DIARY 1865

John Freeman Shorter's Diary
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A Happy New Year

to John F. Shorter

From S.E.H.

[?]? Jan 1st, 1865

I am looking over this tonight August 30 1908 and for the first time notice whom the donor was. C.H. Shorter
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Calendar 1865
[shows the months and days of the year 1865]
ECLIPSES IN 1865.
In the year 1865 there will be four eclipses; two of the Sun, and two of the Moon.

FIRST
A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, night of April 10-11.
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SECOND
A Total Eclipse of the Sun, April 25. - Visible to South America and Africa

THIRD
A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, evening of October 4.
Visible to Europe, Asia, and Africa: partially visible to the United States.

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### [calendar for March 1865]
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First Q'rter, 2d. 11h. 8m. M. First Q'rter, 2d. 11h. 8m. M.
Full Moon, 10d. 3h. 27m. A. Full Moon, 9d. 2h. 24m. M.
Last Q'rter, 18d. 1h. 44m. M. Last Q'rter, 18d. 1h. 44m. M.
New Moon, 24d. 5h. 54m. A. New Moon, 24d. 5h. 54m. A.
First Q'rter, 30d. 8h. 23m. M.

[calendar for May 1865]

D Day  Sun  Moon High
of    S & R S & RWater
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3 We  4 57 r 1 12 2 28
4 Th  6 58 s 1 42 3 22
5 Fr  4 54 r 2 10 4 14
6 Sa  7 0 s 2 38 5 3
7 Su  4 52 r 3 6 5 50
8 Mo  7 3 s 3 36 6 33
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10 We  7 5 rises 7 57
11 Th  4 47 r 8 1 37
12 Fr  7 7 s 8 6 9 18
13 Sa  4 45 r 9 4710 3
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15 Mo 4 43 r11 1711 37
16 Tu 7 10 s11 56 0 1
17 We 4 42 r morn 0 53
18 Th 7 12 s 0 33 1 51
19 Fr 4 40 r 1 8 2 51
20 Sa 7 14 s 1 43 3 53
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29 Mo 4 33 r11 911 47
30 Tu 7 23 s11 42 0 9
31 We 4 32 r morn 0 55

[[/calendar for May 1865]]
[[calendar for June 1865]]
JULY 1865 AUGUST

Full Moon, 8d. 3h. 33m. A.  Full Moon, 7d. 0h. 33m. M.
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New Moon, 22d. 1h. 33m. A.  New Moon, 21d. 2h. 21m. M.
First Q'rter, 30d. 2h. 12m. A.  First Q'rter, 29d. 6h. 50m. M.

[[calendar for July 1865]]

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[[calendar for August 1865]]
SEPTEMBER 1865 OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER 1865

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- **Last Q'rter**, 10d 0h. 49m. M. | Last Q'rter, 9d. 7h. 17m. A.
- **New Moon**, 18d. 6h. 4m. M. | New Moon, 17d. 11h. 49m. A.
- **First Q'rter**, 25d. 10h. 3m. A. | First Q'rter, 25d. 7h. 35m. M.

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**AGREEMENT, or CONTRACT, not otherwise specified:** any appraisement of value or damage, or other purpose; for each agreement, or for each sheet of each agreement, &c., or renewal of same...$0.05

**ASSIGNMENT, or TRANSFER,** of mortgage, lease, or policy of insurance, or renewal or continuance of agreement, contract, or charter, same stamp as the original instrument.

**BANK CHECK, DRAFT, or ORDER** for the payment of any sum of money drawn upon any bank, banker, or trust company, or for any sum exceeding $10, drawn upon any other person companies, or
corporations, at sight or on demand........   .02
BILL OF EXCHANGE, (Inland,) DRAFT or ORDER, for the payment of
money, not at sight or on de-mand, or any PROMISSORY NOTE,
(except bank notes issued for circulation, and checks made and
intended to be forthwith presented, and which shall be presented to a
bank or banker for payment,) or any memorandum, check, receipt, or
other written or printed evidence of money to be paid on demand, or at a
time designated, for every $100 or part thereof........   .05
BILL OF EXCHANGE, (Foreign) or LETTERS OF CREDIT, drawn in but
payable out of the United States:
If drawn singly or in duplicate, same as In-land bills of Exchange.
If drawn in sets of three or more, every bill of each set, for every $100,
or the equivalent thereof, in any foreign currency in which the bill is
expressed..............................   .02
BILL OF LADING, or RECEIPT, (other than charter party,) for any goods
&c., exported to a foreign port, (except to British North America,).......   .10

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BILL OF SALE OF VESSEL, or any part thereof, consideration of value not over $500 | .50
Every addl $500, or part thereof, 50 cents more. |

BOND OF INDEMNITY, every $1000, or part thereof | .50

BOND, for the execution of the duties of any office | 1.00

BOND, other than required in the legal proceedings, or use in connection with mortgage deeds, and not otherwise charged | .25

CERTIFICATE OF STOCK, in incorporated company | .25

CERTIFICATE OF PROFITS, or any certificate or memorandum showing an interest in the property or accumulations of any incorporated company, if for $10 and not over $50 | .10
Every addl $1,000, or part thereof, 25 cents more. |

CERTIFICATE OF DAMAGE, or otherwise, and all other certificates or documents issued by any port warden, marine surveyor, or person acting as such | .25

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT, $100 or less | .02
Over $100 | .05

(Certificates of measurement or weight of animals, wood, coal, or other articles, except Gaugers', Measurers', and Weighers' returns; Certificates of Record of Deed or other instrument in writing, or acknowledgement thereof, by attesting witness, require no stamp.) |

CERTIFICATE, of any other description | .05

CHARTER PARTY, (or renewal &c. of same,) contract or agreement for charter of vessel or steamer of registered tonnage, not over 150 tons | 1.00
Over 150 and not over 300 tons | 3.00
Over 300 and not over 600 tons | 5.00
Over 600 tons | 10.00

CONTRACT, Broker's note, or memorandum of sale of merchandise, stocks, bonds, exchange, notes, real estate, or other property issued by brokers, or persons acting as such, each | .10

CONVEYANCE, -Deed or writing, whereby any lands, tenements, or other realty sold is granted, assigned, or transferred, for every $500, or part thereof | .50

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ENTRY OF GOODS, at any custom house, for consumption or warehousing, of value over $100 | .25
Over $100 and not over $500 | .50
Over 500 | 1.00

WITHDRAWAL from bonded warehouse | .50

GAUGERS' RETURNS, if for not over 500 gallons gross, | .10
Over 500 gallons | .25

INSURANCE, (Marine, Inland, and Fire).-Each policy or renewal, (or assignment, &c. of same,) on which premium is $10 or less | .10
Over $10 and not over $50 | .25
Over 50 | .50

INSURANCE (Life).-Policy, (or assignment, &c. of same,) not over $1,000 | .25
Over $1,000 and not over $5000 | .50
Over 5,000 | 1.00

(Tickets or contracts of insurance limited to fatal or non-fatal injury to persons while travelling; also, deposit notes to Mutual Insurance Companies, for insurance upon which policies subject to stamp duties are issued, require no stamp.)

LEASE, (or assignment, &c. of same,) agreement, memorandum, or contract, for the hire, use, or rent of land, tenement, or portion thereof, when rent or rental value is not over $300 per annum, | .50
Every add'l $200, or part thereof, 50 cents more.

MANIFEST, for custom house entry or clearance of vessel's cargo for foreign port, (except to British North America,) tonnage not over 300 tons | 1.00
Over 300 and not over 600 tons | 3.00
Over 600 tons | 5.00

MEASURERS' RETURNS, if for not over 1,000 bushels | .10
Over 1,000 bushels | .25

MORTGAGE, (or assignment, &c of same,) Trust Deed, or Personal Bond, for the payment of money, over $100 and not over $500 | .50
Every add'l $500, or part thereof, 50 cents more.
TRUST DEED conveying estate to uses, to be stamped as a conveyance.

PASSAGE TICKET, to foreign port, (except British North America,)
costing $35 or less | .50
Over $35 and not over $50 | 1.00
Every add'l $50, or part thereof, $1 more.
RATES OF POSTAGE.

