



CHLOE CASE HAWKS AND CEPHAS HAWKS, SR.

Courtesy Virginia Mayberry.

to her hometown remained as strong as her father's business ties, and her diary often reveals her homesickness for Waterford.

Alice's mother, Sarah Jane Brown, was a pioneer who moved to Indiana in 1834 with her family.¹ She married Joel Prescott Hawks in 1844. By 1861 her time was taken up with running a large household and caring for six children, of whom Alice was the oldest. Three of the children in the house were still quite young: Minnie was six years old, Mabel (usually called May in the diary) three years old, and Joel (called Jo) only a year old. During the period covered by the diary, Sarah had her last child, Lora. The work of helping to run a large household often dominates the journal. As the oldest girl, Alice was expected to wash and iron clothes, sew, clean house, care for the children, and participate in any other activities that her mother could not manage alone. As a middle-class family the Hawkses did have the benefit of a hired girl, a luxury unavailable to many, but they also had the disadvantages of unpredictable domestic labor. The diary is punctuated with the appearances and disappearances of various girls, in particular Mary Potter, whose absences throw Alice's life into a flurry. It is fitting that the diary ends in June, 1863, with Joel Hawks trying to regain, yet again, the services of the unpredictable Mary.²

The other cornerstones of the story are school, church, and social life. Alice is an excellent example of the emergence of the relatively carefree adolescent into the history of American childhood.³ Despite her home responsibilities Alice is free to attend parties and church society meetings, take long walks and rides with friends and family, and generally amuse herself on a level made possible by her family's financial comfort and by a society that no longer defined children in terms of their economic contributions.

Alice's outlook on life is exemplified by her school record. She clearly places value on her studies, often writing of her worry that she has fallen behind in a particular subject or has not prepared for the next day's class. That Alice entertained dreams of further education is obvious when she cries at the birth of her youngest sister because the family will have no money to send her away to school. When compared with modern society's demand for faithful

¹ Sarah Brown's story is told in Mayberry, "West to Wilderness," 1-16.

² Hired help in rural areas and small towns tended to be contracted on a fairly casual basis between people who knew each other and each other's families well; thus, a great deal of flexibility existed in the arrangements. For a discussion of rural hired help as contrasted with the domestic service common in cities, see Faye E. Dudden, *Serving Women: Household Service in Nineteenth-Century America* (Middletown, Conn., 1983), 12-43. For a look at life from the point of view of Mary Potter and her sisters in service, see chapter six of the same book.

³ For a history of the variety of ways in which childhood has been defined and constructed in America, see the collection of essays in Harvey J. Graff, ed., *Growing Up in America: Historical Experiences* (Detroit, 1987).



CHILDREN OF JOEL P. AND SARAH J. HAWKS A FEW YEARS AFTER ALICE WROTE HER DIARY.
(LEFT TO RIGHT: EMMA, MINNIE, JOE, ALICE, MABEL, LORA, DWIGHT)

Courtesy Virginia Mayberry.

school attendance, however, Alice shows herself to be of a different time and culture. Peppered throughout the diary are references to missing school in order to visit Waterford with cousins, leaving school to go down to the depot to greet her returning father or bid farewell to a departing relative, leaving homework undone to go to a party, or deserting her books to go sleigh riding. Such behavior was apparently quite normal since no parental disapproval is ever mentioned. Indeed, it is sometimes Alice's mother who urges her to abandon study for a party.

A second focal point of Alice's life is the church. Alice and her family were faithful members of the local Methodist church, and Alice attended and eventually taught Sunday School. The most frequent religious event in the diary, however, is the society meeting, and here Alice's life provides an interesting look at how much of "religion" was also (or primarily) social entertainment. Alice attends society meetings of Methodists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians, and several nights each month are taken up this way. She reports on the meetings from a purely social standpoint—who attended, what dress she wore, the people she talked to, the unusual excitements that occurred (as when a chimney caught on fire)—and often ends the account with a final judgment: whether or not she had a good time.

It is in the small details of everyday life, and not the broader events beyond Goshen and Indiana, that Alice's life is revealed. The Civil War appears as a faint subtext, in which Alice flirts with a soldier, spends an afternoon filling cartridges, or goes down to the railroad depot to cheer departing troops. There were probably many young people like Alice, who lived far from any battlefield and whose lives were touched but not fundamentally changed by the war. Alice's story may be more typical than is usually recognized, and that very typicality sheds an interesting light on life on the home front during the Civil War.

Miss Alice Hawks¹

Jan 1st 1862 This is the first day of the new year and I am going to begin to read the bible through and keep a Journal this year. I do not know how I shall succed in all these things but I intend to try and do my best.

I spent the afternoon at Mr Purl's.² Lizzie and Amanda were there had a very pleasent visit and Bill brought me home in the carraig.

We expected father some this evening but he did not come I have been to meeting this evening and heard a very good sermon but forgot where the text was so I couldent tell mother when I got home. Jan 2nd Started to school to day but there wasent any so I came home and went to work at my mitten and have got it most done.³ This is Em's birth day she is thirteen.

Frank, Maty, Sady and Anna Chamberlain spent the evening here.⁴

I began reading the Elder sister by Marion James to day and like it very much⁵ We got a letter from father to night.

¹ Alice Hawks frequently recorded her diary entries late at night when she was quite tired; at other times she wrote hurriedly or excitedly. Her errors often reflect the circumstances at the time she wrote, not her education or knowledge; many are common to such informal writing. In order to retain this "flavor" of the times and the diarist's charm the journal has been transcribed as nearly like the original as possible in regard to grammar and spelling. The editors have used their discretion in dealing with punctuation, which is sometimes obscured by faintness in the original script and by Alice's penmanship. In many instances double spaces have been inserted to break up long run-on sentences that have no punctuation at all. Unintentional repetitions have been deleted. Some letters, in particular "n" and "m," were occasionally miswritten. In such cases, corrections have been made without an indication in the text. Any other additions or corrections appear in brackets. The dates preceding each journal entry have been underlined.

² The entire southeastern portion of present-day Goshen, Indiana, lies on what was, in 1862, Elias Purl's farm.

³ For most of the period covered by her diary, Alice attended a subscription school run by Mrs. E. W. Metcalfe. Since public schools were still scarce in the state, most schools were organized and financed privately. Alice's experiences may be unusual, for the Metcalfe school seems to have met for several months per term. For the state as a whole the average school term was only sixty-eight days by 1866. James H. Madison, *The Indiana Way: A State History* (Bloomington, 1986), 180. For a brief history of subscription and rate schools, both predecessors to public schools, see Wayne E. Fuller, *The Old Country School: The Story of Rural Education in the Middle West* (Chicago, 1982), 26-30. For additional details of early education in Indiana, see John D. Barnhart and Donald F. Carmony, *Indiana: From Frontier to Industrial Commonwealth* (4 vols., New York, 1964), I, 255-75, II, 105-28.

⁴ For genealogical information about the Hawks and Brown families see pages 32-34 below. Em, mentioned in the preceding paragraph, was undoubtedly Alice's sister, Emma. Mattie was probably Alice's cousin, Mary, the daughter of Cephas Hawks, Jr.; and Sady could possibly have been Zadie Purl, who appears frequently in the journal. Alice had both cousins and acquaintances named Frank, Albert, Emma, Ella, Anna, even Calista; thus, it is almost impossible to determine the person to whom she refers. Hereafter, the proper names of Alice's friends and family will be provided in brackets or footnotes only if they can be definitely identified.

⁵ Marian James, *The Elder Sister* (New York, 1855).

He was at Buffalow and we expect him home saturday Jan 3rd Have been at home all day. Made me a pair of drawrs, finished one miten and began the other one. Think I have done a good days work. Finished my book. Oh if I only had an older sister or brother to go to how I should love them but I am the oldest and must try and make the little ones love me. And I must try and help mother more and lighten the care that is on her mind. I am going to begin with the new year and try

Jan 4th. Pa came home to day and Oh how glad we were to see him. I guess he will stay at home a while now.

It is so much pleasanter when he is at home. Jan 5th Went to church twice to day and to sabbath school. Jan 6th Started to school to day and hope we shall not have to stop again for the next six months I am getting behind all the rest of the girls I have been out of school so long next week I am going to bring my latin book home and study every evening. I am afraid I have not done much so far to help mother.

I must get up every morning as soon as I wake and go right to work

Jan 7th I have just got home from uncle Cephases. have been spending the evening there and had a very nice time. Got Lews slippers comenst to day but did not get much done on them.⁶

Jan 9th I did not write any last night for it was so late when I got my slipper done and I was two tired

I went down to the round house in the morning and stayed till allmost one O clock.⁷ had a real nice time but did not see hardly any one that I knew

Came home and went to work at Lews Slippers and got them ready to bind. Gave them to him to night

Today went to school and studed so hard I have had the headache first time I ever hurt my self studying have been to meeting the evening

⁶ Lewis, Alice's cousin, is the son of Chauncey and Emma Brown Hascall. It is quite possible that he was attending school away from home during the time period covered by Alice's journal.

⁷ After several abortive attempts to charter a railroad company that would build through Goshen, citizens of the town persuaded the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, which reached Elkhart in 1851, to extend a spur and run at least one train per day to Goshen. The company also agreed to build a roundhouse—a switching area for trains passing through the station and a place to take on or uncouple cars—on the east side of town if residents would purchase and donate a tract of land therefor. The land was donated, the roundhouse was erected, and the railroad reached Goshen in 1852. In addition to boosting the town and surrounding area economically, the station, the roundhouse, and the daily arrival and departure of the trains provided social diversions for the citizens of Goshen. Troop transports during the war apparently evoked a combination of patriotism and excited curiosity. Anthony Deahl, ed., *A Twentieth Century History and Biographical Record of Elkhart County, Indiana* (Chicago, 1905), 200-204. See also John F. Stover, *Iron Road to the West: American Railroads in the 1850s* (New York, 1978), 148-50.

Jan 12th I have not written any for the last three days. I have been to Sunday school and meeting to day but have not read much. There has not any thing particular happened this week

Jan 18th It is just a week ago today since I have written any in my Journal.

I do not have any thing to write about but I ought to learn to write down my thoughts and this is something I need very much. It would be a great help to me in writing compositions. This has been a long day to me there has been no Sabbath school and no meeting this evening.

I have written to Lew and commended a letter to Aunt Helen. I guess she will think I am never going to answer her letter

To day is Dwights birthday he is eleven years almost six years younger than I am Jan 21st Went to school to day as usual and got along with my studies very well. Have made quite a commendment on my composition and feel very much relieved

The sleigh bells are jingling all the time but not any of them come here. I think some one must come and take me aride Jan 22nd I brought home my books this evening and was going to study went and built a fire in the parlor and got one lesson and part of another when Albert came for me to go sleigh riding and that was too great a temptation to be withstood so I let lessons go and went riding.⁸ We went up and got Zedie Purll and went across the prairie came pretty near having a runaway and being upset. The first time I have been out riding this year. Jan 23rd I have finished my composition and written a long letter to Lew this evening.

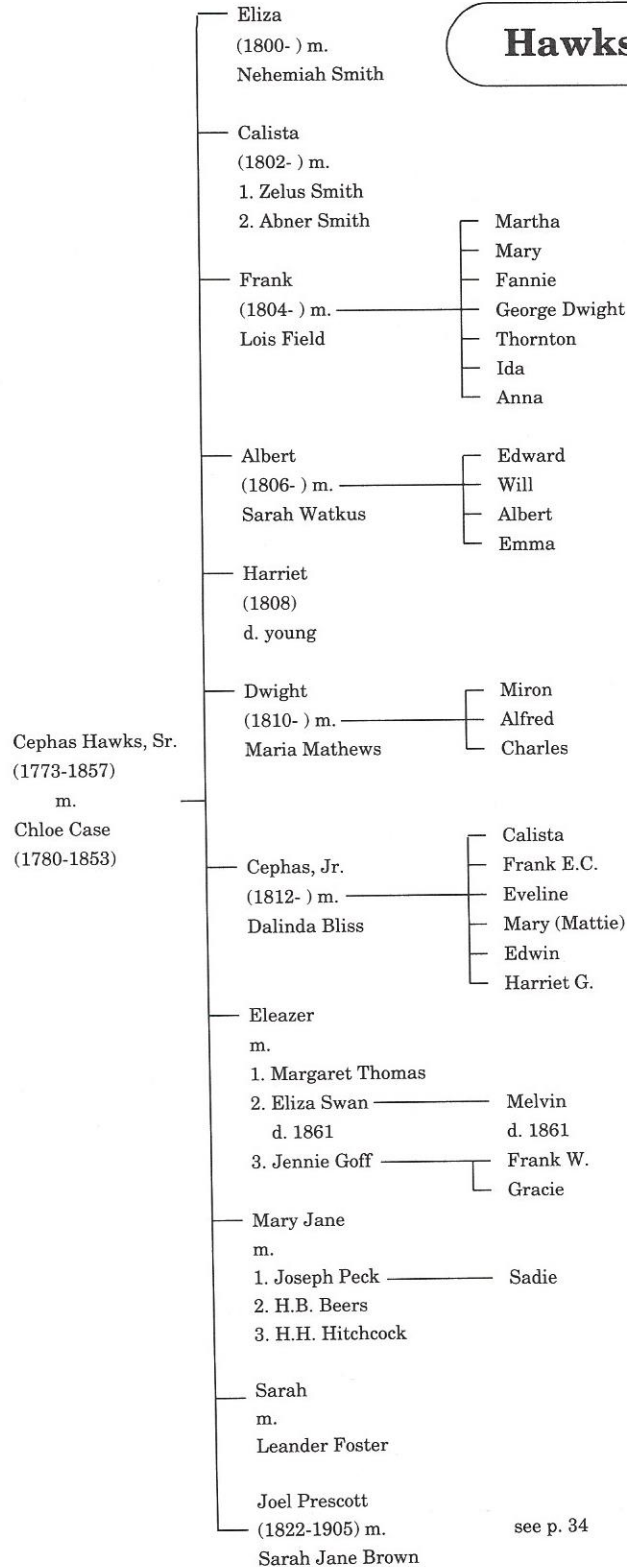
Poor fellow I guess he is getting rather home sick. I feel as if I had a great load off my mind. I hope I shall not have to write one next week

Mother and father have gone to Waterford and have not got back yet but I think it is most time fifteen minutes to ten. Jan 27 I have not written any for two or three days. I do not remember what I did Friday. Saturday I fixed Mother's calico dress for me and got it too long. To day I began the cuff to Aunt Emma's undersleeves and I must fix Father's slippers this week. It has rained all day. I got very wet coming home this evening. If it keeps on much longer I am afraid we shall have another freshet. There has been another battle and Zolicofer is killed⁹ I wish it was two or three

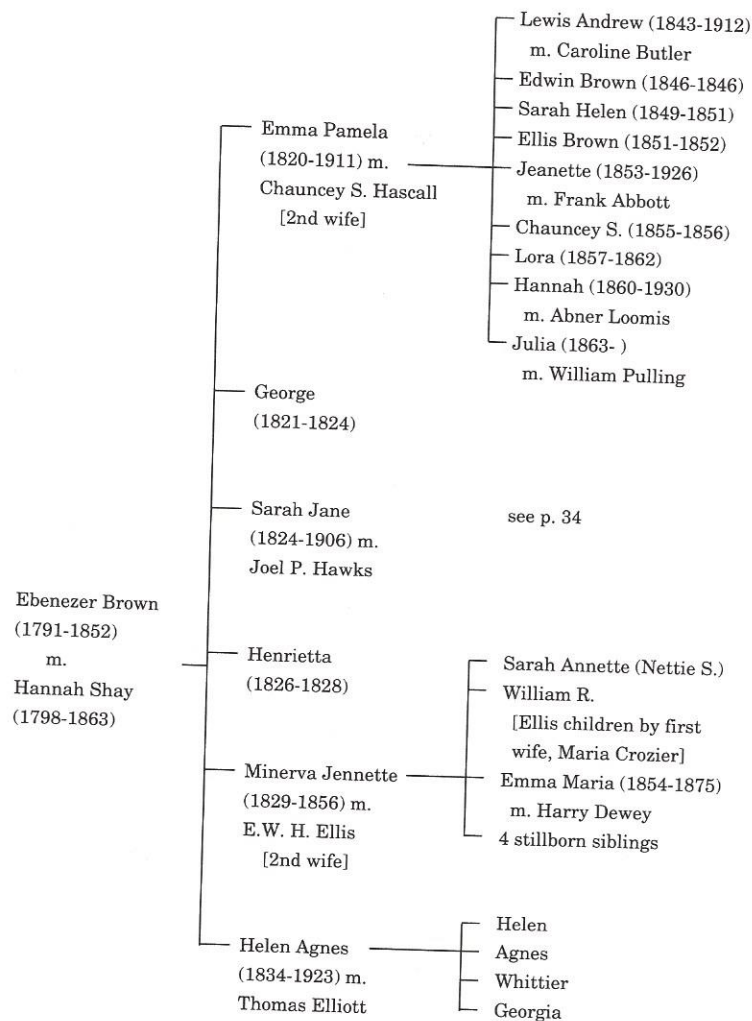
⁸ Albert was probably Alice's cousin, Albert Hawks.

