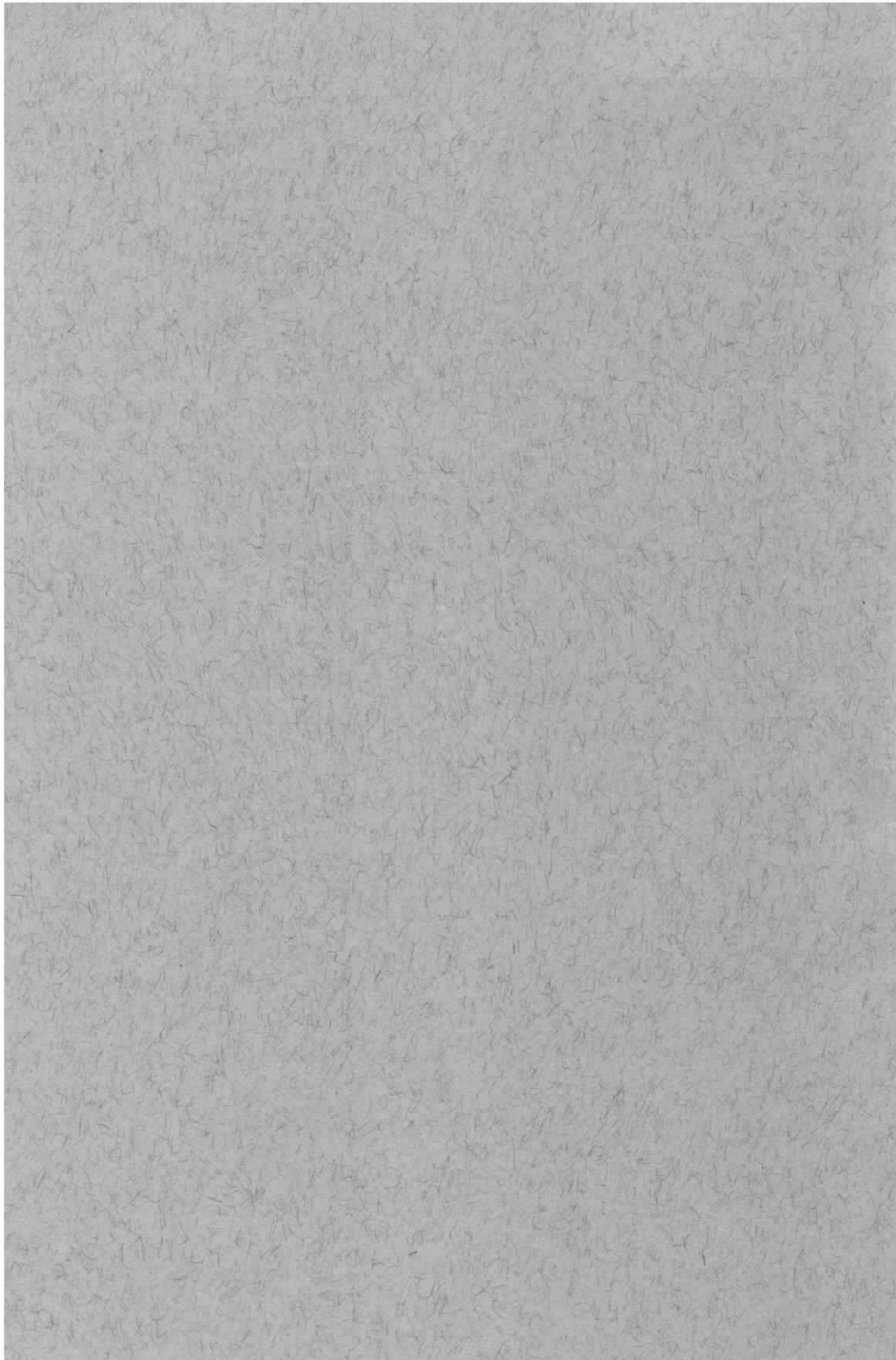


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ANNUAL MEETING, THIRD FRIDAY IN MAY

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, THIRD FRIDAY IN OCTOBER

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- 1916—PAMPHLET: *Troutbeck, A Dutchess County Homestead*; by Charles E. Benton. Out of print.
- 1924—COLLECTIONS: VOL. I; *Poughkeepsie, The Origin and Meaning of the Word*; by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds.
- 1924—COLLECTIONS, VOL. II; *Old Gravestones of Dutchess County, New York*; collected and edited by J. Wilson Poucher, M.D., and Helen Wilkinson Reynolds.
- 1928—COLLECTIONS, VOL. III; *Records of the Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York*; edited by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Edition exhausted.
- 1930—COLLECTIONS, VOL. IV; *Notices of Marriages and Deaths in Newspapers printed at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1778-1825*; compiled and edited by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds.
- 1932—COLLECTIONS, VOL. V; *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Hackensack, Dutchess County, New York*; edited by Maria Bockée Carpenter Tower.
- 1938—COLLECTIONS, VOL. VI; *Eighteenth Century Records of the portion of Dutchess County, New York, that was included in Rombout Precinct and the original Town of Fishkill*. Collected by William Willis Reese. Edited by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds.
- 1940—COLLECTIONS, VOL. VII; *Records of Crum Elbow Precinct, Dutchess County*. Edited by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

For information in regard to any of the above publications address: Mrs. Amy Ver Nooy, Secretary, Dutchess County Historical Society, Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 9, 1951

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society was called for Wednesday afternoon, May 9, at the Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie.

Present: President Van Wyck, Mr. Emsley, Miss Halstead, Mr. Otis, the treasurer and the secretary. As the number of officers present did not constitute a quorum, several matters were discussed with the understanding that the president would make recommendations at the annual meeting.

It was noted that the society had lost by death two members who had long served as officers of the organization, Mr. Franklyn J. Poucher and Mr. Henry T. Hackett. The president expressed the deep sense of loss felt by the society in the death of each of these interested and faithful members.

It was reported that tentative arrangements had been made for the annual meeting, to be held on May 25 at the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Emsley reported that Alderman Freer, chairman of the

Public Property Committee of the Common Council, had explained to the city council that it was difficult to obtain an estimate for the work that would need to be done at the Glebe House and he had been authorized to have repairs made on a day-work basis, the cost not to exceed the \$500.00 which had been allotted for this work in the city budget.

Mr. Van Wyck read a letter from Mrs. Frances Rundall of Amenia, describing the old cemetery at the site of the Red Meeting House and suggesting that the society arrange for a suitable marker for the spot. Mr. Van Wyck offered to write to the New York State Department of Education requesting that one of the state markers be placed there.

The secretary reported that Miss Louise Tompkins of Millbrook had prepared each week for a long period of time, for the *Millbrook Round Table*, an interesting and informative article on local history. A number of the articles had been brought to her attention and one of the members of this

society, Mr. Tartaro, had proposed that Miss Tompkins be elected an honorary member of the Dutchess County Historical Society in recognition of her work.

She also reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Leon C. Baldwin of Glens Falls, offering to present to the society an oil painting of Pelton's pond, the work of the late Gardner Arnold Reckard of Poughkeepsie.

Mention was made of the intention to purchase a book or an object which would be a suitable memorial to Dr. James F. Baldwin. Mr. Van Wyck suggested that this matter be referred to the Glebe House committee.

It was reported that the possessions of this society which had been stored at the Vassar Brothers

Institute had been removed to a room on the third floor of the County Office Building, through the kindness of Sheriff Close. Mr. Close had provided the storage space when the society had been asked to give up the room at Vassar Institute.

It was suggested that this society express its interest in and approval of the work of the Hyde Park Historical Association and that the Dutchess County Historical Society request the privilege of becoming a member of the Hyde Park association.

Mr. Van Wyck said that he would appoint a committee to nominate a slate of officers at the annual meeting.

AMY VER NOOY,
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 25, 1951

The annual meeting of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held on Friday, May 25, at the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie.

The business meeting was held at 11:30 a. m., Mr. Van Wyck presiding.

The minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees, held October

19, 1950, and May 9, 1951, were read and approved.

The secretary reported that the society had lost some members by resignation and the following members by death: Mrs. Robert W. Andrews, Mrs. John M. Bush, Mr. Henry T. Hackett, Mrs. Lewis F. Hicks, Miss Kathleen Mulrein, Mr. Franklyn J. Pouch-

er, Mrs. W. Willis Reese, Mr. Raymond W. Storm, Mr. Charles E. Triller, Mr. Charles M. van Kleeck and Mrs. William H. Wilcox.

The treasurer reported that bills for the annual dues were mailed in January and that receipts had come in very well. She gave a detailed report of the state of the treasury, which was accepted as read and ordered printed in the year book.

With reference to the Glebe House, the president reported that when the house was given in charge of the historical society and the Junior League, the city had agreed to take care of any structural repairs which might be needed but that nothing had been done over a period of years. In 1950 the Common Council had allowed in the budget \$500.00 for such work and this amount had been spent for repairs. An additional \$500.00 had been allotted in the budget for 1951.

Mr. Booth reported, for the curator, that there had been several meetings of the Glebe House committee and that plans for re-decoration were under consideration. He said that the committee had received a gift of \$500.00 to employ the services of an expert

to advise them in their work. The committee had visited the Senate House at Kingston, which had been restored by Miss Elizabeth Holahan, who has specialized in the restoration of old buildings. Miss Holahan had been engaged to come to Poughkeepsie to study the house and she had sent a written report on her findings and recommendations.

Mr. Booth advised that the re-decoration be started after the structural repairs are completed. He stated that this work was going forward, but that the \$500.00 allowed by the city would not be sufficient for the work and recommended that a request be made for more money to continue it. He said that the society has funds to cover the expense of the necessary interior work and he expected that a good job would come of it.

Mr. Van Wyck stated that several matters were discussed at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 9. He moved that Miss Louise Tompkins of Millbrook be elected an honorary member of the society. This was unanimously carried.

He also recommended that the painting of Pelton's pond, Poughkeepsie, the work of the late Gardner Arnold Reckard, be ac-

cepted as a gift from Mr. Leon C. Baldwin of Glens Falls. Mr. Baldwin wished to give the painting in memory of his uncle, the late John M. Janes of Poughkeepsie.

It was voted that this society become a member of the Hyde Park Historical Association.

For the nominating committee, Mr. Briggs presented the following list of proposed candidates: President, Mr. Frank V. Mylod; vice-president, Mr. Edmund Van Wyck; secretary, Mrs. Amy Ver Nooy; treasurer, Miss Albertina T. B. Traver; curator, Mrs. Hardy Steeholm; trustees for a term of four years, General John Ross Delafield, Mr. Newton D. Deuel, Mr. Harry Harkness Flagler and Miss Anne M. Vincent. He nominated Miss Edith A. Van Wyck as a vice-president, representing the Town of Fishkill, and Mr. George E. Schryver, vice-president, representing the Town of Pine Plains.

Mr. Briggs moved that these officers be elected and the motion was seconded by Mr. Haviland and was carried.

The following new members were proposed and elected: Dr. Evelyn A. Acomb, Mrs. James F. Brehm, Mrs. William I. Bu-

chanan, Mr. George W. Chase, Mrs. George W. Chase, Mr. Melvin A. Clevett, Mr. John J. Gartland, Jr., Mr. George V. Kershaw, Mrs. Harry D. Matteson, Mrs. Floyd E. Putnam, Miss Hazel M. Schryver, Mrs. Alfred Schumacher, Mrs. Roy Shaver, Mr. John O. Tyldsley, Miss Alma Van Curen and Mrs. William Howard Young.

A letter from the Kansas State Historical Society was read, asking if it might be possible to fill in the gaps in the file of Dutchess County Historical Society year books in its library. The librarian of that organization offered to send to this society its quarterly magazine in exchange for the year book of the Dutchess County Historical Society. The secretary reported that within the past few weeks it had been possible to help complete the files at the New York Public Library and at the library of the New York State Historical Association with back numbers which had been received from members of this society. Mr. Van Wyck stated that the society would be glad to try to place in other libraries any copies of back issues which members may not wish to keep. It was voted to add the name of the Kansas State

Historical Society to the exchange list of this society.

As there was no further business to be brought before the meeting the members adjourned to the dining room. The Reverend Mr. Hillery asked the blessing and a very good luncheon was served.

Following the luncheon, Mr. Van Wyck introduced the new president, Mr. Mylod, who showed some moving pictures which he had taken in the county over a period of years. They included scenes taken on the occasion of the pilgrimage of 1927 when the members of the historical society were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at Hyde Park and of Mr. Oakleigh Thorne at Briarcliff Farms, Pine Plains. Another movie was taken

on the occasion of the opening of the Mid-Hudson bridge, with Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith, Governor and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Monsignor Sheahan in the foreground. There was also a short picture showing Franklin D. Roosevelt as he rode down Market street and stopped to greet many friends in front of the Nelson House. There were other pictures showing the inter-collegiate boat races and numerous colorful and interesting scenes in and about the county.

At the conclusion of the showing of the films, the meeting closed with an enthusiastic vote of thanks to Mr. Mylod.

AMY VER NOOY,
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 19, 1951

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held on Wednesday afternoon, September 19, 1951, at the Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie.

Present: President Mylod, vice-president Van Wyck, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Emsley, Mrs. Green,

Mrs. Steeholm, and Miss Vincent and the treasurer and the secretary.

Miss Vincent was welcomed as a new member of the board.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, held May 9, 1951, were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that eighty per cent of the members

had paid their dues for the current year.

The curator reported that the possessions of the society were in good order.

Mrs. Steeholm reported, for the Glebe House committee, that some repair work had been done to the masonry of the building, but that it was apparent that much more should be done. The matter was discussed and it was suggested that a request be made that the finance committee of the Common Council include in the 1952 budget for the city an amount which would take care of the structural repairs in a proper manner. It was pointed out that a sum of money had been given the society for the redecoration of the interior, but that it was useless to start work inside before the building was made weather-tight.

Mrs. Steeholm asked to be relieved of the chairmanship of the Glebe House committee, explaining that absence from the county would prevent her doing any active work in that capacity. The president said he would appoint a chairman in her place.

The pilgrimage committee reported that plans had been made for a trip to be made on Wednes-

day, October 3, to three places in the vicinity of Rhinebeck. It would include visits to the Beekman Arms, to Ferncliff, the home of Captain Vincent Astor, and to Rokeby, the home of Mrs. Richard Aldrich. The plans, as outlined by the committee, were approved by the board.

The president said he would appoint a committee to arrange for a fall meeting, preferably a dinner meeting, to be held in Poughkeepsie in October. It was explained that those members who were unable to attend a luncheon meeting might be able to be present at a meeting held in the evening.

It was moved and seconded that the "honorarium" paid the curator be increased to \$100 per year and that the increase be retroactive to July 1, 1951.

Mr. Mylod told about the milestones which he had been able to locate on the post road, north and south of Poughkeepsie. He suggested that the members watch for the milestones along the highway.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

AMY VER NOOY,

Secretary

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 1951

The semi-annual meeting of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held on Tuesday evening, October 30, 1951, at the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie. Dinner was served at 6:30 p. m. and immediately following the dinner, the meeting was called to order by the president.

It was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings be dispensed with.

Miss Traver read the treasurer's report.

The secretary gave a brief report which told that there had been two resignations and that the society had lost the following members by death: Mr. J. Lenox Banks, Miss Alma Laird, Mrs. W. W. Luckey, Mr. Conrad N. Pitcher, Miss Bessie Quintard, Mr. Edward A. Russell, Miss Jennie L. Van Wyck, Major George B. Waterman and Mrs. Andrew C. Zabriskie.

Mr. Mylod reported on the recent pilgrimage, that a most enjoyable day had been spent and that more than one hundred members had participated.

Mr. Mylod spoke about the

Governor George Clinton house and the recent concern that the New York State Department of Education might withdraw its support of the museum. The following resolution, expressing the sentiment of the society, was passed:

The Dutchess County Historical Society believes that the Governor George Clinton House is of sufficient historical interest to the state and to the community to warrant its preservation and upkeep by the State of New York. Therefore, Be it RESOLVED that the Dutchess County Historical Society urge that the New York State Education Department continue to maintain the Governor George Clinton House, Poughkeepsie, as one of the state museums.

The secretary was requested to send a copy of the resolution to the Mahwenawasigh Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

It was reported that Mr. Vernon Munroe, who had presented to the society the Tappen family

Bible, had offered to give to the society a portrait of Elizabeth Crannell, daughter of Bartholomew Crannell and wife of Peter Tappen. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Munroe, telling him that the society would be happy to have the portrait to hang in the Glebe House. Mrs. Ver Nooy explained that Elizabeth Crannell was a sister to Gertrude Crannell who, as the wife of the Reverend John Beardsley, made her home in the Glebe House.

It was announced that an eighteenth century secretary had been offered to the society for the Glebe House.

A letter was read, requesting that the society take some action to see that the spring which gave Poughkeepsie its name be preserved. It was explained that houses were being built in close proximity to the spot where the spring is located. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees be empowered to take such action as may be necessary to preserve the historic spot.

Mr. Mylod introduced Mr. Peter Seeger, of Beacon, who spoke very interestingly about folksongs of all sorts. He interspersed his talk with illustrations, accompanied by his banjo, of the various kinds of ballads, work songs, slave songs, tramping songs, love songs, etc., etc. He sang several Hudson River ballads and Erie Canal songs. The audience joined in the singing of many of the familiar songs and in the refrains of those less well known.

The following new members were elected: Mrs. Henry I. Baker, Mr. Roland Child, Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. J. M. Finkel, Mrs. Arthur Handley, Mrs. Florence Hall, Mrs. Stephen King, Mrs. Thomas F. Lawlor, Mr. Edwin Rozell, Mr. Peter Seeger, Mrs. Peter Seeger and the Blodgett Memorial Library of Fishkill.

On motion, the meeting adjourned with a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Seeger.

AMY VER NOOY,
Secretary

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

PERMANENT ACCOUNT—Poughkeepsie Savings Bank	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1951	\$6,619.02
Interest to April 1, 1951	33.10
	\$6,652.12
CHECKING ACCOUNT—Poughkeepsie Trust Company	
Receipts	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1951	\$ 211.13
Received from dues	782.00
Received from sale of books	16.00
	\$1,009.13
Disbursements	
Curator	\$ 25.00
Secretary	50.00
Treasurer	50.00
Bank service charges	5.38
Reply cards, spring meeting	9.50
	\$ 139.88
	\$ 869.25
THE HELEN WILKINSON REYNOLDS MEMORIAL FUND	
Poughkeepsie Savings Bank	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1951	\$2,076.38
Gift to fund	15.00
Interest to April 1, 1951	10.38
	\$2,101.76
GLEBE HOUSE FUND—Fallkill National Bank and Trust Company	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1951	\$2,500.00
Gift to fund	500.00
	\$3,000.00
Elizabeth Holahan, survey of Glebe House	\$ 218.42
Mimeographing report	10.00
	\$ 228.42
	\$2,771.58
INVESTED FUNDS	
War Bond, purchased April, 1943, matures April 1955, valued April, 1951	\$ 874.00
Respectfully submitted,	
ALBERTINA T. B. TRAVER, <i>Treasurer</i>	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

PERMANENT ACCOUNT—Poughkeepsie Savings Bank

Balance on hand, May 24, 1951	\$6,652.12
Interest to October 1, 1951	66.69
	\$6,718.81

CHECKING ACCOUNT—Poughkeepsie Trust Company

Receipts

Balance on hand, May 24, 1951	\$ 869.25
Received from dues	122.00
Received from sale of books	34.00
	\$1,025.25

Disbursements

Guest luncheon	\$ 1.75
Postage, postcards and paper	24.50
Curator	25.00
Secretary	50.00
Treasurer	50.00
Junior League, care of Glebe House	120.00
Lansing-Broas Printing Company, envelopes	12.40
Lansing-Broas Printing Company, Printing reply cards for fall meeting	11.75
Hyde Park Historical Association, membership ...	1.00
Postage, postcards, mimeograph paper	25.13
	\$ 321.53

Balance on hand, October 29, 1951	\$ 703.72
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THE HELEN WILKINSON REYNOLDS MEMORIAL FUND

Poughkeepsie Savings Bank

Balance on hand, May 24, 1951	\$2,101.76
Interest to October 1, 1951	21.01

Balance on hand, October 29, 1951	\$2,122.77
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GLEBE HOUSE FUND—Fallkill National Bank and Trust Company

Balance on hand, May 24, 1951	\$2,771.58
Balance on hand, October 29, 1951	\$2,771.58

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Respectfully submitted,

ALBERTINA T. B. TRAVER, *Treasurer*

OUR PRESIDENT SAYS:

This being the first opportunity presented to your new president to address the membership in print, I desire all to know that I greatly appreciate the honor you have bestowed upon me. It is my hope that I may be able to emulate my predecessors and have the society continue to be a success. I feel that, with the able assistance of the other officers and the Board of Trustees and with the cooperation of the membership, this can be accomplished. It may be that some of our members would like to take a more active part in the conduct of the society. We would like to hear from those who may have such inclinations and the time to give. Their offers will be appreciated.

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Our spring meeting, held May 25, at the Nelson House, was well attended. The colored movie which I have assembled and called "Dutchess County" was shown. All present appeared to enjoy its presentation and I trust such was the case.

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The annual pilgrimage, held October 3, was all that could be desired. The weather was kind and the visits to Beekman Arms, Ferncliff and Rokeby were most enjoyable. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold of Beekman Arms, Captain Vincent Astor of Ferncliff and Mrs. Richard Aldrich of Rokeby, for their kind hospitality. And we enjoyed the informal talks given by Mrs. Aldrich and Miss Traver. It was a day that will be remembered as one of our most successful pilgrimages. The committee in charge are to be commended.

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Robert Winthrop Chanler, mentioned by Mrs. Aldrich, is well

and fondly remembered as "Sheriff Bob." It has been recalled that for some years he had a studio in the brick building at the rear of the Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie. This property has recently been purchased by the city and has been added to the library plot which it adjoins.

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Our fall meeting was an innovation. We had the long-anticipated pleasure of having with us Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seeger, who are now living in our county. Mr. Seeger, an authority on folksongs, brought his banjo and gave us an informative talk and much pleasure. We hope he will come often.