LETTERS TO ANY PART OF THE UNITED STATES, 3 cents for each
1-2 ounce or part thereof.
DROP LETTERS, 2 cents.
ADVERTIZED LETTERS, 1 cent, in addition to the regular rates.
VALUABLE LETTERS may be registered on application at the office of
mailing, and the payment of a registration fee not exceeding 20 cents.
TRANSIENT NEWSPAPERS, Periodicals, Pamphlets, Blanks, Proof
Sheets, Book Manuscripts, and all mailable printed matter, (except
circulars and books,) 2 cents for each and every 4 ounces. Double these
rates are charged for Books.
UNSEALED CIRCULARS, (to one address) not exceeding 3 in number,
2 cents, and in the same proportion for a greater number.
SEEDS, CUTTINGS, ROOTS, &c., 2 cents for each 4 ounces or less
quantily.
ALL PACKAGES of Mail Matter not charged with letter postage must be
so arranged that the same can be conveniently examined by
Postmasters; if not letter postage will be charged.
NO PACKAGE will be forwarded by mail which weighs over 4 pounds.
ALL POSTAGE MATTER, for delivery within the United States, must be
Prepaid by stamps (except duly certified letters of soldiers and sailors);
otherwise, double the above rates will be charged on delivery.
WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS (one copy only) sent to actual Subscribers
within the County where printed and published, free.
LETTERS TO CANADA and other British North American Provinces,
when not over 3000 miles, 10 cents for each 1-2 ounce. When over
3000 miles, 15 cents. Prepayment optional.
LETTERS TO GREAT BRITAIN OR IRELAND, 24 cents. Prepayment
optional.
LETTERS TO FRANCE, 15 cents for each 1-4 ounce. Prepayment
optional.
LETTERS TO OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES vary in rate according to
the route by which they are sent, and the proper information can be
obtained of any Postmaster in the United States.
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1865

The morning cool but the Sun coming out early. The Day was pleasant
an extra Dinner served in the Hospital to the Patients.
My wounds rapidly healing & able to move around the Room on
Crutches

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1865

The morning Early pleasant arose
Early washed & Dressed & taken an Early walk on the porch. Nothing
transpiring throughout the Day worth speaking of the sun came out & it
was warm as midsummer at noon.
left side of diary [[preprinted]] WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1865.

the ongoing cold + unpleasant no wood to be had around the Hospital +
and we had no fire so a cold + a Disagreeable Room we had of it after it
was scrubbed out, which the nurses were obliged to do obey orders if
the sick + wounded died from the effects of it.

right side of diary [[preprinted]] THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1865.

The morning tolerable cool though pleasant. Nothing going on around
the Hospital of interest - my wounds getting along tolerable well. Health
good
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1865.

The morning fair & pleasant. Still on the mend. Nothing of importance is transpiring around the hospital worth speaking of.

April 2nd

The Rev Elisha Weaver delivered a fine Sermon. After the Sermon the Rev brief words [[elated me?]]. Weavers visit & encouraged Prayer after which two old hymns were sung.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1865.

The hospital folks all astir preparing for inspection. The morning cool the sun came out at noon after which it was quite pleasant on the porches around the Hospital.

Editor Christian Recorder to a crowded House. James Lynch [[on?] a few of the objects of Mr. subscription for his familiar verses of an & the meeting dismissed
Tuesday, January 10, 1865

The morning fair a Letter from Home. The friends all well.
My Health good & my wounds still healing.

Wednesday, January 11, 1865

The morning fair a Letter from the Regiment -
Bringing good news the Boys all well & in fine spirits - expecting through
soon to move back to the old camp on Folly Island.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1865.

The morning cloudy & Rain fell through the Day. My wounds very painful spent the Day principally in bed feeling very poorly. Quite a large detail sent from the Hospitals to the Different Regts.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1865.

The morning cool, nothing of importance transpiring worthy of Note. The fire very agreeable early in the Day. But in the afternoon the sun coming out it was very pleasant.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1865.

Received from a Dear friend at home as a New Year present at Home. The morning cool after the middle of the Day, the sun came out & it was pleasant on the porches around the Hospital. My wounds still rapidly healing & hope to be able in a few days to go down stairs. Shermans Band played some fine airs in the evening in the town. We stood on the porch & listened to the music a change in the Hospital a coloured Ward Master.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1865.

The morning fair the sun came out Brightly & it was quite warm out of Doors, though a fire in the house was very agreeable. Inspection of the ward by an officer from the city of Washington or so expected to see everything in good order At 4 PM 3 men out of a larger number captured by Sherman during his march through Georgia & Brought to Beauffer Brought to this ward sick.
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1865.

The morning clouds + prospects for Rain favorable Nothing transpiring around the Hospital worthy of Note the Day was quite cold through we had no rain in the evening troops came in from the Head the evening spent in the town till a late hour quite lively By the soldiers + citizens by the loud cheering heard
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1865.

The morning cold + clear + the fire in Doors quite agreeable a large Detail went from the Hospitals to their respective Régiments, went down stairs for the first time since I was brought into the Hospit Decbr 2d /64 2. p.m. orders to prepare for Inspection by the Surgeon in Charge- the Nurses in a great flurry fixing up but the Surg did not come as was expectin a major Doctor came about 5 PM. + [[??]] the names of the men who were to be sent North + put down my Name with the rest

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1865.

The morning clear & cold nothing transpiring around the Hospital worth speaking of my wounds still on the mend. though not feeling very well this morning from the effects of a trip taken down stairs yesterday. Surg Brown called in to the ward to see the men of the 55th & Reported the Regiment having gone to Savannah Ga.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1865.

the morning cloudy & cool. commenced raining shortly after Noon & continued raining the remainder of the Day. Nothing of importance transpiring worthy of Note around the Hospital my wounds still on the mend.

Health good
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1895.

the morning cloudy though not very cold. My health good & my wounds still improving commenced Raining shortly after noon & rained constantly throughout the remainder of the Day and all Night long. Two men Died in the Hospital during the afternoon & Night of Typhoid Fever.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1895.

Still Raining the morning cool & disagreeable out of Doors quite comfortable in Doors with fire nothing of interest going on around the Hospital the Damp weather operating against wounds I cant say that I have felt so well for the past two or three Days Stopped raining about two p.m. & cleared up
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1865.

The morning cool & clear. Inspection of the ward by Doctor Rector at 11 a.m. & by the Surgeon in Charge at 1 P.M. Everything at each Inspection found to be best condition. Commenced raining at two P.M. & rained the remainder of the Day & Night.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1865.

The morning cool though cloudy. Rained in the afternoon. Ordered in the afternoon to get ready to go North hurriedly got my things together about sun down. The order was countermanded on account of the [Boat?] not being large enough to carry as many as was to go. Their being no room for more than what was to go out of the first Division.
Tuesday, January 24, 1865.

The morning cold & no wood to make a fire Spent the greater part of the time out of Doors in the Sun - Nothing of (?) transpiring around the Hospital a large detail sent from the hospital to the Regiment at the front

Wednesday, January 25, 1865.

Still cold. a good fire in the Room which makes it very agreeable. received two letters form Home. The folks in the enjoyment of good Health wounds still improving. all quiet around the Hospital
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1865.

Bitter cold plenty of wood & a good fire The room comfortable nothing going on around the Hospital worth speaking of continued cold throughout the Day & evening Health good & wounds improving

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1865.

Still cold everything going on peaceably my wounds still improving Health good No very severe cases in the Hospital except two men from Sherman's Pioneer Corpse who are very low & not expected to live long
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1865.

This morning cold & disagreeable a good fire on the ward about Noon a large Squad of Soldiers from Shermans Army came to the Hospital the sickest of the colored Soldiers transferred to Ward E & the rest to the tents in which squad I was included.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1865.

The morning Bitter cold spent Saturday night miserably only one Blanket to sleep under I nearly froze - Inspection at [number?] A.M. By the officer of the Day Nothing unusual transpiring Spent the greater part of the Day reading.
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1865.

Still cold but somewhat pleaseanter than it has been the past 3 or 4 mornings My Health good & my wounds still improving. a report circulated that their had been quite a number of Blankets taken from the Tents & distributed around among these women in this place. a search to be made tomorrow for them

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1865.

A heavy frost fell last night & the platform on front of the tents had the appearance of Snow Still cold but gradually becoming moderate. The Sun came out at Noon & it was quite warm the remainder of the Day the place in considerable astir about Blankets that were carried from the Hospital some of property recaptured
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1865.

