

Lucretia (Brown) Stewart's Calendar Notes, 1861

A Transcription



Lucretia (Brown) Stewart on her 81st birthday, June 1915

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Lucretia Ann BROWN was born June 26, 1834, in Clay, Oswego County, New York, and died August 4, 1920, in St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska. Her obituary states that while Lucretia was a small girl, her family moved from Oswego County to Hebron, McHenry County, Illinois, and after several years they returned to New York. Lucretia and F.A. STEWART were married on March 30, 1854, at Pulaski, Oswego County, New York, and shortly thereafter, moved to McHenry County, Illinois, near the Wisconsin state line. They were farming in this locality in 1861 when Lucretia wrote these notes on a calendar. About 1880, the F.A. STEWARTS and related families settled in Howard County, Nebraska, where several succeeding generations were born and raised.

THE DIARY OF LUCRETIA BROWN STEWART(1)

January 1861.

Monday. "Washed, mopped, and in the eveing had company, Jim's(2) and others.

Tuesday. "Felt miserable. Had company in the evening, Roger's folks and Mrs. Springer."(3)

"Did my housework."

"Had an awful headache."

"Sick."

February. "Melted snow to clean house, wash with."

"Made a strainer. Had company from the head to the Lake, Mr. Williams."

"Went to Millards to sign a deed -- got tipped out in the snow."

"Very cold, kept Jinny's calf in the house all night."

"Had a terrible thaw. Did baking, had company, Mrs. Slater.(4) Jinny's calf died."

"Went to Leonard's,(5) had an awful snowstorm to come home in."

"Worked around the house, picked over husks. Gust(6) went to Springfield, Frankie(7) came home."

"Sewed some on my green dress. Had company, Tom's(8) folks and Ellen.(9) "

"Did patching and darning."

A Sunday. "Did nothing, saw nobody."

"Sewed carpet rags, wrote Suzie,(10) sent her ten dollars. Gust went to town."

March. "Cleaned my front room."

"Mended and embroidered. Commenced weaning Baby.(11) Gust sat up with Maynard."

"Did nothing but take care of baby."

"The same."

"Leonard & Ebenezer(12) stayed all night with us."

"They stayed until night."

"Gust went to town, got 4 lbs. coffee, 5 lbs. sugar."

"Churned, browned coffee, dried my clothes, went to Mrs. Slater's a visiting with Roxy.(13) "

"Ironed and chased after Baby."

"Went to Church and heard Mr. Nutter's funeral sermon."

"Commenced making Ike's(14) shirt, but failed. Had to fuss with Baby all day."

"Started sewing on Ike's shirt, Baby fell down stairs, most smashed his head."

"Had company, Tom's folks. It rained, snowed, blowed, done everything it could."

"Baby fussed all day."

"Rainy day. Churned, baked, embr. some."

"Washed, mopped. washed carpets, packed papers. Chattie(15) came over and stayed all night."

"Went to town, stayed all day."

"Had company. Mrs. Slater, Chatty and Ida.(16) Stayed all night."

April 1. "Gust went to Genoa. took 19 lbs. of butter, 5 doz. eggs. Got 10 lbs. apples, 8 of sugar, goods too. Sis(17) a dress, each an apron, him a pair of overalls, one bottle of gargling oil, one of Mrs. Winslows Soothing Syrup."

"Washed, mopped, baked cookies, had company. Mrs. Holland & daughters."

"Baked pies, ironed, and went to George's.(18) Sewed on Frankie's dress. Ellen came over and stayed awhile."

"Put down a carpet -- most made Baby an apron. Ironed my colored clothes. Cut out Gust's frock and overalls. Chester(19) brought me a fish."

"Finished Gust's frock. Had company, Mary Ann.(20) Mopped and made a pair of overalls."

"Churned and marked a breadth of my skirt. Cut 3 night dresses and made one."

"Cut out some piece work, and worked in the garden. Hoed the pieplant, sowed some radishes and cut down a lot of plum brush."