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During the summer some of our members had the privilege of attending the seminars in American history, held at the headquarters of the New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown. Others reported that they had visited Sturbridge Village and the museum at Smith's Clove. Representatives of the society also attended the Indian pageant at Ticonderoga, meetings of the New York State Historical Association and of the New York Folklore Society, held in Cooperstown and in New York City.

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To continue such a society as ours it is necessary to add new members. No doubt, many could easily be induced to join if they were asked. It is, perhaps, true that youth is not too much interested in the past these days, but they would find the study of Dutchess County interesting. Could not each member bring in a new member?

FRANK V. MYLOD

HENRY T. HACKETT and FRANKLYN J. POUCHER

The Dutchess County Historical Society records with a keen sense of loss the death of two of its trustees and strong supporters over a long period of time, Henry Thomas Hackett of Hyde Park, and Franklyn J. Poucher of Poughkeepsie. Mr. Hackett died at the age of sixty-five on January 9, 1951. Mr. Poucher died December 20, 1950, aged fifty-two years.

Both men showed a genuine interest in local history, each having a warm and sensitive regard for the facts which make up treasures of the past. Mr. Hackett contributed to the year book of the society several articles about Hyde Park men and events. He was just as painstaking in searching out data on behalf of the county society as he was in carrying on his own law practice. His discerning appreciation of things historical was flavored with a lively sense of humor.

Mr. Poucher's real friendship with local history began to be manifest during the latter years of the outstanding contributions to the society and to its year book by his father, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher. Franklyn Poucher's cooperative interest in the society's program ended in all too short a time.

Mr. Hackett's service on the governing board of the society dated from 1932. He had been a member since 1925. Mr. Poucher was first elected to the board of trustees in 1928, having been a member since 1926.

Henry Hackett was born February 22, 1885, the son of John and Harriet Mulford Hackett. He practiced law with his father and during more recent years, shared law offices with his brother, John Mulford Hackett. He was educated at Riverview Military Academy and was graduated from Harvard College and New York Law School. He was admitted to the New York state bar in June 1912.

Mr. Hackett served from 1930 until his death as a trustee of the Barnard Memorial Library of the Supreme Court at the county court house. His first appointment was by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt. An attorney to Mr. Roosevelt, he became executor and trustee of the will of the late president. He was a vestryman of St. James' Episcopal Church of Hyde Park.

Mr. Poucher was the only son of Dr. John Wilson and Catharine LeFevre Poucher. He attended Riverview Military Academy and was graduated from Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey. A veteran of the first World War, Mr. Poucher had enlisted with the American Field Ambulance Service and was engaged in France for eighteen months. At the time of his death he was one of the proprietors of Poucher, Wood and Wallin, dealers in electrical supplies and equipment.

A trustee of the Holland Society of New York, Mr. Poucher had served as president of the society's Dutchess County branch. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and of the Society of Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York. Mr. Poucher was the original member of the county Board of Supervisors from the Eighth Ward, Poughkeepsie, after the ward was annexed to the city from the Town of Poughkeepsie.

The society will miss both of these trustees.

JOSEPH W. EMSLEY

THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

About one hundred pilgrims gathered in the garden of the Beekman Arms at Rhinebeck on the morning of Wednesday, October 3. The day was unusually warm and part of the time the sky was overcast, but no rain fell.

Mr. Mylod welcomed the members and outlined the plans for the day. Miss Traver, treasurer of the society, whose home is in Rhinebeck, told the story of the inn, described the murals in the postoffice and recounted many of the tales of the neighborhood which she had heard as a child.

Mr. Victor Romaine, executive director of the Hudson River Conservation Society, addressed the assemblage and urged his hearers to cooperate in the preservation of the scenic beauty of the Hudson River.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, of the Beekman Arms, had spared no effort in their arrangements for the convenience and entertainment of their guests. Some of the pilgrims ate basket lunches in the garden and others enjoyed lunch in the diningroom of the hotel.

After lunch, the groups visited the post office to see the murals and lingered in the hotel, admiring the many antiques and the prints on the walls. Called together by the old familiar police whistle, the procession, escorted by the State trooper, got under way and moved down the road to Rhinecliff. A loop was made at the village and the forty cars wound back up the road and proceeded to Ferncliff. Here, through the kind hospitality of Captain Astor and the arrangements made by Mr. Bannister, the superintendent of the estate, the pilgrims were permitted to visit the home of Captain Astor and the tea house. There had been no hard frost and the gardens were lovely with their masses of fall flowers.

After a brief stop at the stone barns, the pilgrimage continued on to Rokeby, the home of Mrs. Richard Aldrich. Through the kindness of Mr. Donald Dapson, of Rhinebeck, chairs were provided and the

guests faced the porch from which Mrs. Aldrich made her address. She told the story of her home and the people who had lived there, an account of which is printed in another part of this year book.

At the conclusion of her talk, Mrs. Aldrich invited the pilgrims to visit the house, where they were received by Mrs. Richard Chanler Aldrich and the young people.

The views of the river, the fall foliage, the late flowers and, above all, the efforts of the committee in charge and the kind hospitality of our Dutchess County members, all contributed to a most enjoyable day.

The program for the trip was as follows:

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1951

BASKET LUNCHES

The members of the Dutchess County Historical Society have been invited to make a pilgrimage this fall to the towns of Red Hook and Rhinebeck in the northwestern part of the county.

The pilgrimage will begin with a visit to the Beekman Arms, established as an inn in 1700 by William Traphagen. It is "the oldest hotel in America," which has operated continuously at the same location. The tour will pass the oldest stone house in Rhinebeck and the site of the Kip Heermance house.

Visits will be made to Ferncliff, the home of Captain Vincent Astor, which has been in the possession of the Astor family since 1854, and to Rokeby, the home of Mrs. Richard Aldrich, a descendent of General John Armstrong, who made his home there in 1811.

ROUTE OF THE PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrims will assemble in the garden at the rear of the Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. The leader's car will be parked on the north side of West Market Street at the top of the hill on Route 308 leading to Rhinecliff.

At 11 a. m. in the garden, a speaker will tell the history of the inn. The murals by Olin Dows in the Rhinebeck Post Office next to the inn tell the story of Rhinebeck. Mr. Arnold, the manager of the Beekman Arms, has made arrangements for the convenience of the pilgrims. The inn with its many antiques and prints will be open for inspection. Lunch will be eaten in the garden, (in case of rain, in the Barn where the Antique Show was held this summer). If any care to have lunch at the inn, it is suggested that a reservation be made. A light lunch will be on the menu for the day.

At 1:30 p. m. the pilgrimage will start west on Route 308. In front of the stone house in Hermanceville cars will halt, then continue and halt again at the site of the Kip Heermance house of which the Rhinebeck Post Office is a replica. The cars will continue to Rhinecliff passing the New York

Central Station at the right and return to Route 308 by the road to the old station.

From Route 308 the tour will turn left on the River Road and continue to the entrance to Ferncliff. A stop will be made at the present residence of Captain Vincent Astor. At 2:45 p. m. the pilgrimage will continue through the grounds of Ferncliff, past the oldest house on the estate near the new Stone Barns. Here a 20-minute stop will be made.

The pilgrimage will then go north on the River Road to Rokeby where Mrs. Richard Aldrich will tell the story of her home. The society will also be addressed at this time by Mr. Victor Romaine, executive director of the Hudson River Conservation Society. The pilgrims will disband there at their own convenience.

Pilgrimage Committee: Mrs. Stuart R. Anderson, Miss Margaret L. Suckley, Miss Albertina T. B. Traver.



The Brethren of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, are requested to attend at Brother Pool's [the Tavern of Mr. Thomas Poole, nearly opposite the Tavern of Captain Stephen Hendrickson, a few rods south of the Court-House] in Poughkeepsie, on Sunday evening the 23d inst. on business of importance.—Those brethren who have not received their certificates, are informed they can be obtained, by applying at the above-mentioned time, or on the Monday following.

By order,

EBENEZER BADGER, Sec'ry.

The Country Journal, and the Poughkeepsie Advertiser, June 13, 1787

THE STORY OF ROKEBY*

In mid-afternoon of a handsome October day more than one hundred pilgrims gathered before the porch at Rokeby to hear Mrs. Aldrich tell the story of her home, built in 1815.

Mrs. Aldrich began by saying that she remembered a huge hemlock which, by tradition, had been known as "the Indian landmark." It stood on a rise and could be seen for some distance by the Indians who gathered for meetings under its branches. The next trace of human habitation was a Dutch farmhouse in which General and Mrs. Armstrong lived while their large house was being built.

General John Armstrong was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. During the War of the Revolution he was a staff officer. When the war was over he returned to his native state which he served as Adjutant-General and as Secretary of State until 1787, while Benjamin Franklin was governor. He was a member from Pennsylvania in the last Continental Congress.

General Armstrong came to Dutchess County in 1789, when he married Alida, sister to Chancellor Livingston and daughter of Judge Robert R. Livingston and his wife Margaret Beekman. General and Mrs. Armstrong had five sons and one daughter. Two of the sons were officers in the War of 1812; Henry Beekman Armstrong, having been wounded, drew a pension down to the 1880's. Mrs. Aldrich remarked, "So I well remember someone who watched Napoleon reviewing his troops in Paris."

After he came to live in New York State, General Armstrong was elected to Congress in 1797. In 1800 he was elected a United States Senator and served three years. He was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Napoleon and served six years. After his return to this country he was Secretary of War, with the rank of

*The substance of a talk given by Mrs. Richard Aldrich at Rokeby on the occasion of the annual pilgrimage of the Dutchess County Historical Society, October 3, 1951.

Brigadier in the War of 1812.

Margaret Rebecca, the daughter of General and Mrs. Armstrong, married William B. Astor. She had met the younger Astor when he was in Albany introducing legislation with reference to his father's real estate. He had been well educated at a German university and was considered a fit successor in General Armstrong's large and varied library.

The Astors came to live at Rokeby, where Mrs. Armstrong died in 1823 and the General in 1843. Here Mr. and Mrs. Astor celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, the golden mean of Christian marriage. In their old age, as their children were all settled on country seats of their choosing, they bequeathed Rokeby to their eldest grandchild, Mrs. John Winthrop Chanler. Mrs. Chanler, in turn, bequeathed it to her ten children who all arrived in May 1876, to remain here until they were grown persons.

Mrs. Aldrich, who was one of these Chanler children, said that her own grandchildren are the sixth generation, after General Armstrong, to live in the home built in 1815.

She reminded her hearers of the political careers of three of her brothers. Captain William Astor Chanler served in the Spanish-American war and was a member in 1898 of the New York Assembly and, 1899-1901, a member of Congress from New York City. He was also an explorer and author of books on travel in eastern Africa.

Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler was a supervisor of Dutchess County from 1904 through 1911. He was lieutenant-governor of the state 1906-1908 and was a member of the New York Assembly 1910-1912.

Robert Winthrop Chanler returned from seven years in Paris studios to run for the New York Assembly. He was elected and served in 1904. He was sheriff of Dutchess County 1907-1909. He was an artist of ability and was known as one of the nation's most famous mural painters. Some of his paintings are in the Luxembourg Museum and in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

THE POUGHKEEPSIE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, 1848-49

DIARY OF A HUDSON STUDENT ON COLLEGE HILL

College Hill School stood on a wooded height overlooking the village of Poughkeepsie. From its western colonnade stretched an expansive view of the surrounding countryside, delightful vistas of steamboats and sloops up and down the Hudson River with the Catskill Mountains in the hazy distance. A mile below spread the growing town of some ten thousand inhabitants. In the immediate foreground, beyond the hillside orchard and grove of trees, stood the Reservoir at the head of Cannon Street and Washington Garden reaching through from Clinton to North Hamilton. The Fallkill meandered from left to right, the current arrested in places to form four millponds before emptying into the Hudson not far from Warren Skinner's Exchange House and the dye-wood mill.

Set in the midst of twenty-five acres, the handsome building of the Poughkeepsie Collegiate School was constructed in 1836 by the Improvement Party as a copy of the Athenian Parthenon. Charles Bartlett, recently of the successful Utica Gymnasium school, had approved the spot and was allowed to plan the interior of the school as a condition to his assuming the principalship. The building was a large quadrangle whose two stories, 115 feet long and 55 feet wide, were surrounded by an eleven foot colonnade. A basement floor opened level with the ground and gave the building additional height.

At this ground level were a sizeable "play hall" and "promenade" surrounded by numerous small wash rooms for two or three students each. Here, too, were the dining room, kitchen and other facilities. Led to by the only outside flight of stairs and encircled by thirty-two columns was the floor where the students spent most of their working day. A good sized study hall was flanked by four smaller, partially walled class rooms. From a platform at one end all the boys could be easily seen by the teacher in charge. On the floor above was the dormitory, divided into small curtain-enclosed alcoves. Apartments were also located in the building for the principal and his family, for the matron, and for several of the teachers. A well-equipped gymnasium

covering 1,900 feet, an important part of school life, was nearby.

According to present standards, the daily schedule would be thought somewhat rigid. Rising at five-forty, the boys studied until seven and were then served breakfast. School began at eight and with two fifteen minute breaks continued until noon. Classes reconvened at two and from four to six o'clock was the play period. During the dark winter months this free time lasted from lunch until four with classes from then to six. The study hall began at seven and bedtime was nine. On Saturday mornings all teachers gave out their weekly reports before the assembled school, often adding comments concerning each student. After a short recess, Mr. Bartlett and the teacher concerned would examine the classes in turn. Those students who came through the week satisfactorily were allowed the afternoon off. Others were confined according to their demerits. Local boys were permitted only this one free afternoon to visit home. The school year lasted throughout the summer with month-long vacations during the early spring and late fall. At the close of each term there was a public examination.¹

Union College graduate Charles Bartlett, principal and at this time owner of the Poughkeepsie Collegiate School, possessed a "talent of the highest order for his calling, indomitable energy and perserverance, with unceasing vigilance in watching over the intellectual developments and the morals and manners of those under his care."² He also chose excellent assistants, several of them from the ranks of his own family. We know how highly the village of Poughkeepsie regarded the school and, through the reminiscences of Charles B. Warring, what an ex-teacher and "old boy" thought of it. Now we have the chance to see College Hill school through the candid and occasionally prejudiced eyes of a lively youth from the up-river city of Hudson who one hundred and three years ago was a student at Charles Bartlett's boarding school, "the best school of its kind in America."³

¹ *The Family Magazine*, VII (1839), 240-45; *Poughkeepsie Casket*, II (1838), 81-2; *Rural Repository*, XVI (1840), 137-8; Warring, C. B., "College Hill," *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, December 6, 1905; *Poughkeepsie Journal and Eagle*, April 7, 1849; Poucher, J. W., "College Hill," *Year Book*, Dutchess County Historical Society, XXII (1937), 100-106.

² *Poughkeepsie Journal and Eagle*, April 7, 1849

³ *New York Daily Press*, May 15, 1852

This young student's diary is now a part of the manuscript collection of the New York State Historical Association Library at Cooperstown. It was acquired in 1947 from the estate of Alice Seymour, Hudson. The author of the two-volume journal, fifteen year old George Edward Seymour, was the son of George E. and Julia Ann (Roraback) Seymour. The elder Seymour, a former Hudson River steamboat captain, in 1848-49 owned a prosperous Hudson hardware store. He was also a director of the local Farmers' Bank and in 1850 joined with Dr. Oliver Bronson and Josiah W. Fairfield, among others, to form the Hudson City Savings Institute. Son George, the eldest of eight children, was born on December 8, 1833. After leaving the Poughkeepsie school, he returned to Hudson and assisted his father in the hardware business until the latter's death in 1854. Shortly thereafter he moved to Brooklyn and then to Bayonne, New Jersey, where he became associated as cashier with several New York City firms including James A. Webb and Son, dealers in pure alcohol. In 1871 he married Josephine C. Burdett of Bayonne by whom he had two sons. Throughout his long life Seymour was especially active in Fire Department activities. He died in Bayonne on January 26, 1915.

Because of space limitations it has been necessary to omit the less interesting and repetitive portions of this diary. All such omissions are so indicated. For the sake of clarity, punctuation marks have been added and only the frequently misspelled proper names corrected. Unfortunately it has not been possible to identify all persons mentioned. The editor would appreciate information concerning those whose names are not given in full.

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COOPERSTOWN, N. Y.

JAMES TAYLOR DUNN

DIARY OF A HUDSON STUDENT ON COLLEGE HILL

1848-1849

Nov. 1st) Wednesday morning. Took the Steamboat Hendrick Hudson for College Hill School at Pokeepsie. I arrived there about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. I was much pleased with the school. Mr. Bartlett gave me a bed and room.

2nd) The ringing of a bell awoke me at 6½ o'clock. I dressed myself and went down into my room to wash myself. Was introduced to Geo. [Alexander] Gordon of [Alexandria] Virginia. Went to bed and had a very good night's rest.

3rd) The weather was rather cold. Nothing of any consequence occurred excepting a boy and a Spaniard got a fighting . . .

6th) The weather was very pleasant. I obtained Trowbridge Hewitt [Dewitt?] for my chum.

7) . . . 10 new scholars arrived today . . .

12th) Sunday) It snowed all day. Went to Mr. Ludlow's church in the morning . . .¹

15) The snow is almost gone. Went down into the village in the afternoon with my chum and bought a carpet, table cloth and curtains for our room . . .

23) Thursday, Thanksgiving day. Went to church in the morning. Took dinner along with Wm. Hall at Mr. Ludlow's house. Had a fine dinner. In the afternoon I went to see the Reservoir and Mr. Bushnell's iron works . . .²

Decr 1st. Friday) Myself and a few others went down into the grove and amused ourselves by pitching quoits and jumping.

2nd) Very rainy. When the teachers reported their classes this morning I found that I was 3rd in French, 2nd in Philosophy, 3rd in Latin and 6th in Algebra . . .

8) Today it cleared off. Today is my birth day—15. I was 7 in French Fables . . . I am 1st in Latin, 1st in Philosophy and 5 in Algebra . . .

11th) Today Mr. Bartlett gave out a subject from which the boys were to write a composition. The subject was Duties of Children to their parents . . .

12). Tuesday) The boys were playing Prisoner's Goal this afternoon. I sprain my thumb whilst playing so I have not went to the Gymnasium this week . . .

25) Christmas) Today it rained quite contrary to our expectations. We were not called up in the morning until 7½ o'clock. Had a very nice dinner. Some boys went down town in the morning and bought masks and in the afternoon Wm. [?] acted as a Girl and Lewis Angel as a Irishman and there were several other characters. In the afternoon Geo. Fairfield, two other boys and myself proposed to have a small party amongst ourselves in the evening so we went down into the village and bought some oysters and some other things. In the evening a number of boys dressed up as colored gentry and sung some songs and marched around the Play Hall, the Captain had on a dog mask. Upton Lindrum danced several times. About 9 o'clock we set down to our evening supper, at 11 we went to bed.

26) Last night it froze very hard so Mr. Bartlett let us go to slide down hill because it was too unpleasant yesterday to do so. We did not get up this morning until 7½ o'clock. In the afternoon we went a skating. The ice was very smooth and we had a fine time of it. We liked to have had a quarrel with some village boys . . .

28) Today [Mr. Bartlett] told us he would take a number of boys with

him a sleigh riding every day this week. So he took a number with him in the afternoon and took a ride to Fishkill. The rest of the boys amused themselves with rideing down hill . . .

31. Sunday. This is the last Sunday of the old year. Mr. [Bartlett] said he hoped that this would be a day of meditation for us all . . .

[1st] Of January) 1849) The morning of this year has at last come. This morning Mr. Bartlett came out of his room and wished a happy New Year to all the boys, then we all wished [the same] and there was a considerable hum in the dormitory for about a quarter of an hour. After breakfast Mr. Bartlett gave out the money to the boys. I went down into the village with some other boys in the sleigh. Mr. Bartlett took us to see Mr. Bushnell's Iron furnace. It was well worth going to see . . .

2ond Today the boys returned to their usual studies. Mr. Bartlett took some boys a sleigh riding. I have made myself a book to put down my standing in the classes in so I shall not write them here . . .

6th) Saturday. In the afternoon we broke a new place for sliding down hill in the road. We went through the gate. We slid on it until 5½ o'clock. I saw some boys in the river skating today. Mr. Tooker's scholars were up here today to hear the classes examined.³ The Geometry and Latin Class failed and had to recite in the afternoon . . .

9th) Today Mr. Bartlett took some boys a sleig[h]riding. I was with them. We went about 7 or 8 miles. On our route we saw the men working on the Hudson River Railroad.⁴ We passed through several large and flourishing villages. I also saw Professor Morse's residence.⁵ On our return we stopped at a tavern and warmed ourselves and got some hot lemonade & crackers to eat. There were about 15 boys in the sleigh. We have a fine time of it.

10) Last night was the coldest that we have had this winter. Today from the school room window I saw two teams crossing the River. I did not slide down hill today because it was so cold. This morning Elexander [sic] took down town the invitations for the party and in the afternoon some boys went and got a sleigh load of green to trim the play hall & school room with. Tonight a number went down into the village to attend a county temperance gathering. I did not go.

11th) I did not slide down hill today. I staid and helped the boys trim the play hall. They have been busy at it all day. The party will come off tomorrow night. Some boys went and got another load of greens tonight so as to be sure to have enough. The boys got some ropes and drew them tight around the post in the play hall and bound greens on them. After this was done Mr. Bartlett hung it up in festoons along the side of the wall. There were not over 10 boys in the Gymnasium today. I have been down foot in Philosophy this week, the first time that I have been so this term.

12) The boys had to work pretty hard so as to finish trimming the hall. They had it done by 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Bartlett had two pianos put on the stage in the school room upon which Mr. Grube and some of the scholars were to play in the evening. Mr. Bartlett sent to the village in the afternoon for white gloves enough to supply us all. We all went up into the parlour about 7½ o'clock to pay our respects to Mrs. Bartlett. The company began to come about 8 o'clock. I should think that there were about 150 persons present. After a short time the company all assembled in the parlour to hear the music. First Mr. Grube & his brother played a tune on the two pianos. Then Mr. Grube with his violin and his brother on the piano & Mr. Simpson on a brass instrument played an beautiful tune.⁶ After this several boys went on the stage and sung. A good many then went into the

promenade hall to walk. The refreshments were then handed around by two waiters, after this a table was set up on which was Ice cream, Jelly Mottos etc. The company then began to leave. We went to bed at 12 o'clock . . .