This morning cool but not as cold as for several days past - the Sun came out early which made the greater part of the Day pleasant & indeed tonight say it was warm a portion of the Day all hit around the tents writing nothing seeming worth mentioning My health still good & my wounds improving.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1865.

This morning pleasant & fair. The 55th Regt came to Beauford - Dock from Fort Jackson Ga. the men looked well. They staid but a few moments when they pushed out in the stream & started for Edisto. For the afternoon a large detail sent from the tents to the different Regiments Ward H. cleared again for coloured sick that are expected in daily.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1865

The morning wet & chilly having rained nearly all night. Nothing of importance transpiring worthy of mention. Don't feel very well this morning a large number of sick soldiers came in from the front.

Lieut Swails of the 54th mass Regt. at last mustered & doing duty with this Regt at the front.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1865

This morning cloudy & chilly. Rained during the entire night. Damp & disagreeable in the tents. my wounds still improving. Health good. all quiet around the Hospital or tents. Officer in tent No 1 all right & as jolly as ever. Which makes it pleasant to be in good society.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1865.

The morning fair & Beautiful Inspection at 11 A.M Everything found to be in order The Day throughout fine Nothing of importance transpiring around the Hospital worth speaking of. 1 Hundred Wounded momentarily expected from Shermans Army Dr Brown Capt Goodwin Qr Master Mowry & several men of the Regt with Sutter Sherman arrived with the things belonging to the Regt Henry [[Wilson?]] & John Tilghman came in to see me written a Letter to Miss S.E.A

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1865.

The morning fair & Chilly Rained constantly through the Night taken a walk to the Dock. Dr Brown & Capt Goodwin called in to see me in the afternoon Capt Goodwin looking well & hearty though unable for duty in the field.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1865.

Rained throughout the Night and still raining nothing of importance transpiring around the hospital tents worth speaking of. Spent the principle part of the day in Bed owing to the damp weather which occasioned my wound to pain me very much.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1865.

This morning fair and cold. Breakfast late and large detail sent in the afternoon to the respective Regiments. The men left in good spirits all seemingly glad they were going away. My Health good wounds apparently at a stand Report arrived of the Regiment being in a fight on an Island opposite Edisto Island.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1865.

Another pretty Day but cold as charity the report respecting the Regiments being in a fight contradicted all going on fair around the Hospital tents my Health good, wounds still improving. Officers all well in Tent No 1 & as merry as ever.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1865.

The morning fair & cold & remained so till about Noon, when the sun came out & till late in the afternoon it was very pleasant when as usual it turned cold - all quiet around tent No 1 Officers present or accounted for at Roll Call though some of them had but little Sleep having come in so late or I should say early in the morning.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1865. 

The morning fair & pleasant. All quiet. Nothing of importance transpiring around the hospital. My health good & wounds still improving. Tent No 1 occupied by a jolly set of new commissioned officers & a gay time always when they are present.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1865.

Morning fair. Inspection of quarters at 11 A.M. by Dr. [[Trainer?]]. In the afternoon went to the Methodist church & heard a fine sermon delivered by a white minister from the 18th Chapter Luke & 28th verse. Written a long letter to Miss S.E.A.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1865.

The morning cloudy & damp the men busy early in the morning bringing wounded men by the 32 U.S.C.T. from the Boat came in last Night wounded on James Island S.C. a detail made out for the several Regiments but for some reason they did not go. Rained through the Night.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1865.

The morning, pleasant though somewhat cloudy the sun came out very early & dried off the ground made wet by the rain last Night. Health good & wounds still improving the Detail that was made out yesterday called [[goes?]] marched to the Provost Marshals the Boat having gone out last Night they were sent back to the tents.

Drawed an overcoat 1 Pr Pants
1 Shirt 1 Pr Drawers 1 Pr Shoes
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1865.

The morning pleasant & clear. The Detail ordered yesterday sent away early. The Boys went off in fine spirits. The entire Day fine & the evening pleasant. [Sweetness?] reigned throughout the Day & evening around the tents - Health good & wounds improving.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1865.

Fine morning the sun made its appearance Early & bid fair to be throughout a fine day. Still quiet around the tents nothing of importance transpiring. A letter received from Capt Goodwin by the Qr. Msr the Regiment at Bulls Neck is miles from Charleston & the Health reported good.
[[preprinted]] SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1865. [[/preprinted]]

A Beautiful Day or morning & bid fair to be fine throughout Spent the morning & afternoon at Church & heard two fine sermons, a Report received that Charleston & Columbia had been captured & the left wing of Shermans Army was within 25 miles of Richmond. the Hospital Boat came in and some of the men sent North to the Hospital only a few sent from the tents although quite a number expected to be sent away. a Letter to Miss SEA

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The morning cloudy & appearances for rain very favorable the weather pleasant. A salute fired early from Fort Duane in honor of the reported capture of Charleston & Columbia S.C, the Colored troops reported to have taken quite an active part in the Capture of Charleston which I hope is true as it will be the means of showing Genl Sherman that colored troops can & will fight. the Sun came out about Noon & for the rest of the Day it was quite warm.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1865

The morning fair & the weather pleasant. Reported that the Rebs are evacuating Richmond & going to Columbia SC & that a portion of the colored troops of the Depot are ordered to Charleston to hold the place. All quiet around the tents. My health good & wounds improving. Afternoon Six hundred freedmen reported to have arrived at the place from parts not known.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1865

A Beautiful morning the weather pleasant. In Bad Health spent the Day in Bed. In the Afternoon a Boat came in from Charleston bringing quite a number of Freedmen. A portion of them stopped here. The remainder were carried to the Head. They reported our Regiment doing Provost Duty in Charleston SC. At Noon a salute fired at the Head in honor of the Birthday of Washington.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1865.

The morning cloudy & appearances for Rain favorable. A detail left Early for the Regiments Rain'd from 11 to 2 oclock & was damp the rest of the Day. Several men ordered from the tents before the Board for examination. The result of the examination no one knows anything of as yet. Several of the Boys caught down street & put in the Dead House.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1865.

Raining hard & bids fair to "be" wet the Day throughout. Health good & wounds feeling tolerable well. All night in tent No 1. Officers as merry as ever & all apparently well & hearty nothing transpired throughout the Day worth speaking of. Rained nearly all the evening. Reported that Columbia the Capitol of the state Captured by a part of Sherman's Army & burnt to the ground.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1865.

The morning Damp & Chilly & appearances indicate to some extent Rain. Health good & wounds still improving hope soon to be able to go to my Regiment. Quite busy on the afternoon moving the wounded & Sick men or rather separating them moved from No 1 Tent to No 8. Officers of No 1 Tent scattered abroad.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1865.

Raining hard the weather pleasant Inspection by Dr Trenor of Quarters at 10 AM continued rain hard the entire day & Evening All quiet around the Tents. Did not go to Church - on account of the Rain being two severe but spent the day Reading & writing to friends at Home written a Letter to Miss S.E.A. & Cousin Andrew. A portion of Wheeler's Cavalry made a dash at the Ferry & reported to have crossed.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1865.

Still Raining very hard. & no passable appearances for stopping soon. an Early Breakfast. continued to Rain all day long
A Boat-load of colored men & women came in on the afternoon from Charleston The 55th Regt reported at or near the City of Charleston some of the companies doing garrison Duty in the [[Forts?]] around the City. The Doctor busy collecting a Detail for the Regiment's No news from the front all quiet around the Hospital

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1865.

The morning Cloudy & Chilly. a mail came in but no Letter for J.S. continued Cloudy the Day throughout though no Rain fell No News from the front all Quiet around the Tents my Health good & wounds apparently at a stand still not improving very much. Spent the greater part of the Afternoon in Reviewing the 1st & 2nd Volumes Casys Tactics after which written a Letter to [[Geo?]] B Lewis

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FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1865.

The morning Cloudy thought it cleared off about 8 oclock & was a beautiful Day.

Inspection of Quarters at 10 A M by Brig Gen Williams & Staff everything on Capital order a mail came in received one Letter three papers writing Paper envelopes & stamps from Home & one Letter from Uncle James his family all well Several of the men absent from Roll & put in the Dead House.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1865.