⁹ Confederate Brigadier General Felix K. Zollicoffer, a journalist and politician, served in the western theater of the Civil War and commanded troops in the defense of eastern Kentucky. Defeated in January, 1862, at Mill Springs, Kentucky, by forces under Brigadier General George H. Thomas, Zollicoffer's men were forced back across the Cumberland River into Tennessee, and Zollicoffer was killed at a place called variously Fishing Creek, Mill Springs, Somerset, Logan's Cross Road, and Beech Grove. A questionable strategist, as well as being nearsighted, Zollicoffer was said to be out in front of his poorly positioned lines clad in an easily spotted white rubber raincoat at the time of his death. See John S. Bowman, ed., *The Civil War Almanac* (New York, 1982), 65, 72, 81; Mark Mayo Boatner III, *The Civil War Dictionary* (New York, 1954), 954.

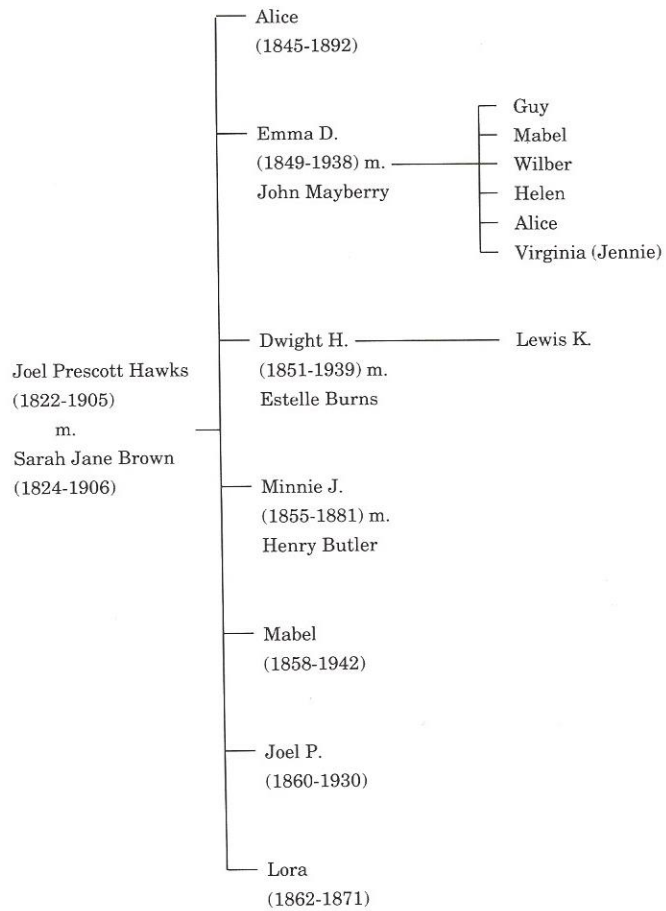
Hawks Family



Brown Family



Joel P. Hawks Family



more of those rebel generals. I hope from this time on there will be no more defeats of our side

Feb 2nd I have ent writen any since last monday. It is a shame but I do not have much to write about and so I put it off. I am siting here alone mother has lain down with Jo. Em has just got home from meeting she has joined the church I wonder if she is any happier than she did before¹⁰ Some times I think I should like to be a christian Pa has got to go away tomorrow I do think it is too bad it does seam as though some of the rest of them might go

Feb 5th. Father went last night and we are alone again. After father went a way Em came after me to go down to aunt Marys.¹¹ When we got there Foster and a friend of his was there but they soon went away and then we had a real nice time but when we came home Foster had to stick his nose in and had to come along.

Feb 7th There hasent not any thing unusial happened since I wrote last till to day and this has been a day of excitement The regament went away to day I went with Mr and Mrs Free to the camp this morning and came back just ahead of the soldiers stoped at [home to] get warm and Willie came to. bid us good bye.¹² Then we went down to the cars and stayed till noon.

This afternoon I visited Miss Bakers school with Zadie tomorrow Zadie and I are going up to Waterford and expect to have a good time Feb 13th I do not keep my journal very regular. It is now nearly a week since I have writen any I have so much to

¹⁰ Various branches of the Hawks family were members of Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches. Alice's mother's family, the Browns, were Methodists, and Alice's immediate family attended the Methodist church, which, like other evangelicals, required a conscious profession of faith for membership. For the official rule on membership in the Methodist church, see *The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1864* (Cincinnati, 1866), 37.

¹¹ Mary Jane Hawks's first husband, Joseph Peck, died on a trip with Joel P. Hawks to California in 1852. She later married the Reverend H. B. Beers and after his death H. H. Hitchcock.

¹² Alice probably refers to the 48th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which was organized in December, 1861, by E. W. H. Ellis, at one time her uncle by marriage to Minerva Jennette Brown. According to Ellis, his son, by an earlier marriage to Maria Crozier, entered this regiment as a private. Whether or not this was the case, William R. Ellis appears on the muster role in January, 1862, as a sergeant. He was later promoted to lieutenant, then to captain, and was mustered out in January, 1865. He may be the Willie to whom Alice refers. Camp Ellis, located on the fairgrounds about two miles south of Goshen on what is now State Road 33, was named after E. W. H. Ellis. The camp was approximately six blocks from Alice's home and was used as a temporary holding station for new recruits. William H. H. Terrell, *Indiana in the War of the Rebellion: Vol. I, Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana* (1869; reprint, *Indiana Historical Collections*, Vol. XLI; Indianapolis, 1960), 572, 564; E. W. H. Ellis, "Autobiography of a Noted Pioneer," *Indiana Magazine of History*, X (March, 1914), 71; [William H. H. Terrell], *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana* (8 vols., Indianapolis, 1866-1869), II, 479, 480-81, V, 465. This work is hereafter cited as *Report of the Adjutant General*. For additional information about E. W. H. Ellis see note 50 below.

write that I hardly know where to begin. Last tuesday morning while we were eating breackfast Em was taken with a fit. I never was so scared so bad in my life before and I never want to be again. The docter said it was worms and we were all glad to hear it. I did not go to school that day but have been every day since Tomorrow is valentines day I wonder whose fate will be sealed, not mine I am sure. The society meets up to Waterford tomorrow eve

I am going and expect to have nice times I expect there will be a crowd out.¹³

Father has been gone over a week and we havent heard from him yet.

Feb 16th I have been to meeting twice and sabbath school to day. I went up to Waterford as I expected to friday and had a very nice time The house was full as could be. I came home with Mr Purls folks and after we had let Mrs Purl out we went and took a ride. Saturday I was at home all day and worked on Joes cap. Anna Chamberlain was here. To day I began reading thankfulness and likit very much but I know I had not ought to skip so much.¹⁴

Feb 19th Pa has not come yet I do not see what keeps him so long. I was so sure he would come this morning that I left school and went to the cars and was badly disapointed. I got a letter from Aunt Helen yesterday. She sayes little chop is dreadfull home sick away down in Kentucky.¹⁵ Poor fellow I Shall have to finish my sock and send to him.

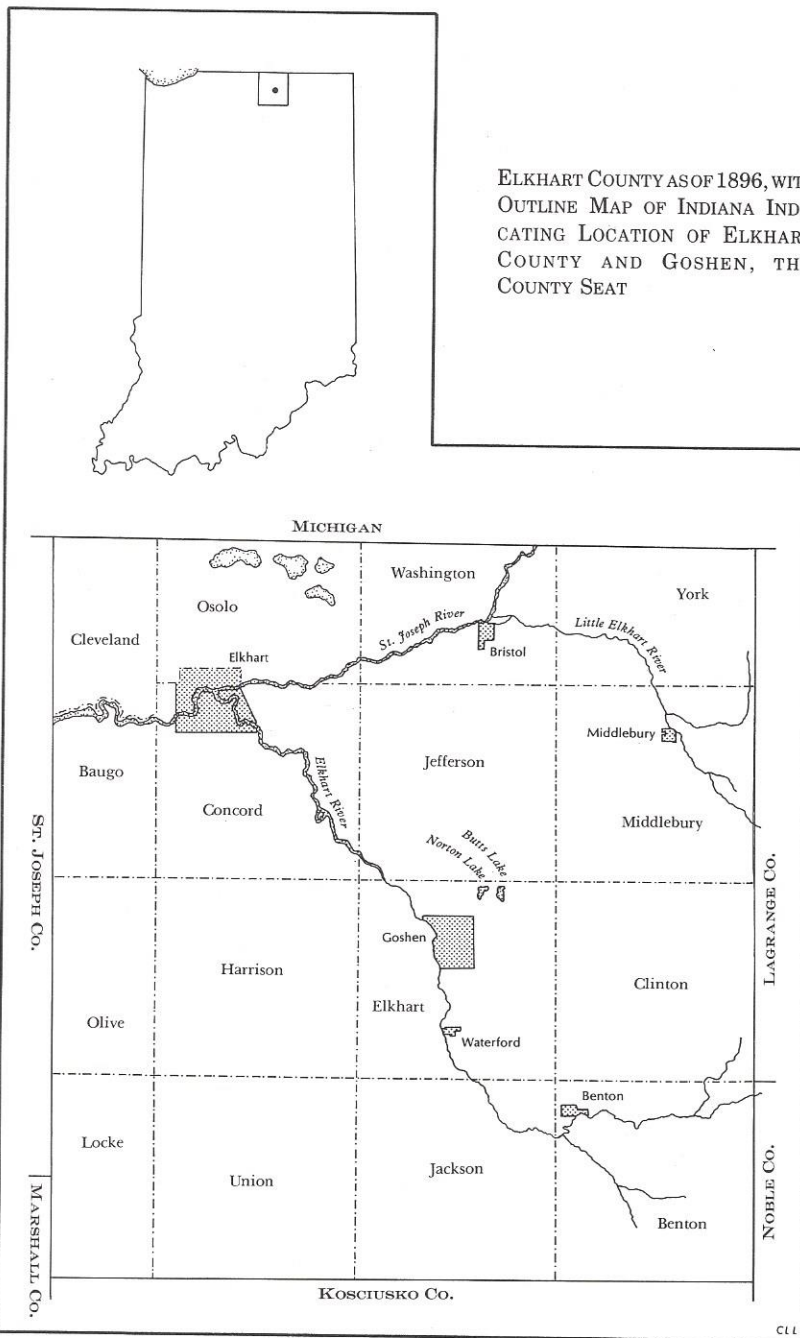
Feb 20th not very well to day

Feb 21st I visited Mrs McRaynolds school this afternoon. It was the last day and thier society meet but I dont think it amounts to much. The little girls have to do the work and I dont think it is right. After thier school was out I went to the school house. I went up to the society but did not have a very good time The best part of it was the ride home. It was twelve oclock when I got home and therefore I feel rather sleepy to night

¹³ Many Protestant denominations had women's societies and charitable societies, which performed the churches' outreach programs but obviously also served as important social outlets in small towns. These societies are usually praised by historians for their official functions, but Alice's diary provides a strikingly different viewpoint. Alice records society functions as a modern teenager might record a party. No doubt it was the officially religious nature of the meetings that enabled Alice to spend so much of her time thus engaged, but her interests are much more those of a fun-loving girl than of a sober religious devotee. For some discussions of church societies, see Mary Ryan, *Cradle of the Middle Class: The Family in Oneida County, New York, 1790-1865* (Cambridge, Eng., 1981).

¹⁴ Alice might have been reading Charles Benjamin Taylor's *Thankfulness, a Narrative; Comprising Passages from the Diary of the Rev. Allan Temple* (New York, 1848).

¹⁵ Neither Alice's handwriting nor the identity of the person to whom she refers is clear in this sentence. Aunt Helen is Helen Brown Elliott, Alice's mother's sister, who lived in Indianapolis.



Map prepared by Cathryn L. Lombardi.

Feb 26th I have been at school all day. I am reading a book at aunt Delindas Ollie I like it very much¹⁶ I went skating last night and did not fall down but once We were going to try it again to night but it thawed so much we couldnt. Last sunday I did not go to meeting in the morning but went in the evening and to sabbath school Mrs Baker was not there and Mr Abbot taught our class and a right smart teacher he is.¹⁷

March 3rd I did not go to school this morning becaus I did not feel very well.

The first spring month has come and it is snowing hard. A year ago this time there was not a bit of snow to be seen.

yesterday I wrote to Lew Saturday spent the afternoon at Mrs Peters. Friday evening went to the society at Mr Defreeses and had a very nice time.¹⁸ I had a nice promenade with Mr Abbot I beleave that is all up to the preasent time. I do not write very regularly but I guess I Shall do better when I get my book

March 9th We are haveing quartly meeting now. Em was baptised to day

I did not go up to Bell Blains yesterday.

Friday evening went up to Mr Purls to an oyster supper.

March 10th I have been to school to day as usual. We are going to have a donation next wednesday night¹⁹

March 11th I went to the donation and I do not think I ever enjoyed my self better at such a place Zadie and Permeal [Permelia Taylor] were there. I was with them most of the evening

I am going tomorrow night to see the children perform.

March 15th. The donation is over with childrens and all. It was real fun to watch the little children promenadeing around there as big as any one. March 16th. I am glad there is no school tomorrow I am so sleepy tonight I can hardly hold my eyes open It does not agree with me to be out two nights in succession.

¹⁶ Neither the complete title nor the author of this book has been identified.

¹⁷ This is possibly Frank Abbott, who later married Alice's cousin, Jeanette Hascall.

¹⁸ The Defrees family was prominent in the political and economic development of Elkhart and St. Joseph counties and of the state of Indiana during the mid-nineteenth century. A resident of Goshen from 1833 until his death in 1885, Joseph H. Defrees served for a time as Elkhart County sheriff, for several terms in the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate, and for one term in the United States House of Representatives. Defrees was also president of the Goshen City National Bank; president of the Cincinnati, Wabash, and Michigan Railroad; a merchant; newspaper editor and publisher; and manufacturer. His brother John D. Defrees was also an influential Indiana politician, editor, and businessman. The Defreeses, who appear frequently in Alice's diary, obviously had close personal and business ties with the Hawks family. *A Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly: Vol. I, 1816-1899* (Indianapolis, 1980), 97, 98; John W. Miller, *Indiana Newspaper Bibliography* (Indianapolis, 1982), 401, 402.

