commenced this
arduous task

I have recently seen it stated in
the Review that there are several
families of Friends in Kansas, the

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Territory, being invaded by armed
bands of men from the states
who are determined that slavery
shall be planted in that beauti-
ful land, and are regardless of
all law, and ready to put to death
any who are not in favor of slavery
, what the trials of our Friends may
be I know not, but Oh that
they may put their trust, wholely
and solely in Him who is able
to deliver us out of all snares
that the Enemy of all good would
lead wicked men to prove us with
how I do feel for them, and
wish for them to be steadfast
even unto death

11 mo 22nd many interesting events have transpired
since my last, and the Yearly
Meeting among the rest, which was
as large as usual, and a really
favored season, and Friends seemed
to be knit together in the unity

of the spirit and in the bond
of peace, and how encouraging
to have the evidence so plainly
manifested to us, that the Shepherd
has not forsaken us, both immediately
by His Holy Spirit, and by
sending his servants amongst us,
whose feet would have been
turned another way, did he not
still care for us, poor and unworthy
as we are,

15th Yesterday was our monthly meeting
and after the answers to the queries
were read our Dear friend —
stood up and made some remarks
in regard to ^{Friends} attending places
of diversion, such as Circuses, Shows,
Exhibitions, and such places where
there are Clowns purposely to
divert the mind, which I thought
was very pertinent, and to the
purpose, for I have long thought
that Friends ought not to be seen

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at such places, for verily if we
do partake with the worshippers of
the Beast we shall not be clear,
and the light that is in us
will be darkness, we shall be
stumbling blocks instead of
stepping stones, for I believe
the better sort of people, of the
other sects and of the world
are looking to our Society for
an example, O then that we may
be very careful to set them a
good one, which if we live up
to our profession we shall not
fail to do.

The 4th & 5th I find a great deal to occupy my
time both at home and from
home in the service of the Church,
not in the more weighty and
higher affairs thereof, but as it
were a keener of stone and a
drawer of water, being at this
time one of a Committee to

establish and put into execution
a Firstday Scriptural School;
and also under an appointment
of our last Mⁿ Meeting to
enquire of our members how
many of them are destitute of
a full copy of the Holy Scriptures,
that the Mⁿ Meeting may devise
some means to supply those
who are destitute. If any, a
work that I feel a deep interest
in and hope that I may do
my duty fully and faithfully
for I believe that all Friends
ought, not only to have a copy
of the Sacred Volume, but
to read a portion of it in
their families daily, to have
the family collected for that
purpose, and then after a solemn
pause to read a chapter, followed
by another pause, & the practice
has been to me like an Oasis

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in the Desert, refreshing and
consoling to have the mind drawn
off from the things of the
world to meditate on things that
belong to the happiness of the
immortal Soul

W^m
1 mo 30

1858 Time how swiftly it speeds
on, but alas what improvement is
made? how prone we are to procrastinate,
to let things of small importance hinder us from even trying to
serve Him who holds the destiny
of our all, but may I adopt
the language of the Psalmist,
"I will praise thee with my whole
heart: before the gods will I sing
praise unto thee."

I will worship towards thy holy
temple, and praise thy name for thy
loving-kindness, and for thy truth: for
thou hast magnified thy word above
all thy name."

but still the enemy of all good

is ever trying to draw me off, but Oh
that I may keep on the watch-tower
until I shall have made my calling
and election sure: untill I shall
have found my way into the Strong
tower whereunto the righteous flee and
are safe.

th mo 1860 Today finds me here at home
not able to attend our quarterly
meeting, (although at Rocky River)
having just partially recovered from
an attack of fever which brought
me pretty low, but through
mercy I have got up again, Oh
may my soul never forget all
thy mercies unto me a poor unworthy
sinner, but may I with increased
dilligence follow the Lamb where-
soever he may be pleased to lead

^{me} I have been this morning very
deeply engaged in spirit on
account of the many departures

of our Friends from our well
known principles in regard to
plainness, especially in that of
dress, Oh that ~~those~~ who are
appointed by the Church as
Elders and Overseers may so walk
as not to lead the flock from
the fold of Christ, but rather
by their example say to the flock
this is the way walk ye in it

^{22nd of 7th mo} 1862 more than two years have elapsed
since my last, which has been the most
important period of my life; for after
many conflicts and prooving dispensations
in the summer of 1860 in which I
was brought as it were to the very
brink of the grave so that few or
none who saw me thought that I
would ever recover. and this dispensation
I believed then and have ever believed
was meted out to me for our good.
I believed it was required of us to
flee, and get away from that, our

native state, because of the sin of
slavery, but my wife's ~~dear~~ parents
through kindness and affection ~~and~~
~~affection~~ toward their daughter, were
not willing to give us up, and I was
not willing to do any thing that would
wound their feelings. so that many trials
and proving dispensations were ~~met~~
out to me for disobedience to the
requirements, as I believe, of my divine
master, but when they saw that the
monster death, was about to lay his
cold hand upon me then it was that
they ~~father~~ were made willing in a
measure, I trust, for us to give up
for us to seek a home elsewhere, and
having somewhat recovered from my
low state of health, we arranged
our affairs, and left our native place
of abode on the morning of the 11th of
9th mo 1860. and early on the morning of
the 12th we got on the cars at Graham
in Allamance Co N.C. and started.