Morning Cloudy & Blustery Rained about 8 A M & was cloudy thereafter through the Day. some of the men that were put in the Dead House last Night were taken out this morning by order of the Doctor & put to walking in Front of No 1 Hospital with a Knap sack of sand on & under Guard. written an answer to the Letter received from Uncle James.
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1865.

Morning fair & pleasant no Inspection of Quarters
A large detail sent from the Hospitals to the different Regiments a Change in Doctors in Charge 2nd Division
Doctor Relieved by another Doctor & report says he goes to Charleston S.C. written a Letter to Miss S.E.A. & to my Father one also to Sergt Shorter & Jones

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1865.

Morning fair & pleasant & the Day throughout fine all Quiet around the Tents nothing transpiring worth speaking of Reported by a man from the City of Charleston that the 55th Mass. Regt. is there & a portion of it garrisoning some of the Forts around the City
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1865.

The morning fair & Cool, the Day Changeable. Health good a report in circulation that Sherman had a Fight near [Goldstone?] N.Co. & the first Day his army was defeated with a loss of 13000 killed wounded & missing but the second Day's fight he whipped the Rebs with a heavier loss to them & captured the place.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1865.

Raining hard, all the morning & bid fair to continue throughout the entire Day. No News from the front all Quiet around the Hospital Health good. received a Letter from Home friends & relatives all well. cleared up in the afternoon. a fire in the Night in the town in a building occupied as a Tailor Shop.
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1865.

Raining hard & continued to rain all day long. quite a stir among the cooks about Rations that were disposed of wrongfully the matter thoroughly investigated by the Steward & Doctor & the mystery ferreted out several men put in the guard House for absence at Roll Call Health good & wounds improving.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1865.

Still raining hard Doctor Babbitt of the Regt arrived here & reported the Regt is on its way to Newbern N C & 40 mile beyond Charleston when he left it he reported the men generally well & living in high style on the Country as they passed along. Taken a walk to town. Reported that Charlottesville Ga is taken & the Rebel General Early taken prisoner.
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1865.

Morning fair & pleasant. Dr. Busy making detail to go to Northern Hospital all Quiet around the Hospital nothing of importance transpiring worth speaking of. Several new recruits for the 26th U.S.C.T. came to the Hospital with frozen feet. Lieut. Bean of Co D 55 Mass Vols in town the Regt in Camp near Charleston Boys all well. Letter from Sergt Jones & Shorter

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1865.

Morning Cloudy though very pleasant. Rained about 9 o clock A.M. & again at 12 M. when it cleared up. Taken a walk to town met with a young man belonging to the 20th Ohio & had a long talk with him of Home & persons then went to the Post-office & received two Letters from the Regt one from [[G. B. Le?]] one from Sergt Shorter. Boys all well as usual
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1865.

Morning Cloudy Rained at Nine A M but cleared off shortly after, & was clear the remainder of the Day the Doctor busy making out a detail for the Regiments. Lieut. Bean arrived from the Head with a Boat Loaded the things & started for Charleston several of the Boys of the Regt. went with him but the Doctor would not consent to my going hope though in a few days to be able to go.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1865.

The morning Blustery though pleasant. All quiet around the tents nothing transpiring worth speaking of clouded over about Noon & rained about 2 P.M. & throughout the remainder of the afternoon written a Letter to Sergt Jones Shorter G.B. Lewis my Father & Brother. cleared up about dusk & was quite cold all the Evening.
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1865.

The morning clear & pleasant the sun came out early & the Day was warm throughout. Inspection & Drs Call being so late did not go to Church in the morning. The afternoon spent principally in Reading & reviewing Caseys Tactics. A report received that Raleigh N.C. was captured by Shermans forces.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1865.

Morning beautiful & pleasant mail came in received two Papers from my Father, a Letter from my Sister & J. H. Day. Relatives & friends at Home well. Conference to commence in Delaware on the 18th April ordered to HQrs of the Div to Clerk by Dr [Way?] not liking the position did not willingly discharge the Duties assigned me. During the Night it rained some.
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1865.

Morning pleasant though somewhat cloudy Dr. Witmore busy making out a detail to go to Duty.
written a Letter to my Sister Anna & J. H. Day. commenced raining about 2 P.M. & rained till late in the evening.
The Doctor on charge of the Division ordered the Roll at each ward & the tents to be called three times each Day until further orders, at the Hours of 7. 11. & 4. o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1865.

The morning clear The rain of last Night made the atmosphere pleasant
not feeling very well went to Bed shortly after Breakfast where I remained nearly all day long. Detail left early this morning for the respective Regiments. all Quiet around the Hospital
No News from the front

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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1865.  

morning clear & Beautiful at Roll call a series of orders from the Surgeon on charge were read after listening to which I taken a long walk along the Banks of the River a mile or two came back & went to Guard mounting after Guard mount went to the Banks of the River again & under the Shade of the old oak I studied to considerable extent the 1st vol Casys Tactics 5.000 Rebs reported at Waterbury without any artillery

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1865.  

the morning clear & Beautiful arose early taken a walk went to Breakfast after which as is my style of late I strolled along the Banks of the River in searching curiosities. Roll Call at 11 A.M. Dinner at 12 after which I visited the Grave Yard & visited the Graves of some of my old comrades who died of wounds received at the Battle of Honey Hill Nov 30/64 In the evening the chaplain for some time played on his melodeon some favorite tunes which were delightful to listen to
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1865.

The morning clear & Beautiful though somewhat chilly after an early Breakfast & attendance at Roll call I taken a walk came pass where Guard mounting was being held & listened to some fine music discoursed by the Post band. The Day was fine throughout & nothing transpired worthy of mention. Received a Letter from G. B. Lewis the Boys all well. Suffering from the effects of the tooth ache which kept me awake all the Night Long.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1865.

the morning fair & Beautiful Still troubled with the toothache. the pain of which is more severe than last night & my face swelled to considerable extent.

Inspection of Quarters by Dr. Way at Ten A.M.

Shortly after several men of the 55th Mass Regt came to the Hospital Sick from Charleston S. C. went to the Methodist Church & listened to a fine Sermon from the 21st Chap & 15th verse of Job preached By a white Chaplain spent the afternoon making up for Sleep lost last Night a Letter from Miss S.E.A. & Miss [Da. W?] G.B.Le. [J.I.W.?] Cousin James & Andrew Freeman
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1865.

Morning clear & Beautiful a Report received that a battle had been fought in NC between the forces of Schofield & the Rebel Genl Bragg. Bragg defeated with a heavy loss. By this fight a junction was made between the Armies of Sherman & Schofield. Taken a walk to town Met [[Sutter?]] Johnson & heard from the Regt. went to the Post office received two letters one from Sergt Maj Trotter & one from Corpl. McFarlin. Written a letter to cousin James Freeman.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1865.

Raining hard though the weather pleasant all Quiet around the Hospital. Written a letter to Miss ^[S.E.A.]^ Miss D.A.W. Mr [[J.I.W.?]] cousin Andrew G B Lewis Corpl McFarlin, in the afternoon some sick came to the Hospital continued the Day throughout to Rain hard no news of importance from the front though it was gravely reported that a portion of Genl. Sherman’s Army occupied Goldsboro N.C. two papers the Savannah Herald & new South sent to Miss S.E.A.

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The morning wet & disagreeable rained throughout the entire Night & continued to rain till noon when it cleared up & was clear throughout the Day. late in the afternoon the 1st Regt passed up the River in the direction of Edisto though their true destiny was unknown some supposed they were going to Watersburg S.C.

Raining hard & somewhat chilly & cold. the 54th Mass Regt reported at the Docks on it's way to some point unknown. all Quiet around the Hosptl No News from the front continued to rain till Noon when it cleared up & for the remainder of the Day it was fair though somewhat windy.
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1865.

The morning clear & chilly. though the sun made its appearance early the wind made it quite disagreeable. a Letter from Sergt Shorter the Boys in the company all well. in the afternoon not feeling very well spent the time in bed Nothing New from the front all quiet around the Hospital. Late in the evening the 102. Band was in the vicinity of the tents & played some fine music & also sang the Mocking Bird.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1865.