"Hoed the currant bushes and sowed some lettuce and saffron. Grubbed some."

"Washed, mopped, pieced one block of diamond star. Went to George's, then to Tom's. Mother(21) was there. A thunder shower in the evening."

"Ironed, baked, finished ruffle, Worked in the door yard some. Had a sick headache in the afternoon."

"Went to Genoa, took a grist, 2 lbs. butter, 7 doz. eggs. Got me two dresses, Sis one, each a pr. of shoes. 4 lb. coffee, 5 sugar, Sis a cape, clothesline and ½ lb. tea, 3 cups, 5 saucers, a pail and a broom. Tom's

and Chance's(22) folks came."

"Washed, mopped, baked, browned coffee, cut & made Sis's cape and removed some stones from the dooryard. An old mop peddler stayed here all night."

May, Sunday. "Was going to meeting but had headache so bad, could not."

"Mary Ann, Len and Dine,(23) George and Roxy, Mr. and Mrs. Stater (sic) and Gene(24) were here."

"Cleaned house, the bed chambers and buttry."

"Cushioned my big chair and packed some butter. Finished my dress and whitewashed 4 trees."

"Roxy came and I cut out 3 bonnets for her. Finished Sis's pink skirt and commenced Hattie's(25) bonnet."

"Went to Ike's in the morning, helped Mother, sewed on Ida's bonnet, got a lot of pieplant, Mary Ann also."

"Cleaned the cellar. Put some pickles to soak. Packed some butter. Went to Genoa, took 8 doz. Eggs -- got the boiler and coffee pot mended. Got a new teapot, dipper, 4 basins, some sugar and ginger, baby a dress."

"Did housework. Trimmed Baby's hat. Cut and sewed some on his dress. Made a pillow case. Mary Ann came down and got the bonnet pattern. Gust went to town, got Sis a dress, tacks, nails, elbow bed cord, candle wick, cider. Roxy sent me 2 yds. pink gingham, Dine gave me 3 yds. of print. Got some beef."

"Fixed my white skirt, sewed on Dine's bonnet. Aunt Sally(26) came, stayed to dinner. Went to Genoa, took 52 lbs. butter. Traded \$16."

"Made a bedtick. Bub(27) ran away. Had company after 4 o'clock. Eveline(28) and Chatty came over. Made 3 towels."

"Went over to Tom's, cut 2 pairs of overalls and sewed on Mother's dress skirt, Nancy(29) came home with us."

"Covered my parasol, finished my red skirt. Pretty."

"Went to church, heard Elder Fish. Mother came home with us. Tom's, Aunt Lidd(30) and Ike came also. Mother took Aunt Liddy home with her."

July. "Worked on Chatty's pantalets. Gust went to Genoa, got 5 lbs. sugar and one of soda. Aund Liddy came here."

"Finished Chatty's pantalets. Commenced Frankie a pair. Roxy and I went to Ike's and picked currants. Gust took the colts away to be pastured. Weeds(31) came here and picked some gooseberries."

"Worked out 4 sheets and 4 pillowcases, commenced fixing Sis a hoop skirt. Had lots of company in the eveing to hear the papers read: Gust went to town and got me 2 doz. hooks & eyes and 2 doz. buttons."

Aug. 2. "Finished Chattie's bonnet, all but the strings, let Frankie carry it home. Gust commenced harvest. Scoured the stairs and mopped the bed chambers. Tore out a few carpet rags."

"Made 3 prs. of undersleeves. Roxy called."

"Sis sick, worked over her all forenoon. Straightened the chambers, filled a tick, made up the beds. Set by Sis all evening."

Agust. "Began knitting Sis some stockings. Turned a sheet, baked bread, went down to George's to see Hattie."

"Finished Sis's stockings, commenced another pr. for her, knitted up all my yarn, so commenced Chattie some pantalets."

"Finished Chattie's pantalets and cut Jim's horse blankets. Went to Ike's in the afternoon. Got 8 yds. of shirting and 2 qts. molasses in Genoa."

