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*Friday, January 1* This is my eightieth New Year. "Thus far the Lord has led me on." Mr. Gordon call[ed] from the Home (Soldiers'). He is 79 years old. In the afternoon, J. Sprigg McMahon, Mayar Burkhart, Parmalee, and J.M. Coxe called on Orville. Prof. Funkhouser and Wife, Winifred Ryder and Lorin's called & Joe Boyd.

*Saturday, January 2* I took a walk and returned at 3:00. Rev. R.S. Kindel and Ed. Sines were there. Earnest Mooney came in. And Alan Thresher and Heath came and spent an hour. I saw Kindel on the train. In the evening, Lorin & girls called, & Miss Valter, Hunter & Chas. Taylor. My room is repapered & new carpet.

*Sunday, January 3* Heard Rev. [blank] at Wmst. Baptist, Ps. 8.4. Came home & slept an hour before dinner. Mrs. Wagner and Ed Ellis & Chas. Taylor call, and Misses Felker & Everhard, women physicians, called to see Katharine, later. Ellis's, and Mr. Emmond and Glenn Osborn, Misses Wagners, Drucilius, etc. Mr. Crane took us to Depot. Misses Valter, Hunter & Ryder there.

*Monday, January 4* We ate breakfast at 7:00 dinner at 12:00, and supped at 6:00. Just before dinner, I put \$600.00 in bank; bought two-inch augur at 90 cents. Afternoon I slept an hour. Got ready to go to Grant.

*Tuesday, January 5* Start to Farm at 8:47, via Richmond. Go on to Fowlerton. Lunch on train. I sup at R.W. White's. I pr at Hopewell. Barrack Neal converted. A man and woman out for prayers. I lodge at Frank Kirkwood's. Have 4 boys. One in bank at Fairmount.

*Wednesday, January 6* Walked to R.W. White's. At meet-

ing. About 30 present. Dined with Jas. A. Rector. At last told Rector of Keiter's latest acts. All new to him! Went to stores to get sandals—found none—sup at White's. Pr at 8:00 Mat. 23.27. Stay at Kirkwood's with Rector.

*Thursday, January 7* Go to White's. Go on 11:40 tr. to Fairmount. Call at Hasting's funeral. Dine at Ellis Wright's. Saw Chas. T. Parker. Call at Mr. Haisley's. Attend meeting at 7:00.

*Friday, January 8* Dined at Ellis's. Went to Fowlerton. Sup at White's. I pr at 7:15, 1 Kings 18.17,18. I supped and stayed at Levi Simons'.

*Saturday, January 9* Went to White's. Milspaugh came and we talked on sale of lot. I rejected it positively. At night, I pr at night. I stay at Wm. H.H. Reeder's.

*Sunday, January 10* Went to Church and pr. 1 Pet. 1.2. Dine at Hugh Darien's. Whites all there. I sup at Frank Kirkwood's. Ten joined Church, including F. Kirkwood & wife.

*Monday, January 11* Went to White's, and thence to Horace Reeves. He took me to Church. I pr. Ps. 92.8, to 27 persons. I went home with Wm. Reeder and lodg[e].

*Tuesday, January 12* I went to Robert B. Reeder's and dine. Wm & wife there. Wm. takes me to White's where I eat supper. Pr. at 7:30, 2 Cor. 5.10. I stay at Kirkwood's.

*Wednesday, January 13* I arose at 6:00. Very cold. I went to Wm. Millspaugh's and they transferred the property

to me. I went to town, and stayed at Ellis Wright's. I paid \$325.00 for the property.

*Thursday, January 14* I arose at Ellis's went down town. I went on the cars for Knightstown. Rode across in a "bus." Found Mr. Apple who took me to Jabez Rhoads where I lodged.

*Friday, January 15* Rhoads all went to Delilah's, where we dine with Drusilla, Ed. Frazier's, Samuel Kirkpatrick & wife Hazel Wright, Earl Wright & wife came in the evening & staid till bed time.

*Saturday, January 16* Went to Sena Wright's & back, to Sexton. Called on Frey's: Lois 8[?], Beatrice. Called at Howard Grubbs. I lodged at Frazier's. I went to Bert Brenner's at May's, banker. Saw Cora and Children.

*Sunday, January 17* Dined at Thomas Wright's, with Jabez Rhoads & wife, Ed. Frazier & Emma & Aunt Delila, & Cora Dillon. I went with Cora Dillon and Russell Kirkpatrick to Rushville & lodge. P. Myers' folks located me after two days' search.

*Monday, January 18* I go to Morristown on the 8:09 traction, to attend Peter Myers' funeral, having known him since 1857. Preached at 10:00 1 Cor. 15.56. Went to the Cemetery with the Protestant Methodist pastor, caught some cold. Returned with Mrs. Cora Dillon to Rushville.

*Tuesday, January 19* I go on the traction car to Glenwood. Called at Lovicy Matney's and walked 3/4 of a mile till I met Sonnie Bowen who took me to his house where I dined, supped & lodged. He lately bought the Tom Stone House. I called at Moor's.

*Wednesday, January 20* Rose at 7:00, washed. Went with Sarah Cath. to Chas. Stevens', and Lucy came over & dined with us. Ray is 5:3 in his stocking feet. I staid at Stevens.

*Thursday, January 21* I go with Charles to John Meek's, on Garrison Creek. We then go to Aunt Lucinda's. Lovina is 13 years old & large. Israel is 10, Ewing 9, Milton 6.

*Friday, January 22* Sarah & Flora & Charles came & at 10:00, Sonnie took me to Glenwood, and I went on the 11:39 tr. via Hamilton home, arriving at 3:00. Found all well as common. It rained hard in the night.

*Saturday, January 23* Arose at 5:30. Breakfast at 7:00. Went to boys' shop. In afternoon, went to Lorin's. Horace trying jumping high. I wrote to Wilbur and Reuchlin. I went to bed soon after nine. It was a cloudy warm day.

*Sunday, January 24* Heard Bierce, at William Street Baptist, Gen. 5.22.

*Thursday, January 28* Took coat & vest to to[repeated in text] cleaning establishment on Ludlow St. Lorin's called evening. Another party called.

*Friday, January 29* Called at Home. Carrie put the border on my paper. Wrote Mrs. Vanfleet at Alamosa, Cal. Wrote Wilbur at night. Snowed much. Carrie went with Miss [blank] to W. Chr. Asso.

*Saturday, January 30* Much snow fell in the night. It is a rough day. I dine at Lorin's.

*Sunday, January 31* Lorin called in forenoon.

*Wednesday, February 3* Lorin's children at supper with us, and remained till nearly 9:00. Charley took them home. I paid half my year's tax here \$4.15.

*Thursday, February 4* I dine at Lorin's. Carrie visited a cousin near Ft. Ackinley.

*Saturday, February 6* At home. Milton and Benjamin took supper with us.

*Sunday, February 7* Attended Sherman Young's Church, and heard Him on the Black Man. He is a natural and sensible speaker.

*Monday, February 8* Wrote on my Autobiography.

*Tuesday, February 9* Dine at Lorin's. Wrote to Mary H. Krout, Honolulu. Wilbur's letter in the News, asserting that he was innocent. This evening Ralph W. Bowen and Grace E. Smith were married.

*Wednesday, February 10* Horace seems to have scarlet Fever. Send for Dr. Spittler. [last sentence crossed out in text]

*Thursday, February 11* Dr. Spittler sees the coming out of the Fever. Milton and Ivonette & Leontine all come to our house, the next day.

*Friday, February 12* Horace has broken out and is feeling better. Is much interested in Lincoln's pictures on the wall.

*Saturday, February 13* Horace has broken out well and seems better to-day. He is full of laughter and talk. Ruby Oliver's husband died to-day at Blanchester, Ohio.

*Sunday, February 14* I called at the window to see Horace, who is getting along well. I slept much to-day. Katharine took her first flight with Wilbur, at Pau, France, Apr. 15th.

*Monday, February 15* Horace's fever had proved so far a light spell, and he sent for the funny pictures to-day, in the Sunday dailies.