¹⁹ A donation party is one to which gifts are brought for the host, often a minister and his family. Alice might indeed have attended a donation held at the school for the minister, for soldiers in the field, or for soldiers' families.

It has been raining all day and good prospects for tomorrow
March 17th Our school is going to give an exhibition some night the last of this week or the first of next and I expect it will keep me buisy the rest of the time²⁰

I am reading the battle fealds of our fathers to grandma²¹ She likes it very much. Last evening while I was reading Frank came in just as I got to the most loving part. I donot mind reading love talk to olde wimen but when it comes to nice young men I do not like it so well (March 23rd) Our exhibition is over with and I am glad of it I do not know when I have been as tired as I was last night. It went off a great deal better than I expected. The house was full and I guess every one was satisfied March 24th I do not hardly know what to do with my self to day. This evening I went over to Mr Fishes to see how he was and got an introduction to that souldier. Father went away again to day but he does not expect to be gone more than a week. Lew is at home now but expects to go back the last of this week March 27th This has been a beautifull day I went up to Waterford this morning and took May [Mabel] with me had a real nice time went to see all the girls but Lizzie and was just starting down there when uncle came and said he was ready to go I do not know what she will think. We are going to have the society here tomorrow night March 29th The society is over with and I am so glad

I am so tired to night I can hardly sit up The house was full and I guess every one enjoyed them selves There was quite a lot of young folkes here Foster among the rest. March 30 I did not go to church this morning. They had an election of officers in sab-bath school and elected the same officers for an other term I do not like thier puting Mrs Baker in as female supretendant but she is going to resighn next sunday²²

²⁰ School exhibitions were usually held the final week of the term and consisted of student presentations of songs, recitations, and declamations. They were given to arouse parental interest in and support for the school and were a popular form of local entertainment, often painstakingly described in the local newspapers. Fuller, *Old Country School*, 212.

²¹ Grandma was Hannah Shay Brown, Alice's maternal grandmother, who was blind for several years before her death. See Virginia Mayberry, ed., "West to Wilderness," *Indiana Magazine of History*, LXXXIII (March, 1987), 1-16. During 1862 and 1863 *Arthur's Home Magazine*, to which Alice subscribed (see entry for July 13, 1862), carried in successive issues "Battle Fields of Our Fathers: A Story of the Revolution" by Virginia F. Townsend. In 1864 the serialized story appeared in book form entitled *Battle-Fields of Our Fathers* and published by J. Bradburn of New York.

²² Many Sunday Schools in cities and large towns had male superintendents presiding over mostly female staffs. Methodist churches had men and women sharing these responsibilities, although the male superintendent was the only official recognized by the church hierarchy and the person who represented the school at quarterly meetings. *Doctrines and Discipline*, 1864, p. 55. For a discussion of the gender gap in Sunday Schools, see Anne Boylan, *Sunday School: The Formation of an American Institution* (New Haven, 1988), 114-26.

April 1st To day is all fools day and I have been fooled once I should like to know what gave rise to that practise. Anna Chamberlain has been hear all most all the afternoon.²³ This evening Albert took Ella Zadie and me up to Waterford We had a real nice ride it was so pleasent.

April 4th Mother and I have worked in the garden all day to day. This evening Mr and Mrs Free and Ella C- went horseback rideing. When they came back I was out at the gate and Mr Free halowed to me to come and take a little ride so I went and got on Mrs Free's horse and Frank got on Mr Frees horse and we took a ride we went about too and a half miles April 6th. I went to church this morning Mr Comstock preached to the sabbath school.²⁴ April 7th Mother and I washed to day. Just after we got the cloths out it began snowing and raining and such weather as we have since. April 9th I am going to school again.

We have not got our ironing done yet The cloths are out on the line frozen stif

This evening I went over to aunt Emmas to take Franks books home and I was siting there when Frank took a teting [tattooing] needle out of his pockit and asked me if it would holde as much thread as mine and after I had praised it up very highly he made me a preasent of it.

I did not hardly know wheather I ought to take it or not but I did

April 11th I have been to the society this evening and enjoyed my self very well. It met at Mrs Nortens [Asa Norton]. There was a real good turn out of young folkes

I do not see why I dont get my Magazin Eddie has got his.

²³ Like the Browns, Hawksees, Ellises, and Defreeses, the Chamberlain family arrived in the Goshen area of Elkhart County during the mid-1830s. Ebenezer M. Chamberlain, a lawyer, served several terms in the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate and one term in the United States House of Representatives. He was also at various times the Goshen postmaster, prosecuting attorney for the 9th circuit, and president judge for the 9th district. In 1838 Chamberlain married Phoebe Ann Hascall, sister of Chauncey Hascall, Alice's uncle by marriage. Chamberlain was also at one time associated with Ebenezer Brown, Alice's maternal grandfather, in the publication of the Goshen *Democrat*, for which E. W. H. Ellis was employed as editor. Anna, Ella, and Emma Chamberlain appear frequently in Alice's journal. *Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly*, I, 60; Ellis, "Autobiography of a Noted Pioneer," 66; H. S. K. Bartholomew, "Old Landmarks of Goshen," *Indiana Magazine of History*, XXIX (September, 1933), 198.

²⁴ The Reverend Thomas Comstock served as the Methodist minister in Goshen from April, 1861, to April, 1862. He was originally from Wabash County. Abraham E. Weaver, ed., *A Standard History of Elkhart County, Indiana . . .* (2 vols., Chicago, 1916), I, 286; H. N. Herrick and William Warren Sweet, *A History of the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, From Its Organization, in 1844 to the Present* (Indianapolis, 1917), 355.

April 13th There was no meeting at our Church to day so I went to see the Catholic perform.²⁵ I never got so tired of any thing before. I left home at nine oclock this morning and did not get home till one. It was a real curiosity to see thier ceremony and I would not have missed it for anything but I dont think I shall go again very soon. Net and Will have been here to day. they start for New York to morrow. Em is down too but she has not been here yet and she goes back in the morning so I donot expect she will come here.²⁶ April 14th I did not go to school this forenoon. Em came over and wanted me to go over to Mrs Butterfealds²⁷ with her and so I went and staid till car time and then we went down to see Net and Will off. I felt real sorry for Em she felt so bad.

April 16th This has been quite an important day with us. We washed to day and had not hardly got through when Mr Stabler came he is the minister here this year.²⁸ He had not been here long when uncle Eleazer came and with him Frank Simpson and his bride She is real pretty. I took quite a fancy to her as soon as I Saw her. We had them all here to supper and three of them all night. I had to go over to aunt Emmas and stay

April 19th After I had got my part of the Saturdays work done I fixed up and went up town and had my dagauratype taken.²⁹

²⁵ Alice's evaluation of Catholic worship is typical for her evangelical Protestant background, which shunned the elaborate liturgy and ritual of Roman Catholicism. What is most interesting in the incident is her presence in a Catholic church at a time when anti-Catholicism was still prevalent in Protestant culture throughout Indiana. For a general view of problems between Protestants and Catholics during the nineteenth century, see Ray Allen Billington, *The Protestant Crusade, 1800-1860: A Study of the Origins of American Nativism* (Chicago, 1964). St. John's Catholic Church was established in Goshen in 1860. Weaver, *Standard History of Elkhart County*, I, 293.

²⁶ Nettie S. (Sarah Annette) was the daughter of E. W. H. Ellis, by his first marriage. Will, Net's husband, was Alice's first cousin, the son of Albert Hawks. The Em mentioned here was probably Net's half-sister, Emma Maria, the daughter of E. W. H. Ellis by his second marriage to Minerva Jennette Brown and thus Alice's first cousin. She was eight years old at the time.

²⁷ Butterfield is a name more closely associated with Elkhart than with Goshen; however, Alice could have been referring to Mrs. C. F. Butterfield, wife of the owner of the local livery stable, or to Mrs. John H. Butterfield.

²⁸ Thomas Stabler served as Methodist minister in Goshen from April, 1862, to April, 1863. Weaver, *Standard History of Elkhart County*, I, 286; Herrick and Sweet, *History of the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, I, 357.

²⁹ Daguerreotypes, dating from the late 1830s, were the first popular form of photography; but the process had many difficulties, including long exposure time (necessitating long still poses), fragility, and expense. Tintypes, employing a faster and cheaper type of processing, largely replaced daguerreotypes in the 1850s. The images produced were sturdier and much cheaper, and portrait photography became widely popular. Alice may refer to an image made by either of these processes. Unfortunately, no early portraits of Alice are available, perhaps because they suffered the fate of this likeness. For a history of the two processes, see Beaumont Newhall, *The History of Photography: From 1839 to the Present Day* (rev. ed., New York, 1964), 17-28, 47-50.

It was enough to scare any one. Mother says she never saw one look so cross. I am not going to keep it.

I had just got home and got my dressed chanced when Aund Delinda came and told us where we could get a girl and I started right off to see but did not get her.

April 20th I did not go to church this morning but went to sabbath school and to meeting this evening and heard the new minister preach but did not like him very well he was so dry. Father thinks he was very much embarrassed and that may have been the reason. April 21st It has been raining all most all day. When I got home this evening I found a girl in the kitchen and I was glad enough to see her if it was no one but Mary Potter³⁰

April 24th There was no school and I went up to Waterford with father and staid till friday evening. I had a real nice visite. I spent the evening at Mr Tyrrells.³¹ Charly Harris was there and he gave us some music on the banjo

I went over and saw Maggie Hary [Harris ?]. She had grown so much that I hardly knew her. April 25th. I came home this evening and went to the concert with uncle Eleazer and cousin Phebe. I liked it very much. April 26th Ella and I did not go a calling to day as we expected to do. She was here and spent the afternoon and Anna Chaimberlain was here a little while This evening I went to the panarama. I liked it a greatdeel better than the concert They have one of Doc Hanes dogs with them it is the only one there is living.³² When I got home Mr Stabler was here and I had to go over to aunt Emma and stay. I have had an introduction to Hareson after meating him so many times and runing away. May 1st This was a very pleasant day. I do not know what I did. May 10th Father and mother went up to Benton to day and did not get back till quite late. I went up to Mrs Knaps and got my bonnet and like it very much.

M 19. This has been a very exciteing day with us. Aunt Emma went this after non about all the town have been helping her to day.³³ This evening pa came in and tolde me I had better go

³⁰ Mary Potter worked for the Hawkses as a hired girl from time to time. It was apparently very hard for them to keep help.

³¹ Hubert Tyrrell was a clerk in the Hawkses' general store in Waterford.

³² A panorama was a large roll of canvas painted with historical scenes or landscapes; it was usually unwound as a speaker described its contents. The effect was to give the viewers a continuously changing view. Panoramas often traveled around the country. One panorama of the Mississippi valley, half a mile long and twelve feet high, toured America, Europe, and the Far East and was acclaimed "as one of the great attractions of the age." Panoramas often toured with other attractions. Foster Rhea Dulles, *A History of Recreation: America Learns to Play* (2nd ed., New York, 1965), 155-56.

³³ It is possible that Emma Brown Hascall was going to visit relatives in Penn Yan, New York, where the Browns had lived until they emigrated to Indiana. Emma was fourteen when the family moved to Elkhart County.

out and cover the peach trees so Mary and I went out and while we were there Frank came out and wanted to know what we were doing and I told him he got up on the fence and helped us. We had a regular jubilee May 20th. It was a good thing for us that we covered our things up last night for there was a heavy frost. Franks little bird did not tell him the truth. I have been to school all day. May 23rd. This has been a great day with us at school. This afternoon Maty and May came to school so late they were ashamed to come in so they came around to our windo and got in but Mrs Metcalfe caught them and they had to climb out again and go around and climb in at the front window.

I have been to the society this evening at Mrs Baker and had a very nice time the house was just as full as it could be. May 24th Ella and I were going calling this afternoon and I got all ready but puting on my dress when she came up and said she couldnt go so we thought that long twordes evening we would go over to the shop and see them work. when we got there Frank took us all around and taught me how to make sash.³⁴

May 26th Have been to school to day we washed as we allways do on monday. I stoped to see Mrs Free this evening. When they get setteled I think they will look real nice

When I started home she gave me a can of cherries to bring home she was afraid they were begining to spoil and she wanted them used up.

M 28th We are haveing beautifull weather. Aunt Delinda and Matie started today Mate was in a real fuss all day. I expect she will worry about Eddie [Edwin Hawks, Mattie's brother] all the time she is gone May 31 Ella and I went up to Waterford and spent the day at uncle Eleazers. For a wonder I did not go any where els but it has been such a bad day I could not go out it rained most all the time.

June 1st it has been very unpleasant all day. I did not go to church this morning for Mary was gone and we could not all go. I ought to have writen to Lew to day but did not I expect he will scold when he gets home

June 2nd What a day this has been It has rained all day in torrents I got as wet as a drowned rat comeing home and going to school.

June third. it has been cloudy all day but has not rained. This evening after school Emma, May Harris and I went after moss and when we were coming back we met Docter and Mrs Benton out horse back rideing and they said if I had been at home I could have

³⁴ This business, begun by a Mr. Albright in 1856, was a forerunner of Goshen Sash and Door, which was not established until 1869. Weaver, *Standard History of Elkhart County*, I, 208-209.

gone and when I got home I got pa to let me to go. So I started alone but I soon met them and then my horse began to act bad and such a time as I had the *rest* of them was a great deal more fritened than I was. June 5th This had been a very pleasent day. This afternoon when I got home from school I went over to Aunt Emmas and Ella and Nell Sealy was there. I do not admire Nell very much.

We had company this afternoon. Mr and Mrs Stabler and children were here to tea. June 6th I have been to the society this evening but did not enjoy my self very well It was at Dr [W. H.] Coovers, and the house was crowded.

Nell Sealy was there and she is the rudeist girl I ever saw. The more I see of her the less I like her.

June 7th This is Mothers birthday she was 38 years old. I wonder if I shall ever live to be as old as that. I had a real nice ride to night went up to Waterford and back. I was out till 9 oclock.

June 8th. This has been a beautifull day. Every one is out riding.

I have been to meeting twice and to sunday school. I spent the time betwen meating and sabbath school in looking at pictures. June 9th This evening when I came home from school I went over to Aunt Emmas and Ella was there and we went up to Mr Frees to see if we could have his horses to take a ride but they were at work so we was disappointed

When I got back Ella Beers was here and wanted me to take a walk and off I went again and had a very pleasent walk

June 11. This has been quite an eventfull day. This afternoon Em Albert came down and this evening we got up a horse back ride. Aunt Mary and Mr and Mrs Stabler went first as we had before arainged and after they got back Ella Emma father and I went. It was nine Oclock when we started and eleven when we got back. When we stoped Frank was standing at the corner and came and helped us off and then we staid out there to see the eclipe and had great times³⁵ I expect the neighbors all around heard us laugh. Frank is the greatest fellow I ever saw. As soon as it got to be totle Sadie went home and we all went along. It was almost one Oclock when we went to bed. June 12th This after noon Em and I went over to the shop and stood around there awhile. Frank was there but not at work so he hadent any thing to do but to entertain us When we came away he came with us and when we got up onto the rail road he proposed that we should walk down the track a

³⁵ Indianapolis banker Calvin Fletcher, who was on a trip to Vermont in June, 1862, describes in detail the total eclipse of the moon that occurred on June 11. He concludes, "At one by my watch it was totally obscured with a yellowish color." Gayle Thornbrough, Dorothy L. Riker, and Paula Corpuz, eds., *The Diary of Calvin Fletcher: Vol. VII, 1861-1862, Including Letters to and from Calvin Fletcher* (Indianapolis, 1980), 443.

little ways and when we got to the nursery he wanted to go in and see if they had any strawberrys but they hadent any and he said he was determing to have some then and so we went down to Mr Windors and got some of the nicest I ever saw We sat out on the grass in the shade and eat them.