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for Indiana, ~~intending~~ to attend
western Yearly Meeting, which we
did, which was a very large gathering
many of the Lord's servants were
there from other Yearly meeting, and
much good and pertinent advice, admonition
counsel and encouragement were given
after the meeting concluded, we
went home with a ^{John D. Carter} Cousin who
kindly furnished us with a house
to go in, to live at the present, I not
having means to buy a home for my-
self, where we still live, soon
after our arrival ~~and~~ a certificate of our
right of membership was conveyed to
White Lick Monthly Meeting, which
is our place of meeting, and we can
thankfully acknowledge, that hitherto
the Lord hath helped us, and for
the most of the time blessed us with
both health of body and peace
of mind, O that we may be grateful to the
giver thereof. At our last monthly meeting, near

our great sorrow his wife, a woman
of high standing too in our Society, and
her son and his wife, a daughter of a
Friend in high station were engaged
in gathering and canning peaches, it being
the first day of the week, and they were
not able to give any reason therefore only
to save time. Oh sorrowful state of
things, this is surely a time wherein
Elders and those in high standing
should be good examples in the sight
of the dear Youth and those that
are weak, but Oh how the work
will be marred by such examples. O my
dear Children when I am no more with
you personally to admonish you that
you may take warning from this, which
is thus penned for your benefit, and
that you may be willing at all times
to be good examples, and to be careful to
spend the portions of time not occupied
in attending religious meetings ^{on the first day of the week} in a way
that will conduce to your Eternal

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20th 10th mo

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wellbeing and that will be promotive
of the Glory of God here on earth
I have just returned from meeting it
being our yearly meeting time and part
of the yearly meeting being held on
public days at White Lick, there are
several Friends from other y^s My own
children not being well it is necessary
for one of us to stay at home and
keep them,, so that my wife is now
gone to the evening meeting and I
am staying with the children
At our last monthly meeting
the subject of raising contributions
for the poor Refugees from slavery
near fortress Monroe Va, was
brought before Friends, and after
some discussion a committee was
appointed to collect what Friends
might feel disposed to contribute
and as I was one of that committee
I have a very good opportunity
for knowing the disposition of

68 our members in regard to helping
those who are needy, and will
very aptly come under the head of
those who are - naked, hungry, sick,
and in prison, &c, spoken of in the
25th of Mathew of whom our dear
Saviour said that inasmuch as
we have not done it unto one of
the least of these His brethren
we have not done it unto Him.

Oh saith my soul that there
was more of true heartfelt and
genuine vital religion amongst
us than there is," but alas here
in this goodly land where we
can have every thing that heart
ought to desire, we are turned
off with a very small mite or
perhaps with nothing at all, and the
cause is sometimes urged I have
need of all that I can make, and
for what? the answer is very
evident, to gratify some lust.

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O sath my Soul that there
may be a turning unto God
from whom we have revolted
7th of 18th mo Firstday went in company with my
family to Bethel meeting, being on my
way to West Union, there to join
the Quarterly Meetings Committee to
visit subordinate meetings families &c
secondary the 8 attended West Union
the meeting, to pretty good satisfaction
I am comforted in believing that
the cause of our dear redeemer was
not hurt, if it was not much advan-
ced by the Committee,, after the
business of the meeting was gone
through the subject of raising money
to assist the poor refugees from Indian
troubles in Minnesota was taken up
and about thirty two dollars were
subscribed and paid in for that purpose
fourthday 10 being our monthly at White
Lick, the committee all present
we had rather a low time, though

some of the Committee from other meetings were enabled to preach the gospel as I trust to the people, and after the business of the meeting was gone through a similar subscription to that at West Union was entered into which resulted in raising about a similar sum.

fifth day 11th monthly meeting at Fairfield some life, I trust and the gospel flowed freely, one of the Committee absent on account of sickness. friends of this meeting also went into a subscription similar to the other meetings which resulted in their raising about forty one dollars making more than one hundred dollars in this 2^d Mo

4th of 1st mo 1848 On 4th day the 31st of 12th mo most of the quarterly meetings Committee to visit subordinate meetings &c were at Easton preparative, on 5th day the 1st of 1st mo were at Fairfield, on 6th day at Beach Grove, and on 7th day

the 3rd at Center, the two latter having adjourned to suit the convenience of the committee all belonging to Fairfield monthly meetings in all of which I believe the Committee had pretty good service, and I trust to the satisfaction of friends generally



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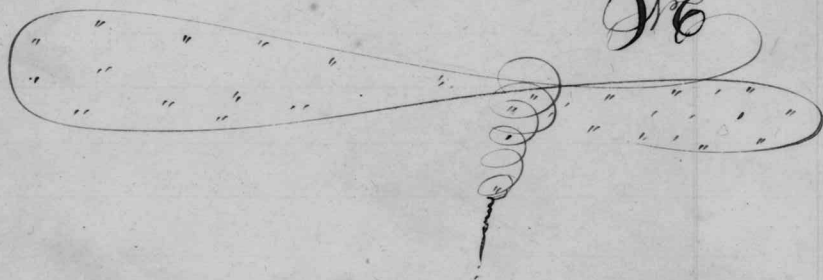
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19	J. J. Tickett	23
20	Branson Lamb	18
21	John A. Lamb	7
22	Marion Testal	20
23	George W. Testal	18
24	Alson G. Testal	15
25	William Garret	19
26	Henry Garret	17
27	William Testal	18
28	Marion Testal	12
29	Daniel Chelzore	14
30	Leander Chelzore	7
31	Washington Chelzore	9
32	Willie Hodgins	18
33	Solomon Hodgins	7
34	William Hodgins	12
35	John - Staggy	7
36	Calhan Pike	5
37	George W. Pike	1
38	William Pike	5
39	Alfred F. Lot	18

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Julia J. Clenn
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- 31 Washington Kelton
32 Kilbuck Hodgins
33 Solomon Hodgins
34 William Hodgins
35 John Dagg
36 Nathan Pike
37 George W. Pike
38 William Pike
39 Alfred L. Lot

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