*Tuesday, February 16* Went on 5:30 tr. to Lima Crossing. Train came at 11:30. We are over four hours to Huntington. Committee still at Howe's room. Transact little business. I go in hack to Dr. W.H. Clay's house. I lodge there with Bishop Wood.

*Wednesday, February 17* Call at College Chapel. Burton's remarks. Walk to Mission Room. Transact business by 12:00. Walk to Livingston's & dine. Go back. Pay tax—\$1.18. Go at 4:00 to Wabash. At 5:40, leave there for Fairmount. Stay at Ellis's, who were away.

*Thursday, February 18* Stay at Fairmount, till 3:05. Saw Parker and others. Dined at Ellis's. Sonnie & Kate came. I went to White's and to meeting at 7:00, at Hopewell. I led using, for a few minutes remarks: John 4.23. Closed the meeting soon after 9:00. Lodged at White's.

*Friday, February 19* I slept well. Started at 7:35, arrive at depot. Start before 8:00 for Richmond. Get home at 11:00. Slept 1 h, 30 minutes. All well at home.

*Saturday, February 20* Medicine used to-day, as Leontine is croupy.

*Sunday, February 21* I arose after 6:00. I was sleepy in forenoon. Mrs. Sines called at 2:00. Lorin came at 5:30, & staid till 6:15.

*Tuesday, February 23* Letter from Katharine. Boys go to Rome in March, early.

*Wednesday, February 24* World is \$53,700 behind. Wilbur's ride yesterday with Katharine, in Aeroplane. Children attend school.

*Thursday, February 25* Orville and Katharine take a balloon ride in France. Wrote considerable in My autobiography.

*Friday, February 26* Had to have cistern cleaned out. Wrote in my auto-biography.

*Saturday, February 27* Wrote on my Autobiography. It was a nice day.

*Monday, March 1* Nothing of special importance here. Wilbur is reported to have broken his rudder in France, at Pau. I wrote much on my autobiography. Word that Rev. L.G. Cowdry died to-day, comes in. A good man, full of the Holy Ghost & of faith!!

*Tuesday, March 2* Leontine is thought to have tonsilitis. They have Dr. Spittler come. I wrote much of my autobiography.

*Wednesday, March 3* Congress voted gold medals to the Wright brothers. I wrote much in my book. Leontine is taken home by Lorin.

*Thursday, March 4* Pres. W.H. Taft was in[na]ugurated at noon. It was a very stormy day at Washington. It was nice here. Leontine seems better. Taft's cabinet: Knox, Hitchcock, Myer, Wilson, Neagle, McVeogh, Dickinson, Wickersham.

*Friday, March 5* It is a mild, nice day. Leontine is getting along well.

*Saturday, March 6* Leontine's fever left her. Doctor comes Monday to see if all is right.

*Monday, March 8* A mild day. Rain seems probable. I write several letters—one to B. Blanch Baldwin, at New Cambria, Mo., and one to Aba. T. Cushing, in Boston. Each is a very remote cousin.

*Tuesday, March 9* Wrote letters, and received one from Katharine, who was still at Pau, March 25th. We again got water in our cisterns.

*Friday, March 12* Ivonette is quite well; over her rheumatism. King Edward is reported to have come to Paris.

*Saturday, March 13* Paid Mrs. Grumbach ten dollars—in all thirty dollars—on board. The weather is mild.

*Sunday, March 14* Nothing important to day. I saw the doctor at 3:00. Charley & Carrie go out to his Uncle's at Alexanderville.

*Monday, March 15* Received a letter from Katharine dated March 4th. It gives account of Wilbur's bad accident in starting with Spanish Col. Vires. Went to Meredith Perry, ordered a suit.

*Tuesday, March 16* I wrote considerable for my book. Charley & Carrie went to Frank B. Hale's for supper, a St. Patrick party.

*Wednesday, March 17* Wrote considerable for my Autobiography. King Edward is reported to have visited Wilbur & Orville at their grounds at Pau, and witnessed Wilbur's two flights of seven and six minutes, the latter with Katharine.

*Thursday, March 18* The papers say that Orville and Katharine have gone to Paris. I write much in the afternoon on my book.

*Saturday, March 20* I went to Bank and drew 30\$ and paid Carrie \$10.00 paying to next Wednesday. I wrote much on my Autobiography.

*Sunday, March 21* Received letters from Reuchlin, Bertha Glaize and Clara Gilbert. Answered Clara in the

evening. Wrote Wilbur & Orville.

*Monday, March 22* Wrote in Autobiography. George A. Feicht brought a likeness of the boy's golden Medals.

*Tuesday, March 23* German paper came with likeness of the boys and their machine. *The Volk-Zeitung*.

*Wednesday, March 24* I was slightly unwell to-day. I did not do much.

*Monday, March 29* Writing on my life most of the day. My coat and vest came, Cost, \$30.00.

*Tuesday, March 30* At home. Lorin's are free on quarantine.

*Wednesday, March 31* Leontine came to see me. They are just out of their quarantined home. She at her Grandmother's; Lorin's house being cleaned.

*Thursday, April 1* I was sick last night, and to-day. I managed the case myself.

*Friday, April 2* I wrote much on my Autobiography. Slept but two hours till 5:00 a.m., two more.

*Saturday, April 3* Wrote much on my autobiography. Ivonette went home in the afternoon.

*Sunday, April 4* Milton went home after breakfast, to stay. I went to Am. Wesleyan Connection Church and heard a most excellent discourse by Rev. Cyrus G. Baldwin, of Pamona, California. Text, 1 Cor. 13.13, Matt. 5.21-26. It was a sermon on Good Will. He is a son of Cyrus H. Baldwin—youngest ch. [entry ends here]

*Monday, April 5* Called for my envelopes at the Post Office. They recognize and honor me as father of the Wright brothers with considerable ado. "Do they discard all use of tobacco," asked Withoft? "Yes, and all whiskey!" I replied

*Wednesday, April 7* Wrote Wilbur a letter. Wrote on my autobiography, reached page 101.

*Thursday, April 8* I slept most of the forenoon, being sluggish.

*Friday, April 9* I was unwell, but not sick. Mr. P.M. Harmon died at 10:00 p.m., aged 84 years. Tariff Bill passes the House—3 over a Republican majority.

*Saturday, April 10* I was at home. It is the time for which quarterly meeting at Germantown occurred. I did not go.

*Sunday, April 11* I attended church at Williams Street Baptist Church. Heard Mr. Bearse on the Resurrection.

*Wednesday, April 14* Caroline E. Zeller died this morning after one o'clock. John who came soon after telegraphed us. Wrote several pages of my book.

*Thursday, April 15* Wrote several pages of my autobiography. Paid for my new suit \$30.00.

*Friday, April 16* Lorin, Netta and I go to attend Caroline's funeral at 8:47. Funeral at 2:00. Pastor and Hughes and his son seeak. We came home on 4:55 train. I wrote Wilbur a letter.

*Saturday, April 17* Wrote several pages on autobiography.

*Sunday, April 18* Went to hear Dr. M.B. Fuller at Grace M.E. Church. Text, Matt. 5.41, "If any man compel thee to go with thee a mile, go with him twain." Mailed a letter to Clara Wright.

*Monday, April 19* At home. Wrote on my autobiography. Moving Picture of Wilbur's flights were shown at Theater.

*Tuesday, April 20* Continued to write to page 120 of autobiography. I Dined at Lorin's.

*Wednesday, April 21* We dined at Lorin's. And went there in the evening to look at the box of pictures.

*Thursday, April 22* I had gastrology so I was inactive. Milton came after Irving's Life of Washington.

*Friday, April 23* Stomach out of order.

*Saturday, April 24* Lorin's family called. I was not well.

*Sunday, April 25* Stomach out of order, I remained at home. Read considerably.

*Monday, April 26* Stomach out of order. Spitler came in afternoon. Gave medicine and direction about dieting.

*Tuesday, April 27* I am better. Went for mail forenoon, and to Lorin's afternoon.

*Wednesday, April 28* I wrote sketch for W.H. Clay. Sent it on four o'clock delivery.