19th) . . . [Eugene Beauharnais] Gibbs hurt himself this morning in riding down hill and F[reeman] Barnum and [John] Watts Kearny in the afternoon. We have to be very careful. Some boys get up at 4 o'clock and go and ride down hill . . .

21st) The weather is not quite so pleasant today. Went to church in the morning. Mr. Ludlow preached a sermon upon going to California. He was opposed to it.⁷ Mr. Bartlett after prayers in the evening remarked that this was the last Sunday of this quarter and he hoped that we would do our best so that we could carry home a clean list at the end of the quarter.

22) . . . Geo. Gordon smashed his finger this afternoon sliding down hill. Mr. Bartlett took him to the doctor. He said that if another boy was hurt he would keep us all off from the hill. Geo. Fairfield also hurt his face considerably. We can go with our sleds past the Washington garden. We had lemonade on the supper table tonight. After tea the boys played leap frog, twist tobacco and drop the handkerchief. We had fine sport. Mr. Bartlett came down into the play hall and tried to play leap frog too but he found out that he was rather too large.

23) . . . Mr. Bartlett said in the afternoon that after supper we must either go to our rooms and sit there or else come into the school room as a punishment for some of the boys screeching whilst they were playing last night . . . I hurt myself slightly today in the Gymnasium. Some gentlemen were up to the school and they went and exercised there.

24) It is very warm. All the sliding, sleighing and skating is all spoilt. I went with a number of other boys a skating in the afternoon. But the ice was [so] soft that we could not skate and we returned almost immediately. What a great difference two warm days will make in winter. Where Saturday we could go past the Washington garden, now we cannot go through the gate. And we had fine skating on Saturday . . . Mr. Bartlett has had the picture of College Hill printed on the sheets of writing paper upon which the boys write their letters home. After tea the boys played drop the han[d]kerchief, Bull in the ring and leap frog. I had my coat off yet I was as sweaty as in the hottest summer day . . .

25) . . . In the morning Mr. Bartlett read off the reports for conduct and scholarship in the classes. I had 100 for conduct and 100 for scholarship. I had 100 for conduct in Latin and 92 for scholarship. I had 100 in French for conduct and 90 in scholarship. I had 94 in Algebra for scholarship and 100 for conduct. In the evening I went in Mrs. Hall[']s room to see Geo. Fairfield.⁸ He is sick abed . . .

26th) . . . After this the Rev. Mr. Waldron [L. F. Waldo?] is going [to] come here in the evening and attend to the compositions. He took a class with him into the recitation room tonight.

27) Saturday . . . In the afternoon I went with a number of boys to the creek in expectation of finding good skating there but it was all overflowed. We went on a little further and we came to a little pond about big enough to turn around on. We skated there for about 1½ hour. We made a fire on the ice but the farmer came and told us to put it out. We then went to a pond about 1 mile off but it was all slushy. There was a fence going through the middle of the pond. We all walked across on it. When we got to the end of it we jumped off on to good ice. Geo. Foote jumped and slip[p]ed back and fell—only wet him a little. We then thought it best to return home. We had not gone far before we came to a creek. The current was

very swift. There were two logs across it. We all crossed over on them. It made me dizzy to look at it when crossing over. We found some black birch & sassafras on our way and arrived at school in time . . . After supper I went with some other boys down to Yankee's to get some pancakes . . .

29th) . . . I read today the lives of eminent sculptors by Allan Cunningham . . . I went with a number of other boys in the afternoon to the creek to skate but it was not good skating there so Nathan B[angs], a few other boys and myself went to Skinner's mill pond. We had a good skate there and we returned to school in time so as not to have a tardy mark . . .

February 1st) . . . This term I have got as far as powers in Algebra. Written 43 exercises in French, read 49 Fables. Read 3 pages in Caesar. That is very little for 10 weeks. The Philosophy class has gone through 150 pages and reviewed it all. I forgot to state in yesterday's account that two boys were found to have two tumblers full of butter, two knives and a lot of bread in their trunks. Mr. Bartlett made them toast it and eat it all. I had a letter today from mother. She said that the firm of [John] van D[e]usan [Jr.] & [John I.] Gaul had failed for the sum of \$93,000. Mr. Mitchell is one of the consignees . . . I have borrowed Geo. Fairfield's french life of Washington. I am going to try and read it.

February 2nd) . . . Mr. Bartlett done up all the reports in envelopes tonight. I suppose he will send them tomorrow. After supper I did not participate in the amusements of the play hall this evening but put the things in my room in order. The ice in the river is still sound but I think it will be broken up by next week if this weather continues. I had to stay in the afternoon for being deficient in my Latin. I had to write it all out on the black board. Part of the class were also kept in with myself.

5th) . . . Aaron Innis⁹ brought the largest Cast Iron sled up to school today that I ever saw . . . All the boys went down in the village in the evening to hear Mr. Gough lecture . . .¹⁰

6th A new scholar arrived today . . . Two boys were severely lectured this evening for picking a quarrel with F. Ludlow.¹¹ If it had not been for Mrs. Bartlett we would have been sent away from school . . .

7) . . . Mr. Bartlett was taken sick today. He wrote a letter to the boys saying that if they were orderly he would give us a holiday on some pleasant afternoon . . .

8) Mr. Bartlett did not come into school being too unwell to do so . . . My class in book keeping began to le[d]gerize today . . . I have studied hard this week and I think that I shall have a better standing in my class than I have had for two or three weeks. Walworth Jenkins and myself popped a lot of corn this afternoon. Most all the boys were engaged in this business. My chum is still unwell . . .

9 . . . Most all the boys went down into the village in the evening to hear Mr. Gough lecture. I walked down and back with Geo. Fairfield. Mr. Bartlett gave us some crackers before we went to bed . . . We had news tonight that Hyler had whipped Yankee Sullivan in a prize fight and had injured him so that he was not expected to live.¹²

10th The weather is warm today. Mr. Bartlett said that he would let us have this morning for the holiday which he promised. I amused myself by riding down hill. This morning a boy put up a valentine at lottery. There were 8 tickets at 1/ per ticket. A boy got it. He sold it to another. Mr. Bartlett found it out and made the party concerned refund the money . . . In the afternoon I exercised in the gymnasium a short time and then Wm. Hall and myself popped a mess of corn and rode down hill the rest of the afternoon . . . Mr. Bartlett went down town and brought Mr. Gough up to stay with him.

11th . . . In the afternoon Mr. Bartlett read to us a short and impressive sermon on the deluge. We had crackers on the supper table and Mr. Bartlett went around the table and asked all the boys w[h]ether they had any in their pockets or not. One boy said no and Mr. Bartlett felt of his pockets and brought out a plate full. In the evening Mr. Gough & his wife came in and attended prayers. After prayers Mr. Gough gave us a short and interesting lecture. He warned us of the wine cup and admonished us never to point the finger of scorn at a person who was doing what he thought right.

12th. When I went out doors this morning to get my water I found it was cold and snowing quite hard. It has snowed all day today . . . I had to write the word disobedience 100 times today as a task. I was studying my lesson with another boy without Mr. Bartlett's permission. The hands of the school clock were put back too far and it was found out . . . In the evening a number of the boys went to hear Mr. Gough lecture. Those that remained home amused themselves by playing Jury.

13th . . . Mr. Warring gave us experiments in the philosophy class upon electricity . . .¹³ We all took hold of each others hands and tried the effects of the Leyden Jar. Some boys took it up to ten turns. The first time we tried it my hand jerked so that it knocked the jar on the floor. Fortunately the fall did not injure it any. Mr. Bartlett told us tonight that every boy must be prepared for to speak tomorrow night.

14th Mr. Bronson & his wife have been up here today to hear the classes recite. I got down in Latin and I did not [get] a chance to get up again . . . I was quite mortified upon getting down while Mr. Bronson and his wife were present. My mistakes were in pronunciation . . .

15 . . . Just about 7 weeks from today and the term will be ended. I will be very glad when the time comes for going home. I have learned to do more things in the gymnasium this week than all the rest of the term . . . There were a good many valentines received here today—none for me. I noticed that Fairfield looked rather sad when he found he had not got any . . .

16th There was very good sliding down hill today. We could slide from the gate and clear all the hills . . . After supper the philosophy class went down into Mr. Warring's room where he gave us some experiments on electricity. Mr. Bartlett kept the boys speaking tonight until 9½ o'clock.

17th Saturday . . . My standing in the class for the past week was 2nd in French, 2nd in Algebra, 3rd in Latin and 3rd in philosophy. This is the best standing I have had this quarter. I bought a sleigh today from Isaac Bronson . . .

19th . . . After supper I went to ride down hill with a few other boys and got a tardy mark, the 1st and I hope the last one this quarter. A good many boys went this evening to a concert given by Mr. Grube. I had to declaim this evening. Those that are deficient are obliged to speak on Saturday afternoon and are marked deficient besides.

20th . . . From the colon[n]ade we saw today a horse race on the river. There were a great number of persons on the ice. . .

21st . . . When the boys were riding down hill today Mr. Bartlett's hired man was driving a load of coal up the hill. The boys hitched on their sleds. He told them to get off. They did not do it and he backed his team down the hill and made the fellows scamper. Mr. Waldron was up here in the evening to hear the classes in composition. He gave us the privilege to choose any subject we pleased for a composition next time.

22. Today is the birth day of Washington. The boys knew it and as Mr. Bartlett had gone off they felt very lively . . . The whole school have to go without crackers for two weeks. We had to go without crackers because the boys crowded around D. Bartlett¹⁴ when giving out crackers and he:

would not give out any more. Then some of the boys went into the kitchen and got some . . .

24th. There was a fire last night in the village. Innises factory burned down . . .¹⁵ A number of boys went down into the village this afternoon to see the fire . . .

25. Sunday . . . Mr. Ludlow sent a note to church saying that he requested the prayers of the church for his wife who was not expected to live and that he would not be able to preach at present on account of his lungs being diseased . . . In the evening a number of boys went to attend a meeting at the New Dutch Church. This is the first Sunday that it has been opened . . .¹⁶ I like to work in the gymnasium now very well as I can exercise better than I could at the commencement of the term. I began to write down the translation of the French Life of Washington today . . .

27th . . . Word was sent to Mr. Bartlett this afternoon that Mrs. Ludlow had died this morning at 10 o'clock. He made a few remarks to us upon the uncertainty of life. In the afternoon I wrote a composition upon Truth . . .

[March] 2nd. The weather was rather chilly. We all went in procession to the funeral of Mrs. Ludlow in the presbyterian church. The ceremonies were very impressive. The church was full. In the afternoon Wm. Hall, Isaac Bronson & myself went down into the woods, built a fire & melted some lead and run it into a mould . . . Some boys when they went from the church did not go to the grave . . . Mr. Bartlett said that they had disgraced the school.

3rd . . . In the afternoon Wm. Hall, Isaac Bronson and myself got some potatoes, apples and gingerbread and went down into the woods & made a fire . . . We roasted our potatoes and we had a large fire which kept us warm . . .

4th. Sunday. I went to church this morning. Mr. Ludlow preached a very affecting sermon. The roads were very muddy and the walking was very unpleasant. In the evening after prayers Mr. Bartlett told us that five weeks from tonight . . . we would be around our own firesides. He also said that he held the reins of the school rather tighter at the close of the term than at the commencement because he said he was not going to pat a boy on the head and call him a good fellow so as to induce him to come back.

5th. Today is the inauguration day of General Taylor as president and also the birth day of Brother Willie [William St. John Seymour] who is now ten years old . . .

7th . . . This morning when I came down to my room I found my pitcher broken. There were several other pitchers broken belonging to other boys. Mr. Bartlett said that if the boys that done it would not report themselves he would lay a[n] injunction on the school Saturday afternoon. I received a valentine today dated Feb. 16. It had been advertised in the newspaper . . . In the evening after supper some of the boys blew the lights out. Mr. Bartlett made us all go to our rooms and sit in total darkness until we were called in school . . .

8th. Last night the lamp in the play hall was disposed of by someone. Mr. D. Bartlett opened the gymnasium in the afternoon. In the evening a number of the boys spoke. I suppose I shall have to speak tomorrow night. Tonight was the eclipse of the moon.

9th. Nothing was missing last night except a looking glass in [George Vincent] Pomeroy's [Jr.] room . . .

10th. Saturday . . . Until the end of the term the classes will recite as usual on Saturday morning. I played marbles in the afternoon with Isaac Bronson . . .

Thursday [May] 11th, 1849. I commenced my second term of boarding

school education today, after a vacation of 5 weeks, again to resume my studies and to share with my schoolmates the joys and sorrows of College Hill life. I came from Hudson on the Steamboat Alida. I met T[heodore] Garbrecht and Asa Holt on the dock. I staid and took dinner with them à Skinner's [Hotel]. About 3½ o'clock R[obert] Pollo[c]k came after us to carry us up to College Hill. After I had been up there a little while I went to take my trunks into Mrs. Hall's room when I found that one of them was gone. I suppose that it is left at Skinner's. If it is not brought up by 1 o'clock tomorrow I shall ask Mr. Bartlett to go after it. There are quite a number of new scholars here this term . . .

[May] 11th 1849.

I got up about 5 o'clock this morning. It was too pleasant a morning to lay in bed. I went out doors and had a first rate game of ball before breakfast. I went into the Geography class this morning . . . There are 22 boys in the class. Some of the biggest boys in school are in it . . . My trunk did not come by 1 o'clock so chum and myself went down town to see about it. We walked down to Skinner's and found that it was there. I then went to R. Pollo[c]k and told him about it. He said he would send it at 5 o'clock . . . There is a young man here who is going to assist Mr. Bartlett this term in teaching Elocution. He has been under the instruction of Comstock. Mr. Bartlett said that he intended to have an exhibition in the church at the end of the term, but he said that some persons in the church thought that the church was too holy a place to be used for such purposes. Quel! too holy a place for exhibiting literary attainments which God has endowed us with. Mr. B. said that the consequences of refusing might be rather unpleasant to them because the church was built as a chapel to this school.¹⁷

[May] 12th, 1849.

Saturday. Mr. Nairne gave us a lecture this morning upon our language.¹⁸ He traced the source of the english language and told us that a person could not profess to be thoroughly acquainted with his own language without some knowledge of another language. Mr. B. called on the boys who made a disturbance in the dormitory last night to report themselves else he would lay an injunction on the school this afternoon. In the morning J. [J.] Dwight, P[hilander B.] White, J[ames Abercrombie] Burden, J[ames] Marshall and myself agreed to go boating if Mr. B. would give us permission. He gave us permission on the ground that Mr. Pulis¹⁹ should go with us and we should be under his orders. We went down to the village about 3 o'clock. We hired a boat . . . On our way we saw a sloop ahead of us. We all rowed hard to get up to it. We asked the men on board if they had any objection to giving us a tow. They said no. We fastened our boat on to theirs and were chuckling among ourselves at the prospect of being towed to Milton and spared the trouble of rowing. P. White then went on board the sloop. When he told us to our chagrin that the sloop was laying at anchor we immediately pushed off and pursued our way to Milton. We came to a small cove and we thought we would stop and rest ourselves. We went on shore and rambled about. I cut my name on a tree. We then embarked again and soon reached Milton . . . We stopped long enough at Milton to get some oysters. We had the tide with us coming back and did not go slow. On our way back we saw 7 blasts on the route of the Railroad. The way the stones rattled in the water was a caution. We had the waves of the steamboats Robert Annet and Highlander coming back. We got back about 7 o'clock . . . We proposed to form a club among ourselves for the purpose of boating and always go together so as to get accustomed to each other's rowing and race with the other boats. We got so used to each other's rowing going to Milton and back that we hardly missed a stroke . . .

May 13th 1849

Sunday . . . We went to the Dutch Church this morning. It is a beautiful church. Inside the walls are all frescoed. Behind the pulpit it is made to represent an open court supported by pillars [and] looking out upon a beautiful landscape . . . We had a fine sermon but I thought that it was too lengthy. I saw the Herald today which contained a full account of the proceedings of the mob in New York against Macre[a]dy the great English actor. There were 10 or 15 thousand persons in the mob. In the first place they were contented with driving him off the stage by means of rotten eggs and &c. But a few nights afterwards when he performed again the mob demolished almost every thing in the Astor House and the military were called out who fired and killed and wounded about 30. All this destruction and deprivation of human life arose from a private quarrel between the two great actors, For[r]est and Macre[a]dy. I think that it is an disgrace to the City of New York. Why should not the rights of a foreign actor be respected especially when this nation has Liberty for its motto.

May 14th 1849

The sun shone out brightly this morning and all nature around us looked pleasant. Mr. Bartlett called us up this morning at 5½ o'clock. I think that the school will be more regular this week . . . Our Caesar Class commenced Virgil today. Mr. Aweng²⁰ put me in the third Class in French. I will have to write 20 exercises before I can get up to the rest of the class . . . I exercised in the gymnasium today for the first time this term . . .

May 17th, 1849

. . . The boys are beginning to fly kites. They put up one this evening with a lanthorn on. I like Mr. Nairne very much as a teacher because he is such a good conversation[al]ist and explains our lessons.

May 18th 1849

. . . News were received in Poughkeepsie today that the steamboat Empire of Troy was stove in in the stern and sunk near Newburgh. There were about 600 persons on board but fortunately the Steamboat Rip Van Winkle was not far behind and took off a number of the passengers. 6 or 7 bodies have been found. The details of this melancholy accident have not yet been published. Those that had charge of the sloop must have been very careless. P. White who has an uncle on board that boat received a telegraphic despatch this evening saying that he was saved . . . Mr. Bartlett mentioned the awful providence of the wreck of the Steamboat Empire tonight after prayers.²¹

May 19th, 1849

Saturday . . . In the afternoon four boat loads of boys went a rowing. We went to the quarry. Mr. Nairne went with us. I read quite a chapter of disasterous events in the newspaper today. 1st that Half of Watertown was in ruins from a great conflagration, 2nd that the city of New Orleans was inundated and that boys boats were going in the streets, 3rd that there had been a great fire in St. Louis. Property destroyed must have been between 6 or 7 millions. The extent of the burnt district is about one mile long and three blocks wide. Coming back we stopped at Mr. Frost's for ice cream.²²

May 20th, 1849

. . . It seems to me that the Sundays are more lon[el]ier than they were last winter. Not that the summers are lonely but because it lies in me. I used to talk a good deal with Geo. Fairfield in our rooms on Sundays. I should think that a boy's first Sabbath from home must be very lonely.

May 21st 1849

. . . James Burden's father was here visiting the school today.²³ P. White had a letter today saying that his mother was on board the Empire when she was wrecked. Gibbs and Pomeroy made a Kite about 7½ feet high and set

it up in the evening with a copper wire so as to collect some electricity from the atmosphere. The electrometer showed some signs of electricity . . .

May 22nd 1849

The weather has been very pleasant today. Mr. Bartlett mentioned this evening the circumstances of Taldes being expelled. He had been drinking down town in the Empire Saloon . . . Mr. Bartlett gave out Milton's Paradise lost to the Rhetoric class. They are sold at the high price of 2/-. To what perfection most printing be carried so as to be able to sell books at such a low price . . .

May 23rd, 1849

. . . In the afternoon I put down my carpet and made the room look a little more decent. It took me all moonspell . . .

May 24th 1849

. . . The Hendrick Hudson raced with the Confidence going up today . . . Mr. Bisbee²⁴ does not know (I think) how to teach Algebra. In one sense of the word he can perform the sums but he does not explain them clearly . . . I hope when I go home on the 4th of July that the Steamboat New World will be running.²⁵ P. White and myself were sent to bed before supper for throwing water at each other.

May 25th 1849

. . . The Confidence went by here today at 20 minutes to 11. Senator Little whose son [William S. Little] is here visited the school today . . . Mr. Bartlett said tonight that if he found any boy reading any novel or book [at] prayer time he would expell him.

May 26th 1849

Saturday . . . In the afternoon I went and took a walk into the country along with five other boys. In the evening most of the boys went to hear the negro minstrels the Campbells at the City Hall. I went down with Wm. Hall. The performances were very good. I have never seen such good dancing. We went to bed about 10½ o'clock. A number of compositions selected from 4 divisions were read this morning, mine among them. The geography class were called on the floor. They could hardly answer a question. Mr. Bartlett said that it was just what he expected. He also said that in two or three weeks he would have the young ladies schools up here especially to hear the geography class recite. Whew!

May 27th 1849

Sunday. The weather was very pleasant today. I went to church in the morning with Isaac Bronson. I think Poughkeepsie is a very pretty place in summer. The trees I think are its principal ornaments . . . In the evening after prayers Mr. Bartlett continued reading Foster's essay on Decision of Characters. After that Mr. Nairne got up and spoke to us. Before he got through more than half the school had their heads laying upon their desks and about a dozen were wrapped in the arms of Morpheus. Mr. Bartlett woke them up and made them hear, keeping them up much longer than they would have had to . . .

May 28th 1849

. . . P. White seems to want not to have anything to do with me, by his actions. I sent him a note today about it. I have not spoken to him for two days. [George Brayton] Boardman's father and mother are visiting here today. We had an exercise in Elocution this evening. Mr. [George Smith] Boardman is a minister. He took the place of Mr. Bartlett this evening at prayers.

May 29th 1849

. . . My Virgil class made a complete failure today and Mr. Warring would have kept us after school if Dr. Coles had not come here for the purpose

of addressing us on the subject how to preserve our health. In the main he said what was true but he committed some extravagancies in speaking of tobacco, which will injure his credit. He said for instance, Where is the man so low, mean, dirty and beastly as to use tobacco. Why some of the most learned, refined, gentlemanly and religious men use the weed. He could say that it was a pernicious habit but he ought not to run upon such a snag as that . . .

May 30th 1849

. . . This morning went out after a pitcher of water as usual. Jim Burden was there and he politely threw the contents of his pitcher upon me. The chief damage was wetting my shirt. I chased him through the wet grass until I had the satisfaction of sousing his pantaloons. He had to change his pants, I my shirt . . .