The morning clear & pleasant. the sun made its appearance early & it was pleasant the most part of the Day. after Breakfast & the usual attendance at Roll call I went to Guard Mount & listened to the Band of the 102 Regt which played some fine music. while absent from the Hospital heard that the 55th Mass. Regt had gone to Georgetown S.C. on an expedition from Jas Id.
the morning clear & pleasant. Inspection of Quarters by the Asst. Surg in charge at 10 A.M. after which I went to the Methodist Church it being so crowded did not stay to preaching, after Dinner & during the greater part of the afternoon spent the time in conversation with old friends in the evening went to church & listened to a fine sermon delivered by Elisha Weaver Editor [[strike-through]] [[Angl & Afric?]] [[/strike-through]] Christian Recorder.

the morning cloudy though the weather pleasant appearances for rain favorable though the sun came out & it was fair all Day. After Breakfast & Roll call I attended Guard mounting, met with Brother Weaver & went down town where we met Brother Lynch & had a long talk of Home & other things. in the Evening went to the School House at Ward D with the expectation of hearing an address from the Rev Weaver but for some unknown reason he did not make his appearance
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1865.

A Beautiful morning the sun came out early & the Day throughout was unusually fine. a mail came in a Letter from [Mate?] & 2 Papers from my Father written a Letter to my Father Mate Sergt Shorter in the afternoon 2 more Papers from my Father late in the afternoon taken a walk to town, as far as the Post office. Reported Fight before Richmond between the armies of Grant & Lee in which the latter was worsted to a considerable extent.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1865.

Morning clear & fine nothing transpiring around the Hospital all Quiet. a Letter to Sergt. Maj. Trotter. Reported that Surg Delany & a coloured captain had arrived in the town of Beaufort no news from the front. the Day was unusually fine though it was quite chilly in the Afternoon
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1865

The morning fair a detail left the Hospital for the different Regiments, a Letter from Sergt Shorter the Boys all well & getting along finely written a Letter to Sergt [Fountain?] Shorter. Steward Crawford and Miss S.E.A the Day throughout fine and nothing transpired worthy of notice no news from the front.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1865

A fine morning & appearances bid fair for it to be a warm day though after Dinner it turned out quite cool & was quite unpleasant for the remainder of the Day. in the evening I met went to the Methodist church & listened to a fine speech delivered by Major Delany the House was crowded to overflowing. The speech was elaborate & interesting throughout & the speaker showed himself to have a thorough knowledge of his subject. he is attached to the staff of Maj. Genl Saxton
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1865.

the morning cloudy & somewhat cool & remained this the Day throughout on the afternoon
Maj Genl Saxton's staff went to Charleston the Band of the 102 Regt went also A report in circulation that the Rebel Army has evacuated the City of Richmond & gone into the mountains. quite a stir around the Hospitl several men put to bed on Bread & water for non attendance at Roll call.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1865.

the morning Pleasant though somewhat cool two Boat loads of excursionists left Beaufort for Charleston to be Present at the raising of the flag over Sumpter on the 16th Inst by Genl Anderson. Inspection at 9½ oclock. the line formed on front of ward A. & the ^[men] Inspected by the asst. Surg in charge. Inspection of Quarters at 10 AM By the asst surg in charge accompanied by the Steward everything in capital order. a salute fired at the Head at 12 M & Reported to be in honor of the capture of Richmond with 12000 Prisoners & 5000 Guns. rained hard in the afternoon.
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1865.

The morning fair the rain of last night made it very pleasant, though after the sun came out it was quite sultry. The Day throughout the report respecting the capture of Prisoners & Guns at Richmond changed to 25,000 Prisoners & 400 Guns this is good enough if true. All Quiet around the Hospital nothing transpiring worth speaking of. A Letter to Father Brother & Miss S.E.A.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1865.

The morning beautiful & prospects for a fine Day favorable troubled with the toothache all Day long. In the evening a mail came in recd a Letter from Father Aunt, Corpri McFarlin Miss A.M.G. & Miss S.E.A. the folks at Home well, no news from the Army of importance.
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1865.

the morning Pleasant though cloudy Rained during the Day some little. All Quiet around the Hospital no news from the front.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1865.

the morning fair & Beautiful. seized with a severe headache & Fever which compelled me to go to Bed where I remained all Day long. though in "[the]" evening felt some better.
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1865.

The morning somewhat cloudy but it early cleared off. & was pleasant though a little windy the Day throughout. quite a number of strangers in town among whom I saw Lieut Garrison of the Mass 55th but did not have a chance to speak to him. in the afternoon it was reported that Garrison, Beecher & Wilson were to speak while the platform was being erected a report was received that Lincoln had been murdered & the meeting was Postponed

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1865.

The morning fair & the weather pleasant received a Letter from Miss S.E.A. [J H D?] my Brother & cousin Andrew the folks in Delaware well my Brothers Regt in camp Lee Richmond Va. the town still in excitement respecting the report received of the assassination of President Lincoln & Secy Seward though the reports somewhat modified
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1865

The morning fair & the Day throughout Beautiful a large Detail left the Hospital for the Regiments but returned again to the Hospital as no transportation could be procured. ordered to prepare for Genl Inspection but no Inspecting officer came received a letter from G B Lewis the Regt in a raid & at Eutah springs when he written. written a letter to miss S.E.A. Sergt Jones GB Lewis my Brother Corprl Mcfarlin & J. H. Day

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1865

The rising sun betokens fair weather & a tolerable warm day. The Detail again left the Hospital & this time was more successful. taken with a chill in the morning & confined to bed all day. a report circulated that Maj Genl Sheridan had arrived at the Head also that arrangements were being made for peace. immediately.
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1865.

the morning clear & Pleasant taken two Quinia Powders early after which I felt some better. still talks of Inspection though at 1 PM no Inspecting officers had made their appearance at 4½ PM the Inspecting officer came & after a most thorough Inspecting pronounced everything in capitol order both in the Wards & Units Received from Lt Col Fox my commission & order to be mustered as 2nd Lt in the 55th Mass Vol Infrty Regt which I showed to Dr. Way & he promised to give it his attention.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1865.

the morning fair & the weather pleasant Inspection in front of Ward "A" by the asst surg in charge of the Division. the men complimented by the Inspecting officer at Genl Inspection yesterday for their neatness & soldierly appearance the asst surg in charge assured all that he would always endeavor to do all his power for their comfort while his orders were obeyed but unless they were offenders would be punished severely.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1865.

the morning fair & Beautiful left the Hospitals for my Regiment at 8 A.M. arrived at Hilton Head at or before noon went to the Provost Marshals where we obtained some Dinner, after Dinner went to the Dock & went aboard the steamer Coil bound for the city of Charleston [strikethrough] to where we arrived [strikethrough] which left the Docks at 10½ PM after taking on considerable freight. The Mail Boat came in before we left the Head

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1865.

The morning fine arrived at Charleston at 6¼ AM went ashore & went to the Provost Marshalls office from where we went to the soldiers rest, after receiving some Rations. four of us belonging to the 55th Regt crossed the Ashley River to St Andrews. Parishes camp Hollowol - where the Regt is. found the men & officers well & apparently anxious to see me. spent the afternoon & evening till late in conversation with the men written a Letter to Miss S.E.A.
SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1865.  

the morning fair & the Day throughout fine. Muster & Inspection of the Regt at 3 PM by Lieut Col Fox.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1865.  

the Day fine throughout company Drill during the Day a salute fired from the Batteries of Morris Island in honor of the cessation of Hostilities Between the Army of Johnston & Bearegard.
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1865.

the morning, cloudy heavy firing from the forts & Batteries around about Charleston. orders to issue 3 days rations to the men & be ready to move at a moments warning. a flag of truce sent out. to the Rebs the assembly sounded at 10 AM to the Regt formed in line & an order read by the Comdg officer to the Regt.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1865.

The Day fine nothing transpiring worthy of mention.
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1865.

a find day though unusually warm

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1865.

a pleasant morning & the Day throughout fine - no news from the front all. Quiet in & around Camp. my health good & wounds somewhat at a stand still getting no better nor worse.
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1865. The morning fine and the Day throughout pleasant. The men leaving received orders to prepare for marching at six A.M. tomorrow they were all busy preparing their things for the tramp

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1865. The morning fair the Regt. formed in line at six AM & started for Orangeburg a small detachment of sick & wounded were left in Camp in charge of Lieut Harmen. The men assigned to Quarters in the street of Co "G" busy all day fixing up my tent in company with S. J. Robinson, when night came I was tired and sleepy enough & not feeling [either?] very well from the Days fatigue.
MONDAY, MAY 8, 1865.