*Thursday, April 29* Drew in cash sixty dollars at the bank. Get ready to leave home. Paid the Doctor \$2.50.

*Friday, April 30* I start at 8:00 to Marion, Ind. I pay first installment: sixty-three dollars & ninety-thre[e] cents. I went to Fairmount. Tell Bill Miller of Keiter's recent rescality. I see Charles T. Parker. I sup and lodge at Ellis Wright's.

*Saturday, May 1* Windy raw day. I went on 9:24 train to Fowlerton & to R.W. White's. Dine. I went to Oliver Buller's supped and lodged. Oliver says getting hay to Cincinnati costs \$2.00, per ton.

*Sunday, May 2* Saw Heuston Dickinson and shaved with his razor. Heard Jas. T. Rector preach Gen. 6.14. I dined at Frank Kirkwoods, and his second son takes me to Robert Reeder's where I see Joseph Broyles, Eliza, & Robert. I am sick at night. It is stomach trouble.

*Monday, May 3* I am better, but really sick. I stay at Robert's till nearly night, when I go to William Reeder's. I lodge there.

*Tuesday, May 4* I go on the 7.24 train to Richmond and to Dyyton, arri. at 11:15. I get good food. Slept well at night. Found letter from Katharine, Reuchlin, Capt. A. Hildebrant, Flora Glass, & Clay.

*Wednesday, May 5* Wrote Reuchlin. Rested & dieted. Berkhart, J.S. McMahon called afternoon, to consult over Wright Brother's days, I wrote for the Invocation that day. The Children sailed for New York on the Kron

Prinzesion Cecile, due at New York next Tuesday.

*Thursday, May 6* Lorin came and sewed his flying machine canvass. Lorin sold "Bill" for \$200.00.

*Friday, May 7* Went to Lorin's in the evening awhile. Artist called to see the picture on the wall, aeroplane.

*Saturday, May 8* Bought some Fuchias at Ricter's. Rained hard, in the evening. Lorin sold his "Bob" to some Greeks. Called at Dr. Spitler's. Rev. Wm. B. Stoddard called, in my absence. Rev. R.S. Kindle called in afternoon. Paid him V.

*Sunday, May 9* Attended Dr. Maurice Wilson's Church, and he spoke on the Anger of Deity. Rev. 6.17, Eph. 2:26. Dined at Lorin's and staid there till Grumbach's return from Cincinnati, after nine o'clock.

*Monday, May 10* Wrote a report and forwarded it to the Publishing Board, of the trusteeship of the Shisler Estate. Nothing but expense reported.

*Tuesday, May 11* Telegram from Katharine, telling of their safe arrival in New York, saying they will be home, Thursday. I wrote to Capt. A. Hildebrant, Berlin, Germany.

*Wednesday, May 12* Telegram of yesterday delivered. Orville telegraphs that the children will come on noon train to-morrow. Ellington of Pau (?) calls. Herald sends a man with a snapshot. Lent him a picture. The city street is cleaned, and lights arranged for electric lights, to-morrow.

*Thursday, May 13* Flags, Chinese lanterns and electric lights are being arranged. Eleven carriages met the Wright Brothers and Katharine at the Depot, and thousands, and a four horse carriage pulls them home, where thousands meet them around our house. Over 10,000 came at night.

*Friday, May 14* I send papers to Reuchlin and Clay. Home as usual.

*Saturday, May 15* Went on 11:00 train via Union City and Anderson to Wabash, arri. before 8:00, evening. Wait

at Traction depot till after 9:00 for a car to Huntington, arri at about 10:00, and start to College Park. I overtake Mr. Brown, who takes me, living 9 miles in country. Sleep in Livingston's Third Story.

*Sunday, May 16* Heard B. Baldwin preach a great sermon on the 45th Psalm, the Character of Christ. Board at S.L. Livingston's. At 3:00, I heard R.B. Mason, & attended testimony meeting in Chapel. A.J. Ware pr. at 7:30, I dined at O.B. Bowman's. I lodged at Livingston's. An excellent room alone, well supplied. Food ample.

*Monday, May 17* Was invited to a seat within the bar. Afternoon, picture of conference taken. Wood elected by 40 votes; Hoskins by 37, Barkley & Alwood by 30 votes, each. L.B. Baldwin elected editor on third ballot. Howe elected by 29 votes. Foote elected Pub. Agent. Cantata rendered by about 25.

*Tuesday, May 18* I was elected on Miss. and educational boards. The day was spent on election of boards. I called at Cremean's in the morning. I dined at W.H. Kindle's. A woman (Whelock) interviewed me. Oratorical Exhibition at 8:00.

*Wednesday, May 19* I called at Prof. T.H. Gragg's. Baldwin resigned and C.A. Mummart elected Ed. Conservator. Business proceeds. Session of Mis. Board & Ex. Com. Wood chairman of Ex. Com. I bought Scott on New Testament & Buck's The, Dic. paid 90 & 30 cents. I.R. Hughey pr. at 7:30. I was at Board meeting.

*Thursday, May 20* I called at Matt. Wechler's. At 8:00, Ed. Board met. Elected Wood president. Had another meeting at O.M. Hypercriticisms of Dillon's proposed law on trials. That of 1901 substituted in its stead. I left at 12:45. Got home at 6:00. Found all well. I slept 8 hours. Margaret White is doing our work.

*Friday, May 21* Katharine attended an entertainment at Cruiger's Eating House in her honor. I slept four hours. Cleared up my desk, Agnes Osborn came home with Katharine & staid.

*Saturday, May 22* Got and planted tomatoes. I wrote Miss Breene and Mrs. O.P. McCabe acknowledging receipt of flowers.

*Sunday, May 23* Heard the new pastor of Third Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. Chas. A. Campbell; preach an able and good sermon, Neh. 4.17,18. Called at Lorin's, afternoon.

*Monday, May 24* Counte de La Valette sent in beauty roses.

*Tuesday, May 25* I saw some reporters. Katharine supped with two women doctors; and several with her.

*Wednesday, May 26* Katharine dined at Beckel House with Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Parkhurst.

*Thursday, May 27* Married Miss Eleanor L. Wagner to Forest Stoltz at 11:00, at our next door neighbor's, in the house where she was born. Katharine attended a club in the afternoon. It is nice weather.

*Friday, May 28* Went to town in afternoon, returning certificate of marriage. It is a nice day.

*Saturday, May 29* Wrote to Bishop Wood and to Sina Ardery, and several others. A very beautiful day.

*Sunday, May 30* It rained, and I did not attend church. Lorin's dined with us. Company of doctors visited Wilbur. Albert Shearer called.

*Monday, May 31* Decoration Day. It is warm enough in afternoon for a thin coat, which I put on. Judge Brown and wife called in the evening. Wilbur and Orville went on midnight train to Detroit to see Russell Alger, 5 Establishment.

*Tuesday, June 1* Mrs. Weinrich called and Cyrus Kephart. Ben. Arnold interviewed me for an article on the boys.

*Wednesday, June 2* The boys returned home before breakfast. It is a cloudy day. Left bank-book for adjusting at Winter's.

*Thursday, June 3* Wrote letters to Reuchlin and to Mrs. T.M. White (Westfield, Ill.) and a card to Howe. Sent for Hartford Weekly Times.

*Friday, June 4* Mr. Barrett, W.D.C., dined with us. Called to arrange for Washington medal. Slight showers.

*Saturday, June 5* Got bank-book. Jew woman called Wilbur out to see her little girl. Mr & Mrs. Thresher called.

*Sunday, June 6* Heard Rev. O.E. Hall, the new pastor of Williams Street Baptist Church, on "Why am I a Baptist?" Mrs. Sines dines with us.



*White River Conference on May 17, 1909*

*Tuesday, June 8* Mr. J.F. Colby called. Ed. Ellis brought over some Pythian officers. Lorin and Ivonette called in the evening. I went to the clothiers but found no fitting suit.

*Wednesday, June 9* I went on 8:40 train to Richmon[d] & Fowlerton. Went on 5:30 tr. to Fairmount. Staid at Ellis Wright's.