May 31st 1849

. . . In the afternoon the Luca coloured family performed in the school room. There were four boys accompanied by their father. They were all good singers and the littlest, who was 11 y. old, performed admirably on the piano. The boys gave them about 6 or 7 dollars. They are to perform in the village tonight . . .^{25a}

June 1st 1849

. . . The Hendrick Hudson and Confidence passed here at 10½ o'clock. Mrs. Hall told me today that it was reported that there was Cholera in the village. I hope that it is not true. Isaac Bronson and myself are going to make a net . . . There were a good many beds scotched in the dormitory last night. Jim Burden who sleeps next to me has had his bed scotched every night this week and last night when he went to bed he hauled off all his bed clothes and make it right. When he got snugly ensconced in bed his head board tumbled down then he jumped up (and did not say anything). When he got in again he had the misfortune to tumble through, somebody having removed a peg. I do not know anything about [it] though he lays it all to me. Poor Jim, how manifold are thy sorrows. I gave him the benefit of the light that had been placed over my alcove until Mr. B. took it away.

June 2ond 1849

Saturday . . . I went yesterday down to the creek to see some boys who had made a seine draw for fish. They had fishermans luck for after beating in the water for about 2 hours they only caught 6 or 7 small fish. Isaac Bronson is sick abed today with the mumps and divers other diseases. A new Spaniard came today. His name is Joseph Olivar. There are six Spaniards in school, one being sent away . . .

June 3rd 1849

. . . This has been a very dull day for me though the weather is pleasant. The boys improved the pleasantness of the weather in walking around the el[l]ipse and lying under the trees on Sundays. I wish that I was at home but in winter it was not so lonely because then the boys could not go out and we used to congregate in each other's room, and also Geo. Fairfield was here.

June 4th 1849

. . . The boys all expected the New World to pass today but it did not come and were wo[e]fully disappointed. I heard there were a great many persons on the dock expecting her . . . We played both shinney and foot ball today. It occasioned a good many disputes.

June 5th 1848

. . . A new spaniard 11 years old came today. He cannot speak a word of English . . . In the evening we all went in swimming. I went in with my life preserver and went where it was over my depth. Coming back we found two birds nests . . . Jim Burden's bed was not scotched last night for the

first time in a week . . .

June 6th 1849

Very pleasant. The New World did not go down today . . . I got up this morning at 5 o'clock to study my lessons . . . That Spaniard who came yesterday I think will be a good worker in the gymnasium before the end of the term for he takes right hold of it . . .

June 7th 1849

. . . Whenever Mr. Kellogg takes charge of the school room the boys have a good deal of fun. One Spaniard in particular whistles most of the time . . . Tonight P. White got me in my room and told me to give him some almonds and began cutting up. When I made believe angry and struck at him with a screw driver he left the room very angry. I lay on the floor and had a hearty laugh. Suppose that he does not intend to speak to me.

June 8th 1849

. . . A dancing master comes up every Monday and Wednesday to teach some boys in dancing.²⁶ Asa Holt went home today to stay a short time. Mr. Bartlett forbid[s] us playing at shinney any more because Isaac Bronson got badly hurt. The boys played football in the play hall this morning and Mr. Bartlett took it away and kept it all day. We had fun with it after school. There was a good deal of carrying on and noise in the dormitory tonight. Tuluaga was the principal one. I think that he will be turned away before the end of the term.

June 9th 1849

. . . In the afternoon Chum, [George T.] Lane, Campbell and myself took a walk. We went up the creek as far as the new barn and who should we see there but Gibbs and [Edward] Prime standing in the water. They had been fishing with their seine all the afternoon and had not caught a single fish. Fisherman's luck is pot luck and a hungry stomach . . . Yankee told us today that a man in the village had the Cholera. We all went down to the creek after supper to bathe. The water was very cold, did not stay in. Mrs. Hall does not have to scrub the boys during warm weather. Yankee keeps Root beer for the accommodation of the *public* . . .

June 11th 1849

. . . I received a letter from Mother this morning. I shall put down here the particulars contained in it. She says, (There was a case of cholera reported at Athens yesterday. Your Father and myself attended Mary Mitchell's wedding Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. [John] Gosman performed the ceremony. Mr. North and Miss Congden stood up with them.²⁷ She was married in her travelling dress and left at 1 p. m. for Niagara. They had a table set in the dining room with oysters—Ice-cream—Fruit—Lemonade, Coffee, sandwiches and various kinds of cake. The Bride's cake was beautiful. They sent out about two hundred boxes of cake, very pretty style. There were about thirty persons present. The Folgers arrived from New Orleans Monday evening. I went up Tuesday to see them. Mrs. F. looked very happy and appears the same as when she left Hudson) . . . News were received this evening that another person had died down town with the cholera. She died at 4 o'clock this afternoon . . .²⁸ The Steamboats do not go by at present till about 11½ o'clock on account of the fog. It says in the paper that the New World is to go up river tomorrow and is to run opposition with the little James Madison. Almost any large boat on the river can beat her . . .

June 12th 1849

. . . The New World went by today about 11½ o'clock. Quite [a lot of] excitement among the boys all wishing to see her. She seems to be a very large boat . . . I was taken with a severe pain in my neck this afternoon. Perhaps it will turn out to be the mumps but I think it is too severe. Was

excused and went to bed early in the evening.

June 13th 1849

. . . A new scholar came from New Haven today. I worked on the net today. We had got it about 9 feet long when my chum knit a row across and spoiled all the row. I cut off my side and Ike cut off his leaving about 5 feet. Ike gave me that and the ball of twine for 1/-. Mrs. Hall killed a copper head snake in her room this morning. The boys have begun to make boats. Gibbs and Primes nett is about 20 feet long. The singing class sing[s] in the school room. Innis keeps me company in Mrs. Hall's room. I hope I shall be better soon for it is not any fun. I would a great deal rather be in school.

June 14th 1849

Very restless last night. Staid in Mrs. Hall's room today, read some in a book called Adam Brown. Innis went home in the afternoon. Received a letter from Geo. Fairfield . . . He did not write me a long letter nor answer any questions in my letter. I wish that he would write me a decent letter and not talk so much about the girls. Went up to bed after dinner and had a good nap. Slept about two hours and a half. Henry Dudley's mother came to see him today . . .

June 15th 1849

Rather better today. Went into school this afternoon and recited my virgil lesson. Watts Kearny was taken with the mumps today and went down with some boys in the evening to hear the Swiss bell ringers. He was taken very sick and was carried home. I saw the New World, and Alida pass. Went to bed this morning but could not go to sleep. I have not exercised in the gymnasium this week. I shall try to make it up next week. Gibbs and Prime are hard at work on their net. They will have it finished by tomorrow . . . Mr. Aweng (for a wonder) is unwell. I guess that he will have little more pity on the boys after this for he will find out what it is to be sick.

June 16th 1849

Saturday. My being absent two or three days the past week has put me down in my classes. I shall try to make it up next week. We had a pretty easy Saturday forenoon. We were out of school the greater part of the morning. The New World passed before the Alida was in sight. Prime and Gibbs finished their net today. It is about 32 feet long and 10 feet wide. They went down to the creek, dragged three times and caught 80 large suckers. We took them up to school, they were cleaned and are to have them for breakfast tomorrow morning . . . Ike Bronson brought me a pack of fire-crackers this afternoon. The boys are going to put little cannons on their boats and fight each other. Tuluaga set a fire cracker off in the dormitory last night . . .

June 17th 1849

Sunday . . . Most of the boys went to the Episcopal church to attend a confirmation there. There were 27 persons confirmed one of whom was James Marshall a member of the school . . . Kearny is so weak that he can scarcely sit up. How mumps will prostrate a person if he is careless. If he had not gone down town to the bell ringers I think that he would have had them very light . . .

June 18th 1849

. . . This morning I felt worse and I was out of school all day. Was with Watts Kearny most of the time. Poor fellow how I pitied him when he laughed. It hurt him dreadfully. Began to work on my net again today . . . The old fellow who owns the farm bordering on the creek where we go in swimming says that we cant come there any more because we happened to trample down about 10 feet of swamp grass. Give me an old New England

farmer. One of these old dutch farmers would skin a flint to save a penny. We shall have to go without swimming . . .

June 20th 1849

. . . The barber came up today to operate on the boy's heads. After supper the large boys went to the river to bathe and those that could not swim went to a place called the cholick.²⁹ I walked down to the river with the boys and was sorry I done so for my neck began to hurt me and it did not stop till after I had got on the hill. It is a very long walk down to the river, about 2½ miles. It was about 9½ o'clock when we went to bed. The thermometer was up to 87° in the shade. Whew.

June 21st 1849

Very warm today. I employ all my time out of school in working on my nett. It is too hot to go outdoors. After supper the boys went to the cholic[k] to bathe. It was a very pretty place, but then the smell was exceedingly offensive, because the stream was beautifully interspersed with calves heads and other interesting objects from a slaughter house by which the stream ran. I should think that Mr. Bartlett would not allow the boys to go to such a place. Mr. Bartlett (the weather being so warm) did not make us go to bed until about 10 o'clock. Some of us were sitting on the bench when we heard something fall on the ground. Pretty soon something else came. We found it to be two pitchers which somebody had thrown out from the dormitory window. The boys if they carry on at all ought to wait until after the 4th of July.

June 22nd 1849

Not so warm as yesterday. The boys went in swimming in Skinner's pond. It is a great deal better place than the cholick. After we had come back Innis fired off some fire crackers. Mr. Bartlett called on the boy who done it to report himself. He accordingly reported himself . . . John McCoun and Holt in my french class cheat Frenchy out [of] his eyes and I have to suffer for it. I shall try and do as well as I can and endeavor to have a good standing next week.

June 23rd 1849

Saturday . . . Received a letter from Father this morning telling me to come home the Saturday before the 4th of July along with Isaac Bronson. I saw a programme of the order of the procession in a Hudson paper received by Isaac Bronson. The three fire companies 1, 2, 3, the Worths Volunteers, two cannon companies, the car[t]men and &c are to turn out . . .

June 24th 1849

. . . A couple of gentlemen are visiting Mr. Bartlett today. One of them was a scholar of Mr. Bartlett 12 years ago. He is now in the navy. I heard him at the supper table talking of the Dead Sea and Mount Versuvius . . .

June 25th 1849

. . . Jim thinks that he will bring his brother with him when he comes back. He is about 11 years old. I would not let my brother come at that age for he would learn all sorts of mischief too soon . . .

June 27th 1849

. . . Today Mr. Bartlett called the roll for those boys that were going home to spend the 4th of July, for what purpose I do not know. Mr. Dud said today that he spoke to Mr. Bartlett today about making a pond. He said that he would give Dudley to make one with \$100. I guess that it will not be made this summer or next neither. I measured my net this afternoon. It is about 14 ft. long. I shall knit more on it . . .

June 28th 1849

. . . Phil White is not coming back. I have not spoken to him yet. I suppose that I will have to bid him goodbye. The boys played I spy the wolf

after supper. Mrs. Hall has the list of boys going home and she is getting their clothes ready for them. Gordon and Lindrum feel very sour because they cannot go home . . .

July 9th 1849

I went home the Saturday before the 4th of July in the Steamboat New World. Mr. Bartlett kept us in school until the last minute. Most all the Troy boys went home. I shook hands with P. White and bid him Good bye when I went ashore. I have not spoken to him for two or three weeks. Charley Warring stopped at Hudson and went out to Dr. Bronson's house. I have had very pleasant times whilst I was home. I have been to see Isaac Bronson and Charley Folger several times. On the 4th of July I got up at 4 o'clock to fire my cannon. There was quite a large p[ro]cession and the fireworks in the evening were beautiful. On Friday Night . . . About 1½ I was awoke by the cry of fire. Looking out of my window I saw that it was [James T.] Perkin's machine shop. It was entirely consumed and it was with much difficulty that Martins Hotel was saved. The fire commenced in the upper story and the hose were found to be cut thus proving it to be the work of an incendiary.³⁰ I went to bed about 4½ o'clock and slept three hours. On Friday there was a turn out of the coloured population, *quite a display*. Father bought Willie and myself a violin. I got a pr. of pants and a vest made by Mr. Bachman . . . In the afternoon to Dr. [William B.] Van Vlecks, I went to get my tooth filled. The old fellow cut my lip. In the evening we all went to hear a concert by the Derwort family consisting of 3 girls and a boy ages 7, 10, 13, 5. The little boy plays on the bass viol. He plays Yankee Doodle and its variations on one string.³¹ I came down in the New World . . . Got to Poughkeepsie about 12 o'clock. Met Pomeroy, Allen and Garbrecht on the dock. Isaac and myself went right up to school. What pleasant emotions I experienced when I was almost to the school . . . I wrote a letter to Phil. White this afternoon. After supper I went with Isaac and Oliver Bronson after raspberries. We got about half a pitcher full. We put some sugar on them and eat them. They did not taste bad.

July 11th 1849

Last night when I lay in bed I thought about where I was on Sunday night . . . There is no chance for my getting up in French and Algebra while the boys cheat as they now do. There is no cheating in C. Warring's class. He is a good teacher but I think that he is a mean man in some respects . . . Kearny, White and [James C.] Cook are not coming back, I believe . . . I feel quite sore in my breast and arms from exercising on the bars yesterday. I have not worked enough on them this term. Last term they brought me right along . . . If I was home I should have a vacation of five weeks from the 21st of this month but at the end of this term I shall have a long vacation for I shall go in the store and try to be of service to my father who has generously given me all the advantages that lie in his power. A new scholar came today from St. Louis. His name is Charles Aldridge. He is altogether too free for a new scholar.

July 12th 1849

. . . [George] Wilson slipped in the play hall and fell on Asa Holt's knife. It went in very deep and he lost a good deal of blood. Holt and [William] Bolles had the presence of mind to bind a handkerchief around his arm until Mr. Warring came and put a stick into it and dressed the wound. Today I think is the hottest that we have had this summer. It is indeed a sweltering day . . . Charley Warren, Ludlow and myself split a post of the spring board in the Gymnasium. Charley Warring sent us up to the house. I do not know how much we will have to pay for it. The boys cannot go swimming at the creek any more for the owner has forbidden it.

July 14th 1849

Saturday . . . Yesterday I made an alma[na]ck and put it on my desk. It is 84 days 12 weeks before we can go home. Only think of it . . . There were two serious re[n]contres this morning, but no one hurt. One was between Gordon and Morris and the other Hall and Punderford. These events will be chronicled in the journals of the boys but they will soon be forgotten by the scholars of college Hall among the passing and startling events of our life. I am going to make some catnip cigars today, for real ones have a prohibition upon them. This morning a sudden gale sprang up and I saw a good many sloops on the river with torn sails and scudding before the wind under bare poles. Some sloops I think must have been capsized for it came on so sudden. It has been blowing a stiff breeze all day . . . Wrote a letter to Geo. Fairfield. I hope when he answers it he will write a good long letter not about girls and nonsense but something that a boy away to Boarding School would like to hear about . . . I got my milk today at the dinner table for the first time since I have been back. I hope it will be as cool tomorrow as it has been today for it is a hard job to walk down to church and sit on the hard boards, and then come sweltering up the big hill on our way back. After supper Isaac Bronson wanted me to go down with him after some fine Cinnamon to make cinnamon segars. We hurried down and back and got back just before the 2nd bell . . . Mr. Bartlett called the roll tonight for using tobacco. Only two boys reported themselves out of the whole school. I should think over 1/2 of the boys in school have been smoking today. The dormitory is very cold, the wind blowing and the windows rattling so as to make it almost impossible to go to sleep . . .

July 15th 1849

. . . This morning Mr. Bartlett read to us an eulogy upon the late [Ex-] President Polk who died of the cholera and also spoke about the day for thanksgiving which the President has set.³² Walked to church with D. Campbell. Mr. Ludlow preached a bold sermon upon the effects of giving away to anger. He mentioned the murders that had been committed in this county during the last 4 years out of revenge and especially the last one of [John] Fonda who killed [Dennis] Dody. How he did give the Jury a schorching for acquit[t]ing Fonda. The circumstances are these (it took place in an iron foundry). Dody was passing by a passage when some sand came in his face. Being a very passionate man he rushed upon Fonda a boy 17 years old and beat him severely holding his head down in the sand. Dody then turned away and was talking with some of the shop men when Fonda seized a shovel, came up behind him, made two or three passes with it and then sunk it into his skull. I think Mr. Ludlow was right. He took a bold and decided step against permitting a murderer to go free thus giving a bad influence over the community. Every boy then when he gets angry may think he has a perfect right to take the life of him who had wronged him thus taking the law of God and man in defiance and executing it himself. Mr. Ludlow said that he would [not] change places with Fonda for the whole world for unless he repents his future life will be one of unmitigated misery . . .³³ The bread on the supper table was so sour the boys could not eat it. I suppose it was some J. Bartlett could not sell by hook or crook so he sold it to Charley for us College Hill Rats or Vinegar Hill boys as the loafers call us.³⁴

July 16th 1849

. . . Watts Kearny came today. He has had quite a vacation. He [is] going to leave here the 1st of August and then go to college. This afternoon the boys found a bees nest and stormed it and took pos[s]ession of the honey. Wm. [Augustus] Thompson was stung in two places on his face and several other boys received their pay . . .

July 18 1849

This day has been replete with events and will be recollected in our chronicles of College Hill Life until the end of the term at least. Had to write out my verbs in Latin. Fought a bee's nest this afternoon. Merritt and Hall were stung. The men are mowing Mr. Bartlett's grass. This afternoon Mr. Bartlett went away. At the supper table Tuluaga commenced throwing bread. Bisbee made him leave the hall, though not until Mr. Nairne told him he had better go. When we got out from the supper table we had a good deal of fun with John C. Pulis and when Kellog came out we all put up a groan. Upon this he turned round and says you shant go swimming, just as if he had all to say about it. The boys groaned twice again and he left the field. A new Spaniard came today not to learn the English language but the Spanish. He has been in this country 9 years and has forgot his native language.

July 19th 1849

We have had a too long continuance of pleasant weather for it has turned into a drought. We have need of rain . . . Tib. Lane is going home saturday. The boys amuse themselves a good deal at Oliver Bronsons greenness, walking about staring with his mouth wide open . . . I never asked Mr. Bartlett yet for any thing without he refused me. I am going to ask for Domingo's seat. He is going to leave on Saturday.

July 20th 1849

. . . We had a delightful shower this afternoon for which the farmer ought to be thankful after this drought. Charley Warring kept all the Virgil class in for not knowing a rule. After he had kept me there about an hour he called Oliver Bronson into the room for making a noise. He came in laughing which set our faces in a grin. Charley Warring made us write laughing 100 times and in addition to that I had to write talking 50 times . . . As for the Algebra classes, the one who can cheat and lie the best can keep the nearest head . . . Old Pulis is going to leave next week. A good many boys owe him a grudge. He ought to have a dressing down before he leaves. I think now and have thought all this term that the second term is not altogether the easiest.

July 21st 1849

This morning Frenchy gave in his report for the last quarter. He gave me 90 in scholarship and 95 in attendance. He told Mr. Bartlett that I had maximum last term, upon which Mr. B. said that I had not 100 in conduct in the school room and told all about my not being so good a boy this term as last right before the boys and teachers. I have done as well as I could this term but Mr. Bartlett has not treated me as he did last term, nor Frenchy either. Charley Bartlett sent me to bed before I had been here a week for throwing water. I am determined to act right the next quarter and then if my report is bad I cannot help it. Mr. B. had the Geography class on the floor this morning for about one hour. We made a splendid examination. I missed every question but one. I staid in school and wrote my composition this afternoon. The subject is on the Passions. Tib. Lane went home today. A beautiful schooner was launched at the dock today. There are several cases of cholera in town . . .

July 22nd 1849

Sunday . . . Jim Burden and myself sat together in church. He was quite taken up with a girl down stairs. He said she was the handsomest girl he ever saw. A good many boys smoked today. Believe if there was no rule against it there would be no more than there is. Dudley Ruan and the other little fellows smoke to show how big they can be . . .

July 23rd 1849

. . . The boys had fun fighting bees and hornets nests. Foote was stung

in two places, on the foot and eye. Two new scholars from town came here today, one by the name of [Marvin Richardson] Vincent and the other Fonda. Jim Burden, Charley Warren and myself took a walk in the grove in the evening. Got a comfortable seat and talked about the stirring occurrences of last term and sundry other matters. (*We did not smoke though*) as many other boys did.

July 24th 1849

. . . I wrote home to take up Spanish and leave off Latin. Father thinks I would not be much benefited by studying Spanish for the remainder of the term . . .

July 25th 1849

. . . We have had better living this week than last. We had then rancid butter, sour bread and hash [?] not fit to eat. This evening the boys wet the bench and then got boys to sit on it much to their inconvenience. Innis and myself had a trial at jumping. We went around in the boy's rooms and tied their towels in knots and disarranged the things . . .

July 26th 1849

. . . Gibbs and Pomeroy seemed dissatisfied with the school and Gibbs has been writing home to leave the school. I heard some of the boys say this evening that Mr. [Charles Platt] Adriance has the cholera. I guess it is not so, only a false report. Frenchy has not been cross to me this week. I told him I was going to be a good boy this quarter. Pitched pennies after supper with [George A.] Ackerman and Bronson. I wonder that Phil White does not answer my letter. If I do not get an answer soon I shall think that he does not want anything more to do with me. I have E. Merritt's composition to correct and I would rather learn any lesson than do the job. I can hardly make head or tail out of it. *Quite a crooked concern.* I read in Bronson's paper that all the stock of the Iron company was taken up and that a call of 10 per cent was to be made immediately. I hope it is only a commencement of other enterprises . . . Mr. Nairne proposes to have an historical class three evenings in the week for the whole school. It will be fine.

July 27th 1849

. . . The way the boys knock Olley Bronson around is a caution. He had two hats spoiled this week and is all the time fighting with some boy or another. Any boy in school can give him a drubbing. It is enough to make any one laugh to see him run . . . Pomeroy wrote home about Mr. Bartlett, and his mother is down town. Pomeroy got back his watch and is going to leave in less than a week. So is Gibbs. It makes Charley feel *kinder riley* yes it does. Let us see how many boys have left this term: there is [James Spencer] Van Cleff, Boardman, Kearny, Cook, White, Lane, 6, Gibbs and Pomeroy 8. Fonda, Vincent, Aldridge, [Marcos] Cordero, Longstreet, Phistina, Olivar, Morris and Punderford are new scholars. So Mr. Bartlett has not lost any by such operations. Mr. B. was not so cross last term as this. He seems to mind every trifle. He has not treated me half as well as he did last term.