"Sewed on the horse blankets."

"Finished the blankets."

"Cut out shirts for Gust and most made one of them."

Sept. Sunday. "Rainy day."

"Finished the shirts, cut out a pair of blankets for the cot."

"Finished the blankets, spun 15 knots of yarn."

"Spun 17 knots of yarn, doubled 32 knots and twisted a little."

"Twisted, scoured and colored the rest of my yarn."

"Knit on Sis' stockings."

"Went to Mrs. Slater's in the morning. Finished a sheet, knit some on Sis' stocking, colored some yarn and commenced to foot a pair for Gust."

"Finished stockings and commenced to foot a pair for Sis."

"Knit, knit, knit."

"Finished the footing for 3 pairs, mended 6 pairs and commenced another pair for Sis."

"Knit."

"Still knitting."

Sunday. "Tillie & Jim took a horseback ride. Ike & Belle(32) came here. Eveline was here also. John and Ellen(33) called in the evening."

"Washed, mopped, baked, gathered apples from the red tree."

"Sick."

Sunday. "Mother came to see me. Jack's folks here. Rogers and Weeds folks called. Roxy, Mary Ann -- and everybody else."

"Had threshers in the afternoon."

"Had threshers in the forenoon."

October. "Sis was taken with the sore throat."

"Mrs. Slater stayed with me."

"Roxy came and stayed tor forenoon."

"Mrs. Rogers called."

"Gust went to Genoa, got a broom."

"Baby sick."

"Tilda went home at night."

"Went to see Mother. Mother sick."

"Stayed all day with Mother."

"Gust went to mill for Slater, in Genoa. Got 1 piece of diaper goods. 3½ blue print, 4 yds. cotton flannel. 5 lbs. sugar, ½ lb. tea, and ½ lb tobacco."

I finished this copy of Lucretia's calendar notes and endnotes on November 21, 1998, using spelling, punctuation, and capital letters as in the older typed transcription. Thus, if any typing errors were made in the first transcription, I have transferred them here. In general, I have not updated these endnotes to include post-1998 genealogical findings and speculations, but I have made some minor changes in endnotes, April 2001, in attempting to improve this report for its residence on line. For consistency, I have always used SEAMANS, although the name often appears in McHenry County references without the final "s." Where no reference is made to sources, information is from family memory and family genealogical notes.

Dorinda Partsch
May 14, 2001

(In addition, without otherwise updating this information, I added two small updates in the endnotes on March 31, 2006.)

1. Lucretia BROWN STEWART wrote these notes on a calendar which was still extant into the lifetime of her great-granddaughter Ellen KIECHEL PARTSCH who noted, probably in the 1980's, in reference to this transcription, that the calendar fell apart years ago. The transcription was probably typed by Mrs. PARTSCH or earlier, by her mother, Mary Evelyn (Eva) STEWART KIECHEL, who compiled extensive information on family history. The location of Lucretia's family was in Hebron Township in the 1860 census [*McHenry County Illinois 1860 Federal Census*, published by the McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society (MCIGS), 1986: 130].
2. Maybe James STEWART, who might have been a brother of F.A. and Chauncey. [1850 U.S. pop. sch., Oswego County, New York, Town of Richland, National Archives Microfilm Publications, Microcopy 432, Roll 578: Dwell. 178, Fam. 178; and 1860 U.S. pop. sch., Walworth County, Wisconsin, Town of Linn, Post Office Geneva, National Archives Microfilm Publications, Microcopy 653, Roll 1434, Vol. 18 (1-753): Dwell. 534, Fam. 59].
3. A Vincent and Lucy SPRINGER family lived near F.A. STEWART's parents, Rebecca and John STEWART Jr., when the 1850 federal census was taken (U.S. pop. sch., Oswego County, New York, Town of Richland, National Archives Microcopy 432, Roll 578: Dwell. 171, Fam. 171). Lucretia's McHenry County reference suggests that SPRINGERS may have moved west in a similar pattern to the STEWARTS and BROWNS.
4. Possibly cousins, descendants of Aunt Hannah SLATER to whom Nancy CURRIER BROWN referred in an 1852 letter? In McHenry County, the Horace SLATER family was listed in the 1860 census next to the F.A. STEWART family (*McHenry County Illinois 1860 Federal Census*, MCIGS publication, 1986: 129).
5. Probably Leonard B. SEAMANS, who was likely both Lucretia's cousin and F.A. STEWART's brother-in-law, as suggested below in Note 23.
6. Lucretia's husband, Frederick Augustus STEWART.
7. F.A. and Lucretia had a daughter, Frances, but she was a young child in 1861, and this reference may have been to another person.
8. Most likely Lucretia's brother, Thomas BROWN.
9. Perhaps Ellen HYDE PIERCE, buried beside and probably wife of John PIERCE (Obenchain, Elaine and McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society, *McHenry County Illinois Cemeteries, Vol. I, Northwest Townships*, published by the Society, 1990: 213), or Ellen A. Seamans, 1848-1875, who was the daughter of L.D. and Lucinda Seamans (Obenchain, Vol. I: 215); relationship to the identified family Seamans unknown.