*Thursday, June 10* Saw Parker afternoon and found renters in all my houses & the houses in good shape. I gave out adding to fences. Slept two hours, at Ellis's. Saw a report of the presentation of gold Medals to the Wright Brothers at Washington.

*Friday, June 11* Called to see Mrs. Joan Holder in Fairmount. Went to Fowlerton, settled with hay-man, paid White all bills. Came home on 2:35 train. Found all well.

*Saturday, June 12* Went after the copies of Mother's pictures—found them delayed.

*Sunday, June 13* Went to Children's Day at First Presbyterian Church. Wilson spoke, Eph. V.I. Not a large "show." Corbett Andrews was one of the speakers.

*Tuesday, June 15* Reuchlin came at 6:00 p.m.

*Wednesday, June 16* Wm. Reeder and Mattie came, dined with us, and went to Mrs. Greenwood's. Mayor Burkhart came at 3:30 and took, in his automobile, me and Reuchlin and Katharine and Nettie all over the show ground, the Cash Register, Dayton View and the Soldiers' Home. Clara Wright came to Mrs. Greenwood's.

*Thursday, June 17* Reception at 10:30. We came home and stayed till night. Jas. Whitcom Riley came afternoon & others. Effie Kirkpatrick. Went over at night, to fireworks.

*Friday, June 18* It was a lovely day. Went at 10:30 to Fairground. Children sing. "Star Spangled Banner" made the invocation. Lieut. Allen spoke and presented the Congressional Medals. Gov. Harmon the Ohio Medal, Mayor Burkhart, presented the City medal. Return home. Attended the parade in afternoon. Also auto-mo-

bile parade at night. Grand stand, 1st & Monument Ave.

*Saturday, June 19* Wm. Reeder and Mattie start home, at 8:00. Boys pack their trunks and start at 10:00 p.m. for Ft. Myer. Wilbur and Orville pack clothes and start to Washington City on 10:00 train at night—via Harrisburg. Lorin's family came in evening.

*Sunday, June 20* Went to hear C.J. Kephart preach, "To each man his work."

*Monday, June 21* Ordered of Grimm brothers two new suits. Seventy-six dollars!

*Tuesday, June 22* William Wright, of Chi. called, with Albert H. Shearer. I rode in the automobile to Herbert Allen's.

*Thursday, June 24* Reuchlin and I went to Buck Island, and Loos shows the High School building. This week, I copied a Wright Memorial sent to me by Wm. Irving Wright, Fitchburg, Mass.

*Friday, June 25* The work of Art from Larthe [?] was delivered. I bought two shirts and four collars of Kent, and a coat at Cohen's, \$5.00. My two new suits came. The Work of Art, given by the people of Sarthe France was very nice.

*Saturday, June 26* Took my coat over to improve. Got underwear, etc. Got some money. Left pictures of Mother (Wright) and Father Koerner, to have copied, at Horace Street. Lorin & family came up for ice cream. He and Reuchlin opened the art treasure from Sarthe. An angel of aviation pointing Wilbur & Orville to an eagle.

*Sunday, June 27* Reuchlin & I hear Rev. Camp, at Summit Street United Brethren Church, Syrophenician Woman, Matt. 15.22,29. Saw some old Friends. We start at 5:58 p.m. for Washington City, Reuchlin & I.

*Monday, June 28* We arrived in Washington at 1:00 p.m. Orville met us and took us to the Raleigh Hous[e], were we took rooms in the 8th story. The Senate adjourned & Congressmen came to Witness a flight. A rain went South. Wind strong.



*Tuesday, June 29* We (Reuchlin & I) went to White House & to the Washington Monument Park. Heat was very oppressive. At 5:00 went to the Fort. Orville flew short distances only. He had an electric fan put in my room.

*Wednesday, June 30* Reuchlin set the fan in motion—a great help. We went to the Smithsonian Institute. I saw all manner of birds, Ostrich, Emue, Condor, etc. In the evening at Ft. Myer, Orville flew better but broke a skid.

*Thursday, July 1* We went to Smithsonian Institute. Saw animals & fish. Went to the Capitol. Saw statues. Looked in House of Representatives. Story below, heard Senator Root defend Corporation tax amendment. Went to Ft. Myer. Orville flew 5, 8, and 9 minutes. We start home, Balt & Ohio, at 12:42.

*Friday, July 2* Via Grafton, Parkersburg, Athens, Chillicothe, Blanchester, I reach Cincinnati at 5:30; home 8:40. Train an hour behind time. Orville made two nice flights, but his engine stopped over the machine shop & in descending he ripped the cloth on one wing. So he came home.

*Saturday, July 3* Reuchlin left at 9:55, via Pennsylvania for Tonganoxie, Kansas. Tr. late starting. He went away much improved in health and looks.

*Sunday, July 4* Orville came home to make covering for a wing. I hear Rev. Frank Garland in a patriotic Address. We called at Lorin's in the evening. Horace's chickens are doing finely. Twenty years ago this forenoon, Mrs. Wright died.

*Monday, July 5* This is the day to celebrate the Fourth. There is considerable noise on the streets. Orville sews his cloth.

*Tuesday, July 6* Orville leaves on the Pennsylvania train for Washington at 2:30. R.S. Kindel calls. I paid him out for the year. He takes a snap-shot of Orville. Dr. H. Russell, Pres. of the Anti-Saloon League called in the evening. Paper hangers distract Katharine.

*Wednesday, July 7* Better paper hangers come. Times went better.

*Thursday, July 8* Wrote an article for the Conservator, and sent it on. Paperers at work. Kitchen, Parlor and Katharine's room done.

*Friday, July 9* Dr. Russell came and staid till 11:00.

*Sunday, July 11* Called at Lorin's. Went to Seminary Park and heard Dr. Howard Russell speak at 7:30, on the Anti-Saloon League. He came home, and staid till 11:30. I gave Horace a dollar & Katharine gave him \$2.00, for his birth day.

*Thursday, July 15* We rode with Dr. Howard Russell, with Lorin's two girls. Went up Springfield Road; then came back through Dayton View.

*Friday, July 16* We were at home. I dined at Carrie Grumbagh's. The boys did not fly at Ft. Myer, on account of rain. Lorin had a letter from Orville.

*Saturday, July 17* To-day as usual at home. I called at Lorin's in the evening. His Charlotte will not go to roost without feeding. Horace's rooster sleeps in the shop. Orville flew about 12 miles, 90 feet high, 45 miles to the hour at Ft. Myer, at 6:00, p.m.

*Sunday, July 18* I was sleepy, and slept most of the forenoon. I was awake, the afternoon. Dr. Howard Russell spent the evening with us. It rained in the morning.

*Monday, July 19* Cool this morning. I encountered danger from the fire wagon. False alarm at the Malleable Works. Went to American Loan & Savings Association and collected \$532.38, proceeds of \$1500.00. note. Orville made two successful flights at Ft. Myer; 1st reported at 6:30 p.m., 41 miles an hour, 100 ft high, 25 minutes, 18 seconds, 25 1/2 circuits.

*Tuesday, July 20* Orville's second flight is reported, yesterday 7:30 p.m., 150 ft high, 29 laps, 30 minutes time. Two flights 37 miles. Yesterday closed by darkness. Katharine went on 5:57 train to Washington. Lorin's came.

*Wednesday, July 21* Yesterday, Orville flew at Ft. Myer, one hour twenty minutes and 41 seconds. Soared fast and 280 feet high. To-day he made two flights, one of



*Dayton Homecoming Celebration, June 18, 1909*



*Fort Myer, Virginia, July 1909.  
From left to right: Lt. Humphries, Orville Wright, Lt. Foulois, Reuchlin Wright, Milton Wright*

them eleven minutes. Got telegram from Orville: two short flights speed 44 miles with one man.

*Thursday, July 22* Yesterday Orville made two flights—one of them about 8 ms. long. Gladys Smith (little girl) here much of the day.

*Friday, July 23* Yesterday hard rain in the afternoon. Milton shipped his model aeroplane to Anderson—\$25.00 a week. Telegram from Washington: "No flights; weather unfavorable."