Em had her picture in her pocket and Frank saw it and got it away from her and they had areal scuffel after it but he kept it. Aunt Sarah [Watkus Hawks] and Mrs Butterfield were here to tea.

This has been a very pleasant day to me and yet a sad one. When we got home Mother told me that Em had had another fit I am glad that I was not here. It always happenes when father is gone.

He started to New York just this fore noon. I guess she paid pretty dearly for seeing the eclips.

June 13th This afternoon I went and laid down for I thought I should have to be up the fore part of the night to give Em medicin. I had just got into a dose when Ella came up after me to go down there so I brushed down my hair and went. After tea we went to take a walk and Emma came home with me and stayed all night.

We went over to aunt Emmas to stay and we sat up till allmost eleven waiting for Frank to come so Em could get her picture but he did not come and we had to go to bead.

June 14th After we got dressed this morning went out and sat on the front poarch till Frank came out and Em asked him for her picture but he would not let her have it and so I got him to let me take it and I have got it yet.

Today just as the cars came in the children were having a quarrel and making a great nois when a very familliar voice out on the walk hollawed to them to dry up and there was a run to see who it was and there stood Lew as natural as an old shoeu but I can not write any more to night it is getting so late. June 16th I have been to school all day. The Episcopalals had a festival this evening but I did not go³⁶ Pa was gone and I would had to have gone a lone and I prefered staying at home. This evening I fixed strings to all our vines.

June 17th This evening when I got home from school Mother told me I had an invitation to take a horseback ride and I thought as soon as she spoke that it was from Albert but it was from uncle Cephas. He was going out to Mr Mercers and wanted me to go with him³⁷

³⁶ St. James, the Episcopal church in Goshen, was established in 1859. Chas. C. Chapman, pub., *History of Elkhart County* . . . (Chicago, 1881), 634-35.

³⁷ A resident of Goshen from age twelve, Milton Mercer farmed, kept store, managed various banks in Goshen from 1858 until 1873, and held an interest in the construction of the Air Line branch of the Lake Shore Railroad. He served also as director of two additional railroads and in numerous elective offices including that of state representative. Undoubtedly the Mercer and Hawks families were friends as well as business associates. *Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly*, I, 269; H. S. K. Bartholomew, *Pioneer History of Elkhart County, Indiana, with Sketches and Stories* (Goshen, Ind., 1930), 58.

We had a very pleasant ride indeed.

June 18th This evening after school I went over to see Permeal Taylor her brother is here and she is at home this week.

I maid a real long call. I like her more and more every time I see her. Her brother is a right smart young chap with wiskers and moustach to perfection and thinks him self about right Oh how I dislike self conceat.

June 19th This has been an other day of excitement. It seames as if some thing was hapning all the time.

When I came home at noon who should come runing to meet me but Net and I went in to see Aunt Emma and what confusion every one was talking and no one listning.

Tomorrow Frank will be home and Saturday we hope father will be here. I got a letter from him to night telling me of the death of Hellen Sutherland poor Mr S- is greatly afflicted. This evening Em and I went over to Mr Fishe's and she gave us quite a number of plants. I like her very much. I thinke they must have had a beautifull garden where they came from.

June 20th The boys got home to day. I went in when School was out to see them but they had not got up to the house yet and so I met them. They were both glad enough to get home. Albert put his arms around my neck and gave me such a smack that the girls who were way ahead of me said they heard him.

Frank was not quite so demonstrative. I went to the society this evening with Frank Rosslienin it is the first time I have ever gone any where with a gentleman.³⁸

The house was full and every one seamed to enjoy them selves. It was at Mr Rowels and I did not think many of the young folks would go but they were all there.³⁹

June 21st Oh how sleepy have been all day till Ella came up and then I got over it. She stayed to tea and after tea we went and took a walk. When I got home I mended my gater

I have been making Mary a net to day and thought I should get it done but did not.⁴⁰ Mrs Weer wis in to day and brought me

³⁸ Various of Alice's male cousins may have been in college at this time. Some were schooled in Michigan, some in the East. Alice may have attended society with Frank (Francis) B. Rosslewyn who a short time later volunteered and served first as sergeant, then as lieutenant, in Company E of the 74th Volunteer Infantry Regiment. His surname is variously spelled in *Report of the Adjutant General*, II, 686, 687, 691, VI, 205.

³⁹ George P. Rowell, another early Elkhart County settler, owned extensive acreage contiguous to Goshen and to Milford as well as valuable property in Goshen itself. The greatest part of his wealth, however, was acquired in the manufacture of agricultural implements. Lucy S. Rowell, his daughter, is mentioned in the entry of June 30, 1862, in Alice's journal. Goodspeed Bros., pub., *Pictorial and Biographical Memoirs of Elkhart, St. Joseph Counties, Indiana* . . . (Chicago, 1893), 564-65; Bartholomew, *Pioneer History of Elkhart County*, 216-17.

⁴⁰ Hairnets were very popular in women's fashions from the late 1850s through the Civil War period. Nets were often homemade and could be very simple or quite elaborate depending on the types of materials and decoration used. See descriptions in Robert Kunciov, ed., *Mr. Godey's Ladies: Being a Mosaic of Fashions & Fancies* (Princeton, N.J., 1971), 59.

Some thread to make her neices eact a net so I expect I shall have nothing to do but make nets for the next two weeks.

We got a letter from father this evening and he will not be home till wednesday afternoon.

June 22. I have been about half sick to day. I laid down after the folks had gone to meeting and slept till they came home then I got up and got ready for Sabbath school. I laid down again this afternoon and took another nap and when I got up and came out here sat uncle Cephas and Frank. I went to church this evening but was so sleepy that I did not hear much of the sermon.

June 23 I started to school this morning and met Dwight coming home to tell me that Mrs Metcalf was sick and there was no school so I have been at home all day

June 24. This evening I brought home my lattan books and was going to study ever so hard and when I got home ma told me that I was invited to a party at Mr Defreeses. I did not study much after that. At first I did not want to go but mother thought I had better and I am glad I did. I had a very pleasent time. I was introduced to and prominaded with Capt. Mitchel⁴¹ also with Mr Jonson who in the course of conversation I found to be an old scholar of Mrs Metcalf I liked his appearance very much. I took supper with Mr Coover. There was no less than seven or eight lawyers there. It was half past one when I got home.

June 25th This morning Frank came down here at five oclock and roused us all up to see if I wanted to go to Warsaw with him but I did not go. Oh how sleapy I have been to day. School is out tomorrow and I am so glad. June 26 I have been to school to day for the last time for at least two months. At noon when I went up to school I stoped at Mr Frees to see if I could have his horse this evening and he said I might so this evening I had Dwight get her up for me and I went up to Waterford and rod back with father he got home yesterday. When I went up there father brought out a very nice pair of buckskin gloves with gauntlets which he said a young man in New York sent to me. June 27th This has seamed just like Saturday to me being out of school I suppose makes it.

This morning I went up to see Calista and was there all most all the fore noon She hasent changed abit her schooldays are over with I suppose she is ready to marry now. This has been a very hot day. This evening the presbyterion ladyes are having a festival in the grove back of Mrs Harris house I wanted to go real bad but could not as I had no one to go with but I guess I shall

⁴¹ Joseph A. S. Mitchell was captain of Company K of the 41st Volunteer Infantry Regiment (2nd Cavalry) from 1862 to 1865. After the war he was an attorney in Goshen for many years and also served as mayor of the town. Higgins, Belden, & Co., pubs., *Historical Atlas of Elkhart County, Indiana* (Chicago, 1874), 19; *Adjutant General's Report*, II, 410-11.



CEPHAS HAWKS, JR.



DALINDA BLISS HAWKS

Courtesy Troyer Studios, Inc., Goshen, Ind.

survive it. Mary went home this afternoon and will not be back till Sunday and I shall have to do the work.

June 28th I am so glad I did not go to the festival last night for it rained hard all most all the evening and was pitch dark.

I have been sewing on the machine all the afternoon making bags for the mill.⁴² Mother went up to Waterford and took Min and May and Em has had Jo over to Aunt Emmas so I have had the house all to my self.

June 29th I have been to meeting twice and Sabbath school to day besides doing the work. We had quite a time in sabbath school today. There is a class there that want me for teacher and Mrs Baker was determined I should take it and I was determined I would not but they made me teachit then and I expect I shall have to keep it for pa thinks I had better.⁴³

June 30th How strange it seems to be out of school monday. I hope now I can help mother with her sewing a great deal now. I have been to a party this evening and had a very pleasent time. It was at Mr Rowels. Lu was eightteen and her mother gave her a surprise. We met at Mr Defreeses and all went down there in a body. Lu came to the door and I never saw any one so perfectly surprised as she was. Jim and Mary Latta was there and when they came down they stoped and asked her to ride down with them and she came never suspecting a thing. Ella Buss and I went to Mr Defreeses alone but there I got a beau but Ella was not so fortunate Frank took me down there and brought me home. It was after twelve Oclock when I got home father doesent like Frank very well and doesent like to have me go with him so much but I do not think I do. Well he need not be alarmed Rose has got home there is no chance for any one els

July 3rd May and Jo are both sick this evening. We are going to have a picnic tomorrow but if the children dont get any better I do not think I can go. July 4th Eightey six years ago this day our country men met and declaired them selves an independent O what a glorious time that was

⁴² The first commercial sewing machine was patented in France in the late 1830s. Later improvements were made in America in the 1840s and 1850s by Elias Howe, Isaac Merritt Singer, and others. Both because the Hawkses were comparatively well off and because they owned numerous mills in the area, it would not be unusual for them to have a sewing machine in their home. See Edward De Bono, ed., *Eureka! An Illustrated History of Inventions from the Wheel to the Computer* (London, 1974), 128-29. This is the only indication in Alice's diary that the female members of the Hawks family took any active part in the various businesses. Unlike many young people in small towns during the mid-nineteenth century, Alice and her siblings appear to have led a life relatively free from economic responsibilities.

⁴³ Sunday School teachers were usually young females. The majority of teachers were probably already converted, but many, like Alice, were pressed into service when needed. For a complete profile of teachers, see chapter four of Boylan, *Sunday School*.

How thankfull we ought to be I went to the picknic mother said she and Mary could get along with the children

We did not have a very nice time or at least I did not enjoy it much

When I got home I had a very severe headache and I found the children worse and mother tired out taking care of them I took Jo and held him about half an hour but he cried all the time as hard as he could

July 5th The children are some better to day. Mary went home this afternoon and we have the work to do till Monday morning. July 6th It is Just as I expected. I have had to take that class Mr Norton put my name down as teacher.

Mary has not come yet but I guess she will come to morrow morning she has done so once before. July 7th This morning while I was washing the dishes Marys two brothers came after her things they said her little brother was sick and she could not come this week so here we are to do our own work. July 8th This morning I was in the parlor dusting when in comes Mrs Baker to tell us that they were going to have a festival tomorrow night and she wanted me to come up to Mr Defreeses this after noon to make fancy lamps to decorate the yard with for if it is pleasant they are going to have it in the court yard if not in the hall so I have been up there all the after noon. July 9th What a buisey day this has been with us. We have washed and Ironed and got ready for the festival

Em and I went. The house was full (for they had to have it in the hall) and I guess every one enjoyed them selves

I ate two dishes of ice cream one with Frank Hawks and the other with Mr Norton

July 13th I was two tired last night to wright The Saturdays work was more yesterday than it has been before in some time and besides my Arthurs came and I wanted to read.⁴⁴ I have been to church and sabbath school. It has been rainy all day

July 14th Mary did not come last night and to day we engaged another girl to day she will be here tomorrow. I am so glad.

May has been very sick to day and I am not much better I have had such a pane under my shoulder all day I could hardly breath

June [July] 15th We got another girl today and I am glad enough for I do not feel much like work or any thing els.

June [July] 17th What a time we are having Em is sick to day. Yesterday she picked cherries all the after noon and this

⁴⁴ Alice did subscribe to *Arthur's Home Magazine*, edited by Virginia F. Townsend and T. S. Arthur and published in Philadelphia. (See note 21 above.) She might also have taken *Arthur's Ladies Magazine of Elegant Literature and Fine Arts*.

morning she could not get up. This after noon uncle Eleazer was here to tea and Cousin Phebe and Sarah have been here. they asked me to go to Episcopal Society with them and I promised them I would but when Father and mother got home they thought I had better not go it was so far she said if I could ride she would not mind it so I gave up going but when they came they had the carraig and was going to ride over so ma told me I might go and so I did and had a pretty good time. July 19th This morning mother and I was going to do So much Sewing and Father came down and said there was a lot of cherries up to the store that were begining to sour and wanted to know if mother wanted any so she took them and so we have been stoning them all most all day. This evening they have all gone out riding but Dwight May and I May poor thing went to sleep and got cheated out of it.

Yesterday Ella and I went up to Waterford and spent the day and had a real nice time. Aunt Sarah Em and Albert were there to tea. We got home just in time to go to the society and I went just as I was.

I never had so poor a time at the methodist society. I do not believe I shall go again very soon.

July 20th This morning Em Father and I went up to Waterford to meeting and did not get back till after sabbath school had opened. It was quarterly meeting and it is the first one that I have been to since we mooved down here that seemed like quarterly meeting.⁴⁵ It was real pleasant to sit there and picke out the familiar faces as they came in. There was a great many that I recognized but did not remember thier names.

This afternoon Ella and I went over on Nortons hill to read it is so pleasant there. I had a book of Ellas called Retrospection I like it very much and am in a dredfull hurry.⁴⁶

I went to meeting this evening as usual.

July 21st We washed to day so I had to do up the work in the morning.

This afternoon mother and I commenst Min a drees and should have finished it but I went to Mr Jacksons funeral at one oclock⁴⁷

⁴⁵ Quarterly meetings conducted much of the important business of Methodist churches. Among other duties they heard complaints and appeals, licensed preachers and exhorters, and supervised Sunday Schools. Quarterly meetings were also a social opportunity for members of different congregations. *Doctrines and Discipline*, 1864, pp. 54-59. Alice's homesickness for Waterford and its familiar faces is apparent here.

⁴⁶ The Asa Norton family, frequently mentioned in Alice's journal, lived near Alice's mother's family during the 1830s. The Norton property is still marked on County Road 18, north of Goshen. Alice may have been reading Hester Lynch Piozzi's *Retrospection; or, a Review of the Most Striking and Important Events, Characters, Situations, and Their Consequences, which the Last Eighteen Hundred Years Have Presented to the View of Mankind* . . . (2 vols., London, 1801).

⁴⁷ Alice may have been referring to the funeral of Dr. William Jackson, a young man, who died July 20, 1862, of poison inducted while assisting in a postmortem examination. *Historical Atlas of Elkhart County*, 24.

and at five Oclock went to a soldiers funeral and part of the time betwen was spent in making cartridges for Chamberlains battery. The lieutenant a right smart looking chap came here with some to be made and we never asked him to sit down I think it was a perfect shame for us to treat a lieutenant so. After we got back from the last funeral I took the horse and took the children a short ride and then Ella and I went up and called on Zade Purll.

July 22nd I ironed a little while this morning and then sat down and helped mother finish Mins dress and then we maid one for Jo and commenst one for May.

Aunt Emma and I went up to Waterford this afternoon and I had a fuss with Mr Tyrrell he did not want me to go behind the counter but I did and he did not like it.

I guess he will find he cannot rule the world. After we got back I took my work and went down to aunt Mary's.