10. Probably Mrs. Ezekial HOPKINS, nee Susan CURRIER.
11. Jacob O. STEWART, 1861-1926, son of Lucretia and F.A. STEWART. Jacob, like his mother, kept a diary, which he commenced while the family lived in the vicinity of Hebron, IL. His diary, 1876-1880, covers the family's move to Rock Island, IL, and the establishment of a new farm. *March 31, 2006, update: Transcription of Jacob's diary is available at <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~partsch/diary.pdf>>.*
12. I speculate that Leonard was Leonard B. SEAMANS (see Note 23) and that Ebenezer was also a relative in the BROWN or SEAMANS branch of the family.
13. Most likely the sister of F.A. STEWART who married George C. BROWN, brother of Lucretia.
14. Most likely Lucretia's brother, Isaac BROWN.
15. Mrs. Horace SLATER was named Catherine, but Lucretia seems to have called her Mrs. SLATER. Eva Kiechel's genealogical notes indicated that Eveline and Chattie were on the Brown side of the family. Were they both SLATERS? (See Note 28 for an Evaline SLATER.) *March 31, 2006, update: See the last section of this report for the highly likely identity of this Chattie, as daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Currier) Brown.*
16. If this reference is not to a SLATER child, "P. Ida" in the household of George and Roxie BROWN is another possibility [1860 U.S. pop. sch., Walworth County, Wisconsin, Town of Linn, Post Office Geneva, National Archives Microcopy 653, Roll 1434, Vol. 18 (1-753): Dwell. 535, Fam. 60].
17. Lucretia's daughter Frances, who married George Edwin (Edward?) WOODBURY.
18. Most likely Lucretia's brother, George C. BROWN, who married Roxie STEWART, sister of F.A. STEWART.
19. Probably Lucretia's nephew Chester STEWART, son of Chauncey and Mary Ann. Mary Ann SOUTHWORTH STEWART's obituary in the *Republican* newspaper of St. Paul, NE, indicated that her sons John and Chester were living in Hebron, IL, in 1908.
20. Eva KIECHEL's genealogical notes suggested that there might have been another Mary Ann besides Chauncey STEWART's wife.
21. Lucretia's mother was Apema SEAMANS BROWN as recorded in the Brown family Bible. The 1860 U.S. pop. sch., Walworth County, Wisconsin, Town of Linn, Post Office Geneva, National Archives Microcopy 653, Roll 1434, Vol. 18 (1-753) shows Ike BROWN, age 29, and Aphema, age 60, as Dwell. 544, Fam. 68.
22. Nickname for Chauncey STEWART, F.A.'s brother.
23. In Jacob O. STEWART's diary, he mentioned Uncle Len and Aunt Dine. Leonard B. and Alzina SEAMANS (Obenchain, Vol. I: 238) may have been this aunt and uncle. Alzina SEAMANS' age is consistent with that of the Alzina STEWART listed in the 1850 Richland census in the household of Rebecca and John STEWART Jr. (U.S. pop. sch., Oswego County, New York, Town of Richland, National Archives Microcopy 432, Roll 578: Dwell. 178, Fam. 178). Ellen KIECHEL PARTSCH's genealogical notes made reference to two newspaper articles from the St. Paul, NE, press that mention individuals who appear to be not only relatives of F.A. STEWART but also of Leonard and Alzina SEAMANS.