A cloudy morning & favorable appearance for Rain. nothing transpiring worthy of note 1st Sergt Lewis in charge of District as 1st Sergt taken a walk as far as the Sutters shortly after noon it commenced Raining. & continued to Rain nearly the entire afternoon.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1865.

an unusually warm day all Quiet around camp several Ladies visited camp from the City of Charleston.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1865.

the morning fair & appearances for a warm day favorable, which it really was. & I must say it was unpleasant nothing transpiring through the day worthy of mention. enjoying the time well eating Blackberries & strawberries & milk in the Evening several of the 54th Detachment came over & spent the evening till Roll call very pleasantly in conversation.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1865.

the morning Beautiful & the day throughout very warm & unpleasant news from the Regiment by the Qr Master Sergt who came after the officers Baggage that was left at Charleston the Regt at Summerville & report says they are doing Provost daily there and are likely to remain there some time two.
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1865.

The morning fair & the Day unusually fine, taken a short walk, rather lonesome in camp. during the entire Day & especially during the afternoon no ladies came from the City to spend the Day as usual.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1865.

The morning pleasant & the Day fine a small mail came in. Received one Letter from my Brother & from Corp. Brown & G. M. Lewis, D. C. A. & G. [Cos?] at & near Ridgeville on the 11th Inst the day the letter was written, the men tolerable well & hearty, the remainder of the Regiment at Summerville no news of importance all Quiet around Camp. Captain Goodwin in Camp & inspected the 54th Mass Regt. in the morning.
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1865.

The Day fair
Nothing transpiring around the - P
Hospital worthy of mention

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1865.

a Beautiful morning & the Day throughout pleasant
MONDAY, MAY 22, 1865.

The morning fair & the Day throughout Pleasant
Nothing transpiring worthy of mention
in the Hospital till afternoon when Mrs Parker paid the Hospital another
visit in Company with a Gentleman.

Lieut Lee of the Regt called at the Hospitl to see the men Lieut. Garrison
reported in town

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1865.

the morning clear & Beautiful
Sergt Welsh of Co "C" came to the Hospital & Drum Major Lett. & Sergt
Smith also came as witnesses in the case of Pelette, & several others
who are confined in Jail for crimes committed in days past & gone.
Captain Grant also came from the Regiment to the City on Business
FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1865.

the morning wet & disagreeable
Rained the entire day.
Nothing transpiring around the Hospital worth attention
No news from the Regiment.
The Damp Weather was the cause of much pain to me, all day long

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1865.

The morning cloudy though no Rain fell through the Day of consequence. nothing transpiring around the Hospital worthy of attention.
The Sick generally getting along as well as could be expected.
Late in the afternoon it turned quite cold & was Chilly throughout a part of the evening.
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1865.

The morning beautiful & the day throughout fine. Inspection at 10 AM by the medical officer of the District everything in Capitol order the Day unusually quiet no visitor came to the Hospital as is usual to see the Sick.

MONDAY, MAY 29, 1865.

A bright morning & a pleasant day a small detail left the Hospital for the different Regiments. No news all quiet around the Hospital. Taken a walk on the afternoon to the A.A. Generals office. Heard that Lt Col Fox & Captain Hamilton were expected soon. On their way home on a leave of absence.
TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1865.

A pleasant & fair morning a small mail came in received two letters one from my Brother & [G.B.L?] the Boys in the company well, in the afternoon taken a short walk to see a lady I have made since after which I have been in the Hospital I went on Company with several Ladies to the Review of the troops by Genl Hatch & Gumby on the Citadel Green, the sight was very imposing & was witnessed by quite a number of spectators the Drill was excellent throughout. late in the evening it Rained some.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1865.

A pleasant morning though somewhat cloudy, the Rain that fell though the night made the atmosphere very pleasant & salubrious no news of importance around the Hospital. Everything quiet in the afternoon several Ladies came into the Hospital to see the sick men. & also brought them refreshments or rather something to eat more palatable than we generally have issued in the Hosp. to us.
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1865.

The morning beautiful & the weather delightful nothing transpiring around the Hospital. worth speaking of.

In the evening several men from the 54 & 55 mass Regts. came to the Hospital.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1865.

The morning beautiful & the Day throughout fine Sergt Evans Co "A & Private Bradley Co H went before the Board to be examined for their discharge's. Everything was unusually quiet around the hospital. throughout the entire day & nothing transpired worthy of mention.
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1865.

The morning fair & pleasant Sergt Wm H Dupree having arrived in town last night from camp on Business came to the Hosptl this morning & reported the men in the Regiment well & hearty & in a pleasant location. though nothing very special going on in the Regt. a detail made out to go away in which I was included left the Hospital about 8 PM & went aboard the steamer Cosmopolitan that laid at the Dock to convey the sick to the Head & Beaufort.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1865.

the morning fair & pleasant the Boat still at the Charleston Dock after a pleasant nights rest arose made my bed washed & prepared for Breakfast the Boat left the Dock at 9 1/2 A.M. & went out of the harbor to the light ship & for some reason we were obliged to return to Charleston again, here we remained till 4 1/2 PM when we again made a start & arrived at Hilton Head at 11 PM after setting ashore the part of our crew that was to be left, we started for Beaufort.

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MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1865.

Arrived at Beaufort S.C. at six AM went ashore & proceeded to the Hosptl. the men assigned Quarters in the different Hospital's on the 2nd division In the afternoon several of my old acquaintances received their discharge from service for disability occasioned by wounds & intend to start for their homes at the earliest possible moment the day throughout pleasant some rain fell in the afternoon which made the air more pleasant.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1865.

the morning fair & pleasant after a pleasant nights rest arose Dressed & prepared for Breakfast after Breakfast went into the office & wrote till the afternoon. or rather assisted in the preparation of Discharge papers.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1865.

The morning began fair & pleasant & continued so throughout the day all Quiet around the Hospital still very busy in the office & work a plenty to do for all hands in the office.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1865.

The day throughout pleasant as was the morning all Quiet around the Hospital nothing occurring worthy of note.
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1865.

The morning fair & the Day pleasant quiet. A number of men left the Hospital Discharged for their homes north.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1865.

The morning pleasant & fair. The day not spent so busy as several days prior. Though enough found to do not & occasion grumbling.
SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1865

This morning pleasant & the day unusually fine though I did not enjoy much of it out of doors, as I was busy the fore part of the day writing in the afternoon the chaplain preached a sermon to the men in front of Ward "A", written a letter to my Father & Sergt Shorter, in the afternoon,

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1865

A fine morning & a Pleasant Day not very busy in the office today taken a walk to town after dinner & stopped at the Post Office but did not have the pleasure of getting a letter somewhat to my disappointment as expected a letter from home
Tuesday, June 13, 1865

A cloudy day morning though it soon cleared up & was pleasant through the Day.

Wednesday, June 14, 1865

A pleasant morning & a fine day throughout health good nothing occurring worthy of note.
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1865.

A fine morning and the day pleasant throughout quite busy in the Office all day long to till late in the evening
No news of importance

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1865.

A Beautiful morning & a fine day. All quiet around the Hospital making preparations for a large squad of men that are to leave Hospital tomorrow
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1865.

A fine morning - a Pleasant Day 66 men left the Hospital for their homes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1865.

The morning Beautiful Inspection of Quarters at 9 AM by the Asst Surgeon in charge. Shortly before noon it clouded over & rained throughout the entire Afternoon. [hands?]
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1865.

The morning clear pleasant after the shower of yesterday quite a number of men left the Hospital for their Homes discharged the service.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1865.

The morning fair clear & pleasant nothing transpiring of interest around the Hospital
Quite busy in the office all day long.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1865.

this morning began fair though it clouded over & Rained some before
nightfall [?] none of any great consequence
health still goods & wounds improving

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1865.

a fine morning & the day throughout pleasant then day spent very
leisurely in the office by all hands concerned nothing much to do
FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1865.

A pleasant morning & prospects for a fine day, favorable not very busy in
the office after the usual Routine of Business was finished.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1865.

Another Beautiful morning. After my morning's work was completed as
there was no very pressing business taken a stroll to town where I
remained the greater part of the morning. The day unusually pleasant a
shower now & then cooling the atmosphere to some extent.
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1865.