July 26th What a buissy week this has been. I have not had time to write any since last tuesday

Wednesday morning when I woke up allmost the first thing I heard was aunt Emma telling may that there was a little baby in the bed room with ma and I just lay down and cried

It would be imposible to tell how I felt. I have been wanting to go away to school in about a year but every time I have said any thing about it mother has said I must not think about it for there is so many here to educate and now there is another one to be clothed and educated⁴⁸

Last night I was out horseback riding and had just a grand ride it is the first time I have been out any since the baby was borne. Billy is the nicest horse ever was he does not scare at any thing hardly. I rode him close up to where they were firing the cannon and he didnt start at all. I heard several say as I was passing Oh isent that a nice riding horse.

I went to meeting after I got home and heard the minister from Waterford. I liked him very much.

It is quarterly meeting. I went this morning and to sabbath school and father staid at home this evening he and Angeline [a new hired girl] have gone.

Aug 8th This is my seventeenth birthday. It does not seam as though it was posible I do not feel as olde. I used to think when I got to be seventeen years old I should do just as I pleas but how diferent I feel now.

I have not writen any for some time Angeline has been sick and I have had to do the work. This evening I went to the presbyterian societ at uncle Cephases. some of the children thought they

⁴⁸ Joel Hawks's sons received fair formal educations, but Alice's educational ambitions were never achieved.

Hold on Stranger!

HOLD ON!—RUN SLOW!

And take time to tell us

What is the meaning of all this confusion?

Why nothing more nor less than owing to the excitement and noise about Charleston and Chicago Conventions, "our papers have forgotten to say anything about the change which has taken place at the old and well known

HARDWARE

Establishment of HAWKS & BRO.

On the 3d day of April last the firm of HAWKS & BRO., was changed to that of

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.

MR. P. C. MESSICK, who has long been known as Salesman and Book Keeper, with the old firm, now occupies the position of one of the partners. All those who have done business for the last four years with the old firm can bear testimony to the faithful and gentlemanly conduct on the part of Mr. Messick towards all the numerous customers purchasing Hardware of Hawks & Bro.—and as he now has an interest in the welfare of the

HARDWARE TRADE,

Nothing will be left undone to make the new firm one of the most popular establishments in the County.

"OLD HASCALL,"

Will be on hand as usual, to blow and strike, attend to outdoor as well as indoor matters, and to make himself useful generally.

"NOW THEN!"

With such a firm as CEPHAS & ELEAZER HAWKS, MESSICK and "OLD HASCALL," what may not the world expect in the future?

We ask the

Hardware Buying Community

To give us a call, as we do not intend to be outdone in the way of selling.

Good and Cheap Goods.

The Books of the old concern will be found at the Store of Hawks, Bro. & Co., and we earnestly ask all those who have

Unsettled Accounts,

To come in and settle the same by note or otherwise. As the old concern has a large outstanding indebtedness, Mr. CEPHAS HAWKS will spend the most of his time in collecting and settling up the old business.

May 23, 1860.

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.

48-49

STOVES!

In the line of Stoves, Hawks & Bro. would most earnestly call the attention of the people to their large assortment. They are getting this spring some



New & Splendid Patterns of Stoves,

Not heretofore kept by them. We would also say that as we have the exclusive sale of the celebrated Stoves manufactured by

JEWETT & BOOT, of Buffalo,

We are enabled to show the best assortment in this line west of Toledo. Let every body who wants Stoves call at

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.

Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

April 23, 1862.

48-49

Harness Hardware!

THE only place in Elkhart County where you can buy Goods in this line. We keep every thing pertaining to

HARNESS HARDWARE!

and Manufactured by the well known House of PRATT & LITCHWORTH, Buffalo.

We ask all the Harness and Saddle Manufacturers TO GIVE US A CALL!

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.,
Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

Iron and Nails.

UNDER this head "There is no use of Talking."

We Can Beat the World!

As far as quantity, quality and price are concerned. Our Nails are from the best manufacturer, and warranted. Our Iron, every bar warranted to make Horse Shoes. Don't let any man fool away his time by looking anywhere else.

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.,
Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

White Lead, Oil & Sash.

UNDER this head we wish to call the particular attention of the housekeeping community. We are buying our Lead and Zinc at the best manufacturer, and by the four. We shall not attempt to sell our neighbors, but to palm off upon our customers a bogus article of Lead and call it pure; also the same in the article of Linseed Oil. In Sash, we shall all the time have a large stock of both home made and factory. Bear in mind that in these goods, as well as others, We Shall Not Be Understood!

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.,
Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

Steel Springs.

THE only place in town where Steel Springs of every description can be found, and at LOW PRICES. All Springs warranted. Call at

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.,
Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

Iron Axles.

LET all the Wagon Makers and Blacksmiths come to Hawks & Bro. to buy their Axles. We keep everything in the line, such as Wrought Iron, and the celebrated East Tumble Skin Pipe Boxes, made by Cowan & Co., Seneca Falls; also Williams & Co., Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.,
Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

Tin Ware & Sheet Iron.

IN this article, we have no competition, as far as the quality of the goods is concerned. Agents say: "be can see 'Old Mike' and go half dozen better. Let all the merchants and peddlers come and buy their Tin Ware of

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.,
Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

Agricultural Implants

WE cannot begin to give any idea of our extensive stock in this line. The people must come and see for themselves. Suffice it to say, we have everything in the line of PLOWS, both Steel and Cast, Cultivators, Harrows, Scrapers, etc., at

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.,
Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER this head you will find every thing ever thought or dreamed of, in the line of Hardware. And in conclusion, let all our friends and everybody else, come and see us. We will send you home happy and contented.

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.,
Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

Mechanic's Tools.

WE would call the attention of all the carpenters and joiners to our large assortment of New Goods in this line. We have the best article of all kinds of Tools, and will warrant the same to be of good materials. Let all the boys come and see us before buying.

HAWKS, BRO. & CO.,
Metropolitan Block, Market Street.

WANTED! WANTED!

A Thousand and One Wants!

We want 1001 Bushels Wheat!

We want 1001 Bushels Corn!

We want 1001 Bushels Rye!

We want large amounts of

Butter, Eggs, Rags, Feathers.

We want 1001 Fat Cattle!

We want 1001 Stock Cattle!

We want 1001 Sheep!

We want—Oh, yes?—We want

1001 Men, Women and Children

Who buy goods for CASH or on SHORT TIME to come directly to HAWKS.

Come to HAWKS, IN GOSHEN, to buy your

HARDWARE

Iron and Nails.

Come to HAWKS, in Goshen, and buy your

STOVES AND TINWARE.

Come to Hawks, IN WATERFORD, and buy your

Boots, Shoes & Clothing.

Come to HAWKS in Waterford, and buy your

Dry Goods and Groceries!

Come to HAWKS and buy your

Flour and Mill Feed.

Come to Waterford and

Get your Grist Ground.

* Lastly, though not Leastly, *

We want to advise the 1001 whom it may concern, that both at Waterford and Goshen, the old Books are full and ready for settlement.

The Pay Down and Short Time System.

So generally instituted, now, press us to insist on IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT and PROMPT PAYMENT.

ATTENTION

To this part of our advertisement will save cost and trouble.

CHANGE OF POLICY.

In opening our books, PAY DOWN will be strongly advocated, and short time insisted upon. All accounts must be settled every ninety days.

OUR HOPES.

We entertain the fond hope that our general stock and produce business, and our willingness at all times to take cash, will insure for us large and satisfactory collections, and with low prices, and satisfactory goods, and the constant attendance of the old and popular hands, MESSICK and HAWKS at Goshen, and T. ARRELL at Waterford, with the thoroughness of the three brothers, will make these places popular, resorts for trade.

HAWKS BROTHERS.

Goshen, July 20th, 1862. AT-TC.
P. S.—We had almost forgotten to introduce you to our gentlemanly and very competent Partner, Mr. GEORGE MESSICK, who will be found in the upper room, to do your Unkings on short notice.
H. B.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE HAWKS FAMILY ENTERPRISES, 1862

Reproduced from the Goshen Weekly Democrat, April 20,
August 30, 1862.

would help me and have made some greek letters I guess that is what they are.

Aug 12th I have not written any for more than a week we have been so buissy and I have felt so tired when night come that I did not feel like writing

This evening just as I was begining to wright Will Hawks came in and before he went away Bell Blain and Clary Chaimberlain came and wanted me to go up to the war meeting so I went

Mr Hascall spoke but I could not hear half he said.⁴⁹ After he got through Mr Schell made a very good speach and uncle Doc afew remarks, and then we came home.⁵⁰ Ella Chaimberlain and Hubert Tyrrell came home with me and while we were standing at the gate watching the Midlebury company go through two young fellows ran past us and one says why there is Ella and then they stoped to speak to her one was Herbert Fassett and the other Mr Woodworth.

When they started away Herb gave me a farewell [hand] shake and a kiss. So I can boast of one shoulder [soldier] kiss.⁵¹

⁴⁹ Milo S. Hascall was the brother of Chauncey S. Hascall, the husband of Alice's mother's oldest sister, Emma. Milo Hascall was a railroad builder, lawyer, and politician before, in April, 1861, he became aide-de-camp to General Thomas Morris, who commanded the First Brigade of Indiana three-month volunteers. A graduate of West Point, Hascall was commissioned colonel of the 17th Indiana Volunteer Regiment in June, 1861, and in April, 1862, was promoted to brigadier general of United States volunteers. He commanded in the field. In April, 1863, Hascall was appointed commander of the Indiana Military District. Because of a controversial order regarding suppression of criticism of the war, he was removed two months later at the instigation of Governor Oliver P. Morton. Boatner, *Civil War Dictionary*, 383; Terrell, *Indiana in the War of the Rebellion*, I, 12, 353, 554, 564; Emma Lou Thornbrough, *Indiana in the Civil War Era, 1850-1880* (Indianapolis, 1965), 204-205.

⁵⁰ Physician, newspaper editor, railroad director, businessman, and politician, Erastus W. H. Ellis was an influential participant in the development of Elkhart County and of Indiana from the 1830s until his death in 1876. He served as auditor of Elkhart County for sixteen years and as Indiana state auditor from 1850 to 1852. Among many other journalistic endeavors, he was editor and part owner of the Indianapolis *Indiana Statesman*, the Democratic Goshen *Democrat*, and later the Republican Goshen *Times*. He served as director of the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad Company as well as of other rail lines, was a commissioner of the Institute for the Education of the Blind for five years, and acted briefly as director of the State Bank of Indiana. Ellis's Civil War activities included serving as delegate to the Peace Congress in 1860, organizing regiments in northern Indiana, and supervising the draft in Elkhart County. A former Democrat, Ellis, who opposed the extension of slavery into the territories, switched to the Republican party in 1855. He was an outspoken advocate of the war. Ellis's second (of three) wives was Minerva Jennette Brown, Alice's aunt; thus, he is the Uncle Doc of her journal. At a war meeting reported in the Goshen *Times* of August 29, 1861, Ellis defended the policy of the Abraham Lincoln administration and said that anyone who found fault with it was a "secesher." Ward Baker, "Mishawaka and its Volunteers, Fort Sumter through 1861," *Indiana Magazine of History*, LVI (June, 1960), 139n; Ellis, "Autobiography of a Noted Pioneer," 63-73. Mr. Schell may have been James H. Schell, editor of the Goshen *Democrat*. Miller, *Indiana Newspaper Bibliography*, 98.

⁵¹ Company I of the 88th Volunteer Infantry Regiment was organized in August, 1862. Commanded by Herman C. Fassett, the company included many Goshen

Aug 18th We did not wash to day and I have not done any thing worth speaking of.

I have not written any since the 12th the 13th there was another company went away Mr Abbot has gone the poor fellow worked hard to get up the company and had to go as priveit.⁵²

The 14th Albert went poor fellow did feel so bad I could hardly keep from crying. He came here in the morning and when he went away he cryed quite hard. The 15th I went to society at Mrs Whitcars. Worked all the afternoon to get my brilliant skirt done and while I was sewing on the band the gathering string broke so I had to give up The 16th went to a party to Clits [Calista] for Miss Barnet and had full as good time as I expected Mr Schell came home with me quite an honor

Aug 31st

I have not written any since the 18th

We have been so busy that I have not hardly had time to think of writing—Last wedensday Jo was taken sick and he has wanted some one to holde him all the time. Friday after noon I had him and started out to the gate and just as I got there he was taken with a fit and he had two that afternoon. I have not been to meeting or sunday school to day. I guess it is the first time I have been at home all day for a year. Father went to Bufalow last saturday and will not be back till the last of the week.

Last thursday evening the 28th the episcopal society met up to uncle E- and Mag Barmond went up together in the rockaway and Father came home with ous.⁵³

It was very pleasant there but I did not enjoy it very much.

On the 25th (monday) Mr Free died. he had been sick alittle over a week. on tuesday they took him to Laport and had him buired and then had a sermon preached to day. I believe that is all I care about writing.

and Middlebury residents. Herbert S. Fassett, editor of the Goshen *Democrat* after the war, and Darris Woodworth were both sergeants in Company I. *Adjutant General's Report*, VI, 434.

⁵² Although the appointment of regimental and company officers rested ultimately with the governor, most locally organized companies during the Civil War were allowed to elect their own officers. Usually those men who raised and organized regiments were selected, although either the electoral process or Governor Morton's appointive power could prevent this from happening. Terrell, *Indiana in the War of the Rebellion*, I, 106-109. Organized in August, 1862, Companies E, G, and I of the 74th Volunteer Infantry Regiment were composed largely of men from Goshen. Everett F. Abbott, formerly editor of the Goshen *Democrat*, enlisted in Company I in August, 1862. Apparently denied an officer's commission at the time of organization, Abbott was, however, promoted to lieutenant before the company left the muster camp in Fort Wayne. By February, 1863, he had risen to the rank of captain. He was killed at Jonesboro, Georgia, in 1864. Miller, *Indiana Newspaper Bibliography*, 98; *Adjutant General's Report*, II, 688, 689; Goshen *Democrat*, August 6, 20, 1862.

⁵³ A rockaway was a light, horsedrawn carriage with four wheels, open sides, and a standing top.

Sep 1st I started to school this afternoon to Mrs Metcalfe She is teaching in the clark house right across the road so it is very convenient to me. Mrs Kelly washed here today and this evening we have got all most all the white cloths ironed.

Sep 30 I have not writen any for a month. I did not go to Mrs Metcalf after all. The next day Jo had a chill and I could not go and I thought if I should have to stay out every day I would not learn much so I gave up and when Mother came to find out they were not going to have any free school down here she thought I had better go up to the school house and Em go to Mrs Metcalf so we made the change. I am taking drawing lessons of Mrs Metcalf.⁵⁴ Last night I went to the ade society and had a real good time⁵⁵ I enjoyed it better than I did the M.E society at Mrs Nortens on friday. It has rained all the afternoon and father did not come home to night but I expect he will be down tomorrow about noon to go the weding. I expect there will be great doings tomorrow⁵⁶

Oct 1st. I have been to the weding this after noon. It was avery quiet one There was but three there besids the friends. We have got an aunt Jennie now and uncle Eleazer has got him a wife. I did not get my invitation till noon and I do not know as I should have got it then if aunt Delinda hadent spoken to uncle Eleazer about it. They girls looked very well they had thier things on all ready to start as soon as they got through congratulating them.

Oct 2nd Cousins Pheby and Sarah went to day I hated to see cousin Pheby go for I donot suppose we shall ever see her again.⁵⁷

Oct 3rd It is saturday and I have been at home all day. This evening I went up to aunt Delindas and Calis[ta] showed me how to make a net Oct 9th I am afraid it will not do me much good to keep a journal if I am not more regular about it. I have been to school all day and this evening went to the consert for the benefit of the soldiers It was real good. Last sunday (the 5th) we got our new sunday school bookes they are very nice ones.⁵⁸ Oct 10th

⁵⁴ The differences in the local public school and the private subscription school are not clear from Alice's account. Apparently Mrs. Metcalfe did offer one subject not available in the common school, drawing, and her tutelage appears to have been successful. Alice's descendants still own two of her small oil paintings, one of an apple, the other of a seashell.