*Saturday, July 24* Things as usual. No telegram: "No flights; weather unfavorable." but next morning paper reported an unusually successful flight by Orville, of over 20 minutes, 47 miles an hour, cutting all sorts of circles. Many Senators, Representatives, and army officers & diplomats present. Bleriot crosses English Channel.

*Sunday, July 25* I call[e]d in at First U.B. Sabbath School, heard Holbrook, tell. Listened to H.F. Shupe, pr. John 12.21, "We would see Jesus." Wrote Katharine in the afternoon, at Washington.

*Monday, July 26* We confidently expected a report of flight, at Ft. Myer, but a swift breeze hindered, and Orville rose without help of the derick, and flew about two miles, only. Mrs. Cobett and Mrs. Thompson a Lebanon old friend, called.

*Tuesday, July 27* Day as usual. A little before 8:00, a telegram from Orville announced the good news, that with Lieut. Lahm, he had flown an hour & 12 minutes official flight. Joyful to us all. In morning, I received a letter from Perrila Maun, giving her father's photograph and dates of his family & his father's.

*Wednesday, July 28* Things as usual. Telegram: "No flights. Weather unfavorable."

*Thursday, July 29* Went to town in the afternoon. Left watch, left lower teeth at Tizzard's. Telegram: "No flights; weather unfavorable."

*Friday, July 30* Bought sarge pants: \$3.50. We had telegram from Katharine at 7:00, announcing that Orville had flew ten miles (officially) in 14 minutes and 42 sec-

onds. Home Sunday at 9:00. Lorin estimates that deducting the turn will give his average speed 43 miles: I 44 miles. Mrs. Wagner wonderfully rejoiced. It was a test flight.

*Saturday, July 31* I went to town in the afternoon. Not a few congratulate me on Orville's success. I got my lower toothplate. Telegram from Wilbur saying Orville and Catharine will be home Sunday morning at 9:00.

*Sunday, August 1* I start at 7:30 for Germantown, to fill an appointment at 10:30. Got there at 8:30. Called at Sarah Thomas', Went to Jacob Slifer's who died this morning. Preached at church at 10:15, Rom. 13.1. I went to Isaac Swartzel's for dinner. Went home by 3:00. Orville & Katharine came at 9:00.

*Monday, August 2* At home in the forenoon. Get my watch at Newsalt's. Put in a 50\$ order on my bankbook.

*Tuesday, August 3* Letter from Perrilla Reeder Mann & great-grandfather Joseph Reeder's sword cane came. Expressage, 25 cts. Mr. Spurgeon of England and Mr. Corky, of Ireland, called to see the boys. Saw Wilbur. Albert Shearer called.

*Wednesday, August 4* Wrote Perrilla Mann. Went to Germantown to assist in Jacob Thomas Slifer's funeral. Rev. W.H. Kindel pr Ps. 116.15. Forty minutes. He was a leader [?] there. Went home on 5:30 car. Clara Wright there.

*Thursday, August 5* Clara started to Peru. Called at H.L. Simpson's and prayed with her. She gave me John Van Cleve's shirt & pants. Barnes called with petition. I sign it. Lorin and wife and two younger children called in the evening.

*Sunday, August 8* I attended Broadway Christian Church and heard Rev. Mr. Bishop preach, Micah 6.8, Req. "to do justly." Mrs. Sines called before meeting. Orville and Katharine start to New York at 10:05, evening, to sail Tuesday for Berlin, Germany.

*Monday, August 9* Wrote letters to Millspaugh at Amoritta, Okla., and Henry C. Nichols, New Palestine, Ind. He was a scholar of mine at Neff's Corner's when a very small boy.

*Tuesday, August 10* Orville and Katharine sailed on the Crown princess Cecelie from N.Y. to Germany. Letter from J.L. Lawrence, saying that Keiter's fraud in Tennessee had all been set aside by Judge Stout at Waverly, Tennessee, wholly deciding in Laundrum's (Abeh) favor. Keiter dare not appear.

*Wednesday, August 11* Sent congratulations to Rev. J.M. Johnson, Marengo, Ind. over his monument to be unveiled the 27th, at the Crawford Co. Fair. Wrote Mrs. Mann, whose letter came back. Wrote Sina Ardery, told her of the will.

*Friday, August 13* At home. H.C. Foote died at 3:40 morning. The body was taken to Adrian, Mich. for burial. Wood & Howe officiated at his home, the 15th at 4:00, at Huntington. Funeral at Adrian, also, by E.W. Mason.

*Sunday, August 15* I went to Germantown. Preached at 10:00, Matt. 22.42. Dined at Shelby's. I called in the morning at Sarah Thomas's, talked and prayed with her. Called at Sleifer's. Went home at 4:00.

*Monday, August 16* Went with grandson Milton to Fowlerton, arri. at 1:00. Valises at Stella Parkhurst's. Went to farm. Tired. Milton walking. R.B. Reeder came & took us to his house. We lodged there.

*Tuesday, August 17* Dined at W.H.H. Reeder's. Ovid took us to train at Fowlerton and we went on to Marion, and took traction car to Van Buren, where af[t]er an hour, we went with G.W. Keltner to Dilman to G.W. Lee's, a merchant's. J.V. Rector pr. at chapel at 7:30. Eph. 5.14, a fair sermon, "Awake thou that sleepest." Lodge at Lee's.

*Wednesday, August 18* Conference opened at 2:00, Bishop Alwood. Local preachers examined. Lee's daughter is 17, Myrtle Good, 16. Mrs. Lee sick. Rev. A.J. Stemen preached, Isa. 6. Well liked. Election of chairmen: Tharp 24, Oler 18, Floyd 6, Wright 1. [In text there are tick marks for each name, instead of numbers]

*Thursday, August 19* Conference continued. Reports of pres. elders. O.G. Alwood lectured at 2:30, on the min-

istry. I preached at 7:30, Matt. 22.42, full house. I slept 6 or 6 1/2 hours.

*Friday, August 20* I arose at 5:00 & dressed. Considerable conf. business. Small referred to Com. on Elders' orders. White of Hartsville is recommended. Reports read. We dine at Josiah Slushers. Met Branchla & wife, Henry Fry's dau. J. Howe pr. at 7:30. Oler, 25 & Rust, 16 elected. Wolfard, 7, Floyd, 7, Scattering, 2. P.E's, on 1st ballot. I examine C.E. Small.

*Saturday, August 21* Milton & I go to Marion on Traction car, and thence to Fairmount. We stop at Ellis's. I was at band concert at night.

*Sunday, August 22* I attended Mr. Gray's congregational church at 11:00. Went to Wesleyan Camp meeting in afternoon. Saw Pres. Baker, Seekings, Worth, Teters, etc. Heard Rev. Jennings. Two were ordained—woman & Negro man. Saw Mrs. Worth. I was at Congregational Church at night. Rev. Gray called at Ellis's, after meeting.

*Monday, August 23* I went to Fowlerton. Dine at Robt. B. Reeder's. I got 180 ft. of lumber and had partition put between bedrooms. Paid Millspaugh, for their work, \$10.00. Sup, lodge at White's. Unwell in the night.

*Tuesday, August 24* I worked at House, and Milton went to Fairmount. I paid \$3.90 tax at Marion. Milton came back with the wash, at 3:17. I dine at Parkhurst's. Went to White's for supper & lodging.

*Wednesday, August 25* Went to Matthews; paid E.D. Clossoh \$15.25 for lumber finish. We dined at Mrs. Parkhurst's. Went to White's & lodged.

*Thursday, August 26* Went to Wm. Reeder's. Staid till night. They are fixing for next day. Went back to White's and lodged.

*Friday, August 27* J.M. Johnson's monument to be unveiled at Marengo. I saw Van Antwerpt at the house Fairmount. Vergil took us to Reeder's, Reunion at W.H.H. Reeder's. Dine in his barn. Picture at table. Pictured at 3:00, Lizzie Broyles & family. All of Joe's, Eliza's,

Wm's, Flora's & Robert's there. Everts Slanker took us to Joe's.