The morning fair & pleasant. Inspection of the wards & tents at 9 AM. by the asst Surg in charge of the Hospital all quiet around the office. not much to be done in the way of Business.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1865.

The morning fair. After Breakfast went into the office & commenced writing & was busy the entire day writing.
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1865.

Still in hospital the morning pleasant & fair. Much work to do commenced making out the muster Pay Rolls for the Hospital & was busy all day long.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1865.

The morning fair all quiet around the Hospital still a work at the Rolls though did not spend much time at them during this day.
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1865.

the morning fair & appearances for a fine day favorable quite Busy all Day long working on the muster Rolls. making up for lost time yesterday

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1865.

A pleasant morning the convalescents of the Hospital paraded in front of ward A & mustered for pay by Asst Surg J. G. Murphy in charge at 10 am.
SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1865

the morning pleasant & clear after the usual morning work busy finishing the muster & pay Rolls the Remainder of the day

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1865

Another pleasant Sabbath the usual Inspection was omitted for some reason not known. the day quiet nothing going on in the office & nothing transpiring worthy of mention around the wards.
MONDAY, JULY 3, 1865.

The morning fair at 9 AM I bid farewell once more to Beaufort Hospital. arrived at Hilton about noon there I staid till 10 P.M. at which time I started for the city of Charleston SC.

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 1865.

arrived at Charleston 5 1/2 am spent the day in the city though nothing transpired through the day worthy of mention the Home guards paraded through the town during the day & made quite a fine appearance.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1865. 

The morning clear at 7 AM I started for Orangeburg where my Regiment is encamped at which place I arrived about 1 1/2 PM found all the men well & hearty found the Regt location though in the woods the camp warm.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1865. 

The morning clear & the Day unusually warm nothing transpiring worthy of mention throughout the day. made application to go to Charleston S.C. to be mustered.
FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1865

A Pleasant morning though the day miserably warm & unpleasant in camp nothing transpiring worthy of notice

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1865

A warm morning & continued so throughout the day nothing transpiring through the camp worthy of mention.
SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1865.

The morning clear left Orangeburg at 8 AM for the city of Charleston In company with the major & several other members of the Regiment arrived at C about 3 P.M. spent the remainder of the afternoon & evening very pleasantly at the house of Mr Parker.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1865.

The morning clear & pleasant after a pleasant nights rest arose taken Breakfast after which went to the hotel from which place in company with maj [?] proceeded to the office of Capt Robinson chief Commissary of Musters & was mustered as 2nd Lieut in the 55th mass Regiment spent the remainder of the Day visiting in the city.
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1865.

the morning clear & pleasant after Breakfast taken a short walk. met up with a friend & was persuaded to go to Mount Pleasant where I spent the Day very pleasantly in the society of quite a number of Ladies & Gents returned to Charleston at 8 P.M. Mrs Parker had returned from Summerville when I reached house.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1865.

the morning clear & pleasant at 7 A.M. left Charleston for Orangeburg S C at which place I arrived at 2 P.M. & from there I rode to camp & reported to the cmdg officer of the Regt. & was ordered to report to the cmdg officer of Co "K" for duty.
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1865.

The morning pleasant after a pleasant nights rest on my new quarters I arose dressed & prepared for Breakfast my new Guests I found to be quite sociable & endeavor to be anxious to make it pleasant for me.

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1865.

The morning fair & pleasant nothing transpiring worth speaking of. Co.G. left camp early for [Branchville?] to where they are to be stationed for awhile Co B. reported to the Regiment & company expected tomorrow some time during the Day.
SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1865. 

the morning cloudy & appearances for rain favorable though it cleared up early & was very pleasant the remainder of the day received a letter from corprl McFarlin from Davids Island N.C. harbor & to which I written an answer & divided it to his home Baltimore I also written several other letters to different persons.

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1865. 

this morning pleasant Inspection of this co at nine a.m. by Lieut Beau Inspection of Quarters by the field & staff. at 10 a.m. during the forenoon company "I" came from Fort Mott while rambling around the camp in the afternoon I met with a Mr Pierson from the city of Washington who was well acquainted with my folks.
Monday, July 17, 1865

The morning cloudy. Rained early. Though it cleared up soon & was pleasant during the day.

Tuesday, July 18, 1865

The morning fair & pleasant & this day unusually warm, nothing transpiring in camp, worthy of mention.
another warm morning though clear & continued warm throughout the day.

The morning clear & warm & continued so all day long & especially during the evening.
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1865

The morning fair & the day unusually warm & unpleasant. All quiet around camp.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1865

The morning fair & pleasant though the day unusually warm nothing transpiring in camp worthy of mention.
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 1865

This morning clear though warm. The Rev M Boules post-chaplain at Orangeburg preached to this Regiment at 10 a.m. in the camps. I did not go to hear him but those who did speak well of it. The day clear throughout but extremely warm late in the afternoon it clouded over & Rained for a short while.

MONDAY, JULY 24, 1865

This morning fair & pleasant & still very warm in the afternoon. It Rained hard about half hour after which it began to hail & hailed for awhile quite smart & some of the largest hail that I have seen for quite awhile.
A pleasant morning & the day unusually fine. ordered to prepared to move in the morning at six am to Relieve 4 companies of the [[112''?]] Provost duty in the town of Orangeburg a report in camp that the regiment was ordered to be mustered out as soon as possible

The morning clear & beautiful struck tents. Left camp cos D E I & K to do Provost duty in the town after getting to camp we were rather hurriedly called on to go before the examining board in the afternoon. The detachment inspected by Capt Tracy.
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1865.

Left camp to go to Charleston on Business the morning clear left the Burg at 8 AM arrived at Charleston 2 1/2 PM went immediately to my [?] & received my pay after waiting some time after which I went to my Boarding place & went to rest early.

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1865.

the morning clear Spent the day very busily running around attending business until late & I felt when bed time came somewhat tired & fatigued.
SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1865.

Left Charleston SC at 7 AM & arrived at Orangeburg SC 3 1/2 P.M. walked on to camp & when I reached there I felt somewhat fatigued after my tramp. Rained some in the evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1865.

The morning fair and Beautiful Guard mounting at 8 AM Inspection of company at 9 AM ([Inspection?] of Quarters by commanding Detachment at 10 AM the day throughout pleasant Dress Parade at 6 P.M. during the evening it rained a considerable
MONDAY, JULY 31, 1865.

the morning pleasant though somewhat cloudy Guard mount at 7.00 am after which I spent the day very leisurely no news all Quiet in camp

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1865.

the morning fair and pleasant though it clouded over shortly afternoon & Rained hard for quite awhile. all Quiet in camp. nothing transpiring worthy of mention.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1865.

The morning cloudy though pleasant. Rained in the afternoon for a considerable while, nothing transpiring in camp worthy of mention. Dress Parade as usual.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1865.

The morning fair & pleasant & continued so till early in the afternoon when it clouded over & had all the appearances of rain. Company "I" Delivered by Co "S" & ordered to report to the Regiment. By which change Capt [[Neall?]] was relieved of the command of the Detachment by Capt [[Shurber?]]
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1865. 

the morning pleasant Rain fell to considerable extent in the afternoon a small mail came in in the afternoon Received a Letter from Home Relatives & friends all well

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1865. 

the morning pleasant & fair Busy in the afternoon after Brigade Inspection [?] [?] to the company no news of importance in camp worth mentioning.
Sunday, August 6, 1865.

The morning fair though warm. Inspection of the company at 9 o'clock A.M. Inspection of the Quarters of the Detacht at 10 o'clock A.M. of commd officer of the Detacht. Dress Parade at six P.M. the day unusually quiet not many visitors in camp.

Monday, August 7, 1865.

The morning pleasant & fair several of the officers of the Detcht went to Charleston to be mustered to higher Grades in the Regiment among whom was the major & asst Surg of the Regt.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1865.

the morning pleasant & fair Inspection of the Detacht at 8 AM by Captain Jewett 102nd Regt. [?][?][A.A.][?] the Inspection only tolerable favorable a small mail came in Received a Letter from Matthew McFarlin from new [Bedford][?] [mar?]
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1865.

a Beautiful morning & the day unusually pleasant no news in camp of importance.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1865.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1865

Beautiful morning the day considerably pleasant. no news in camp of importance.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1865

the morning wet stopped Raining Just before 7. AM. Inspection of the Co. at 8½ am of Quarters by Commdg Off Detacht at 9½ AM shortly after which it began to Rain & Rained hard all the Remainder of the day.
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1865.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1865.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1865.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1865.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1865.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1865.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1865.