⁵⁵ Methodist Ladies' Aid societies provided financial support for missions and other charitable work as well as serving as social outlets for the women of the church. Societies raised money through a variety of activities.

⁵⁶ On October 1, 1862, Alice's Uncle Eleazer Hawks married Jennie Goff. It was Eleazer's third marriage.

⁵⁷ Alice may be referring to various eastern cousins who had come to Indiana for the wedding.

⁵⁸ The interdenominational American Sunday School Union set a brisk pace in publishing materials for classes, as well as offering books and pamphlets to be given as incentives to pupils and providing ready-to-order libraries of many sizes. Denominations also published their own materials. Students were presented with two major themes in these materials—the importance of leading a moral life and the necessity of conversion. For examples of materials and a history of publishing, see chapter two of Boylan, *Sunday School*.

This is our society night but I am not going. I meets at Mrs Bakers and she sent me word that she never would forgive me if I didnt come but I cant help it. Mart died this morning⁵⁹ It seams as though it is a real blessing to him for he has suffered so much since he has been sick. Oct 12th I had to get up and get breackfast this morning for Lizzie [the new hired girl] did not come back last night I went to meeting this morning uncle Beers preached.⁶⁰ We did not have much sabbath school this afternoon there was but three teachers and very few schollars so we did not read any lessons and got through in time for the funeral. Mart was burried this afternoon. The funeral servesis were in the episcopal church.

Oct 13th I have been to school all day and this evening went to the aid society and had a real nice time Injoy going to the aid societies more than any where els.

Oct 16th There has been considerable excitement in town to day. The drafted soldiers went away this afternoon and such a crowd as there was down to the cars I never saw before.⁶¹ I met them as I was coming home from school. I began to think I never should get home. There was a great fire here last night Yates and Griffens mechien shop and one house and every thing was lost. The presbyterian church lost 500\$.

Oct 17th I am rather tired to night I have been all around town geting up subscribers for Arthurs Home magazine and did not get but one for certain. I called on Aunt Jennie and she insisted on mothers and my coming to the Society there to night. Mother has gone but I was too tired to go. Oct 21st We expected grand ma to day but she did not come.

Mother thinks she is waiting and aunt Helen is comeing with her. I hope she will.

I was excused and went down to the cars and was very much disapointed.⁶²

Oct 22nd. It is just as we expected. Grandma aunt Helen and all the children are here. I got excused again but was not early enough and when I got home here they all were. Mary Chamberlain and I have got to edit the paper this week. Oct 23rd. When

⁵⁹ "Mart" was a relative of Alice's maternal grandfather Brown.

⁶⁰ The Reverend H. B. Beers was the second husband of Alice's Aunt Mary Hawks.

⁶¹ The first draft in Indiana occurred October 6, 1862. Terrell, *Indiana in the War of the Rebellion*, I, 49-51. E. W. H. Ellis was appointed by Governor Morton to superintend the draft in Elkhart County. In his autobiography Ellis speaks of accompanying 128 drafted men to Indianapolis, most of whom became members of the 57th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment; however, he gives no date for this trip, and it could have occurred later in the war. Ellis, "Autobiography of a Noted Pioneer," 71.

⁶² Hannah Shay Brown was at the time living with her daughter, Emma Hascall, in Goshen but had been visiting with another daughter, Helen Elliott, in Indianapolis.

I got home from school to night mother told me that Mrs Raymond had sent me a particular invitation to the episcopal society and so I went and had a pretty good time. Aunt Jennie and I had a real nice chat.

How strange it seams to say aunt Jennie I can hardly get used to it.

That little Jue was there to and I think he is about as big a goose as I ever saw.

Oct 24th The long dreaded day has come and allmost gone. The paper is over with at last. We do not have any society to night and I am at home as usual.

Oct 25th I have been very much disapointed to day. I wanted to go up to Waterford and couldnt. It snowed just enough last night to make it real bad walking and I agreed to go up there and start but it was such bad walking that mother would not let me go.

Oct 27th I have not been to school to day. this morning I went up to Waterford and did not get back till after school time and as father was going away this afternoon I thought I would not go. He has gone east and will not be back for almost three weeks. I went to the aid society tonight and had a real nice time. Calista and Mr shell came home with me.

November 1st This forenoon I helped around the house some and this afternoon Calista and I went up to Waterford. I was going with Zade but it got so late that I thought she was not coming so I sent Dwight up after our horses and Just as we were going out of town we met her and so she went along and when we got to Waterford she took Sadie and Matie and came back and Clit and I went up to Mr Sparklings and Latties.⁶³ I went to get subscribers for my Magazine and partly got the promise of one. We Had a splendid ride and very pleasant calls I drove all the way. We had two horses and the buggy and it was such a splendid day that we could not help enjoying ourselves. November 9th I have not been to church to day. Went to sabbath school. I commencet a letter to Albert poor fellow I would give most any thing to hear from him. Yesterday I went to Chicago on the excursion and had a very pleasant time Went up on the top of the court house and saw all over the ciety but the most magnifisint sight I ever saw is the lake and

⁶³ The names of Sparklin and Latta appear frequently in Elkhart County and Goshen history, as well as in Alice's journal. Alice probably refers to Asa Sparklin and Dr. M. M. Latta. According to county histories, Dr. Latta had an extensive practice in the Elkhart County area for many years. Deahl, *Twentieth Century History and Biographical Record of Elkhart County*, 75; Weaver, *Standard History of Elkhart County*, I, 182.

it was perfectly beautifull. It would be imposible for me to express my feelings when I saw it.⁶⁴

When we came down we went back to the hotell a sat around there till after the gass was lit and then we all started out to see the city. We went the whole leangth of Michigan avinew and I do not knew where else We saw some splendid Houses.

When we got on to the cars they were so crowded that we could not get seats for a long time and Calista Mrs Harress Eddie and I got seats in the very last car away from the rest of our company and did not see any thing more of them till after we got home

After we left Mishawaka there was no one in the car but Goshen folks, and but two bsides us and they were Frank Peass and Mr Ellison and we had a nice time sleeping. It was five oclock this morning when I got home.

November 12th Pa got home this morning just before breakfast and glad enough we were to see him. We did not expect to see him atall It was a perfect surprise. I went to the society last night and such a time as we had. It rained and was as dark as pitch. I had my dress at Mrs Hudsons and they promised that I should have it so I put on my old calico dress and wore up there to get mine and was going to change up there but when I got there they were all locked up and I could not get in and there I was. Em wanted to go to the society becaus it was at Sally Thomases but I could not go as I was, at last I concluded I would go over to Mr Defreess's and see if they knew where the girls were. They did not know any thing about them but Hat Baker said I should not go home and so she sent up home and got her plaid dress with out my knowing it and maid me waar it. When she said she could give me a dress to weare I thought she had one with her or I would not have staid.

November 13th I went out calling with aunt Hellen and aunt Emma this after noon. We had the carraig and Tom to drive for us so we went in considerable style.

November 14th This has been a rather bussling day with ous. Yesterday when we were out we called at Nort[ons]s and wanted

⁶⁴ Chicago boomed with the Civil War. On October 8, 1863, the *Chicago Tribune* remarked, "On every street and avenue one sees new buildings going up, immense stone, brick, and iron business blocks, marble palaces, and new residences everywhere; the grading of streets, the building of sewers, and laying of water and gas pipes are all in progress at the same time. The unmistakable signs of active, thriving trade are everywhere manifest, not at any particular point, but everywhere throughout the city, where the enterprise of man can gain a foothold." Quoted in Mabel McIlvain, "Introduction," *Reminiscences of Chicago During the Civil War* (Chicago, 1914), xi-xii. For a description of the city, particularly the "Court House" ("With its aspiring cupola, it so dominated the town that none could help looking up to it as something superior and apart . . .") and the "Court House Square," see Frederick Francis Cook, "Chicago in the Civil War," *ibid.*, 1-14. This excursion to Chicago was as far from home as Alice ever traveled.

aunt Eliza to go home with us but she said she was too tired but would come down this morning so aunt Emma promised to send Lew after her and this morning she forgot it untill allmost ten oclock and then Lew had got off and she did not know where he was so she came overe here in a great splutter to know what she had better do.

Ma told her that I might go ut town and perhaps I could find Lew or maybe there would be a team that I could take. I found Lew but he could not possibally go and there was no team at the hard ware and so I went on up to Mrs Knaps with my bonnet and there I found Mary Radaball and she said I could take her horse and buggy and so I got her down here.

When I got home Mother was getting father ready to go off to New York.

November 15th this has been another hard day. O Dear I wish we could get a girl I have been out of school nearly two weeks. This morning mother went out to get the ash pail and when she came back she found Em laying on the floor in afit she had seamed to be perfectly well all the morning and was reading when mother went out. She has been sick all day and this evening she had another.

November 16 I have not been out at all to day except to sun-day school. Mother went to meeting this morning and I did not feel like going this evening.

November 17th Min is sick to day mother thinks she has got the lung feaver I do not know what is going to become of us mother is almost down with a cold and Emma not well and to top off all we have no girl. I tride to get Mrs Scot this afternoon and she said she would let us know this evening but we have not heard of her since, so I dont suppose she is coming. I do not know what possesses me to want to sleep so much alredy I am so sleapy that I can hardly hold my eyes open. December 21st It is over a month since I have writen any It is not a very good way to keep a journal but I cannot help it.

There are a great many things I should like to have writen but have forgotten when they happened. It is only three days till Christmas and I have not gotten a single present done yet. Yesterday I was going to do so much and was sick all day, but in the evening I made out to go up town and got some things for my schollars. I have got a watchguard started for father apair of slippers for Em and Dwight but I do not see as there is any hope of geting them done. Father has gone to Buffalow and I am very much afraid he will not get home He has been gone over a week and we have not heard from him since.

Mrs McKenny's funeral was this after noon. Within the last three weeks there has been four funerals in our church. This morning the funeral sermon of Henry Bachlor was preached. Last sun-

day Reader Albright's and the sunday before Gid[eon] Albright's.⁶⁵ There has not been any sleighing yet Although it has snowed several times and there is poor prospects of any for Christmas.

Ella Beers got home last night and Frank last thursday I saw Ella at sabbath school today but have not see Frank yet.

December 26th Well Christmas is over and I am glad of it. I am so tired to day I can not do any thing I went over to the church in the morning about ten Oclock and was there till four working then I went up to uncle Cephas and took our things up. I Staid there till dark then came home and dressed my self and went to the church the tree was perfectly splended and the singing good. I staid there about an hour and ahalf then went up to uncle Cephas. They said it was to be a family party but there was about as many there out of the family as there was in. Thier tree looked very handsome but not as nice as the one at the church.

I got a gold pen with my enitials on it from grandma a nice black silk apron from mother and a bottle of perfumery.

Mother got some handsome presents a nice Albume and a traveling companion.⁶⁶

It has been the worst weather I ever knew for Christmas. It rained all day and pretty near all day to day. I forgot to say I got a collar a pair of mittens and a doll from my sunday school scholars.

December 28th It has cleared up again and this has been a beautifull day.

I have been to meeting twice and to sabbath school a good deal more than I expected to do when I got up this morning.

Jo was sick all day yesterday and I sat and held him allmost all of the time and in the evening Min was taken with asore throat and was so bad mother did not want to go to bed so about ten she told me to unfasten my cloths and ly down till twelve then if Min was no better she would call me and would go to bed. I did so and there I lay till morning and then did not feel much rested. New Year Jan 1st. Another New year commenst and what does it bring with it. Nothing but war and rumeurs of war. Yes it does. It brings freedom to a poor oppressed nation for this day the slaves become free⁶⁷ Oh how thier hearts must leep for Joy. Father has

⁶⁵ The Albrights were apparently longtime members of the Methodist church in Goshen. "Mrs. and Miss Albright" are listed as contributors as late as 1910. J. Earle Roose, *First United Methodist Church, Goshen, Indiana, 1832-1982* (Middlebury, Ind.), 1982), 32.

⁶⁶ A traveling companion is a fitted toilet article case.

⁶⁷ Issued September 22, 1862, the Emancipation Proclamation became effective January 1, 1863. It was not universally popular throughout the North, and Alice's response to it may reflect the Methodist church's decision in 1860 to condemn slaveholding as well as slave buying and selling. The Committee on Slavery of the Northern Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—to which Alice's

not got home yet but Mother thinks some he will come to night I am sure I hope he will

Jan 2nd Father did come sure enough.

Yesterday in the afternoon Clit Ella Matie Frank Albert Arthur and My self went up to Waterford to see aunt Jennie and when we got there we found she had invited Mr & Mrs Thomas up there to spend the evening and expected us to stay but they did not come and I was glad of it.

We had an oyster supper about eight then had a grand play and came home. I never did see uncle Eleazer feel so gay

I never saw such weather as we have had this winter here it is the second of january and no sleighing yet. It has rained for the last two days allmost constantly and is sprinkeling now. Jan 3rd For a wonder it has not rained any for allmost three hours.

Grandma is sick and I have been siting withe her nearly all day. This evening Clit sent down for me to go to the society with her so I got ready and went up there and when we started we just got out of the gate when we met Mr Shell going up there so we turned around and went back. Mr Shell came home with me.

Jan 6th Started to school agane to day the school was not very large and was pleasant.

I have laid down some new rules for my self and I hope I shall be able to keep them

I am not going out more than twice a week. I shall go to the ade society once a week and to our society the next and that will leave me one night each week to go any where I should take a notion.

I have been to the ade society tonight. I went with Ella and we went after Bell while we were there there was a thundering noise at the door and in walked Marie and Frank March and Ed Hubble and Frank Perce pretty soon Hube come and then we started I went with Hube and Ella and they came home with me Jan 9th It is just a week ago that I wrote. It has been a buisy time and sad too. We have not had any girl this week and with doing the work and takeing care of Grandma has kept us buisy But she will not need any more care for this evening she left this world and gone to a brighter and better one where she can see truly we ought nought not mourn for her when she is so much better off. The pen I am writing with was her last gift I shall prise it so much. Jan

church would have belonged—reported to the national conference in April, 1860: "WHEREAS, this conference has always spoken so clearly and unmistakably against the great sin of American slavery, and in favor of changing the General Rules and chapter on that subject, so as to entirely extirpate it from the Church, we deem it unnecessary to reiterate what we have so often said, only that we are more than ever opposed to this sum of all villainies" Herrick and Sweet, *History of the Northern Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, 69.



HANNAH SHAY BROWN

Courtesy Virginia Mayberry.

11th I have not been to meeting to day. We did intend to have the funeral this morning but last night we got a dispatch from uncle Thomas [Elliott] saying they would start saturday evening and so the funeral was put off till tomorrow.⁶⁸

Aunt Hellen came this evening. Oh what a sad meeting it was so diferent from what we had anticipated the next meeting would be when we went home this fall. Jan 15th Aunt Helen went this evening she expected to meet uncle T- at the crossings. We have not any girl yet but hope to have one Sunday. I have made Aunt Hellen a breackfast cap this week besides doing the work. Smart girl I am geting to be

The ladys of the M E Church are going to have a festival next wednesday eve and I have got to go around in this part of town and see what folks will bake.

Jan 18th I did not go to meeting this morning it was so late when we got up this morning and we had such times geting breackfast that I could not get the work done.

Last friday evening I went to the society and had a very pleasant time but such times as I had geting home. I went with Mr & Mrs Stabler but they came home so early I did not want to come and Mrs Baker told me that if I would stay she would see that I got home safe so I staid When I got ready to go home I went and asked her if she was ready to go and she said that Mr Arnold was going home with me but he had gone with Kate Hattle and I must go waite and so I waited till every one els had gone but Mrs B- at last we concluded we would not wait any longer so we put on our duds and came home alone. Saturday afternoon Zade and I went out beging and then she came home with me to tea⁶⁹ After the work was done we went up to Defreeses to report our success.