visit his uncles in Howard County, NE. An Ellen L. SEAMANS WILLS of the age to be Leonard and Alzina's daughter Ellen (*McHenry County Illinois 1870 Federal Census*, MCIIGS publication, 1992: 208) is buried in the Linn-Hebron Cemetery next to and probably the wife of Thomas A. WILLS (Obenchain, Vol. I: 228).

The second was a reference to cousins who came to F.A. STEWART's funeral in 1903. They were G.W. SEAMES - probably George W. SEAMANS, husband of and buried next to Jane CURRIER SEAMANS in the Linn-Hebron Cemetery (Obenchain, Vol. I: 236) - and N.P. BROWN. The *McHenry County Illinois 1870 Federal Census*, MCIIGS publication, 1992: 208, listed Nettie SEAMANS in the household of Leonard and Alzina SEAMANS. Nettie's age matches that of the Finette SEAMANS BROWN buried beside and probably the wife of Norman P. BROWN in the Linn-Hebron Cemetery (Obenchain, Vol. I: 231).

24. Horace and Catherine SLATER had a son, Eugene, a Civil War soldier who died in 1864 (Obenchain, Vol. I: 211, 215).

25. George and Roxie BROWN had a 9-month-old Harriet listed in their household in the 1860 census [U.S. pop. sch., Walworth County, Wisconsin, Town of Linn, Post Office Geneva, National Archives Microcopy 653, Roll 1434, Vol. 18 (1-753): Dwell. 535, Fam. 60].

26. The 1850 Richland census listed Isaac SEAMANS, age 55, and Sally, age 50 (U.S. pop. sch., Oswego County, New York, Town of Richland, National Archives Microcopy 432, Roll 578: Dwell. 136, Fam. 136). Did Isaac and Sally move west to the Linn-Hebron area?

27. Lucretia's son, Charles, 1859-1927.

28. The *McHenry County Illinois 1860 Federal Census*, MCIIGS publication, 1986: 129, listed an Evaline SLATER, age 15, in the Horace SLATER household.

29. Most likely Mrs. Thomas BROWN, nee Nancy CURRIER.

30. In the 1850 U.S. census, pop. sch., Oswego County, New York, Town of Richland, (National Archives Microcopy 432, Roll 578: Dwell. 233, Fam. 233), the James BROWN, age 59, and Liddy, age 56, were likely relatives of Lucretia's family. But more likely to have been mentioned here would be Lydia SEAMANS, wife of the Leonard who may have been Lucretia's uncle as well as Alzina SEAMANS' father-in-law. Buried beside Leonard B. and Alzina SEAMANS (listed as father and mother) are Leonard and Lydia SEAMANS, identified as grandfather and grandmother (Obenchain, Vol. I: 238).

31. The 1850 U.S. census, pop. sch., Oswego County, New York, Town of Richland, (National Archives Microcopy 432, Roll 578: Dwell. 179, Fam. 179) listed the Seeley S. WEAD family next to Rebecca and John Stewart Jr. Lucretia's McHenry County reference suggests that WEADS may have moved west in a similar pattern to the STEWARTS.