July 28th 1849

. . . In the afternoon two boat loads of boys went a rowing, one to Hyde Park and the one I was in to Milton. Mr. Bisbee went with us . . . We had to row against the wind and tide going to Milton. It took us about two hours. We saw the blasts go off on the Railroad. They make drills about 5 feet. Dont they have to scatter. A piece weighing about 200 pounds was thrown about quarter of a mile. Dont the paddies have to work. We staid at Milton 15 minutes and then started back. We got back in one hour. We took the waves of the Highlander. There were three others besides myself . . . We engaged the boat for next Saturday. Then we intend to go to Hyde Park . . .

July 29th 1849

Sunday . . . We will have to go to church 9 Sundays before the end of the term. What an age to schoolboys . . . Mr. Bartlett said that he had had a good many boys who had left the school, not having resolution and discipline. He then spoke about Gibbs and Garbrecht leaving tomorrow. He said Gibbs could never be as great a man as his brother who is president of the board of Natural science in New York unless he was more resolute.³⁵ Pomeroy he expected to leave soon. He said Pomeroy was a good dispositioned boy (oh the soft soap).

July 30th 1849

. . . The. Garbrecht felt bad leaving the school this morning. I wonder what his father will say to him after he is arriv[ed] home. If he does not [keep] a good eye over him he will be a regular rowdy . . . I have not got Ed Merritt's composition corrected yet. I declare it is a job . . . Jim Burden and myself staid out on the bench, after the other boys had bone to bed, to watch the Steamboats . . .

July 31st 1849

. . . The bell has been hid for three days. Mr. Bartlett can not find it. I received a letter from Father and Mother today with a little post[s]crip[t] from Willie. Extracts from the letter, (The Iron Company is now organized and the work will progress immediately. Mr. Alexander C. Mitchell is President and your Uncle Sidney [Seymour] Secretary and Treasurer. We expect him here about the middle of this week.³⁶ The Cholera made its first appe[ar]ance here yesterday in the house of Enoch Hubbard near the Hudson River Bank. Mrs. [Hannah] Hubbard and her boy about 9 years old died during the night. There are no other cases. The disease was caused by the foul air of their Cellar which had not been cleaned out or ventilated for twenty years . . .). The above is from part of the letter Father wrote me . . .

August 1st 1849

. . . Old Frenchy calls me a she monkey. I exercised in the gymnasium the last hour . . . Judge Ruggles composition, for my benefit, I shall insert . . . here with various particulars of College Hill Life. Come! Come! Come! College Hill full of care, Plenty of hash and liver there!! . . . Reminds me of what a truly pitiable subject I am going to treat. What a glorious theme it is and how many poor devils have long since undergone the same tribulations as we poor mortals doomed to live on hash and liver are now suffering. And as I feel the subject warm within me, methinks I see the grim visage of Old Kellog start up before my imagination. I hear him groan in his fierce endeavor to raise a miserable excuse for a something in the shape of whiskers—and behold him blushing in the Rhetoric Class on account of certain movements that he either cannot or else is too green to desire to subdue. Kellog! Pulis! and Dudley! What a trio of interesting ignoramusses! Bisbee caps the climax and adds the last reverberation to the distant thunder. Kellog what is he? A kind of amphibious animal, a notable hash eater. Green by nature, he has grown to be a green horn. A tall, lank kind of personage. Little gray eyes about the size of a pin's head, which ever and anon twinkle with such vivacity, as almost to give a person a fit of the blues. He has a very delicate nose. Six feet long and two inches broad, added to a slight elevation at the end which is superbly set off by an abundant effusion of scarlet red, a beauty evidently derived from the brandy bottle or some spirit stirring agent, the whole development forcibly reminding one of a hog's snout. His arms (or better in his case, paddles) are long, lank, lean and puny, and his hands influenced by some unknown attraction of Gravitation, are always thrust into his breeches pockets, which unmentionables are placed somewhere in the neighborhood of his knees and have the looks of their brethern the pantaloons them-

selves, which appear as if they had been hereditary heir loom which has descended to the oldest son, from Generation to generation ever since the days of the flood. His coats . . . are also beautiful affairs, elbows worn out, waists up to his neck, with collars whose fashions date in the days of the Ancients complete their general appearance. An elegant pair of black velvet slippers besmeared with dirt, and overcome by the ravages of time, adorn his beautiful feet, whose dimensions are shocking to mention. Suffice to say, they are large and happy in these ornaments. He goes hopping about like a grasshopper on ice.

August 3rd 1849

We all went to church this morning. Mr. Ludlow delivered a very impressive sermon. We had very plain food on the table today. We had no school . . . This morning Mr. Bartlett read a number of passages in the Bible relating to fasts. All the stores in the village are closed. The New World has been lying at Milton dock all day. It has probably broken some of her machinery which will be a great loss both of money and time to the owners. In the afternoon I went down into the grove with Ike Bronson. We amused ourselves by setting fire to the grass, and putting it out again. If any field should catch afire we should have quite a conflagration by reason of the drought having dried up everything . . .

August 4th 1849

Saturday . . . The New World has broken her wheels. The loss is said to be \$10,000. The Hendrick Hudson is to run in her place. Went downtown in the afternoon with D. Campbell. Went to [Thomas R.] Payne's to find out how much he would ask for a black Alapaca coat. He said about \$3. I got two anti cholera cigars down town. Mr. Bartlett did not let the boys go rowing or swimming on account of its relaxing the bowels. The boys do not plague Olley Bronson as much as they did. The ground is parched up on account of the draught. Rain is very much needed . . .

August 6th 1849

. . . I received two letters this morning, one from Philander White and one from Charley Prescott. The one from Charley Prescott was the answer to one I wrote him November 1846. I answered it today. John C. Pulis left today for Albany where he is to teach Geography. Oh how sorry I am . . .

August 7th 1849

. . . A number of boys went in Mr. Adriance's orchard today and hooked apples. Some of the boys were G[eorge Edwin] Waring, M[ark B.] Hannum and [S. D.] Hollister . . . Judge Ruggles is trying very hard to get in West Point. On Friday morning he is going to [see] the senator of the state. He will make a great soldier. I could scare him with a broom stick.³⁷

August 8th 1849

. . . The South America is now running in place of the Hendrick Hudson which was in place of the New World. It cost \$10,000 to repair the Empire. I think it is too bad to get to bed these fine evenings at 9 o'clock precisely, but scarcely do you get comfortably seated on the bench after prayers before you hear the soul stirring note of the old bell. Just 58 days before exam, whew.

August 9th 1849

. . . The boys have not smoked much these last days because Mr. Bartlett told Ackerman last night that he knew the boys who went regularly every day to smoke . . .

August 11th 1849

. . . This morning I asked Mr. Bartlett to let me go down to the dock and see George Fairfield and the other boys as they passed on their way to West Point. I received the answer that I might go to West Point if I wished. I immediately posted off to the dock, saw the boats pass and waited two hours

before the Hudson came along. I was much chagrined when I found out they were going to land here. They landed and went up to the Eastern House. Geo. Fairfield and his brother, Bob and Hank McClellan and a whole lot of fellows were on board. The two cannon companies were on board. George Fairfield had fired the cannon so much that he had an headache, and seemed stupid enough. They staid here about 3 hours and then started for Hudson where I shall be if I am alive and well in 53 days, hip, hip, Hurrah.

August 12th 1849

. . . Mr. Ludlow gave us a first rate sermon this morning. Mr. Ludlow is a smart man despite everything that is said against him . . .

August 15th 1849

. . . John McCoun got poisoned by ivy in the woods, he has to sleep in flour. Mr. Bartlett told us tonight that Charley Derby was so sick yesterday that he thought of sending for his father. He is better today. Mr. Bartlett keeps all such things from the boys until the danger is past.

August 21st 1849

I was much surprised . . . receiving a letter giving me permission to come home as Cousin George Brush was there. I showed the letter to Mr. Bartlett and he told me to get ready and go, which I did quick enough. He delayed so long though in sending me down to the boat that they had to throw out the plank for me. I went home in the Hendrick Hudson. Got there about 2½ o'clock. Met Willie, Charley Prescott and George on the dock. In the afternoon I went with mother to make several calls. Father came down from the store about 8 o'clock and we had a regular concert. Willie performed on the bones. He plays first rate. I fired the Old Independence several times in the afternoon. Father is fixing the store. He is making the front store longer and the back part higher. As it is all open, Edward and John watch there. Each of them have a brace of pistols and they have got a bull dog to boot. The Corporation are busy at present repairing the street. The foundation of the furnace has been commenced . . . I was sorry when I was home that it was cholera season for I could not partake of the plumbs which hung so temptingly on the tree. There are several plumbtrees in the back Jardin which bear this year, that is if the boys do not steal them all . . . On Monday morning we all went a fishing to the stone mills, caught about 3 dozen fish. In the afternoon I went to Bachman's and was measured for an exam suit. I then went with George Brush to roll ten pins. We played two strings. He beat me of course in both for it was the first time for me . . . I left Hudson on Tuesday morning, August 21, after a short and pleasant visit home, again to encounter the trials, privations and joys of College Hill Life. I came back in the steamboat Alida . . . I took a carriage and went immediately on the hill. I [met] Mr. Bartlett on the road. He got into the carriage. I gave him the letter from father and then we had a little chat. He told me the following story. He said he was going from New York to Albany in the night on the New Philadelphia, the captain of which was George E. Seymour. There was a military company in the cabin. They carried on so much and damned the passengers too that they complained to father. He came down into the cabin to quell the disturbance, when they damned him. Father then told the captain of the company that they should decide in ten minutes w[h]ether to go ashore or on deck. He said he had 10 men under him and was able to do it and C. Bartlett called out, yes 160. They finally concluded to go on deck where the[y] were obliged to stay all night. Served em right . . . The boys have got up two [fire] engine companies. Their engines are waggons. They run races with each other. If Mr. Bartlett would only let the boys have a cannon company it would do a good deal of good, for the boys would study hard to get out of school so as to

run with their company . . .

August 22nd 1849

. . . Tomorrow we have our last lesson in advance and then we are going to review. In the gymnasium this morning I raised my weight with both hands five times in succession . . . After supper the boys ran their machine around the el[l]ipse. Mr. Bartlett got one and was tumbled head over heels. We intend getting a good engine if we can get Mr. Bartlett's permission. The nurse is very sick . . .

August 24th 1849

. . . In the gymnasium this afternoon I raised my weight on the bars with stiff legs, 12 times. Malinda has been washing out the play hall and the boys rooms today. . .

September 1st Saturday

. . . For the last three days I have been out of school on account of my tooth . . . I came in school this morning and set about copying my composition. I was examined in Rhetoric this morning. Kellog extinguishes himself by making ridiculous answers. Well he does . . . Yankee brought some fine peaches up here this morning. The bed bugs liked to carry me away in that bed in Mrs. Hall's room. I had to sleep there so as I could walk about when I pleased and could not sleep. It was quite pleasant to get out of a damp room and enjoy the fresh air. Mark Hannum has been taken with the rheumatism very bad. Oh how he groans and cusses College Hill . . .

September 4th 1849

. . . I counted up the letters I have received this term. I have 17. Last term at its close I had 23 . . . This evening I went down with Innis, Burden, Warren and Bronson into the grove. We are a regular company. Ruggles Brother came to see him today from the West. He had not seen him for three years. His salutation was, Lord God George, how do you do. Just 29 days to the close of exam. Hurrah . . .

September 6th 1849

. . . On reading the Hudson paper I saw an advertisement headed Grand Military Excursion to Poughkeepsie. Upon reading it I found that the Fire companies No. 1, 3, 7 are coming here on the Hudson on the 15th of this month to pay the firemen here a visit . . . The Eagle Company No. 2 has disbanded. I think it the best thing that could be done for that company are a real loaferish set from Captain to torch boy . . .

September 7th 1849

. . . Old Kellog was walking on the colon[n]ade after supper when all the boys hollered out, Kill that hog. What Hog? His velvet slippers are in the last stages of decay and to judge from appearances his stock of stockings are in the same predicament . . .

September 8th 1849

Saturday . . . Yankee brought up some fine peaches this morning, also a basket of muskmelons. As the cholera has almost disappeared I hope we can eat more freely of fruit. Mark Hannum is still confined to his bed with rheumatism. Some boys sit up with him every night. Mr. Bartlett happened to be absent from the school room this morning when Kellog came in. The boys all hollered out at him, Kill that Hog. This afternoon Wm. Thompson, J. Burden, Jim Marshall and myself set out to go to one tree hill. We got there in a little while when we proposed to take the road and walk on further. We walked on a good distance when I asked a man how far it was to Hyde Park. He said about two miles and a half. Bill T. and myself stumped the other two to go there, but they would not, so we kept on until we reached the village of Hyde Park. There are a great many beautiful residences near it. Get back 7½. Mr. B. said it was 16 miles.

September 9th 1849

Sunday . . . Mr. Bartlett handed out the pie to our table at dinner so Bronson and myself could not get three pieces between us. We were not called in this afternoon so Bronson and myself went down into the Grove and talked over various matters and things . . . Mr. Bartlett caught George Wilson smoking. He made him take a note to his father. His punishment is he cannot go down town until the end of the term. He also caught George Waring. I will have to go to church three more times this term . . .

September 12th 1849

. . . Last evening while we were speaking little Charley came in and told Mr. Bartlett that his grandmother had fallen. While Mr. B. was out of the room the boys carried on a good deal. Some one threw a book and Mr. B. just caught a glance of it when he came in the room. He said he knew who it was but he thought he would question them. When no one would report we found out that he had been lying. He did not know who threw it. He said he would find out the truth if he had to bring a Justice of Peace up here, yes he will. He laid an injunction on us today. No one reported today. I guess no one will report . . . A new scholar came yesterday from New Orleans. He is about 11 or 12 years old [and has] got to stay here a good many years. Oh how I pity him . . .

September 13th 1849

. . . No injunction was laid on the school today and no one reported. Mr. Bartlett has got a charpentier at work on the inside rooms, putting a siding of boards against the mud wall so that our parents cannot see quite all the miseries of College Hill life when they come here. I received a letter from Fairfield today. The cannon companies are coming here Saturday. He thinks it doubtful w[h]ether he will come or not. I hope he will. I was reading a Poughkeepsie paper today when I read an advertisement headed Sands & Lent's circus.³⁸ It seems that they are coming here on Saturday the 22nd of this month. I looked into Mr. B.'s book today and I saw an order of exercises for examination. I do not know w[h]ether he will change it or not . . .

September 15th 1849

. . . Mr. B. said if the boy who threw the book would report himself he would let us go to the river to see the excursion arrive from Hudson, but no one reported. About two o'clock I saw the Hudson in the opening all trimmed off. I ran down town as fast as I could. I was there in time to see the procession. There were three fire companies from Hudson Nos. 1, 3, 7, also the two cannon companies. I saw George and Willie Fairfield, Bob and Hank McClellan among the boys . . . No. 3 of Poughkeepsie played a little while after dinner and the Hudson company went and got her machine out. She sucked the hydrant but when she put on the blanch pipe the key came out and spoiled the playing . . . When it was time for the excursion to leave I went to see them start. The Poughkeepsie firemen went down to the dock to take leave of our firemen. The boat's guards touched the water. They had quite a time starting, the bands playing, the men hurrahing and the cannons firing . . . I got a letter from Henry McClellan this morning. I saw Mr. B. open it and read it. I am very much obliged to him . . . I felt rather tired tonight after the stirring events of this day. I think it is as pleasant a day that I have had since I have been here . . .

September 16th 1849

Sunday . . . The hall lamp was smashed to pieces (by some person unknown) this afternoon. After tea Charley Warring was in the hall and Bronson and myself made a little noise which attracted Charley Warring's attention who went and told Charley Bartlett of us. Mr. B. said that I

should not go into the play hall or into Ike Bronson's room until he gave me permission to do so (as a punishment).

September 17th 1849

... Innis had quite a fall in the gymnasium today. He fell from the top of one of the ladders. Yesterday the hall lamp was smashed all to pieces and 7 or 8 panes of glass broken. Mr. B. asked today who done it. No one reported so probably it will be charged to general damage . . .

September 18th 1849

... Some of the boys told me today that Mr. Nairne read off the names of the boys last night who have to speak their compositions on exam. I am one of the number. I found a ludicrous speech in the National Speaker called the Lyceum Speech of Mr. Orator Climax which I intend [to give]. I have almost learned it . . .³⁹

September 19th 1849

... The orders of exercises were brought up from town today but not given out, however some boy contrived to get some in their possession. I have three classes come on Wednesday morning, French, Algebra and Latin. My Rhetoric comes Tuesday evening and Milton on Thursday afternoon . . .

September 22nd 1849

... Most of the boys went to Sands & Lent's circus this afternoon, I among them! They performed very well until it began to rain very hard and then hurried through in double quick time. They have a real mean place for a circus, consequently they had a very small tent. We sought refuge from the rain in Mr. Frost's. After the rain had subsided we went up to Goulders [Hiram Golder] where I intended to be measured for my boots but unfortunately for me he had as many orders as he could fulfill . . .

September 23rd 1849

Sunday . . . Mr. Ludlow gave out notice that there was to be a sermon preached in the behalf of the tract society in the New Dutch church in the afternoon. A good many boys went. The church was crowded. There were 7 ministers sitting in the pulpit . . . I saw the Derwort family in church. They are to perform here next week.

September 24th 1849

Monday . . . I put all the dirty clothes I could muster into the wash. I do not think we will put in our clothes next Sunday. I was 1st in all my classes today. Went down town after school with Bill Thompson. I went to Cabal's [John M. Cable] and was measured for a pair of boots. I got me a pair of kid gloves. Paid 5/1. for them. We went through Mill Street in order to get a glimpse of Fanny Graham who Bill Thompson says is the prettiest girl in Poughkeepsie. We could not come it. The Derwort family were up here today. Most of the boys went to their concert in the evening . . . We fortunately saw Fanny this evening but I did not think her very handsome. The concert was held in the city hall which is right over the market. They played beautifully. The old man recognized me when I went in and shook hands with me. The little girl was lame so she could not stand up and play . . .

September 25th 1849

... The Derwort family came up here this morning to see the beauties of College Hill. They went down to the gymnasium. Today Fishhooks Ludlow had the audacity to cast a shadow in Dud's face for which offense he knocked him down, which set Fitch running home without any hat. No one but the principal of a school has the right to take the punishment of a boy into his own hands . . .

September 26th 1849

... Received the Daily Star from Father. It contained a paragraph

headed Improvements. It turned out to be in praise of Father's store, especially the Railway in the cellar for carrying iron . . .⁴⁰ Malinda has been busily engaged today washing out the boys rooms . . .

September 27th 1849

. . . Mrs. Hall began her job today by packing up some trunks. After school the boys got hold of a wagon and dragged it around the el[i]ipse . . . Malinda and her associates were busily engaged in the recitation rooms today not studying but scrubbing. She says the rooms of C. H. are cleaner than ours.

September 28th 1849

. . . Malinda and her associates are still busily engaged in the school-room. Mrs. Hall is busily engaged packing trunks. Billy Bolles and Cordero are on the sick list and confined to Mrs. Hall's room. Billy Hall started for home [Lowndesboro, Alabama] today after an absence of five years. When Mr. B. told him he was going he thought that he was joking with him. Amused myself today playing marbles with Ike Bronson. After dinner those who have to speak their compositions on Thursday night came up in the school room and spoke them before Mr. Nairne. The band have an rehearsal every day. They are to play on exam . . .

September 29th 1849

. . . Mr. B. had the desks removed from the middle of the platform this morning . . . In the afternoon I went with Ike Bronson and his brother and Charley Aldrich [Aldridge?] down to the Red Mills where we hired a skiff and had a first rate row up and down the pond. If Charley [Warring] had seen us he might have given us a first rate task . . . This is the last Saturday I will stay on College Hill as a scholar. Next Saturday I will be in that noble and magnificent city Hudson, because every one's native place is the best in his own estimation.

. . . Exams . . .

. . . Very dull the first two days as Mr. Bartlett would not let the boys leave the school room . . . I was examined in three lessons on Wednesday morning. On Thursday afternoon Father, Mother & Mr. Folger's family came to attend the examination. Charley and Natty are coming next term to stay two or three years . . . I showed them all around the school and showed them the gymnasium. After school Thursday afternoon I went down to Skinner's Hotel and took supper there. Rode up after supper. The school room was crowded. I should think there were over 300 persons present. The band favoured the audience with some of their favourite tunes. I went down to Skinner's Hotel the last evening and staid all night. A good many boys left for Albany and New York. Gordon and Lindrum were too late for the boat and consequently had to stay at Skinner's until next morning. Next morning five or 6 boys, I amongst them, hired a boat and had a first rate row. About 11½ o'clock the Alida came along and we started for our respective home each glad to get clear from College Hill.

NOTES

- 1 Henry Gilbert Ludlow (1797-1867) practiced law in Rensselaer County for two years after graduating from Columbia. In 1820 he was the subject of a religious revival and attended Princeton Seminary. He went to Poughkeepsie in 1842 as the Presbyterian minister and remained there seventeen years. See *Ludlow-Frey Papers*, New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown.
- 2 William Bushnell built a charcoal blast furnace at the old Union Landing about 1848.