*Saturday, August 28* Staid at Joe's till 4:00. Robt. Broyles took us to John W. Broyles'. Had hard rain. Robert went home late. We lodged there. Kate Slanker has 3 boys: Evarts, Clarence & Lloyd. Davis have Adah. Alfred has Virgil & Clifford. Flora has Marcus, Smith, Floyd, Walter, Mabel, Lizzie.

*Sunday, August 29* We went to Beech Grove to Sab. School. Lesson 13th First Cor. I was in Jas. M. Love's Class. I spoke 17 minutes. We called at Thos. Benton Markle's. Saw Melisse, Lorin, 18, Edith & John. Thurman (15) with his father. Dine at John's. Went to Chas Milton Broyles. Slanker's came. Went to Zion (M.E. Ch.) Barrett pastor there. Minton spoke on anti-saloon. Robert to White's.

*Monday, August 30* Went to house in Fowlerton. Saw Amos Ailes and Van Antwerpt. Went to John Leach and rephoned to E.D. Slossen and engaged 8,000 shingles. Went to White's. Settled with him to date. Went to Fairmount & settled with Driggs & Wiley. Over \$76 due me. Got my shirt of Chinaman.

*Tuesday, August 31* Went with Milton afternoon to Wm. Reeder's. Went to Buller's at night.

*Wednesday, September 1* Took Milton to White's and C.C.L. Depot. He went to Muncie, returned at 9:00 at night—was at Broyle's reunion. I went to Horace Reeve's. I went to White's & took horse to Buller's. I slept an hour there. Dinner. Went with Pearl to house in Fowlerton. Sup at Stella's. Staid at R.W. White's.

*Thursday, September 2* Went to house. Settled with Amos Ailes for work, \$15.55. Went on 11:43 train to Fairmount. Took the 12:26 train to Knightstown. Stella Rhoads met us and took us to Jabez Rhoads, where we sup & lodge.

*Friday, September 3* Stella takes us to Delila Wright's where we remain. After dinner. Thomas's wife and Effie Kirkpatrick and Stella Wilhelm and Mabel Wright, & Drusilla McKee came. Milton and Stella Wilhelm and Mabel Wright, Fay's daughter, went to Sexton. We staid

at Delila's. She was 82, March 2nd.

*Saturday, September 4* Mr. Frazier took us to Knightstown, and we got a train to Dayton, arriving at 11:00. Milton went with me home, and I staid. He went on to his home. I spent the afternoon & evening, straightening up and making my diary. Wilbur is at home.

*Sunday, September 5* Awoke at 5:00. Got up at six. Called at Post-office & at Lorin's. Heard Rev. W.R. Funk pr. at Summit Street Church, John 17.3. Called about 4:00, at Lorin's. Slept pretty well till 4:00, morn.

*Monday, September 6* Wrote letters to Mrs. Mann, Reuchlin, E.D. Clossen, etc. Called at Varsity Hall.

*Tuesday, September 7* Wrote letters. Went to varsity Hall. Bought cuffs and collar (rubber). Voted for Kughns and Needham at Primaries. Wilbur got telegram from Russell Alger, and started to Detroit, at 11:25 at night.

*Wednesday, September 8* Went and deposited money in Winters' Bank. Orville is reported to have flew alone 24 ms in 36 minutes, to-day, and 17 min. with Hildebrand, 200,000 reported. Ivonette & Horace staid here and to breakfast. Lorin and Milton are working on models of flying machine. Gen. H.C. Corbin died this morn.

*Thursday, September 9* At home all day. Got a letter, morning from Katharine. Answered it afternoon & evening Wilbur got home about 6:00, eve. Orville is reported as flying 20 minutes "in a strong wind," and 15 minutes with Englehardt. Crown prince and princess saw the flights. Are at aero dinner to-night.

*Friday, September 10* Bill from J.D. Van Antwerpt for \$7.47. Sent that amount to Oliver Buller. Orville to dine at Royal Aero Club, Berlin, last night.

*Saturday, September 11* Wilbur is preparing to ship his flying machine to New York to Fulton Hudson Exposition.

*Sunday, September 12* It was a very warm day. Attended First Lutheran Church at 10:30, heard Rev. D. Frank Garland, Deut. 6.6,7. He preached an able discourse.

Lorin and his family dined with us. I read some in a story where great ado was made over trouble over Lydia was turned to joy over the marriage of the 16 year old girl, in English Society—from illicit cohabitation!

*Monday, September 13* Some cooler this morning. Warm, at 11:00.

*Tuesday, September 14* Cooler in the morning, but it was 91 degrees at 1:30. I read over Wilbur and Orville's letters. Wrote Wm. T. Lawson, sent copies of Landrum's and Lawrence's Letters.

*Thursday, September 16* Letter from Perrilla Mann. Remail a letter to Orville. Cooler to-day. I received a telegram from W.H. Becker, Toronto, Ont., asking me to officiate at D.B. Sherk's funeral Monday, at noon. I telegraph that I will go.

*Friday, September 17* I slept 7 hours, and arose early. I engaged a ticket to Buff[al]o at 10:00 to-night. Wrote 8 pages of Sherk's funeral address. Started an hour late, at 9:00. I arrive at 7:00 (8:00 Eastern time) and start at 10:00 for Toronto, arri. at 2:00, at Mrs. Aldress. T.F. Best greatly helps me. He introduced me to Her.

*Saturday, September 18* The foregoing was partly on Saturday. I lodged at W.H. Becker's, same Street West, 596 Brock Ave., being Mr. Aldred's address. Mr. T.F. Best was secretary of Y.M.C.A. at Hamilton.

*Sunday, September 19* Went with W.H. Becker to M.E. Church. The pastor preached on Family Government, Dan. 49.4. Again, I dined at Aldred's and lodged at W.H. Becker's.

*Monday, September 20* We start at 8:00 through the route to Berlin arri at Berlin at 15 minutes to 12:00. I dine at T.F. Swartz. Large audience. I occupied 25 minutes, Text, Acts 11.24. I read 8 pages of manuscript. At 1:00 p.m. C.W. Backus & Rev. Swartz spoke about 7 min. each. Saw Springer. Called at Bowman's and Eshelman's.

*Tuesday, September 21* Bro. Swartz took me to starting place. Ticket via Galt, on traction to Detroit home, cost 9:00, sleeper 2.00. Staid at Detroit till 1/4 to 12:00, but entered sleeper at 9:00. Wrote obituary and mailed it in

Detroit. Slept some on the way.

*Wednesday, September 22* Arri. at home before six, in morning. Went to Lorin's to breakfast and dine, etc. Margaret (White) Allen is taking a week's vacation and Wilbur left for New York City, Saturday.

*Thursday, September 23* I board at Lorin's. I do not much at home. Letter from C.L. Wood and from Reuchlin, this morning. Conservator comes.

*Friday, September 24* I slept well last night. I get no letters before noon. I spend the morning, mostly reading. Milton's models came back from Eaton & Rock Island.

*Saturday, September 25* Spent the day as usual. The Hudson-Fulton Exposition is opened in New York. The Clermont and Half Moon are attended by the navy of the world.

*Sunday, September 26* Heard Rev. M.B. Fuller, Grace Church, Acts 17.22,23. What is religion? Very able and learned, but not satisfactory. I dined at Lorin's as usual.

*Monday, September 27* Margaret Allen reported, and I staid at home. I wrote letters by day and at night to C.B. Sherk and J.F. Harris etc. Not suitable weather to fly in New York.

*Tuesday, September 28* Wrote a card to J. Howe and to Wilbur defining, "What is religion?"

*Wednesday, September 29* Wrote many letters. Wilbur is reported to have flown twice in New York; once from Governor's Island round the Statue of Liberty & back.

*Thursday, September 30* There were no flights in New York, to-day. It was too variable in winds. Katharine wrote from Eisenach, Germany, that they spent yesterday morning at Weimar, went in afternoon to Eisenach, where they lodged last night, and about noon to-day, 3 oth start to Frankfort, then for a trip down the Rhine.