The morning fair & beautiful
Inspection of company at 8 a.m. after which was busy all day long
working on the muster out Rolls till six P.M. when we had dress Parade
after which was supper. Soon as this was over again went to work on
the rolls & worked till late in the evening

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1865.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1865.

The morning fair & beautiful Inspection of company at 8 AM after which we were busy all day long working on the muster out Roll till six P.M. when we had dress Parade after which was supper. Soon as this was over again we went to work on the rolls & worked till late in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1865.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1865

the morning fair & Beautiful left Orangebury SC for Charleston SC to when we arrived about 4 PM & crossed the harbor to Mount Pleasant where we went into camp & spent the evening

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1865

the morning fair & pleasant after a pleasant nights rest arose Dressed washed & prepared for the Business of the day which was very complicated in the afternoon went to work
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1865.

the morning pleasant though not very clear at work at the Rolls a very
plesant room selected to do the writing in all Quiet to day around camp

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1865.

A fine morning & a pleasant day though somewhat busy all day long on
the muster Out Rolls nothing new transpiring in & around mount

pleasant worth speaking of an excursion party from the City stopped a
few moments at the dock
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1865.

the morning cloudy & the day throughout unpleasant. [very.?] a small mail came to Mount Pleasant & I received two letters from Home the friends & Relatives well

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1865.

the morning cloud still Busy at the Rolls & Papers of the company hope though to finish them to day when we will be at leisure for awhile
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1865.

The morning fair & Beautiful afternoon it rained some though nothing worth speaking of. Quite a number of the Officers went to Charleston S.C. to a pleasure trip no news worth speaking of in camp awaiting transportation to start for home.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1865.

The morning pleasant though somewhat windy in the afternoon went to Charleston & spent the afternoon & evening very pleasantly in the society of several ladies.
FRIDAY, SEPT 1, 1865.

A pleasant morning still in the city of Charleston the day spent in visiting around the city & the evening to a late hour in carousing & enjoyment of went to bed very late & did not expect to get much rest

SATURDAY, SEPT 2, 1865.

The morning fair & Beautiful left Charleston S.C. about 6 AM & arrived at Mount Pleasant at 10 AM no news of the arrival of a Boat for the Regiment all quiet around camp nothing transpiring worth speaking of. in the evening spent several hours very pleasantly at a Party in the society of the Mount Pleasant ladies.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, 1865.
The morning fair & Beautiful Inspection of companies at 8 A.M. in the afternoon Gene Burnett in company with two or three ladies paid a visit to Mount pleasant but did not remain very long.

MONDAY, SEPT. 4, 1865.
The morning fair & Beautiful
TUESDAY, SEPT. 5, 1865.

the morning fair & Beautiful went to Charleston on a small visit & returned to Mount Pleasant in the afternoon all quiet around camp.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6, 1865.

the morning clear & fair a small mail came into camp but no letters for me. Colonel [Nult?] came from the city & reported that six companies would be ready to start tomorrow morning & company K was included in the number.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 7, 1865. 

the morning fair & Beautiful the order respecting the starting of the Regt charged companies A B F G H I [?] on board the [Hooker?] & was conveyed to the steamer which was to bear them away to their homes the rest of the Regt to go soon

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8, 1865. 

the morning fair & fine the [Kennak?] left the harbor early with the six companies of the Regt on Board bound for Mass
the morning pleasant still at Mount Pleasant awaiting transportation. Inspection of the companies at 9 A.M. nothing going on in the detachment worth speaking of. every one anxious to see the approach of a steamer to bear them away
MONDAY, SEPT. 11, 1865.

the morning clear & Beautiful no arrival as yet of a Boat to go away on. as was around camp all quiet & nothing worthy of mention, in the afternoon several of the Officers went to the city on Business & pleasure

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12, 1865.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13, 1865

The morning cloudy some rainfall through the night but none of consequence, the day throughout pleasant a telegram received stating that the Bradford would be up on the next tide & orders to prepare the things for a move.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 1865

this morning fair & pleasant an early breakfast after which the Detachmt went aboard the steamer Haughton & went to Charleston for the purpose of taking steamer for Mass. landed & staid on the dock till late in the afternoon when the Detachmt went aboard the steamer Croton & the Boat dropped out into the stream where she laid during the evening.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15. 1865.

The morning fair & pleasant still on Board the Croton, the Steamer [Bendigord?] in sight early anchored off Mount Pleasant the 2 [m?] ordered her to the dock. when the Croton went along side & loaded what we had on her shortly afternoon everything being ready she [?] out from the dock & started on her voyage.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16, 1865.

The morning cloudy & appearances for rain favorable, the B Deford[?] ploughing the mighty deep with a devil of a head wind making but slow progress some on board a little sea sick but nothing apparently speaking of.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 17, 1865. 

Raining when about 30 miles N.E. of Cape Hatteras the storm raged considerable, the lightning struck the Boat [?]? doing no considerable damage & injuring no one the remainder of the day passed by very favorable nothing transpiring worthy of mention quite a number of the Officers sick during the day & evening

MONDAY, SEPT. 18, 1865. 

the morning pleasant
TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 1865.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20, 1865.

The morning fair & pleasant arrived at Galloups Island at 10 am & landed found the rest of the Regt all ready & waiting for us & hope to be able to leave for home soon the remainder of the day spent very pleasantly in camp, quite a number of the Officers went to Boston on Pleasure
THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 1865.

the morning rather cool but dry all Quiet on Gallops Island nothing transpiring worth speaking of spent a part of the day copying for our captain some of the [[ordenance?]] papers

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22, 1865.

the morning clear and pleasant quite a number of the Officers went to Boston on business, nothing going on on the Island worth speaking of written a letter to my Father reported that the Paymaster is to commence Paying off the Regiment in the morning.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 1865.

the morning rather cool but clear all quiet on Gallops Island. nothing transpiring worth speaking of spent a part of the day copying for our captain some of his ordinance Papers

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22, 1865.

the morning clear and pleasant quite a number of the Officers went to Boston on business, nothing going on on the Island worth speaking of written a letter to my Father. reported that the Paymaster is to commence Paying off the Regiment in the morning.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 1865. the morning clear & fine major Brodhead Paymaster

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 1865. [no entry]
FRIDAY, SEPT. 29, 1865.

[no entry]

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, 1865.

The morning fair arrived at New York on the steamer Metropolis from Newport at 7 1/2 AM immediately went to the Jersey city dock & awaited a short time when we crossed over to the city & taken the cars for Buffalo to where we arrived.
Began to mess with Capt [[Soule?]] Lieut Lee & Shelden July 12."/65

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John F. Shorter
1st Sergt "D" Co 55th Mass. Vols
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I certify on honor that a vacancy of a Second Lieutenancy exists in the 55th Regt. Mass. Vols. caused by the promotion of 2d Lieut. E. Harris Jewett to be 1st Lieut. That company - C. has above the minimum of enlisted men required by the present Army Regulations and that no 2d Lieut. is at present assigned to that Company.

Chas. B. Fox
Lieut. Col. Comdg'
55th Mass. Vols
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Wife Mary Crowner of Washington DC
Chas C Loule Brooklin Mass

Mr Weston W. Moore Mercer Co Ohio Coldwater
Miss Maria Moor Weston
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E.N. Will 206 Washington St

Chas S. Lee Templeton Mass.
Chas B. Fox 243 Washington St Boston mass
Geo A. Glidden Natick mass
Dr Burt G. Medes 56 Bowdow St Boston Mass
Frank Lordwin
593 Chester Park Boston Mass
Chas C. Doule [Brookville?] Mass
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F. Webb 5.00 "[ditto for to Keep]
J.H. Simpson 45.00 Borrowed
F McCoglin 15.00 to Keep
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W J Johnson 5 "[[ditto for 10 for 11, P D]]
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S Sharp 5 "[[ditto for 10 for 11, P D]]
A Happy New Year
to John F. Shorter
From L.E.A.
[?] Jan 1st, 1865

I am looking over this to night August 30 1908 and for the first time
notice Whom the donor was. C.H. Shorter