- 3 Jacob C. Tooker (1804-1856) came from Orange County around 1848 to take charge of the Poughkeepsie Female Academy.
- 4 Begun in 1847, the entire distance from New York to Albany was opened in 1851.
- 5 Locust Grove, purchased by Samuel F. B. Morse in 1847, was on the east bank of the Hudson two miles south of Poughkeepsie. See *Year Book*, Dutchess County Historical Society, XVII (1932), 21-28.
- 6 Charles John and J. Louis Grube taught music privately and at several Poughkeepsie schools, including the Poughkeepsie Collegiate School. Louis Grube later removed to New York; Charles died in Poughkeepsie in 1908. Dr. Simpson, according to Seymour "formerly of Hudson," was choir leader at the Dutch Reformed Church. See H. J. Andrus, *A Century of Music in Poughkeepsie* (Poughkeepsie, 1912)
- 7 "The gold fever, sometimes called the yellow fever, in derision, is said to have swallowed up for the time being all other excitements . . . Call it a 'mania,' or a 'delusion,' . . . the result can scarcely fail to prove a national advantage." *Albany Argus*, December 13, 1848.
- 8 "A lady widely known for the amiableness of her disposition and her always obliging kindness." *College Hill Mercury*, quoted in J. W. Poucher, "College Hill," *Year Book*, Dutchess County Historical Society XXII, (1937), 10. Mrs. Hall was the matron of the school.
- 9 Aaron Innis (1834-1901), one of the several Poughkeepsie friends of Seymour. Among others were Ludlow, Ruggles, Marshall, Fonda, Van Cleef and Vincent. *Vide infra*.
- 10 John Bartholomew Gough (1817-1886), temperance lecturer and one of the most accomplished platform orators in America.
- 11 Fitzhugh Ludlow (1836-1870), author, editor of *Vanity Fair*, newspaperman and critic. He was the only son of the Poughkeepsie Presbyterian minister.
- 12 "Named 'Yankee' . . . because he always wore an American flag as a girdle when he fought . . . Tom Hyer beat him in 1849, but Sullivan clung to the title of heavyweight champion until 1853." J. A. Krout, *Annals of American Sport* (New Haven, 1929), 228.
- 13 Charles Bartlett Warring (1825-1907), son of Charles Bartlett's sister Sarah; later operated the school, with Otis Bisbee, from 1857 to 1863.
- 14 Dudley Bartlett (1801-1887), youngest brother of Charles Bartlett, came to Poughkeepsie in 1845 to assist at the school.
- 15 The dyewood mill of Gifford, Sherman and Innis, North Water Street, burned with a loss of \$25,000. "Probably incendiary." *Poughkeepsie Journal and Eagle*, March 3, 1849.
- 16 The Dutch Reformed Church, corner of Mill and Catharine Streets, was dedicated on Thursday, February 22, 1849.
- 16a The funeral sermon was published: *Weepers Instructed. A Sermon Preached at the Funeral of Mrs. Abigail Woolsey Welles Ludlow . . . Friday, March 2d, 1849* by Rev. Sumner Mandeville. (Poughkeepsie, 1849).
- 17 No evidence has been found to substantiate this claim.
- 18 Charles Murray Nairne (1808-1882). Born in Scotland, to this country in 1847, he taught in Poughkeepsie, was at the Albany Female Academy in 1850, and in 1857 accepted the chair of moral philosophy and literature at Columbia College.
- 19 John Cay Pulis. "Mr. Pulis promises to learn his pupils as much in one lesson as they can be taught in five by any other method . . . [He] has permanently located here and has classes in the Collegiate School, Mr. Harrington's school and some other schools." *Poughkeepsie Journal and Eagle*, June 2, 1849.

- 20 Adolphe Aweng (1809-1895) was born in Nancy, France, and came to this country in 1835. During his long life he taught in nearly all the schools of Poughkeepsie.
- 21 The steamship *Empire* of the Troy Line on her evening passage up-river collided with the schooner *Noah Brown* in Newburgh Bay. On June 8 twenty-three were counted dead, with some still missing. *Albany Argus*.
- 22 Stephen Frost had a confectionery store at 327 Main Street.
- 23 Henry Burden (1791-1871) was the famous inventor of the horseshoe machine. His son James A. Burden (1833-1906) later joined the important Troy firm of H. Burden and Sons iron works. Two other Troy students were McCoun and White.
- 24 Samuel Otis Bisbee (1824?-1885) came to Poughkeepsie in 1849. In 1850 he married Charles Bartlett's niece. With Charles B. Warring he conducted the College Hill School from 1857 to 1863, at which time Warring withdrew. Bisbee continued on alone until the school had to be auctioned off.
- 25 "*The Steamer New World*.—This magnificent creation, combining elegance, vastness, and comfort in the highest degree of art, came up yesterday, on her first regular trip. She is truly one of the wonders of the day." *Albany Argus*, June 13, 1849.
- 25a The newspapers advertised that the Luca Family Vocal and Instrumental concert would be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday evening, May 30th. *Poughkeepsie Telegraph*, May 30, 1849.
- 26 Undoubtedly John Charrnaud. See H. W. Reynolds, "John Charrnaud, Dancing Master," *Year Book*, Dutchess County Historical Society, XIX (1934), 32-37.
- 27 "Married on the 5th inst. by Rev. Dr. Gosman, Robert T. L. Crofts to Mary E., daughter of Charles Mitchell, Esq. of this city." *Hudson Democratic Freeman*, June 12, 1849.
- 28 Dr. James E. Slater was the first to die, followed by Miss Dorothy Power who had nursed him in the absence of Mrs. Slater. *Albany Argus*, June 14, 1849.
- 29 The "cholick" or "colic" located in the Fallkill "a short distance below the High Street bridge." *Poughkeepsie Journal and Eagle*, October 5, 1850. Mrs. Ver Nooy is undoubtedly correct in suggesting that this might have been a deep hole where water would "collect." See K. H. Dunshee, *As You Pass By* (New York, 1952), 176.
- 30 "The loss is estimated at over \$20,000 . . . Too much praise cannot be awarded to the Fire Department for their effectual exertions in staying the progress of the flames." *Hudson Democratic Freeman*, July 10, 1849.
- 31 In November 1847 the Derwort family consisted of Mary Ann, aged 12 (violin), Eliza, aged 10 (violin), Caroline, aged 8 (singer), and William, aged 5 (cello). G.C.D. Odell, *Annals of the New York Stage* (14 vols., New York, 1926-45), V, 404.
- 32 President Taylor set August 3 as a national day of fasting and prayer because of the cholera epidemic.
- 33 The murder took place at the furnace of B. Arnold and Son. "The particulars connected with this melancholy affair are of such a peculiar nature that we have determined not to publish any of the stories which are circulated, or to express an opinion until the case shall be fully investigated before the legitimate tribunal." *Poughkeepsie Journal and Eagle*, May 30, June 2, 1849.
- 34 Joseph O. Bartlett was the owner of the Bartlett Bakery in Poughkeepsie.
- 35 Doubtless refers to Gibbs' cousin Oliver Wolcott Gibbs (1822-1908), chemist, who at the time was a curator of the Lyceum of Natural History.

- 36 The successful Hudson Iron Company was formed in 1848 as a stock company and completed in 1861. *Columbia County at the End of the Century* (2 vols. Hudson, 1900), I, 344.
- 37 George David Ruggles (1833-1904), son of Judge Charles H. Ruggles of Poughkeepsie and an 1855 graduate of West Point, served with distinction on frontier duty and during the Civil War. Another College Hill student who attended West Point (class of 1853) was Walworth Jenkins (1832-1874).
- 38 "R. Sands & Co.'s Hippoferaeen Arena" advertised afternoon and evening performances on Saturday, September 22, at Forbus Hill immediately in back of the present day Nelson House. *Poughkeepsie Journal and Eagle*, September 8, 1849.
- 39 The speech is transcribed at the end of the manuscript diary.
- 40 "The . . . store of our friend Geo. E. Seymour . . . [is] one of the finest, roomy and most convenient stores for the Hardware business to be found in the State. Among the many improvements . . . is a patent railway through the basement of the building, for conveying large loads of iron from the front to the rear of his office and vice versa . . . The establishment is certainly very creditable to the taste and enterprise of Capt. S." *Hudson Daily Star*, September 25, 1849



There is scarcely a dozen dwellings in town with the words "To Let" on them. Rents have gone up in some instances twenty-five per cent. and in as many just twenty per cent. higher than they ought to be. It is astonishing that capitalists do not invest larger amounts in the erection of comfortable tenant houses, when the demand is so great. We know a man who built two the past year, which cost him about \$2,000, and they have been rented the coming year at \$200.

The Poughkeepsie Eagle, February 22, 1851

ICE YACHTING ON THE HUDSON RIVER

THE POUGHKEEPSIE ICE BOAT ASSOCIATION—PART I

As a boy I was fascinated with the exhilarating sport of ice yachting. When only twelve years of age I coaxed my parents to allow me to stay out of school in order that I could escort my two cousins, Walter and Edgar Briggs, to witness the race for the Poughkeepsie Challenge Pennant, February 1, 1887.

We skated from Hyde Park to Poughkeepsie. It was very cold, with a strong, keen north wind, and all went well on our way down, as the crack at Crum Elbow was closed. However, when we returned the tide had changed and the crack was so wide that we did not dare an attempt to jump it. We had to find a place where we could go ashore on the west side. Then, removing our skates, we picked our way to land and walked along the railroad tracks to the north side of the crack and back onto the ice. This was dangerous as the broken pieces of ice along the shore were liable to give way under our feet. When we were back on the ice we replaced our skates and continued our trip to the Hyde Park dock. We walked up the river hill road to my home and arrived with very good appetites.

This was the first race between the yachts of the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association and the new Hudson River Ice Yacht Club (known for a short time as the Corinthian Ice Yacht Club). The new club had been formed when some of the members of the Poughkeepsie club were dissatisfied over a decision made by the regatta committee relative to a race held February 14, 1885. The race which my cousins and I had seen was won by the new yacht *Reindeer*, owned by George Bech, over a 24-mile course, in 1 hour, 5 minutes and 40 seconds, representing the Hudson River Ice Yacht Club. The *Reindeer* was later owned by Robert P. Huntington of Staatsburgh.

Poughkeepsie was unquestionably the birthplace of the American ice yacht. There is a difference of opinion as to who built the first ice boat in this neighborhood. The late George Buckhout said that Willet Southwick had built an ice boat in 1790; the late Wellington C. Lansing stated that it was Zadock Southwick in 1807. In a number of

articles on ice yachting the statement is made that the first ice boat in America was built by Oliver Booth at Poughkeepsie in 1790. This was probably copied from the article, otherwise a very good historical and concise description of the sport, printed in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* which states that ice yachting appears to have originated in the Netherlands and the Baltic Sea region of Europe, where various types of runner-mounted craft were used for pleasure and transportation by the middle of the eighteenth century and that the earliest design thus far discovered is that published by Fredrik Hendrik Chapman in his *Architectura Navalis Mercatoria* in 1768. This article continues: “. . . In North America the earliest ice boat on record was a three-runner wooden box with a single sprit sail, built by Oliver Booth at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1790.” Unfortunately, for this record, it must be stated that Oliver H. Booth was born in 1823. He was the son of George Booth who came to this country from England and, according to his diary, landed in the United States on October 22, 1798. Oliver H. Booth was an ardent sportsman, long interested in rowing and ice boating in this neighborhood. He was an enthusiastic ice yachtsman, one of the organizers of the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association and for years its Commodore.

In the *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, January 10, 1867, two correspondents took exception to a statement made in an article in the *New York Tribune*, which had given the date of the first ice boat built at Poughkeepsie as 1833, and Edward Southwick as the builder. One of these correspondents said that the maker was Henry Southwick, that the date was 1812 and that Henry Southwick was still living, at the age of 76 years, in Ulster County. The other correspondent gave the date as 1813 or 1814, and told that he had sailed many times with Henry Southwick and had gone sprawling along on the ice when thrown from the boat. He added that when Henry Southwick left Poughkeepsie the ice boat came into the possession of Edward Southwick, who sailed it for twenty years and that, in 1867, it was still in existence. He described the boat as a rudely-built box affair, but strongly constructed and with a heavy sail, and with an imitation of skate irons, with gutters, for runners.

Until recent years, the Southwicks owned and lived in the house

which Zadock Southwick had purchased from the Winans estate in 1808. It is located at the foot of Pine Street and near the landing which has long been known as Southwick's dock. According to the 1800 census of Dutchess County, Zadock Southwick was living in the town of Clinton at that time and Henry Southwick was the only head of a family by that name listed in Poughkeepsie.

In 1880 the date of the first ice boat was again discussed in the newspapers. The following excerpts from letters written to the *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle* did not settle the controversy, but are of interest:

Under date of January 24, 1880:

I observed an article in the *News* . . . which stated that the first ice boat the writer had any knowledge of was built in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., by Henry Southwick over 70 years ago and that he sailed in her over 60 years ago.

He must be mistaken. The first ice boat, so Edw. Southwick told me, was built by him in 1833. The runners used were *ordinary skates* and the boat was constructed of boards and joist; the next one was built in 1845 by Sutton Wheeler and afterward Foss Brothers made one which went to Rondout (now Kingston) and back in one hour.

Accuracy.

Another letter, dated January 28, 1880, said:

. . . Henry Southwick was born in 1791 and when about 16 years old would sail on the river ice on a hand sled, but could sail only one way, before the wind. He then had three large skates made something after the plan of ice boats of the present day.

I was living at the Lower Landing some time before 1820 and sailed on said boat many times.

If any one has any doubts that she is not old I should advise them to go to the Tannery of Southwick & Co., and see the beauty. In case there should be good ice bring on your crack boats and give the old VETERAN a show.

Wm. C. S.

A third letter, dated January 29, 1880, said:

. . . Allow the writer to say that . . . Edward Southwick could not have made the mistake attributed to him, that the first ice boat was built by him in 1833.

I am now in my 71st year and in my childhood my father was a neighbor of Zadock Southwick, the father of Willet and Edward. I very distinctly remember seeing an ice boat under full sail on the Hudson, not later than the winter of 1816-17. In the Spring my father moved into the country.

Vincent Palen, U. S. Army Chaplain

The early ice boats were difficult to handle and in a fairly strong wind became unmanageable. As a boy I built one and used skates

for runners. It would sail all right, but only in the direction of the wind. It could not be steered. In the early days of the sport an ice boat was an inexpensive article. One of the correspondents stated that the materials in the first boat cost about \$5.00, but in later years with the development of the modern ice yacht, the outlay was considerable, running into large sums.

It was a very uncertain sport, depending upon the weather. First, it had to be cold enough to freeze the ice; thawing temperatures made the ice soft. Snow of much depth spoiled the ice and when the ice was good there had to be some wind, but not a gale. The yachting season was short, not over six weeks at the most, and during some winters some of the yachts were never placed on the ice.

In the early period the Poughkeepsie yachtsmen seem to have used the office of the Vassar brewery, located on the river front, as a place to thaw out and later as a club house. This was a center where all river boatmen gathered to discuss their theories as how to build the best and fastest, as well as the most comfortable, ice yacht. Here they sailed and re-sailed all of the races. During the time the river was closed to navigation the boatmen were idle and many of them, instead of playing dominoes, turned to ice yachting.

Out of this came much experimenting, with steel runners, heavy and light backbones, adjustment of the runner plank, where to step the mast, the size and the cut of the sail, or sails, and many other adjustments. George Polk and the Buckhout brothers, Jacob and William, were the pioneers in many of these tryouts. Jacob Buckhout was the builder of many fast yachts and he devoted most of his time to the construction of ice yachts, along with John A. Roosevelt and Colonel Archibald Rogers. These three men did the most to perfect the Hudson River ice yacht which, until recently, was the best and fastest type in the world. Until the perfection of the airplane, ice yachts were the fastest conveyances ever built by man.

For many years Poughkeepsie was the center of ice yachting and for a long time the races of the local club were held in front of the city. However, with the advent of the more powerful ferry boats, keeping the track open most of the winter, the races were removed to Roosevelt Point, three miles north.

It took some forty years of experimenting in the building of ice yachts before they became managable with any certainty and for years after that they often got out of hand and the passengers were injured. In the *Daily Eagle* of February 7, 1861, report was made that "an accident occurred on the river yesterday afternoon, caused by a collision of the ice boats belonging to John Davies and Oliver H. Booth, resulting in injuries to John Vassar, Jr., and John Davies and Major Pultz, all of whom were on Mr. Davies boat." With Mr. Booth, on his yacht, were Joseph Cornell of Rondout, John Reynolds and the owner, none of whom were injured. The newspaper explained that there was a very fresh wind at the time and not enough weight on the boats to make them manageable. They were going at a rate of fifty miles an hour when they came together, "which reduced both boats to a perfect wreck." Many times when the wind was strong the owners placed persons on the runner plank to help keep the boat runners down on the ice.

I have been unable to find the exact date that the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association was organized. The late Wellington Lansing gave the year as 1861. The newspapers continually mentioned the great interest in this sport but gave no notice of a formal organization of the association.

Mention was made in the newspaper of December 27, 1860, that several ice boats were skimming over the ice, among them the *Una* and the *Vesper*. The next day, the *Eagle* published the following list of ice yachts and their owners: *Una*, Aaron Innis; *Sylvia*, D. B. Overton; *Vesper*, Edward Innis; *Courier*, E. and N. Chichester; *Arctic*, John G. Vassar, Jr.; *Whisper*, W. Collingwood; *Restless*, Oliver H. Booth; *Ice*, John A. Roosevelt; *Old Abe*, D. H. Turner; *Express*, Jacob Buckhout; *Tip Up*, W. Snyder. Three other boats, owned by John Davies, H. L. Cronk and J. H. Hawkins, were mentioned but the names of the boats were not given. Mention was also made of a boat belonging to Louis Buckhout which had run into an air hole on the other side of the river and which had two ladies as passengers, who "escaped with only a good ducking."

The season for ice boating usually began after the first of the year. In 1861 and 1862 there were occasional items in the news-

papers about the condition of the ice. On January 13, 1862, it was reported that a large number of ice boats, all rigged out, were flitting up and down the river. "They were flying around like great birds, turning and occasionally lifting a runner off the ice, when catching too strong a gust of wind." On March 23, of that year, it was reported that the ice was breaking up and the river was open for transportation of steamboats.

On January 9, 1863, it was noted that the river was closed and it was expected that the ice boat squadron would get under way the next day. However, it probably became warmer for the river was reported open and the ferry running until the 27th, when there was a severe cold wave and a heavy snowstorm. On February 5, the temperature was eight degrees below zero and the river was closing fast. On the 17th there were four ice boats on the river above the Whale Dock, merrily sailing about for the first time that season. The next day the ice broke loose south of Crum Elbow and James Martin went into the water when he was assisting one of the yachtsmen in getting his boat off the river. On the 22d a severe "nor'easter" set in and by next morning eighteen inches of snow had fallen. Soon the river was open and the steamboats left for New York and there was no more ice boating that spring.

Early in the season the next year plans were made for an ice yacht carnival but, due to snow and the moving out of the ice, there was no racing that season.

The following year, on January 12, 1865, announcement was made that there were some ice yachts sailing about on the river and that there would soon be held a "grand regatta," with the added comment that the money "invested in this kind of amusement hereabouts already amounts to \$5,000 or \$6,000, the boats owned being superior to anything of the kind in the United States." During the following six weeks there were heavy snow storms and no ice boating until February 28. On this date announcement was made that four ice yachts had sailed to Newburgh, which brought forth comment in the Newburgh newspaper, and quoted in the local paper, that it was an unusual sight to see four ice yachts on the river in front of their city, as they were "unaccustomed to seeing these strange boats." Some days

later, March 17, it was reported that the ice was broken up in front of Poughkeepsie and the up-river boats were expected. And there was no regatta that season.

All of the racing up to this time seems to have been match brushes between individual yachtsmen, similar to horsemen trotting their horses while out for a pleasure ride. They had "ice yacht carnivals" and "grand regattas," but no scheduled racing under the auspices of the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association.

At some time in the early 1860's the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association had been organized with some of Poughkeepsie's foremost citizens as charter members: Oliver H. Booth, Aaron Innis, John A. Roosevelt, William C. Arnold, Hudson Taylor, Jacob E. Buckhout, Theodore V. Johnston, Harvey G. Eastman, Walter Van Kleeck, Theodore Van Kleeck, John R. Stuyvesant, Henry S. Frost, Louis D. Buckhout, Edward H. Innis, George Davids, John G. Vassar, Jr., John W. Davies, William A. Collingwood, Thomas Parish, Richard Knight, Charles S. Wilkinson and others. Most of the men who formed the ice yacht club were interested in rowing, which had been a popular recreation at Poughkeepsie for many years.

In 1866 the season began early in January. The newspaper of January 7 reported that several ice boats were out, flitting about like great white birds. On January 11, it was reported that the ice boats were out and that at least 2,000 people were skating on the river. On the 15th there were visiting ice yachts from Athens and from New Hamburg. The *Icicle*, with her owner aboard, sailed too near the ferry track and went in with one runner and turned on her side, but was soon pulled out. The Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association had a scrub race over an 8-mile course, which was won by the *Minnehaha*, sailed by T. V. Johnston.

A challenge was issued on January 23, 1866:

The "Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association" do hereby challenge any ice boat on the Hudson River to a race of ten or twenty miles on the Hudson and return, for pleasure or for any sum from one hundred to one thousand dollars.

By order of the Commodore.

The local club had been subjected to some bantering on the part

of members and friends of the ice boat club at Athens, indicating that the Poughkeepsians were afraid to race their yachts against the other club. A race was not arranged immediately.

In the meantime members of the Poughkeepsie club planned a cruise to Albany. The *Daily Eagle*, February 19, 1866, devoted more than a column to a report on the trip: "A Novel Fleet; An Ice Boat Expedition to Albany."

The Commodore, Oliver H. Booth, gave the order to hoist sails and the yachts, *Haze*, owned by Aaron Innis, *Minnehaha*, owned by T. V. Johnston, and *Snow Flake*, owned by Thomas Parish, obeyed the order. All carried invited guests, the Commodore sailing with Thomas Parish. Everything was in readiness and when the order to get under way was given the *Minnehaha* was away, leading the fleet. They had orders to make stops at Rhinebeck, Tivoli, Athens and Hudson. The weather was perfect, the ice, except in a few places, was smooth and the wind fairly steady. After making their two first stops they proceeded to Athens, arriving in the afternoon. From Athens they sent a telegram to George W. Davids, an enthusiastic member of the club and editor of the *Eagle*. They spent the night at the Hotel Worth at Hudson and started for Albany the following morning. On the way the *Snow Flake* broke through the ice and the *Haze* injured her rudder. These mishaps were corrected and the vessels proceeded to Albany, the *Minnehaha* arriving first. They were met by the officers of the Beaverwyck club, President Humphrey and Secretary Weed, and were royally welcomed and entertained.

At three o'clock in the afternoon they started for home. The *Haze* had a spar carried away by the wind and, when near Stuyvesant, the *Minnehaha* broke her running board. The *Snow Flake* towed the other boats to the dock at Stuyvesant where they were left for repairs and the party came to Poughkeepsie by train.

Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper of March 17, 1866, published an article, "Ice-Boat Expedition from Poughkeepsie to Albany," and commented that there were over one hundred ice boats on the Hudson at the time, that most of them were roughly-built uncouth-

looking crafts, but that at Poughkeepsie could be seen ice-boats *par excellence* . . . over \$10,000 having already been spent on these vessels in endeavoring to bring them to perfection.

The *Hudson Republican* commented, "An ice boat fleet from Poughkeepsie, went up to Albany on Saturday. Why don't they give the Athens boys a chance to contest the honors with them?" The next day the same newspaper reported: "Yesterday afternoon the *Haze* stopped at Hudson at 12:45 p. m. and as their party was assembling to proceed home, they observed the bantering actions of some of the Athens yachtsmen, so they raised sail and set forth and gave them a race right there and then, and sailed about three miles to their one, which should hold them for a while."

After a few more days the ice moved out and there was no more sport that season.

A regular meeting of the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association was held on January 6, 1867, and after some debate they decided to hold a race the next day for the Association trophy and the Tiffany silver plate. The following yachts were qualified to start: *Icicle*, owned by John A. Roosevelt; *Arctic* and *Restless*, owned by Oliver H. Booth; *Una* and *Haze*, owned by Aaron Innis; *Vesper*, owned by Edward Innis; *Dixie*, owned by Floy Johnston; *Minnehaha*, owned by T. V. Johnston; *Snow Flake*, owned by Thomas Parish and the *Flying Cloud*, owned by Irving Grinnell, who was also a member of the Newburgh Ice Yacht Club. The *Ida*, owned by W. A. Collingwood, and *Flash*, owned by Theodore Van Kleeck, were later added to the list. However, it snowed during the night and the race was postponed.

The next day report was made that eight ice boats were on the river, including the new yacht, *Flying Dutchman*, belonging to Theodore Van Kleeck.

On January 16, the *Eagle* reported that a race was run between the *Snow Flake*, with Thomas Parish, Floy Johnston and David Harris aboard, and the *Haze*, with Aaron Innis, T. V. Johnston and Richard Knight as her crew. The race was to Newburgh and although the *Snow Flake* got away last, she overtook the *Haze* and won the race. As she came about after the race, she was struck by a heavy

puff of wind which broke her mast and swept everything away while she was going at a high rate of speed. No one was hurt and the boat was towed to Newburgh by the *Haze* and was brought to Poughkeepsie by horses.

Some days later another effort was made to race for the silver plate made by Tiffany. Another snow storm postponed the race and the ice moved out of the river and ended the yachting season on February 16. (Record was made in the newspaper that in 1842 the river was open on February 4, the earliest date since 1830. The next year, April 13, 1843, was the latest date on record.)

About this time, A. S. Dodd, the owner of Dodd's Express, New York City, constructed a steam ice boat in New York. It was brought to Fishkill, according to the newspaper of February 5, 1867, and placed on the ice. It was called the *Minnie E. Dodd* and was reported to have cost between six and seven thousand dollars to build. It weighed ten tons and was thirty feet long. Its height was about twelve or fifteen feet above the ground. Although it did not equal in size, it was said to resemble the dummy engine which hauled, in New York City, the freight cars down town from the Hudson River Railroad depot at 34th street. It was said that the steam ice boat would hold thirty or forty persons and that it would travel at the rate of seventy miles an hour on smooth ice. On February 8, a number of the members of the local club went to Fishkill Landing to inspect the strange craft. They found that it had broken through the ice. It was hauled out with much difficulty but no trial was made that day. The ice moved out of the river on the 16th and the ferry was running at Poughkeepsie, so there was no opportunity to give the steam yacht a race that season.

The following year, 1868, there was no racing at Poughkeepsie although the ice boats were out on some occasions. From the newspaper accounts it would appear that there was continuous skating at Eastman park and at Winnikee park through January and February. In January an effort was made to start the steam ice yacht, which lay all summer and fall at the dock near Fishkill Landing. Mr. Dodd came up from New York and the boat was put on the ice and steam was got up and the boat moved, but not as rapidly as had been hoped.

It was announced that a mishap to the machinery, which would need to be repaired in New York, prevented the anticipated visit to Poughkeepsie. On January 25, the newspaper reported that the ice boat had passed the city during the previous afternoon,—on a platform car. It was proposed to take her off the car at Hudson and substitute a 12-horse power engine for the six-horse power engine with which she was equipped. During the next month several attempts were made to run the boat and on one occasion it ran about a half-mile. The local newspaper commented that Mr. Dodd was “certainly one of the most plucky and persevering men of the age and deserves to rank with Fulton, Morse and other progressive men ahead of their time.” The river was soon opened for navigation and no more was heard of either the steam ice boat or the boats equipped with sails.

The next winter the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association met on December 30, 1868, and discussed plans and possibilities of holding a race for the Tiffany silver plate. There was dissatisfaction expressed by some of the members in the many delays in arranging for such a contest. The silver plate had been purchased three years before and each time arrangements for a race had been made either a thaw or snow would prevent any racing on the river. The race was set for the next day and it snowed most of the night.

On January 11, 1869, the *Eagle* criticized the association because the officers did not have the authority to set a date for a regatta at short notice when the conditions were right for racing. The result was that the date of January 17 was set for the race for the Tiffany-made silver plate. This plate was about eight or ten inches in diameter. Directly in the centre was “a miniature ice boat, magnificently engraved with all sails set and rigging truthfully portrayed.” Space was left in a half circle about the boat, where inscriptions could be engraved after the regatta, leaving room for one or more inscriptions, should the prize be won from the first winner in future regattas. It was the first prize to be contested for by the members of the local association.

On the seventeenth a large crowd of spectators gathered to witness the race. The course was to be from Poughkeepsie to New Hamburg and return, eighteen miles, and W. C. Arnold and Thomas Parish

were named as judges. The yachts all started at once at the signal and finished as follows:

Positions drawn	owners	first leg	finish
1 <i>Flying Cloud</i>	Irving Grinnell	4	5
2 <i>Icicle</i>	John A. Roosevelt	3	2
3 <i>Snow Squall</i>	Theodore V. Johnston	6	4
4 <i>Una</i>	Aaron Innis	7	7
5 <i>Haze</i>	Aaron Innis	1	1
6 <i>Restless</i>	Com. O. H. Booth	9	8
7 <i>Snow Flake</i>	Floy Johnston	2	3
8 <i>Viola</i>		5	6
9 <i>Newsboy</i>	C. Wilkinson	8	9

The ice was smooth and the wind was north, but light and variable, and much pushing was needed. Having waited so long for the race, the association decided to sail it any way. In the account of the race in the newspaper no time was given for any of the boats. The *Haze* came in one minute ahead of any of the others and was declared the winner.

The next day Commodore Grinnell, of the New Hamburg Ice Yacht Club, protested the race and called it a "push race," demanding that it be re-sailed. It was not repeated.

A match race was held the next day between the *Una* and the *Icicle*, on the Poughkeepsie-Blue Point course, four miles. The *Una* was off first and the boats turned the buoy together and the *Icicle* arrived at the finish 30 seconds ahead.

On February 24 a scrub race was held from Poughkeepsie to Milton and return. The yachts competing included *Haze*, *Icicle*, *Una*, *Snow Flake*, *Snow Squall* and *Newsboy*. The *Haze* won all the way by over three minutes; *Una* came in second and *Icicle*, third; and that was the last race of the season.

The winter of 1869-70 was one of many snow storms and little, if any, ice for ice boating. The *Eagle* of February 22 commented, under the heading "Ice Boating Extraordinary:"

It may seem extraordinary, but nevertheless, yesterday morning the ice on the opposite side of the river for a distance of half a mile closed and in a short time thereafter the ice boat *Zouave*, owned by the Buckhout brothers, was observed skimming over the surface. At five o'clock in the afternoon the ice on the spot had broken away and the river was perfectly clear . . .

Though the boats had been out on occasions, there was no racing this season.

An article in the local newspaper, January 7, 1871, stated that the Poughkeepsie association had the finest ice boats in the world and mentioned the following: *Restless*, owned by O. H. Booth, commodore of the local club; *Icicle*, John A. Roosevelt; *Haze* and *Una*, Aaron Innis; *Snow Squall* and *Ella*, Theodore V. Johnston; *Newsboy*, Charles Wilkinson; *Flying Dutchman*, Theodore Van Kleeck, and *Snow Flake*, Thomas Parish. A week later an artist and photographer from *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* were in the city, taking pictures of the ice boats here. And, at this same time, *Harper's Weekly* published an article on the local sport.

On several occasions the newspapers had reported that the ice boats had raced with the trains on the east side of the river for short distances. The *Eagle* of January 23, 1871, gave an account of such a race, describing the excitement on the train and stated that Mr. Roosevelt, with his *Icicle*, and J. Buckhout, with his *Zephyr*, had raced with an express train, overhauled it speeding north, passed it and then had to turn back because of rough ice. In an article in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, the statement is made that

. . . ever since the early Hudson river ice yachts successfully outsped the Empire State Express, the speed of ice yachts has been grossly exaggerated in sensational publicity articles. Nevertheless, it is true that . . . the *Flying Dutchman* sailed at 124 m.p.h. on isolated dashes. The clue to these speeds lies in the fact that the ice yacht, enjoying almost complete lack of resistance, travels so fast that its own speed and direction materially shift the magnitude and direction of the air flow striking its sails from the air flow striking a stationary object. It can build up a 10-mile breeze into a 30-mile wind by adding its own speed to that of the breeze, and in the hands of a good sailor, can travel from three to four times as fast as the wind that may be blowing at the time."

Mention was made about this time that the *Hattie*, the *Viola* and the *Zouave*, belonging to members of the Louisburgh club, were visiting the local club and that *Wild Goose* was also on the ice.

A month later, after heavy snow and then rain, it turned cold and there was good ice for boating again. Arrangements were made for a race for a silver pitcher, fifteen inches high and twenty-one inches in circumference, made by Tiffany and Company and valued at \$200. The course selected was the Poughkeepsie-New Hamburg, sixteen miles, and the judges were Harvey G. Eastman and Hudson Taylor, with W. C. Arnold as referee. One or two of the yachts had sailed

over the course at daybreak. The competitors assembled in the office of M. Vassar & Company to draw for positions. The line-up and the finish were as follows:

1	<i>Ella</i>	T. V. Johnston	23	minutes,	10	seconds
2	<i>Newsboy</i>	C. Wilkinson	37	"	2	"
3	<i>Icicle</i>	John A. Roosevelt	26	"	42	"
4	<i>Zephyr</i>	Jacob Buckhout				
5	<i>Snow Flake</i>	O. H. Booth	33	"	1	"
6	<i>Haze</i>	Aaron Innis	31	"	5	"

The *Ella* was the winner. She led out to the turning stake boat with the *Icicle* at her heels and came rushing home. The *Icicle* missed the stake boat and sailed for the New Hamburg buoy and, discovering her mistake, turned and finished second. The *Zephyr* had broken a runner when she ran in a crack and had withdrawn. The river opened on March 5.

Shortly after the new year, 1872, started the ice boats were out stretching their sails, preparatory for racing. The yachts *Haze* and *Hail* had a scrub race to Milton and return; the *Hail* turned the out buoy in the lead, but in an exciting finish it was a dead heat, with no decision. Hudson Taylor went to New Hamburg as a passenger on the *Icicle* and had an exhilarating ride; the wind was fresh and the boat was up on two runners three times. Mr. Taylor came back to town on the train. On the same day Commodore George W. Kidd, of the Brooklyn Yacht Club, was a guest of the Poughkeepsie club and was given a banquet at the club rooms on Garden street. The newspaper reported that the ice boat fever had broken out again at West Troy, that the old *Boreas* was sailing at lightning speed and suggested that she be given a trial against the local boats.

On January 11, 1872, the regatta committee, Hudson Taylor, Walter Van Kleeck and George Davids, arranged for a race for the silver cup. The course was the Milton-Poughkeepsie course, eight miles. Five boats started and Colonel Henry Tallmadge was the time keeper. The finish was as follows:

<i>Haze</i>	owned by	Aaron Innis	38	minutes	
<i>Icicle</i>		John A. Roosevelt	39	"	
<i>Hail</i>		Richard Knight	42	"	30 seconds
<i>Snow Flake</i>		Charles Wilkinson	46	"	
<i>Restless</i>		Oliver H. Booth	51	"	

As the *Haze*, sailed by J. Buckhout, came to the finish line the bells

of the city rang, the whistles blew and the people cheered.

About this time Commodore George W. Kidd, of the Brooklyn Yacht Club, presented to the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association two beautiful silk pennants, fifteen feet long. One of them was to be known as the "Challenge Pennant of the Hudson River," and the other (to be sailed for by members of the Poughkeepsie club only), as the "Ladies' Pennant."

The Poughkeepsie club was challenged by the New Hamburg Ice Yacht Club for the Championship Pennant of the Hudson River. The Poughkeepsie-Milton course was selected. Each club was to be represented by at least nine boats. The date was set for January 12, 1872, but the race was postponed for lack of wind. However, Charles Gallup and his *Alert* raced Charles Wilkinson's *Newsboy* for a turkey and Gallup won the turkey. There was also a match race between the *Haze*, belonging to Aaron Innis, and T. V. Johnston's *Ella*. The *Haze* won by two minutes. A race called for the next day, for the O. H. Booth silver cup, was postponed because of light wind.

On January 16, the regatta committee, Captain William S. Johnson, Andrew King and Hudson Taylor, arranged two races. Both were over the Poughkeepsie-Milton course, eight miles. The first race for the O. H. Booth silver cup, was won by the *Haze* in 25 minutes, 30 seconds; the *Icicle* was second, 26 minutes; *Zig Zag*, 29 minutes; *Hail*, 30 minutes; *Ella*, 31 minutes. The second race was for the Ladies' Pennant and was won by the *Haze* in 27 minutes. *Zig Zag* was second, 29 minutes; and *Ella* third, 29 minutes, 30 seconds. The *Ella* was leading at the out buoy. The *Icicle* fouled the *Restless* on the first leg and both withdrew.

The next day a match race, between the *Ella* and the *Zig Zag*, was held on the Poughkeepsie-Milton course. The *Ella* led all the way to the outer buoy and "they came back side by side and crossed the line together. No decision could be made. A very exciting race, the best contested one on record."

William C. Arnold, Augustus Doughty and George Davids, as regatta committee, arranged for a race between the Poughkeepsie and

the New Hamburg clubs for the Challenge Pennant of the Hudson River. It was held on the Poughkeepsie-Milton course, ten miles, on January 17, and the ice was in good condition. The yachts were sent away ten seconds apart, starting 12:35 p. m.:

1	<i>Flying Cloud</i>	31 minutes, 20 seconds,	finished third
2	<i>Phantom</i>	31 " 22 "	finished fourth
3	<i>Zig Zag</i>	32 " 42 "	finished seventh
4	<i>Ella</i>	31 " 53 "	finished fifth
5	<i>Quick Step</i>	32 " 15 "	finished sixth
6	<i>Haze</i>	30 " 16 "	finished second
7	<i>Icicle</i>	28 " 55 "	finished first

The Poughkeepsie organization retained the pennant. It was a very exciting race as the first five yachts finished less than three minutes apart. After the race John A. Roosevelt sold the *Zig Zag* to Mr. Leroy of the New Hamburg club.

The next week a committee, Hudson Taylor, Henry Frost, Hudson Taylor, Jr., and George Davids, arranged an eight-mile race on the Poughkeepsie-Milton course for the John A. Roosevelt prize of a fur coat, valued at \$100. There were fifteen entries. They were all decorated with flags and presented a beautiful and novel appearance as they whisked about on the ice previous to the race. They started ten seconds apart, the first at 12:34 p. m.

	Position	club	finish	place
1	<i>Active</i>	N. H.	12:57:43	5
2	<i>Whiff</i>	"	1:03:30	12
3	<i>Magic</i>	"	1:06:12	14
4	<i>Haze</i>	Pok.	12:57:25	1
5	<i>Ella</i>	"	12:58	2
6	<i>Restless</i>	"	12:58:15	3
7	<i>Quick Step</i>	N. H.	12:58:55	6
8	<i>Puff</i>	"	1:06:27	13
9	<i>Snow Flake</i>	Pok.	1:04:20	11
10	<i>Flying Cloud</i>	N. H.	12:59:12	4
11	<i>Icicle</i>	Pok.	1:04	10
12	<i>Arctic</i>	"	1:01:27	7
13	<i>Phantom</i>	N. H.	1:03:05	8
14	<i>Zig Zag</i>	"	1:04:05	9
15	<i>Hail</i>	Pok.	1:08:30	15

The *Active* led at the out buoy. The *Icicle* handled badly and was almost unmanageable at times.

On the same day and on the same course, the Ladies' Pennant was won by the *Haze*. The *Icicle* was second. Others in the race

were *Ella*, *Arctic*, *Restless*, *Zig Zag* and *Snow Flake*.

The newspaper reported that on January 30, 1872, up the river, a match race between the *Dreadnaught* of the Athens club and the *Fearless* of the Hudson club, was won by the *Dreadnaught*. Another race for a prize of \$100.00 was won by the *Clara* of Hudson.

The heaviest snowstorm of the season fell on February 4 and the sportsmen turned their attention to horseracing. Under the headline, "Houp La," the *Daily Eagle* devoted a full column to an account of the fine and fast horses and mentioned Elisha Vail behind "Black Beauty"; Peter Hayt; Abe Vanderburgh; T. V. Johnston; Dave Olmsted with "Young Wilkes" (having a record of 2:37); Hudson Taylor; A. B. Lewis; John P. Adriance; John A. Roosevelt behind his mare by "Volunteer"; James Roosevelt, driving his team of Hambletonians; Aaron Innis; Reed Stuyvesant; W. A. Fanning, whose steed of much endurance had recently been driven fifty miles in one day and then came from Washington Hollow, a distance of twelve miles, in fifty minutes; George Clark, with his fine colt; Mayor H. G. Eastman; Ex-Congressman Baker; Ex-Mayor Innis; Cyrenus Dorland; Robert Cornell and many others.

On January 25, the *Eagle* told the story of an "abduction of the news reporter." The reporter had probably declined an invitation to sail on one of the ice yachts. When he was at the dock he had not noticed the peculiar behavior of Aaron Innis, Hudson Taylor, Theodore V. Johnston, Richard Knight, James Smith and others. He told them from the landing that he was going uptown but he was persuaded to come down on the ice "to see the New Hamburg boys off." When he arrived where the men were grouped he was picked up bodily and thrown into the cockpit of the *Ella*, where he was held fast while Dick Knight swung the tiller and they were off, a mile a minute, first up on two runners and then down with a bang. They finally brought him back. He described it as "a sudden and rattling ride and was in every way unexpected, but it certainly was the coldest joke of the season."

The wind was at times blowing a gale and the *Hail*, with three men aboard, sailed to Milton in four minutes and on the way led the

Chicago express. One ice yacht dashed into the dock at Milton, staving in her bowsprit; her spar and rigging were swept away. The season's ice yachting had been an all time high, after a tardy and unsatisfactory beginning.

The newspaper of February 28 stated that the association was planning a festival to be held on the ice, near the west shore. They expected to sail over and form a hollow square with their yachts. The members of the New Hamburg Ice Yacht Club were to be invited as guests, tables "to be loaded with all good things" were to be placed within the square and there would be speakers, toasts and music. There was no further mention of the festival and it is presumed that the breaking up of the ice prevented the plans from being carried out.

By the middle of January, in 1873, the ice houses along the Hudson were being filled. Three new ice boats had been built for the members of the Athens club and the New Hamburg yachtsmen were angling for the purchase of Mr. Innis's yacht *Haze*. The Poughkeepsie boats were on the river, stretching their sails and getting ready for the racing season. Several members of the New Hamburg club were planning to contend in the races to be held at Capitaline Lake under the auspices of the Brooklyn Yacht Club.

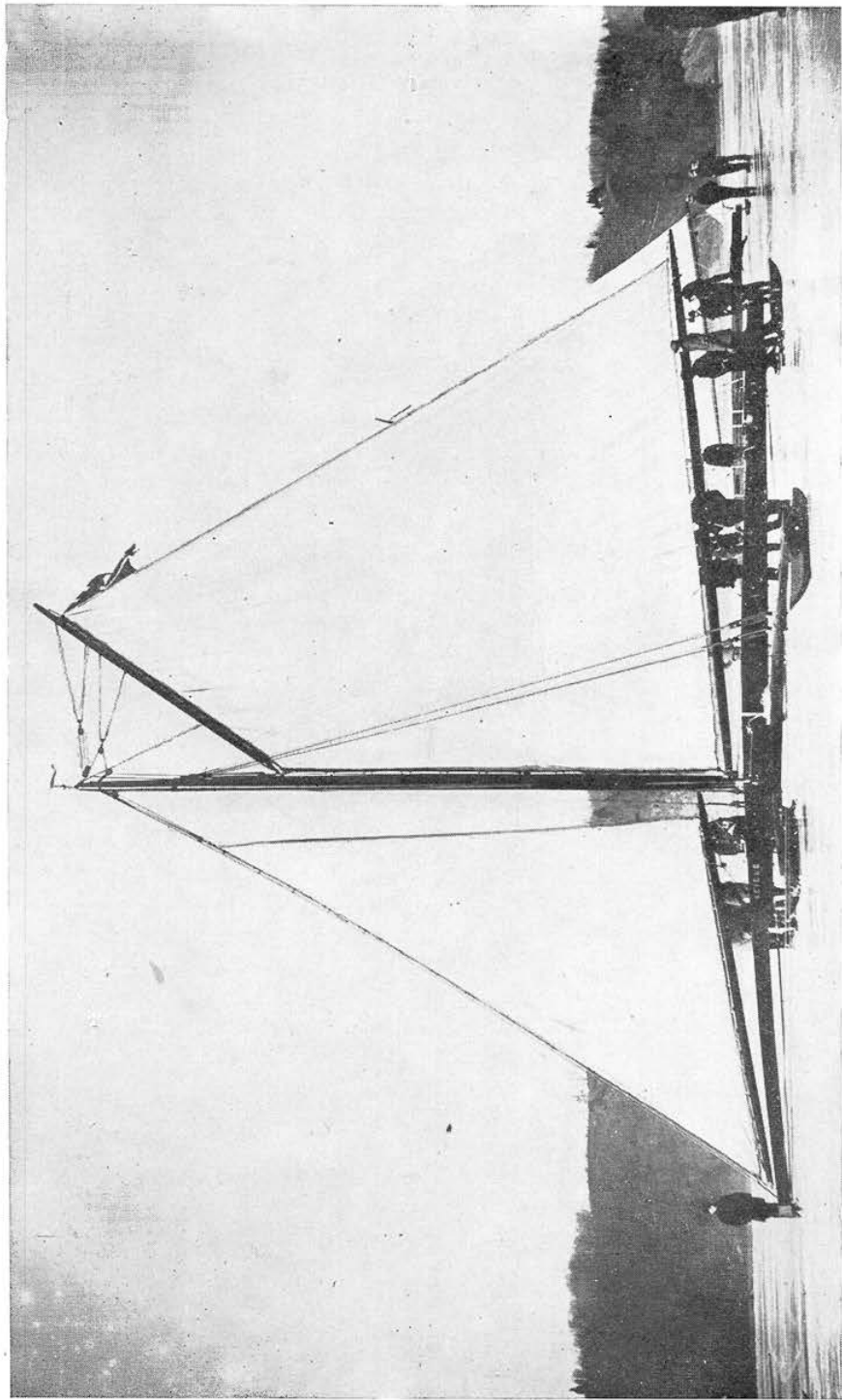
A heavy snow storm toward the end of January and severely cold weather postponed any local racing. On January 30, the coldest day in forty years, the thermometer registered 33 degrees below zero in the city and 35 degrees below at Vassar College and at the Dutchess Turnpike toll gate. The cold spell was followed by more snow and it was not until March 24 that the ice boats were on the river. John A. Roosevelt was out with his remodeled *Icicle*, which was nearly twice as large as any ice boat on the river. It was said to be the largest in the world, with a sail area of 1,070 square feet and an over-all length of 68 feet, 10 inches. The length of her frame was 29 feet, 3 inches, and the width between her runners, 25 feet, 7 inches. (Some years later Mr. Roosevelt rebuilt the *Icicle*, installing a butternut backbone, doing away with the old method of side rails. He reduced the sail area to 735 feet and shortened the length of the boat to 47 feet, 4 inches. This is the yacht in the museum of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

at Hyde Park.)