*Friday, October 1* Again there were no flights, for the same reason. The children of Lorin came for dinner. I wrote Buller inclosing as check for \$20.00. Milton

shipped a model to St. Lonis. Netta and Lorin went to cousin Cowan's near Lebanon. Pearry's "Roosevelt" stop[p]ed below West Point!

*Saturday, October 2* Went to town and exchanged 18 card pictures. Orville, at Potsdam is reported to have flown over 1600 feet high, 1637 ft. He took up the crown prince of Germany 60 ft. high, gets a present of a diamond and Ruby ring, Composing the letter "W" and a crown.

*Sunday, October 3* Heard D.F. Garland on Christian Reflection, text, "Commanded the multitude to sit down." I slept in afternoon. Lorin and Netta came home, after supper. Curtis made a failure flight, at Governor's Island.

*Monday, October 4* Wilbur flew from Governor's Island beyond Grant's Tomb & back in safety. He ha[d] a canoe attached. Dr. Dillon called an hour, on his way home.

*Tuesday, October 5* Wilbur has gone to College Park, Maryland.

*Friday, October 8* (This was yesterday) Man (Mr. Browncomb for Prof. A.W. Drury) brought manuscript of History of Wilbur and Orville to me to correct facts and had forms to sign of application for each agreeing to pay \$278.00 each for their steele engravings! He was a rascal. I did not sign the applications.

*Saturday, October 9* Got a letter from Wilbur. He sends for razor-strap and envelopes.

*Sunday, October 10* Heard Rev. [blank] Anderson preach at Third Street Presbyterian Church on cooper[a]tion. It rained as I went in and as I came home on the car. Walked with Ida Grabill under umbrella. Milton and Horace dined with me.

*Monday, October 11* Mailed Brownscomb's manuscript to him.

*Tuesday, October 12* Called at Brownscomb's as I did not want him to call at our house.

*Thursday, October 14* Horace's "Pina" died and old "Blackie" Ran off. Called at Wagner's.

*Friday, October 15* Lorin's learn nothing of Blackie.

*Saturday, October 16* Orville is reported as flying at Potsdam, and he and Katharine having a talk with the Emperor. President Taft and President Diaz meet at El Paso. Margaret invited Lorin's family to dinner to-morrow.

*Sunday, October 17* Went to Williams Street Baptist Church. Rally Day. Judge McCann speaks. He is well gifted. Lorin and family dined with us, except Horace who is sick & Netta, who is unwell.

*Monday, October 18* Horace & Netta are better. Count de Lambert, with a Wright Flyer goes from Invisy field back and circles 300 feet above the Eifel tower. Alfonso quarrels with his premier over there being no chance to pardon Ferrer.

*Tuesday, October 19* The Wrights are reported to have entered suit against Ralph Saulnier for restraining him from using a copy of Bleriot's machine.

*Wednesday, October 20* I write lists of Wrights from Helvedon, 1538, to the present time. To-night, there was a \$700,000 fire in Dayton, in which the Computing Scale factory lost \$200,000. It was on First St., and Monument Ave.

*Thursday, October 21* Went to town, afternoon, left bank book for posting. Called at Sophia Simpson's and at Ramey's. Found Theo. Darwin Brown at out house and his brother Geroge R. After supper went with them to Street Cars. Sent Fay Wright, 538 Birch St., a copy of the generations of— Wrights and Freemans.

*Friday, October 22* Wilbur is reported to fly 42 minutes by moonlight with Humphrey's, at College Park, Maryland.

*Saturday, October 23* Slight rain to-day. Wilbur is reported to have flown four times from College Park. Orville is reported to-day, at Naples.

*Sunday, October 24* Heard [blank] Myer preach at 4th Presbyterian Church, 1 John 1.7. "Cleanse from all sin."

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I dined at Lorin's. David Dennis dined there. Supper at home.

*Monday, October 25* I start to Gaston at 8:40. Reach Gaston, where Robert B. Broyles takes me to Joseph Broyles where I dine and Robert and I fix up our writings, after which he takes me to Oliver Bullers where I sup and lodge.

*Tuesday, October 26* I go to Whites dine, and afternoon go with William Reeder and Robert B. Broyles (who came) over the farm. I sell the hay in the old house for \$61.00 to Broyles. Robert takes me to the house in Fowlerton, and I go on train to Fairmount & stay at Ellis Wright's. Rev. Choate, of Kokomo, and [blank] Blunt of Ind is there.

*Wednesday, October 27* I go to Marion and pay my taxes, & return. See Mr. Chas. T. Parker. Call in the convention and dine at the church. Go at 3:05 to Fowlerton and Wm. Reeder's. Sup and lodge there, Chas. Parks there.

*Thursday, October 28* Ovid takes me to White's and I give notice to White to give possession March 1st. I go to Depot and to Richmond, and Dayton. Dine at home.

*Saturday, October 30* Went on 12:50 car to Quarterly meeting at Germantown. Hired Wm. Dillon \$475.00. Rev. W.H. Kindel preached, Rom. 12.11, "Not slothful in business" etc. Quarterly conference. Supped at Lizzie Long's. Came home on 5:30 car.

*Sunday, October 31* Lorin and Horace called after breakfast. I did not attend church, was sleepy. Margaret cooked so good a dinner.

*Monday, November 1* Stayed at home all day. Slept two hours. Wilbur has returned to Washington.

*Tuesday, November 2* At home all day. Rained a little in the Morning. Election Day.

*Wednesday, November 3* At home. Nothing of importance only Democratic victory in Dayton; Dem. Mayor in New York and *fusionists* prevail; Johnson beaten in Cleveland; Toledo & Cincinnati, Republican.

*Thursday, November 4* Adriatic grounds at daylight in New York Harbor. Lands at 9 o'clock. Orville and Katharine are met by Wilbur.

*Friday, November 5* A telegram from Katharine says they will be at home some time Sunday. I took up First Corinthians.

*Saturday, November 6* In afternoon, Lorin gets telegram that the children will be here at noon, Sunday. Study 1st Corinthians.

*Sunday, November 7* Lorin informed us of a telegram last evening, saying the Children are coming on Erie to be here at 5:30, this evening. The children get home at 6:+. All look to be in good health; Wilbur, Orville, Katharine.

*Monday, November 8* Breakfast at 7:40. Wilbur and Orville go to Springfield to see Mr. Toulon. William Shank called. They came back about 2:+. Misses Rider & Osborn, and Mrs. Stevens called an hour, or more.

*Tuesday, November 9* I began breakfast at 7:30. I sleep much of the forenoon. Orville starts to New York at 1:25 p.m. to clear the mists.

*Wednesday, November 10* Lorin is finishing up cloth for lower half wing Govt machine, which Genl. Allen called for.

*Thursday, November 11* Bathroom is being painted and the hallway. Orville returns from New York.

*Friday, November 12* Painter finished job. Large fish for dinner.

*Saturday, November 13* Orville went to Cincinnati. Leontine dined with us. Katharine and Leontine go in the evening to Miss Ryder's. Wilbur starts at 10:00, evening, to Washington, to get Lieut. Lahm's affidavit.

*Sunday, November 14* Attended William Street Baptist Church. Heard Rev. Orthnells E. Hall on 2 Kings, 2.9, a good sermon.

*Wednesday, November 17* Took coat and pants to cleaner.



*Thursday, November 18* Rev. O.E. Hall called. He is pastor of Williams Street Baptist Church.

*Friday, November 19* Suit came home from cleaners. Price \$1.25.

*Monday, November 22* Went on 5:25 cars to Lima and Huntington. Arrived at 11:00. Lunched at Depot. Called on J. Howe's Mission Room. Called at Publisher's. Rode to Howe's on cab. Remain over night. S.A. Stemen came in an hour. Called at Mummart's an hour.

*Tuesday, November 23* Called at 7:45, prayers at College. Had an all day meeting at Mission Room. Dine at Howe's restaurant. Go to Howe's to night meeting of committee. We close at 11:00, & I lodge at Howe's. I suggested S.M. Crom as pastor to begin in the spring and Wm. Miller fill the vacancy. Wood opposed Miller's appointment.