Seeley S. WEAD's name suggests a possible relationship to the Stewarts. According to an article in "Stewart Clan Magazine," the John STEWART of East Haddam, CT, (who, I believe, was F.A. STEWART's great-grandfather) had a first cousin Alexander, who owned land in Cornwall, CT Alexander's children are listed as: Samuel, Timothy, Nehemiah, Amasa; Sylvanus and wife Nancy; Stephen and wife Hannah; Elihu and wife Eunice; Philo and wife Sarah; Huldah who married Ebenezer ALLEN; and Sarah who married Bradley SEELEY ("Stewart Clan Magazine," Vol. 3, No. 7: 122; copy included in a December 23, 1995, letter from Karl P. Stofko DDS, Municipal Historian, East Haddam, CT.

Indices of land transactions in Herkimer County, NY, between 1805 and 1831 indicate that a number of Alexander's children probably left Connecticut for Herkimer County as did John and Mehitabel STEWART, the grandparents, I believe, of F.A. STEWART. Examples from the indices are land transfers from Alexander to Stephen in 1805; from Elihu, Sylvanus, and Philo to Stephen in 1807; from Stephen and Hannah to Bradley S. STEWART in 1815; from Bradley S. and Rhoda to Henry BROWN (relationship to the family BROWNS, if any, unknown) in 1821; and from Alexander and Nancy to Elihu in 1831 (photocopies of selected pages of the manuscript deed indices, Herkimer County, NY, from the Herkimer County Clerk's office). A Bradley Seeley STEWART is listed as son of Stephen and Hannah, b. Aug. 27, 1784, in *The Barbour Collection Of Connecticut Town Vital Records*, Cornwall 1740-1854, compiled by Lorraine Cook White, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, 1996: 397.

Huldah STEWART, wife of Ebenezer ALLEN, appears to have continued on from Herkimer County to Oswego County, NY, as did F.A. STEWART's family. An Ebenezer ALLEN applied for his veteran's pension in 1834 in Herkimer City, NY, and his 84-year-old widow, Huldah, nee STEWART, applied for her pension in Oswego City, NY, in 1849 (White, Virgil D., *Genealogical Abstracts Of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, The National Historical Publishing Company, Waynesboro, Tennessee, 1992: 34).

A genealogical contact, working on the WEEDS, provided the following information, which offers a closer relationship between the STEWARTS and WEEDS. Edward BUCK of Frankfort, NY, then of Richland, NY, whose first wife was Lucinda HUNGERFORD, niece of John STEWART Jr. (from other sources), married, second, Seeley Sherman WEED's sister [JGCanyock, "Re: Edward Buck." 15 August 1999 10:43:20 AM PDT. To DorPartsch]. Also, this contact said, Edward BUCK was brother to Elizabeth BUCK, first wife of John STEWART Jr.'s brother Pardon [JGCanyock, "Re: NYS Archives Records." 04 September 1999 5:43:31 AM PDT. To DorPartsch.]

In 1876, an H.M. WEED (whether related to the WEADS above is unknown) homesteaded in Howard County, NE, on Sections 8 and 10, T14, R9 (historical and genealogical notes, in manuscript form, compiled over a number of years from the St. Paul, NE, newspapers and Howard County records by Ellen KIECHEL PARTSCH, who, in the mid-1970's, used her research notes to compile and publish a 101-page local history entitled *Howard County, The First 100 Years*, which contains a wealth of information on early settlers and settlement. Her out-of-print book has been incorporated in the recently [2001] published *Entering Howard County*, by Marion Bahensky and Ron W. Sack, Howard County Historical Society, St. Paul, NE.)

32. Isaac BROWN's wife was apparently Belle, but we know no more about her. The 1860 U.S. pop. sch., Walworth County, Wisconsin, Town of Linn, Post Office Geneva, National Archives Microcopy 653, Roll 1434, Vol. 18 (1-753), Dwell. 544, Fam. 68, did not list anyone in the household except Isaac and Aphema.

33. Perhaps the John P[EARCE] and Ellen (ditto) who were in the same household as the Chauncey STEWART family in 1860 U.S. pop. sch., Walworth County, Wisconsin, Town of Linn, Post Office Geneva, National Archives Microcopy 653, Roll 1434, Vol. 18 (1-753): Dwell. 534, Fam. 59. See also Obenchain, Vol. I: 213.