Jan 19th I have washed to day and am rather tired to night

Our washing was very small or I could not have done it. It is the first time I ever washed with out help but this time did all my self. Tomorrow we are going to Leesburg to attend cousin Eds fu-

⁶⁸ Hannah Shay Brown was sixty-five at the time of her death. She had been blind for some years. Alice's Aunt Helen had married Dr. Thomas B. Elliott in 1853. Elliott, a physician, had come to Indianapolis in 1850 to practice medicine. He was soon involved in myriad civic activities in Indiana's burgeoning capital city. He served for a time on the Indianapolis school board, was associated with the Indiana School for the Blind, and was president of the chamber of commerce and secretary of the board of trade for a number of years. Later, he was co-organizer of the Indiana Colony that moved to California and founded Pasadena. Helen, his wife, became known as the "Mother of Pasadena." For additional information about Elliott, particularly his association with the Indiana Colony, see James H. Madison, "Taking the Country Barefooted: The Indiana Colony in Southern California," *California History*, LXIX (Fall, 1990), 237-49.

⁶⁹ Alice was probably asking for money and/or supplies to be used for the relief of soldiers' families. Elkhart County had a very active Soldiers' Aid Society.

neral and must go to bed early as we have to start from here about half past five in the morning.⁷⁰

Jan 22nd I have the account for three days to write and don't hardly know which to begin with, but guess I will commenst with tuesday. We started from here about six oclock and got there about ten. It was a very unpleasant day. It rained part of the way and sleet part of the time.

It was a sorrowfull time and place to go too. The family all feel very badly but who could help it when they think of the way he died. Uncle Albert looks as much as twelve years older than when I last saw him. It was nine Oclock when we got home pretty well tired out.

Wednesday morning after I got the dishes washed I went right down to Aunt Marys to see about my garibaldi and found she had not commenst it so I went up town and got some braid to braid it and by dint of hard work got it done but could not if Sada and Anna Chamberlain had not helped me.⁷¹

I wore it to the festival with aunt Ems red mereno skirt it looked very well.

I had a very pleasant time had quite a long talk with Mr Crary. The more I see of that fellow the more I dislike him

Mr Arnold the Jew came home with me. He is such a funny fellow I cannot understand him half of the time⁷²

Today (thursday) I have been to work all day this morning as soon as I got the dishes washed I went up to the hall to get our dishes and found they had dcided to have one for the children so I went to work to help get the dishes washed and was there till noon and when I got home found mother had gone to Waterford I fixed up the fire in the kitchen put the flatirons on then got the children thier diner and then went to ironing and finished this evening about dark.

I am very tired but cannot go to bed till Mother comes for she has gone up to the hall. Dwight took Jenny Chamberlain up there to night but here they come.

Jan 31st Here it is the last day January and no sleighing yet. I never saw such a winter before. I thought this year I would keep my Journal a little more regular than I last year but I have made a poor begining.

⁷⁰ Ed, Alice's cousin, was the son of Albert Hawks, who lived in Leesburg, Kosciusko County.

⁷¹ A garibaldi was a woman's blouse, popular during the 1860s because of its association with the Italian independence fighter Guiseppe Garibaldi. Garibaldi's followers were called "red shirts" after their clothing, and garibaldi blouses were initially loose fitting, simple red garments. They evolved into fancier white blouses, sometimes trimmed with lace and red silk. Kunciov, *Mr. Godey's Ladies*, 109, 127-28.

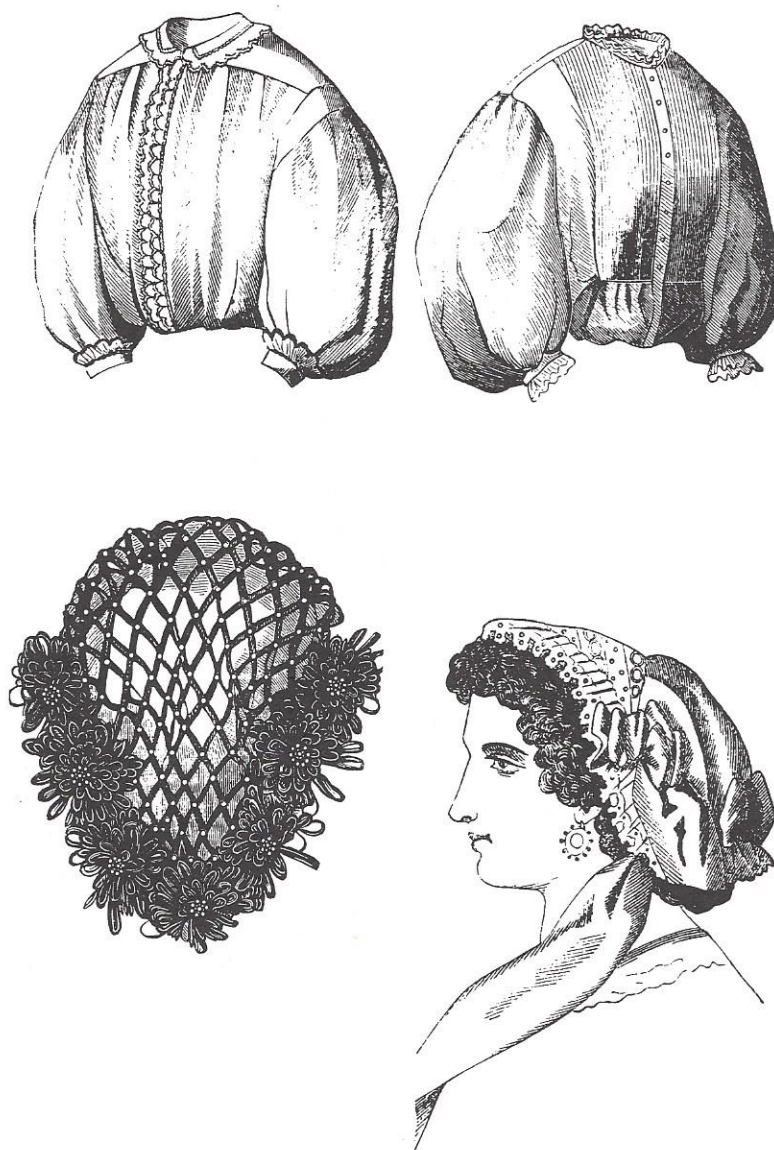
⁷² During the 1860s there was a very small Jewish community in Goshen.

THE GARIBALDI SHIRT.



Conspicuous among the Parisian novelties of the season, and to all appearances destined to produce a change amounting to revolution in ladies' costume, is the Garibaldi shirt, which can be had in printed flannel, merino, muslin de laine, printed cambric, foulard, or pique. In shape and pattern it is made in the same way as a gentleman's shirt, with plaits in front, extending just below the waist, full sleeve, small collar, and cuffs to turn down, corresponding with the collar, all being of one material: the ends are left so as to go underneath the dress skirt, and are long enough to allow of the shirt hanging over in bag fashion all round, producing an easy and graceful effect. It is the prettiest and most elegant garment that a lady can put on for morning, breakfast, or demi-toilette, and is already in great demand in fashionable circles.

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FASHIONS FROM THE CIVIL WAR ERA TYPICAL OF THOSE ALICE HAWKS MIGHT HAVE MADE OR WORN: GARIBALDI SHIRTS, BLACK VELVET HAIRNET, WHITE MUSLIN BREAKFAST CAP

Reproduced from *Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine*, LXIV (June, 1862), 589, 590, LXV (October, 1862), 389.

It is over a week since I have written any but it cannot be helped. We have no girl and I am so tired at night I do not feel like writing.

Jo and the baby are both quite sick. the Doctor says they are threatend with lung feaver.

Last night I went to the society at Mr Rowels and such a housefull I never saw at the society had a very pleasant time and a rather exciteing one. The chimney took fire and such a rush as there was for the things among the girls. each one wanted to be sure thier things were Safe. I enjoyed it very much but such a time as I had getting home. father went off and left me there alone. I did not discover it till every one els had gone.

I finily accepted the company of Mr Rowel Annas cousin.

Feb Wednesday 4th

I Am allmost sick with a colde, and Dwight is most sick He has a bad head ache and some feaver. but we have got a girl and that is a great rleife It is Mary Potter back again.

Feb 7th Went up to Waterford this morning and stayed till afternoon and had a real nice time Took Joe with me but he stayed at the store most of the time. I came home with uncle Eleazer and stoped at Mr Purl's but Zade was not there. So I came down to Mr Brainards an got Linnie to go with me to see Malvina Dillon and we persuaded her to come to sabbath School again.

Feb 8th I do not feel very well to day. I guess my tramp yesterday was most too much for me. I did not go to church this morning and did not feel much like going to sabbath school but went and was glad of it for Malvina was there and another girl wither from the baptis School and I dont much expect she will come very regular or long. It snowed last night and has snowed some to day.

Albert came home to day but I havent seen him yet. Feb 9th I did not start to school to day as I expected to. Calista came down here with the cutter and asked me to take a ride but we did not go far before it began raining and we had to come home.

It has rained all day.

Feb 11th I have started to school again and find I have lost a good deal especially in Algebra. Albert came down here this evening and stayed to tea.

He has not changed much but has grown fleashy. I went up to see Mrs Metcalf this evening. She is not at all well and looks very bad. It is raining now but is growing coulder and I should not be surprised if it should snow before morning.

Feb 12th This morning the ground was covered with snow a bout a foot deep.

I do not know when it has been such hard work for me to stay in school. The sleighs have been going all day.

Feb 13th I have had a grand sleigh ride to day. This afternoon father got Mr Vankirks big sleigh and took all our family and

aunt Mary Sada and Lolly out. We went round the prairy and came down by Waterford made quite a call there and then came home.

Our society meets at Mr Winders but I did not go had no chance.

Febuary 14th Made araingments to go calling this afternoon but did not go. It rained.

This morning Albert drove down and asked me to take aride and of course I did and about ten he came for me. We went up to Waterford called at Simpsons and then came home. I had not been in the house ten minutes when it began raining. Albert invited Zade to go with us but she could not so he asked her to go in the afternoon. I was glad I took my ride in the morning. It is St Valintines day. Feb 15. Em and I went to Matila's Weding this morning. I got up there in time to help dress the bride. Han Coover was there and we had lots of fun there and coming down to church. Zade came home with me after meeting and staid till after sabbath school. Feb 18th Have had the blues terribaly to day. There was a party went out to the lake skatting this morning and I wanted to go but had to go to school. I am begining to give up all hopes of ever learning to skate. I have got a composition to write this week and have to get two lessons every night. Feb 21st I wanted to go Skating to day so this morning I hurried with the work When afternoon came I had no one to go with and no place to go so I had to give it up but I went up town got me some velvet for a head dress and went up to uncle Cephases to have Calista help me but she was not at home so I went and called on Mrs Metcalf and Miss Fish then came home and tryed to settle down to work but found it hard work. Mary Chamberlain came home this morning and this afternoon she came over to aunt Emmas an I had to go over and see her so I have spent my time in runing.

Feb 25th. I have been to school all day and got along very well considering I did not study any last night.

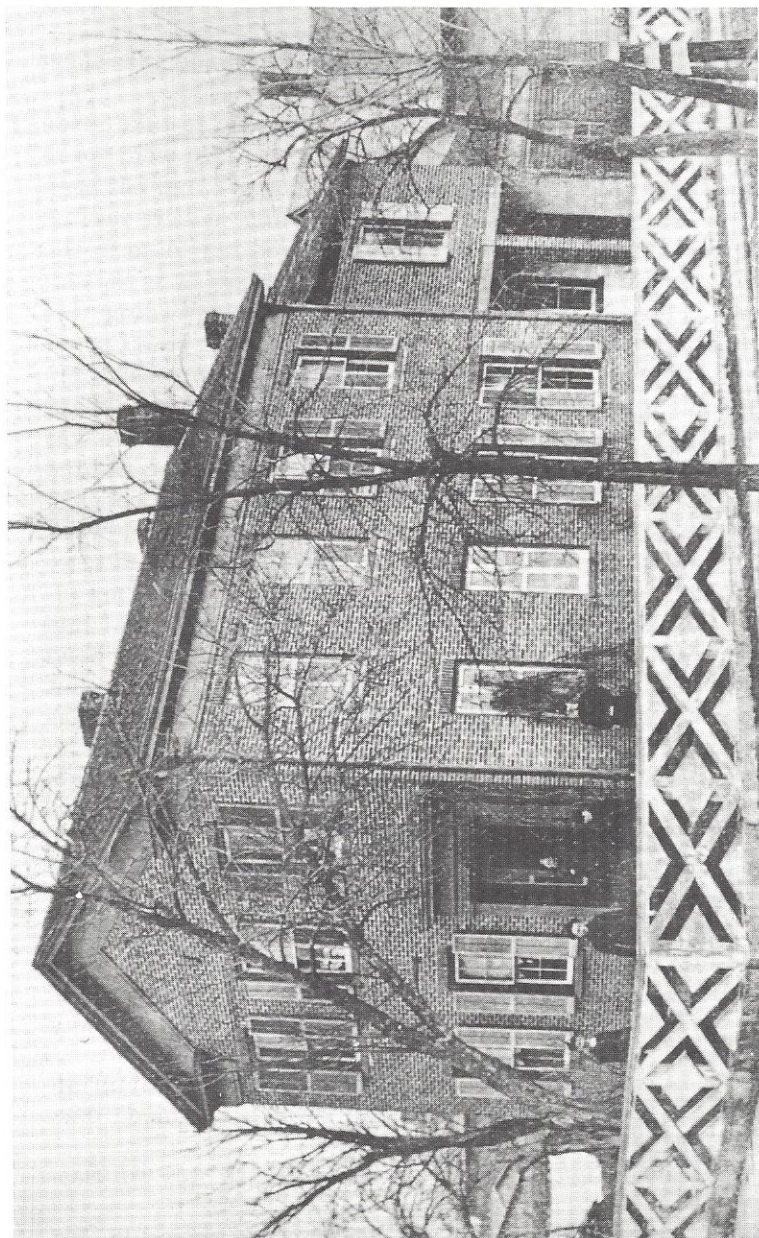
Last night I was up to uncle Cephases to a party given for Mr Blain and Kerstater [Kerstetter] All most every one was there and all seamed to have a pleasant time but me. Jim Crary came home with me. I wonder if I shall ever get so that I will enjoy my self here.

Feb 26th I have been to the wedding in the new presbyterian church, and saw Miss Callie Gilmore and Croff Blain made one. She was marraied in black.

They went to Chicago to night and are going to stay till Saturday.

Feb 28th This is the last day of winter and no sleighing. We have been in the dirt here all day have done some cleaning and are preparing to move.⁷³ Last night I went to the society at Mr

⁷³ Alice was moving to the brick house on the corner of Pike and Third streets to what later became a compound of Hawks family homes.



THE JOEL P. HAWKS RESIDENCE AT THE CORNER OF PIKE AND THIRD STREETS, GOSHEN (ALICE IS ONE OF THE WOMEN PICTURED.)

Courtesy Virginia Mayberry.

Defrees' the house was full. I enjoyed it very much. It was twelve o'clock when Pa and I got home.

March 2nd. this has been the funiest day I ever saw. When we got up it was snowing quit hard and looked as if it had set in for an all days snow storm but about ten o'clock it cleared off and the snow all thawed off in a little while.

This after noon it has snowed very hard for a few minutes and then it would stop and the sun wuld come out.