*Wednesday, November 24* Attended prayers at 7:45, and gave a short Thanksgiving address. Dined at S.L. Livingston's. A.B. Lilly takes me to the train. Go via Lima home, arri. at 6:00.

*Thursday, November 25* Thanksgiving. Lorin's family with us. Remained till after 4:00. They have such nice children. I find that Wilbur & Orville have sold their United States Rights to August Belmont, Howard Gould, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Edward J. Berwind, Russell Alger, T.P. Shont's, Morton F. Plant, Andrew Freedman, Robt. J. Collier & Allen A. Ryan, \$100,000.

*Friday, November 26* *At Home. Katharine spends the evening at Mrs. Stevens'.*

*Saturday, November 27* At home. Some women visit Katharine in the afternoon. Lottie Jones helps. Katharine goes to Ida Grabill's an hour in the evening.

*Sunday, November 28* Spent the day at home. The boys arrived at home from New York at 6:00, evening.

*Monday, November 29* Miss Kate Hierholzer called and engaged to work for Katharine.

*Tuesday, November 30* Miss Katie Hierholzer called at 7:30, and began work for Katharine, this morning.

*Wednesday, December 1* At home. Gas explosion reported at Argenbright's. Pole-discoverer Cook reported in an Asylum in Pennsylvania. Russell Alger and brother Frederick sup with us. They are fine appearing men.

*Sunday, December 5* I was at Eaker St. M.E. Colored Church. Dr. Robins of Columbus spoke, Gal. 6.9, "Be not weary in Well doing." The pastor, J.C. Robinson, announced me as "the father of the Wright brothers."

*Tuesday, December 7* Wilbur started for New York. In the evening, I read the President's Message, a business like document.

*Wednesday, December 8* At home all day. Nothing of special interest occurs. Waterways convention is held. Taft speaks in favor of letting sale of bonds alone for the present.

*Thursday, December 9* Katharine went to Miss Hunter's in the afternoon. I read Abbot's Introduction to the Epistle to Romans.

*Friday, December 10* Rev. Gleason H. Reeder, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, called an hour before noon. A large fish for dinner. He is a descendant of Benjamin Reeder of Pennsylvania, brother of Joseph Reeder of Va., born in 1716. Wilbur came back in afternoon from New York.

*Sunday, December 12* I heard Dr. Ketman at Baptist Church, on the operations of the church in Missions, Sabbath Schools, colporteurs, and car work. Was introduced to him and Mr. Whidden by Dr. Colson. Wilbur went to New York to see a photograph of Curtis' machine contradicting his affidavit. Thus the lawyers abuse Curtis.

*Monday, December 13* At home. Orville started at 8:00, eve. to Buffalo to trial before Judge Jno R. Hazel on Herring Company's infringement of patent.

*Tuesday, December 14* At home all day. Wrote several letters. In afternoon Wright vs. Herring Curtis Co. came

in U.S. Court, Judge John R. Hazel. H.C. Toulin their lawyer argued. Also Emerson K. Newell, N.Y., the lawyer for Herring, maintained there was no infringement. Claimed their fame rested on their skill as aeroplane Chaffeurs."

*Wednesday, December 15* The trial at Buffalo, N.Y. is before Judge John R. Hazel. Attorneys of Wright's: H.A. Toulin, Gen. Edward Wetmore, Local: C.W. Parker. Attorneys of Herring: Emerson K. Newell, Monroe W. Wheeler, [blank] Dunn. Parties: Wright Brothers vs. A.M. Herring & Glenn C.H. Curtis.

*Thursday, December 16* Wright brothers at Detroit, Mich. to see an Aero Club organized. They go to Dayton in the night.

*Friday, December 17* Boys came home for breakfast. Katharine went to Agnes Osborn's for supper. I found a sketch of the Nobles, and observe Caleb Leverich and Martha, children of Rev. Wm. Leverich.

*Saturday, December 18* Dillon came just after noon. I copied some from Noble relatives. I fell asleep early, and slept disturbed in the night. Mrs. Deborah Cornell Wood, mother of Bishop C.L. Wood died to-day, in her 90th year.

*Sunday, December 19* Was somewhat unwell. The children called Dr. L. Spitler, who said I had caught cold through me.

*Monday, December 20* At home. Some better. Made out a table from Louis Reeder Noble's chart sent me several years ago, confirming our descent from the Leverich's.

*Wednesday, December 22* Wrote letters to Mary H. Krout, Chicago. Wrote Reuchlin, etc. Report of Estrado's victory. Telegram to preach Rev. A.H. Roach's funeral. Could not go.

*Thursday, December 23* At home. Katharine is specially preparing Christmas presents.

*Friday, December 24* Mellville Brown's son (Brown) calls on Orville in behalf of Bradstreet to inquire of the boys company. Gets the names of directors, president, vice-

president, stock \$1,000,000 (\$800,000 pd in, \$500,000 allowed for patents, "Wright Co., N.Y.).

*Saturday, December 25* I arose before six o'clock. Lorin and family ate turkey with us. We had a very large fowl. Horace was much taken with his railroad track, and his wound up cars. The children had a fine Christmas.

*Tuesday, December 28* Spent day in reading Murphy on Genesis. I am quite lame.

*Wednesday, December 29* Dr. Spitler came by Katharine's invitation. I lie in bed all day, though slightly better.

*Friday, December 31* The last day of the year. Wrote some letters. This has been a somewhat eventful year. In January, I attended Rev. James Rector's revival at Fowlerton and preached most of the time while there. The children come home from Europe and are much honored by thousands at the Depot and at their home. There is three days celebration in their honor. They go to Washington and fill (Orville) their contract with the U.S. Government and get \$27,000. Reuchlin came and I went to Washington with him. Milton goes with me to Annual Conference and to the Reeder's first anniversary & to Wright's in Rush County. Our children, Orville & Katharine go to Germany, and see and converse with the Royal Family. They spend considerable time in Germany before coming home. The children all return home together, November 7th.

#### *Cragum Farm*

Dan Wright sold his claim north of Hopewell church, to a man by the name of Parker, probably in the latter part of 1822. He bought a house and forty-acre lot, as the deed shows, dated Feb. 27, 1823, of Elisha Cragum, paying for it One Hundred and fifty dollars. Signed by Elisha and Mary Cragum. He bought west of it, 80 acres for \$100.00. About 1836, he bought 40 acres of William Snelling.

Paulina Reeder b. in Hamilton Co. Ohio, m. Mr. Langworthy, in Dubuque, Iowa, died in Dubuque January 29, 1892

Frances Reeder b [blank] m. a Mr. Langworthy in Cincinnati

Phebe Harriet Reeder b. March 26, 1819, m. Scribe Harris, d. in Dubuque, Iowa, Jan 29, 1892.

Semele Reeder, b. Nov. 27, 1826, m. Bloomer married Frederick Short died Sept. 11, 1908, aged 82.

Joseph Reeder lived in Hampshire Co., Virginia, on the great Cacaphon River, died at Sarah Brand's, his oldest daughter's in Butler County, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1829, in his 87th year. His wife, Anna Huff, died in Hamilton Co., Ohio, July 6, 1821. Her hair is said to have been red, and she died of cancer. She died in her 77th year. Ralph born Feb. 4, 1788 on Great Cacaphon River, in Hampshire Co., (now) West Virginia, died in Hamilton Co. Ohio July 8th, 1863. His daughter Paulina, b. Dec.

19, 1815, married Mr. Langowrthy d. Dubuque, Jan 29, 1892. Phebe Harriet, b. Mar. 26, 1819, d. Jan. 29, 1892, in Dubuque. Semele, b. Nov. 27, 1826, in Bloomer & Short, d. Sept. 11, 1908.

*I taught School.*

Matney's 3 in 1849, Gray's 6 on 1850-1, Hites 3 in 1851, Andersonville 3 in 1852 Fall, Hartsville 1 1/2 in 1853 Spring, Thomas's 6 in 1853-4, Neff's Corners 9 in 1854-4, Oregon 15 in 1857-9, New Salem 3 in 1860, Neff's Corners 3 in 1860, Hartsville 9 in 1868-9.

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