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The following two individual summaries were generated on March 31, 2006, from the author's RootsMagic(TM) database.

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Name: Lucretia Ann BROWN
Sex: Female
Father: George E. BROWN (abt 1795 - aft August 21, 1852)
Mother: Apema/Aphema SEAMANS (abt 1798 - aft 1860)

Individual Facts

Birth	June 26, 1834	Clay, Oswego Co., NY ¹
Death	1920 (age 86)	St. Paul, Howard Co., NE ¹
Burial		Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul, Howard Co., NE ¹

Marriages/Children

1. Frederick Augustus STEWART

Marriage March 30, 1854 (age 19) Pulaski, Oswego Co., NY²
Children Frances Ella STEWART (1855 - March 1912)
George H. STEWART (1857 - August 20, 1858)
Charles Henry STEWART (1859 - 1927)
Jacob STEWART (September 18, 1861 - December 14, 1926)
Anna Belle STEWART (August 27, 1876 - September 25, 1877)
Frederick E. STEWART (October 10, 1867 - January 31, 1953)

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Name: Charity Lavina (Chatty) BROWN
Sex: Female
Father: Thomas C. BROWN (October 24, 1828 - aft July 2, 1902)
Mother: Nancy CURRIER (May 30, 1830 - aft July 2, 1902)

Individual Facts

Birth	January 10, 1853	New York ³
Death	January 1879 (age 26)	St. Paul, Howard Co., NE ³

Marriages/Children

1. Hial Harlow MENTER

Marriage ⁴
Children George Herbert MENTER (August 1, 1878 - February 18, 1953)

Notes (Individual)

General:

Charity Brown is identified, with high probability, as the daughter of Thomas C. Brown and Nancy Currier based on the following. Charity Brown married Hiel Menter. She was living in the same community as descendants of George E. Brown when she died. She was buried in the local cemetery, Elmwood Cemetery of St. Paul, NE, where Brown descendants are also buried.

These Menter and Brown families were associated before Hiel's generation reached marriageable age. The 1870 Federal Census for Parish, Oswego Co., NY, lists the Gilbert Menter family, including Hiel H., age 18, as Dwell. 373, and the [I.]H. Brown family (Isaac Horace Brown, brother of Thomas) as Dwell. 376 (Federal Census Images database, Genealogy.com, 1870 Census, Roll 1074, Book 1, p. 374a). These families might have been associated earlier as well. While the Brown family has not been identified in Eaton, Madison Co., NY, their Hopkins-Westcott branch is represented in the 1820 Federal census on a page that appears to be dominated by settlers from Rhode Island. A partial listing from this page shows, in order: Oliver Westcott, Jr., Oliver Westcott, Elmore Waling, Parley Hopkins, Elisha Slater, Widow Mentor, Benjamin Slater, William Hopkins, Charles Hopkins (Federal Census Images database, Genealogy.com, 1820 Census, Roll 73, Book 1, Page 62).

The Chatty Brown listed in the Thomas C. Brown household in the census of 1870 matches in age Charity (Brown) Menter. Charity's son listed his mother's name as "Chatty" on his marriage license. After Charity's death, Hiel Menter married Nettie Brown, daughter of Thomas C. and Nancy Brown.

Sources

1. Family memory and family papers, including notes, documents, letters, photographs, newspaper clippings including obituaries, and other ephemera, some original, some photocopied, Lucretia Brown Stewart's obituary.
2. Ibid., Frederick Augustus Stewart's obituary.
3. Elaine Mentor Smith, Brown and Menter Family Group Sheets, annotated prints sent to me Jan. 20, 2004 (Missoula, MT).
4. Elaine Menter Smith, "Brown/Menter family," e-mail message from <...> to Dorinda Partsch, 12/27/03 10:59:23 PM CST. Elaine states that "Chatty" is the name that her son George gives for his mother on his marriage application.