Members of the New Hamburg club called on the local club, but they returned home shortly after noon because the ice was getting soft. During the next few days the boats were on the river and on one occasion, when the wind was blowing a gale from the northwest, T. V. Johnston's yacht ran away. Captain James Wheeler had her ready for a sail. He and another man were in the cockpit and he had placed a 200-pound man on the runner plank when they started out. They had traveled a short distance when all three men were tumbled out. No one was seriously injured but the yacht landed on her beam end, her mast gone, and she was a general wreck. The next day the river ice began to break and the first steamboat from New York arrived in a few days.

During the next season there was no ice boat racing at Poughkeepsie. Early in February, 1874, it was reported that there was good ice boating on the bay above Staatsburgh and that the new ice yacht *Cyclone* had been timed one mile in 32 seconds. On February 18, the local newspaper stated that the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association which had been organized with so much enthusiasm was "practically defunct." One of the leading members, Aaron Innis, had resigned and no meetings had been held that season. Mr. Booth had been out with his *Restless* and Mr. Innis had made trips to New Hamburg and to Milton in his *Hail*. The New Hamburg club had thirteen boats on the ice and ready for racing, although the ice was poor. The *Phantom*, when coming back from Fishkill Landing, broke through the ice off Low Point and "ducked all of its crew into the river."

In 1875 the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association was re-organized. John A. Roosevelt was elected Commodore. Hudson Taylor, William A. Arnold and Henry S. Frost composed the new regatta committee and were given ample power to act at all times. The association had selected a scarlet burgee, pointed, without device, as the club insignia. The following boats were on the ice and ready for the coming regatta: *Restless* and *Snow Flake*, owned by Oliver H. Booth; *Hail* and *Haze*, owned by Aaron Innis; *Ella* by Theodore V. Johnston and the *Icicle* and *Gracie* by John A. Roosevelt. However, no regatta was held,



The *Ice*, owned by John A. Roosevelt, won the Ice Yacht Challenge Pennant of America in 1888, 1889, 1892 and 1899. Her fastest time, over a 20-mile course (10 miles to windward and return), was 1 hour, 9 minutes, 37 seconds. This yacht is now in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, N. Y., together with the original pennant.

due mainly to heavy snowstorms, and the ice moved out from south of the furnace dock on April 7.

The next winter the newspaper reported that Commodore Grinnell, of the New Hamburg club, had his ice yacht on the river December 21, 1875, "she being the first ice boat of the season hereabouts and early in the day she did some tall sailing." On the 29th it was reported that H. R. Howard of the Buckeye works had had his ice boat *Wild Goose* on the river the day before, that Mr. Roosevelt had had his boat out, north of the ferry track, and that T. V. Johnston was planning to launch his boat that same day. Two days later it was reported that the Catskill ferry had resumed her trips, that the river was clear of ice at Poughkeepsie and that the ice was fast wasting away in the upper Hudson. On January 4, 1876, the *Eagle* stated that the "oldest boatman does not recollect the time in the winter season when such extraordinary mild weather prevailed along the Hudson as now."

Just at that time the ice harvesters were not greatly concerned about the warm weather, prophesying that by the first of February there would be a splendid crop and that it could be gathered in ten days by putting on double gangs. The newspaper stated that "thousands of men are waiting anxiously for the work and the longer the delay the more suffering. Wages for the ice men will rate from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per day."

However, the month of January passed with no ice gathered and for a few days in February large gangs of men were put at work in an effort to gather sufficient ice to fill the houses. They were cutting ice at Barrytown 10 to 11 inches thick. On February 14 the newspapers commented on the extraordinary, mild weather, that the river was free of ice and two days later there were torrents of rain in the Hudson valley.

Late in February there was a cold wave with snow and a sleighing carnival was held, but there was no ice boating. Some ice was gathered early in March at Copake Lake and at Round Lake and brought to the river to help fill the ice houses. On the 7th, it was reported that navigation was open and the *Daniel S. Miller* and the *John L. Has-*

	owner	sail area
<i>Avalanche</i>	E. Harrison Sanford	386 sq. feet
<i>Advance</i> (cat)	" "	119½ " "
<i>Norseman</i>	" "	365 " "
<i>Viking</i>	" "	493½ " "
<i>Viva</i>	" "	493½ " "
<i>Fairy</i>	" "	218 " "
<i>Cyclone</i>	Henry Bergh, Jr.	417½ " "
<i>Snow Bird</i>	" "	444½ " "
<i>Ella</i>	Theodore V. Johnston	439 " "
<i>Echo</i>	George Collingwood	245 " "
<i>Flying Dutchman</i>	William H. Roe	412 " "
<i>Jessie</i>	" "	213 " "
<i>Gracie</i>	John A. Roosevelt	493½ " "
<i>Icicle</i> (wt. 2360 lbs.)	" " "	1070 " "
<i>Gypsy</i>	James N. Winslow	248 " "
<i>Haze</i>	Aaron Innis	715 " "
<i>Hail</i>	" "	464 " "
<i>Restless</i>	Oliver H. Booth	457 " "
<i>Snow Flake</i>	Charles R. Forrest	182 " "
<i>Zip</i>	Thomas H. Ransom	145 " "
<i>Sappho</i>	A. E. Whiting	475½ " "

(The last named was also a member of the Athens Ice Yacht Club).

The local newspaper reprinted an article from the *New York Times* of January 9, 1879:

The Shrewsbury River ice boats are by no means the elegant affairs of the Upper Hudson, nor do they make such wonderful records of speed; but they are comfortable home made affairs, with deep boxes that are generally well filled with hay, and they carry plenty of canvas. What they lack in speed is made up in the daring recklessness of the men who sail them and who will hold on to every stitch of canvass until the last moment in a blow.

and the local paper added, "One of Poughkeepsie's handsome ice yachts ought to be put on the Shrewsbury river just for a sensation. How the eyes of those clam fishermen would stick out!"

A race was held on February 13, for the Ladies' Pennant, ten miles on the Poughkeepsie-Blue Point course. The *Hail* led the field, followed by *Echo*, *Haze*, *Icicle*, *Ella* and *Snow Flake*, in that order. The *Hail* turned the home buoy on the first leg only 35 seconds ahead of the *Icicle* and the last time home they were very close. It was a great race, the *Hail* won by fifteen seconds.

The next day, February 14, 1879, the race for the Poughkeepsie Challenge Pennant was held for the first time since 1872. The Poughkeepsie-Blue Point course, ten miles, was selected. Mr. Henry Van Wyck and Mr. Satterthwaite, of the New Hamburg Ice Yacht Club,

brouck had arrived. The whistles at the Buckeye and many other places saluted the arrival of the steamboats.

The newspaper stated on March 13 that the Hudson River ice crop was over one million tons short, that the capacity of the ice houses was 572,000 tons and only 406,000 tons had been housed; 29,800 tons had been stacked, but would have to be used early in the season. There had been no ice of any consequence cut south of Barrytown.

Early in January of 1877, the Poughkeepsie club challenged the New Hamburg club for the Ice Yacht Challenge Pennant of America, but there was no opportunity that season to sail the race. The ice boats were out on some occasions. On January 24 the ice was rough and the wind was a gale. Charles Gallup's *Alert* was struck by a heavy gust and stood on her beam end and the *Skirmisher* was sailing around in all kinds of antics "like a runaway horse." Most of the yachtsmen stood about waiting for the wind to subside. The next day there was no wind, and no racing.

On March 27, the local club staged a race for the Ladies' Pennant on the Poughkeepsie-Milton course. The *Ella* was first away with a fine lead, but was overhauled by the *Hail* and *Gracie*. The *Hail* was leading by four minutes at the halfway stake and was the only yacht which did not have to push around the stake. However, she lost the wind coming home and the *Restless* won by five seconds. It was a very unsatisfactory race, the last race of the season.

The next season was an "open winter" and there was little ice boating. On January 9, the club held four races. One race was between the *Avalanche*, *Gracie*, *Snow Flake* and *Gypsie* and they finished in that order. There was no report on the other races.

On January 1, 1879, the *Eagle* listed the officers of the local club as: Commodore, John A. Roosevelt; vice-commadore, Theodore V. Johnston; secretary, Thomas Ransom; treasurer, Guy C. Bayley; and the regatta committee, Hudson Taylor, Henry S. Frost and William C. Arnold. At this time there were twenty-seven members of the club and they owned twenty-one yachts:

assisted the local regatta committee. In addition to eleven Poughkeepsie boats there were the *Zig Zag*, *Zero*, *Quickstep*, *Flying Cloud*, *Phantom*, *Zephyr* and *Magic*, of the New Hamburg club and *Sappho* of the Athens Club.

The *Quickstep* led the boats away and held the lead for most of the race. She was followed by the *Snow Bird* and *Zephyr* and, in this order, turned the out buoy. On the way back the *Icicle* overtook all of them at Barnegat. Then the wind died out and it was a pushing race most of the time, a very unsatisfactory contest. Mr. Leroy, of the *Quickstep*, protested of unfair pushing on the part of the *Snow Bird's* crew. The protest was not allowed and the *Snow Bird* was declared the winner. The *Gracie*, sailed by John Thompson, broke her runner plank and the *Icicle* had one of her starboard shrouds carried away.

On the following day a twelve-mile race on the Poughkeepsie-Blue Point course, for the fifteen-foot Winslow silk pennant (gold stars on a blue field) was held. Thomas Foster and Floy Johnston were the judges. It was a pretty race, the most exciting of the season, although the wind had gradually died out and some of the yachts lost it at times. The *Haze* had the misfortune to hit a sled which had been left on the ice; she was heading for the finish and fouled one of her runners and could not free herself. She lost the race to the *Gracie* by five seconds. Other boats which started in this race were the *Viking*, *Snow Flake* and *Icicle*, and came in third, fourth and fifth. The *Viva* and the *Hail* did not place and the new Buckhout boat, which had just been named *Comet*, was becalmed on the way to the finish.

HARRY T. BRIGGS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Part II, of the article on "The Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association," by Harry T. Briggs, will be published in the 1952 issue of the year book. Other articles on ice yachting on the Hudson River are in course of preparation.

ADDENDA TO

"TWELVE CANNON STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE"

The article on "Twelve Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie" by Mrs. Amy Ver Nooy in the 1950 issue of the yearbook has brought into prominence a series of letters in the Library of the New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown. Among the Ludlow-Frey papers acquired during 1951 from the Frey family homestead at Palatine Bridge and from Dr. Charles K. Winne Jr. of Albany, are twenty letters written by Caroline Elizabeth Frey (1841-1922) while a student at the Poughkeepsie Female Academy. They were sent to her mother Mrs. John Frey and to two of her brothers then temporarily residents of Oswego, between December 25, 1857 and April 19, 1858. Caroline Frey later married Colonel Grotius Reed Giddings, and a number of years after his sudden death in 1867, Dr. Charles K. Winne of Albany.

These letters, unknown to Mrs. Ver Nooy when she wrote her article, sketchily describe school life when the Academy was operated by the widow of John C. Tooker. Carrie Frey complained of the food; "milk toast made of mushy bread soaked in sour milk and strong butter . . . But for all this," she continued, "it is an excellent school and so long as we all weigh twice as much as we used to and know considerably more at the end of every week than we did at the beginning, there is no use in making a fuss about it." She attended lectures such as one given by Isaac Israel Hayes, the surgeon on Elisha Kent Kane's second arctic expedition. Among other events, the school hall was decorated for Christmas and small "sociables" were held. She also reported an improvement in the board after an indignation meeting.

Early in March of 1858 a wide-spread religious revival has its effects on the Female Academy. Daily Union prayer meetings were held in the village and these were regularly attended by most of the students.

The principal worker in this field was Henry Gilbert Ludlow, Presbyterian minister in Poughkeepsie and uncle of Carrie Frey. "Uncle came here after [*the meeting*] and talked with us a long time, in the school room. When he is talking with me I feel as though there was hope for me."

"God has indeed wrought [*sic*] a wonderful work in this school. Two weeks ago not one of the girls had given her heart to Christ. Now *eighteen* I think are hoping they have found their Savior."

JAMES TAYLOR DUNN

Att A Sessions Held at Pockepsingh
Novembr the 29th Anoq Domini 1721
Present

Leonard Lewis Esqr one of the Corum
Barent Van Kleeck Esqr Justice

The Justices Meett Upon the Complaint of Sarah Hooqe Boom made Against Elenah Van Den Bogart Widdow that She had Retailled Strong Licker Less then by five Gallons after the time of her Excize and Licence being out

Upon Confession and not Knowing that her Leysance Was Expyred and that She Said She did not doe it to defraud the Country of the In Comes of the Exise and Was ready to Agree for the Ensuing Year The Justice's Excused her for the fine too the Country but for the Delegent Care of Said Sarch Hooqe Boom She was allowed Three Skipil of Wheate.

*Book of the Supervisors of Dutchess County,
N. Y. A.D. 1718-1722.*

BOOKS

During the past year two books which will be of interest to the members of the Dutchess County Historical Society have been published. Henry Billings has written and illustrated *Construction Ahead*. It is the story of Route 199 and tells, with drawings and diagrams, the history of this old Dutchess County road and the steps in its development and construction of a modern American highway.

Another book, *The Essential New Yorker*, by Robert W. July, is a biography of Gulian C. Verplanck, statesman, author and politician. *Construction Ahead*, by Henry Billings. New York: The Viking Press. 1951.

Here is a fascinating book which will delight the teenage boy and his dad.

With the extension of the Taconic Parkway into his own neighborhood, Mr. Billings became interested in the intricate machinery and methods of present-day road building. The parkway has been finished and opened for traffic as far north as where it crosses Route 199. In the summer about 8,000 cars a day spill onto this Route 199, which connects the Town of Northeast with the Hudson River in northern Dutchess County. And it is the story of this crossroad, which was recently rebuilt, which Mr. Billings has pictured by word and drawing.

His story of the building of a road might be almost the same in any other state in the east. He tells of the early settlers serving as pathmasters in the care of their narrow country roads, accommodating the travel of ox-cart and saddle horse, buggies, wagons and teams. He continues his story with the development of the old dirt road into a modern well-built highway, and a speculation as to the roads of the future.

Mr. Billings has studied the history of the roads in his locality and finds that very slight changes in the course of Route 199 have occurred since the Indian followed a path made by the wild creatures of the forest.

The author has illustrated his book with many drawings and diagrams, as he did his *Diesel Electric 4030*, published a year ago, which explained the workings of the modern locomotives and the roads over which they are run. Both books appeal to boys who are mechanically-minded.

THE EDITOR

The Essential New Yorker: Gulian Crommelin Verplanck, by Robert W. July. Durham, N. C.: Duke University Press. 1951.

Today he is a shadowy figure lost in the mist of America's past—at best an historical footnote. In his day, Gulian C. Verplanck played an important role in the literary and political life of nineteenth century New York and, in fact, America.

He was truly a Knickerbocker. Mount Gulian, the Verplanck family home, was built by his great-grandfather in 1730. Its site on Route 9-D, about one mile north of Beacon, New York, is marked by the State—the crumbling first story of stone being a lone reminder of the ancient Dutch homestead which served as Baron Steuben's headquarters, the place where the Society of the Cincinnati was organized, and the ancestral retreat to which Gulian Verplanck periodically retired from his labors.

Through the pages of this interesting and scholarly volume, Verplanck's colorful eighty-four years are vividly reconstructed. They are presented in relation to the history of his time and his contemporaries, which in literature include Irving, Cooper, Bryant, James K. Paulding; in politics, Jackson, DeWitt Clinton, Nicholas Biddle.

The intricacies of his political career in Congress, in the State Senate, his campaign for Mayor of New York, his services as Commissioner of Emigration are dramatically presented. Verplanck's literary and philosophical contributions are re-appraised after the lapse of more than eighty years.

The reader is introduced to his countless voluntary labors, as Warden of New York's Trinity Church, President of the Saint Nicholas Society, Trustee of the New-York Historical Society, President of The Century Association, and other equally important contributions.

From this over-due biography, a long-forgotten figure emerges. We see him as he deserves to be remembered,—a shining literary and political light in the nineteenth century America,—one of Dutchess County's brightest stars.

J. OWEN GRUNDY

BIBLE RECORDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY FAMILIES

HUTCHINS FAMILY BIBLE

The Holy Bible; Containing the Old and New Testaments: . . . Cooperstown,
(N. Y.). H. & E. Phinney. 1825.

The Bible was presented to the Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie,
by Mrs. Charles F. Derby.

MARRIAGES

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| Baron S. Hutchins &
Content Hewett
The above was 1st marriage | married |
| Baron S. Hutchins and
Ann Mariah Bard Hughes
The above was 2nd marriage | married May 16, 1824 |
| Baron S. Hutchins &
Mrs. Lorain Hammond
The above was 3d marriage | married 1834,
at New Paltz, Ulster Co., N. Y. |
| Leonard Edwards and
Ruth Hutchins | married March 22, 1822 |
| Frederick Uhl and
Jane Ann Hutchins | married December 30, 1829 |
| John T. Banker &
Caroline Hutchins | married March 4, 1845,
at Hyde Park, N. Y.
by Rev. John B. Merwin |
| Warren W. Emerson &
Ida Caroline Banker | married June 4, 187(?)
at Brooklyn, N. Y.
by the Rev. Henry M. Storrs |
| Pierre Augustin Banker &
Julia Emily Carroll | married Nov. 13, 187(?)
at Rhinebeck, N. Y.
by Rev. Mr. Hunt |
| John Leacraft Derby and
Susan Laurine Banker | married Dec. 19, 1832
at Cranford, N. J.
by Rev. Jas. F. Riggs |
| Jacob Besson Derby and
Grace Banker | married Oct. 7, 1886
at Cranford, N. J.
by Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook |
| William Bushnell Banker &
Edith Lillian Armstrong | married Oct. 22, 1889
at Elizabeth, N. J.
by the Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook |
| Charles Fretz Derby
Mary Caroline Drysdale | married June 21, 1913
Overbrook, Pa.
by Rev. William Turner |

BIRTHS

Baron S. Hutchins born November 11, 1784
 Ann Maria Bard born December 13, 1790

THEIR CHILDREN

Caroline Hutchins born November 3, 1825
 John W. Hutchins born January 11, 1828
 Susan Hutchins born January 29, 1830
 Sinthia Hutchins born February 11, 1833

DEATHS

Ruth Edwards deceased November 29, 1832
 aged 27 y., 26 d.

Ann Moriah Hutchins deceased May 8, 1833

Cinthia Hutchins deceased April 21, 1833

Susan Curtis Hutchins died Sept. 16, 1845
 aged 15 yrs., 7 mos. & 20 days

John Wilkinson Hutchins died August 8, 1847
 aged 19 yrs., 6 mos. & 27 days

Baron S. Hutchins died September 12, 1854
 aged 69 years, 9 months & 29 days

Lorain Hutchins died at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1877

John Tillman Banker died Mar. 14, 1901
 aged 79 years, 2 months

Caroline Hutchins, wife of J. T. Banker died May 8, 1902
 aged 76 years

John Leacraft Derby, husband of Susan L. Banker died Jan. 8, 1914
 in 69th year

Susan Loraine Derby died July , 1928

Charles Fretz Derby, husband of Mary Drysdale Derby died Nov. 4, 1950;
 aged 64

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John H. Wilson to Angeline Burton, Dec. 27, 1820

Louisa Wilson to William C. Hurd, Sept. 17, 1839

Sarah Wilson and Lewis Eaton, Oct. 12, 1842

Cornelia T. Willson to David Bryan, March 20, 1867

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

John H. Wilson, born June 3, 1797; died June 12, 1871

Angelina Willson, born Nov. 20, 1798; died January 23, 1878

Louisa Wilson, born Nov. 16, 1821; died August 19, 18(4)9

Sarah Wilson, born March 18, 1823; died April 27, 1879

Cornelia T. Wilson, born April 2, 1824; died in Fayetteville, May 19, 1899

Robert Wilson, born June 4, 1827; died July 4, 1838

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