This evening went up to aid Society but there was none, so I came down to see grand pa Chamberlain.⁷⁴

March 14th. We are mooved at last, but are all topsiturvy there is not but two carpets down in the house and we mooved last tuesday. School is out and I am glad of it I hope now that I shall get something done. Saturday March 21st I have wanted to go to waterford all this week but have not gone. mother says I can go next week but I dont expect to for Mary [Potter] is going home and I shant get time. I have been out to several places this afternoon went to Mrs Sparklings and had a very pleasant call.

Saturday March 28th I have writen Just a week a part latly because I could not get any more time. Yesterday Zade and I made our long talked of calls and then went to the society at the parsnage and had a very pleasent time or at least I did. This morning I took a horseback ride to try a horse that father talked of buying then I went over to the parsnage and gathered up the dishes.

This afternoon Zade Fanny and my self spent the afternoon with Permilia Taylor.

We had a very pleasent time played jack stones most of the time. Mr Thompson took us all home.

Monday March 30th

School began again to day we had quite a pleasent school. I sit with Carey Defrees.

Saturday April 4th

We have got a girl again but there is no telling how long she will stay. This afternoon Mrs Baker Permilia Fanny and myself spent the afternoon with Zadie, and had a splendid time. Mrs baker tought us a new game called authors, with cards.⁷⁵ I got my hat trimed this morning. Ella got home last thursday but I havent seen her but once.

Wednesday April 8th

Took tea with Ella this evening. Lide and Cary Defrees Miss Suasy

⁷⁴ Alice refers to her friend Emma's grandfather, not her own. Grandpa Chamberlain, however, was also a relative by marriage to Phoebe Hascall, sister of Chauncey Hascall.

⁷⁵ Authors, a game played with special cards divided into sets or books, each set relating to a different author, was a relatively old game even in Alice's time. It remained popular until at least the early twentieth century.

Miss Harris Calista and my self were there. I did not enjoy it much. Ella has treated Sady so mean lately th[at] I cannot feel friendly towards her.

Saturday April 11th

I am glad there is no school to day for I do get so tired going to school all the weeke. Ella and I went to the society last night it was at Mrs Thomases. I did not enjoy it very much I had such a headache. There was quite a turn out and I guess that every one els enjoyed them selves.

Saturday April 18th

It is just a week ago to day since I wrote last our minister came to day I hope we shall like him and Ella sayes we cannot help it⁷⁶ I went up to Waterford this evening with uncle Cephas and aunt Delinda. Aunt Jennie is quite sick with a cold. I never heard any one cough as she does. We are with out a girl again I do think it is so provoking

Saturday April 19th

The minister preached for the first time to day and I guess every one liked him I did not go this morning but father and mother were pervectly delighted with him and he preached an excelent sermon to night

I was introduced to Mrs Mendinhaul this afternoon and liked her appearance very much

Friday April 24th

the society meets at Mrs Jim Sparkling's this evening and I guess I will go if I can get any company. The botany class went out into the woods this after noon.

We saw two snakes and killed one of them besides geting lots of flowers and I think that is doing pretty well.

Saturday 25th

I went to the society as I expected to and had a splended time I dont think I ever enjoyed a society better Yesterday afternoon when we were coming home Carry asked me if I was going I told her I couldnt unless father came home and he did not expect to when he went away. She told me to come up there and go with her that she was not going to have any company and I could as well as not. So at last I concluded to do so and when I got up there she told me that Dave was going with her.

Wedensday April 29th

There is no school till next monday. Miss chandler is sick.⁷⁷ I am

⁷⁶ Alice is probably referring to the Reverend Marmaduke H. Mendenhall who served as Methodist minster in Goshen from April, 1863, until April, 1865. Herrick and Sweet, *History of the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, 357.

⁷⁷ Alice may here have been referring to the public school rather than that of Mrs. Metcalfe. Miss Emma Chandler was later principal of Goshen High School for many years. A present-day elementary school, built on the site of the former high school, is named for her.

sorry she is sick but I must confess I am glad there is no school. tomorrow is fast day and Mr Mendenhall is going to preach in the presbyterian church.⁷⁸

Thursday April 30th

I had a horseback ride this morning and a nice one too. after I came back I got ready and went to church. we had an excelent sermon. the presbyterians were all very well pleased with him. This after noon mother went up to waterford aunt Jennie is quite sick.

I have been mending stockings all the afternoon. Call Blain and I are going to have a picneic Saturday for our Sabbath School schollars.

Sunday May 3rt

We had our picnic yesterday as we expected and had a real nice time I guess all the girls enjoyed it I am shure Call and I did. we had a cake and a half left and we took it to the minister It was allmost dark when we got home. It sprinkled two or three times but did not rain.

after I got home I went up to Mrs Knop and got Emmas hat when I came out of there Charlie Sparkling Jennie Biddle and Mary Latta were standing by thier gate so I stoped to talk with them and when Jennie and came on he came with us and when I got home I had to wash the dinner and supper dishes. To day I feel perfectly miserable but made out to go to church this morning and to sabbath school.

Tuesday May 5.

Mrs Baker came down here to see if we wouldent have the society and after thinking about it we concluded we would if she couldent get any one els to have it but we have no girl and it would be very hard work for us. Dwight has gone out after Margret Wear to day I do hope she will come.

Thursday May 7th

We are not going to have the society after all. Mrs Sarbaugh is going to have it I am makeing me a blue delain waste and braid- ing it with black.⁷⁹ Cousin Mary is down. She came down to meet uncle Albert and aunt Sarah but they have not come yet. she was here to tea this eavening.

Friday May 8th Went up to the society at Mrs Sarbaugh and wore my new wast and Silk dress. the house was full and I guess they were very well satisfide. We are going to have it next time. I

⁷⁸ Fast days were a well-established American tradition in times of war, dating back to the seventeenth-century Puritans. Communities gathered together in church to listen to a special sermon in a ritual of civic repentance thought to aid the side they supported.

⁷⁹ Delaine is a lightweight dress fabric of wool or wool and cotton made in prints or solid colors. As Alice uses it here, "waist" means a blouse.

have worked on my waist all day and just got it done in time. Mother and Em are going to Indianapolis in a bout two weeks.

Monday May 11th Aunt Dalinda came down here this morning to see if we wanted to send to Calista for any thing as they was going to send for the trunk I sent for a dress and circular and gloves Em ditto.⁸⁰ I expect they will be here the last of this week, or the first of next. Mr & Mrs Mendinhall took tea here this evening and I have had a horseback ride. I began aunt Helen a breakfast cap this afternoon.

Sunday May 18th I have not been too meeting at all to day. Last Tuesday I was taken with Diphtheria and have not done much School begins tomorrow but I do not know whether I shall go or not. Monday May 25th.

Have been at school all day and this evening went up to Mrs Knaps and commenced making the baby a hat but did not get it done.

Saturday May 23rd

I am so tired to day I do not feel much like doing any thing. The society is over with and I am awfully glad of it the house was full and I guess every one enjoyed it. I had to carry home dishes all the forenoon and this afternoon I have crocheted. Monday May 25th I went to school this forenoon but this afternoon took Mother and the children up to Waterford. had a real nice time I drove all the way and had two horses. Mother goes Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday May 27th

Mother and Em started this afternoon and now I am mistress. The children call me ma about half the time. Mother said I must write down their conduct every day so that she could see it when she gets home. They were real good this evening. May & Jo went to bed before dark.

Thursday May 28th

I have been to school to day as usual. The children have been very good, so far I have not had any trouble with any of them except Min and not any hardly worth speaking of with her at noon she wanted to wear her winter hat to school because the trimming had all come off from her other one but I would not let her so she cried a while about it. This evening they all went to bed before dark.

Mrs Pancost and Miss Fish called this evening just at dusk.

Saturday May 30th

I have got two days report to make out and guess I will begin with Fridays. Father and I went to Presbyterian society at Mr Mercers

⁸⁰ Alice probably refers to Calista Hawks (Mrs. John Gortner). The Hawkses and Browns retained close ties with eastern branches of the family, which was good for business and for securing household furnishings, clothing, and literature. A circular was a long, full, often fur-lined cape that was popular in the nineteenth century.

last evening and it was so late when I got home that I did not feel like writing and there was not much to write. I got Jo to sleep before dark but May had had a long nap in the afternoon so I let her & Min sit up till after I went to bed. they were very good through the day. This morning when I got up it was raining but in hops it would clear off before after noon so the girls could come I went to work and made my cake, but it rained all day. I had promised the children they might go up to Mrs Tyrrell's to see Emma & they were very much disappointed. Min teased me a good deal to go any way. They have given me more trouble to day than any other by geting themselves wet. I went up this evening and got my bonet, and like it very much.

Sunday May 31st

I did not go to church this morning because Margret wanted to go up to see Samantha, and so I staid with the little ones Min & D-went with pa. It has rained again to day. Just before sabbath school time it poured down I think I never saw it rain so.

I have had some trouble with the children to day keeping them in the house. I wrote a long letter to Mother this afternoon and went to church this evening.

Monday June 1st

The children have been very good to day with the exception that Min has teased me to let her sit up and see the eclips and May did not want to go to bed with out her. Dwight invited the cousins to come here and sit up to seet it and I was thinking that I would let Min sit up when Aunt Em came in and said it was all over with so I made them go right to bed. We got letters from Ma and Em this evening.

Saturday June 6th

I have not keep up my report very well but there has not been much to wright The children are all of them very good.

I expected to have company to day but Dwight went off up town and did not get back in time to take my invitations. The democrats are haveing a greate mass meeting to day and the town is full. poor fellows I hope they will enjoy them selves.⁸¹ Margaret has gone home and I am alone. I do not know how I shall get along.

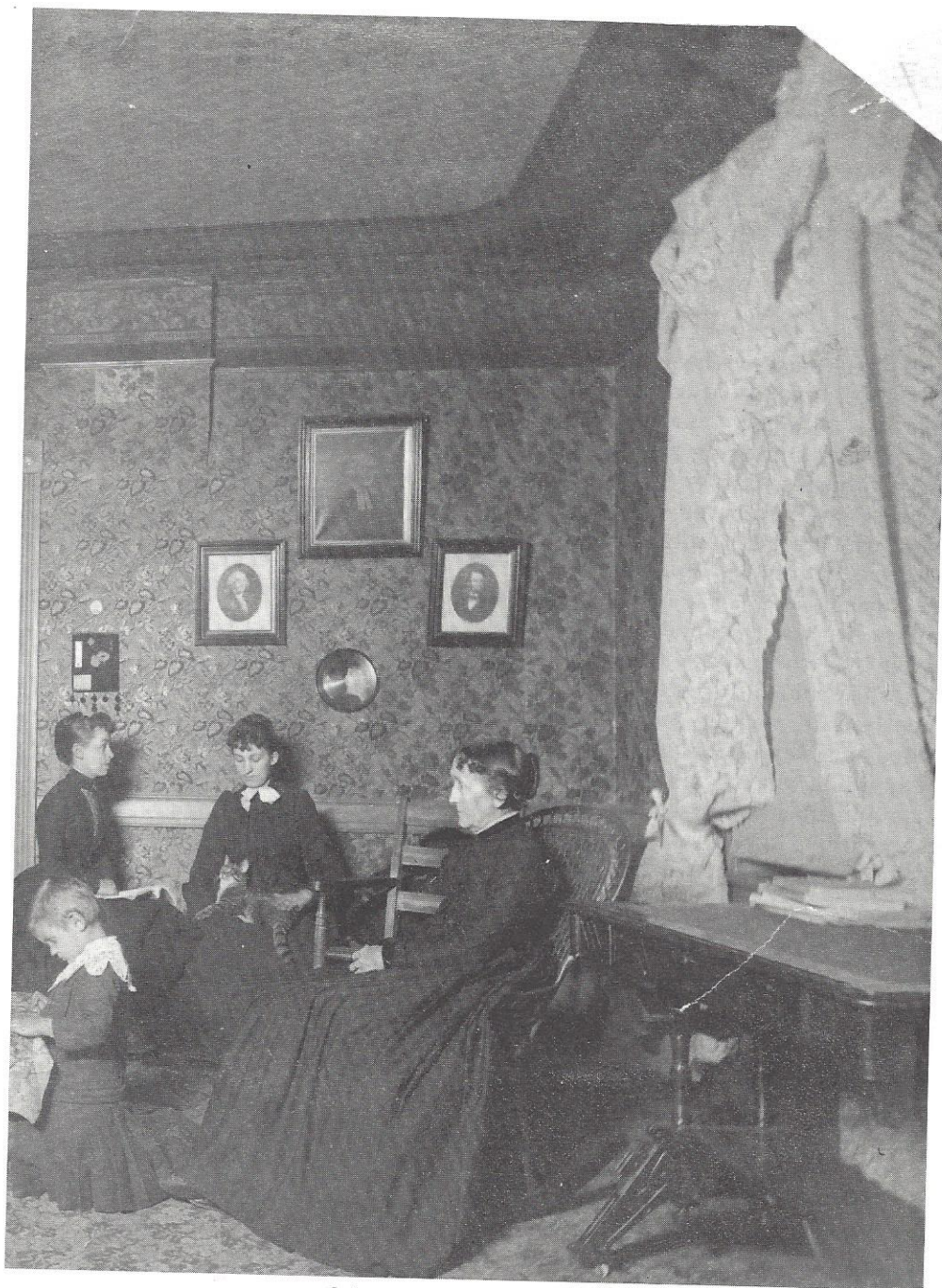
Sunday June 7th

I did not go to meeting this morning because I could not get the work done up. Such times geting the children dressed & geding

⁸¹ The Browns were Democrats when they came to Indiana in the 1830s. In fact, Ebenezer Brown, Alice's maternal grandfather, established and edited the *Goshen Democrat* for a number of years. Miller, *Indiana Newspaper Bibliography*, 97. By the 1850s, certainly by the Civil War years covered by Alice's diary, both the Browns and the Hawksees supported the Republican party. They were probably influenced by the antislavery policy of their respective churches and by friends and family members who opposed the extension of slavery and who were instrumental in the formation of the Republican party in Indiana.



INTERIOR OF JOEL P. HAWKS HOME ON
PIKE AND THIRD STREETS, GOSHEN, C. 1890



LEFT TO RIGHT: JOEL P. HAWKS; ALICE; DWIGHT; EMMA'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, VIRGINIA; DWIGHT'S WIFE, ESTELLE BURNS; MAY; DWIGHT'S SON, LEWIS; EMMA (?); SARAH BROWN HAWKS

Courtesy Virginia Mayberry.

breakfast I never did see. got along the rest of the day very well
father staid at home this evening & I went to church.

Monday June 8th

Uncle Doc goes down to Ind- and comes back thursday I expect
Mother will come with him. I wrote to her today telling her that
M- had gone, but father was going to try to get Mary Potter.

Afterword

Joel may not have been successful in securing the services of
Mary Potter, because Alice's journal stops abruptly at the bottom
of page 104, although it had been numbered to 122, the final page.
Earlier, when numbering the diary, Alice had twice inadvertently
turned two pages. Rather than renumbering when the error was
discovered, she sewed the two pages together with large basting
stitches, which are still intact.

Alice died July 16, 1892, at age forty-six, "with a derangement
of the stomach . . ."⁸² She was still a spinster living in Goshen and
caring for her sister Emma's youngest child. Both her parents out-
lived her by several years. Of Alice's siblings, Em married a phar-
macist who dabbled in real estate and who moved his large family
frequently. Min married and died in childbirth. Lora died at age
nine. Joe and May lived together in Goshen all their lives. Dwight,
too, was a pharmacist and lived in Goshen with his wife and one
son. He and cousins Frank E. C. and Edwin Hawks continued to
manage various of the Hawks enterprises and are mentioned fre-
quently in late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century county his-
tories.

⁸² Goshen *Daily News*, July 16, 1892.