

- 8 April     Freegift worked all day on asparagus. Gardeners are setting out roots, plowing, doing spring work generally.  
 James Duck had a brother and nephew arrive from England. They walked all the way from Albany carrying a large chest containing their clothing.
- 10 April     Freegift<sup>✓</sup> worked so hard outdoors on Saturday in the unseasonable heat that he is very sick and, after dinner, they took him to the sick house. He does not realize it, it is thought to be his last sickness.
- 13 Apr     A woman named Martin who keeps house for Professor Hall in Albany, came with her own horse to select some things for a fair to be held in England for the benefit of the poor French people." She took and paid for \$45 of baskets.
- 15 Apr     Freegift<sup>✓</sup> died. Mathew and Chas. Rockwell were watching with him.
- 16 Apr     His funeral. 2d Order came, the elders from the 2d Family and many more. Sisters walked to the grave. "Thus finishes the earthly part of Brother Freegift Wells, a true Shaker for 70 years."
- 17 Apr     Getting a daily mail delivery established. Once a day a boy named Smith will bring it from the Centre where James Pierce (Pearse) is the postmaster.
- 20 Apr     "Lydia received an order for 3 doz. baskets from Polly Lewis at ML and only 1 doz. were finished and 1 doz. were braided but not bound. Mary finished them and Mary Call & Lydia made the smallest size and got them ready to send."
- 21 Apr     Elder Daniel has trimmed 4 1/2 doz. splint fans for Lydia and she put the handles on them and finished them off to sell.  
 C. Miller went to Schenectady to see the postmaster as our mail has to come by way of Schdy.
- 25 Apr     Eldress Elizabeth, George and Ruth go to Albany with horse and wagon, took cars to No. Troy and returned with "a nice large girl named Matilda Joslin. It was her own notion coming and hope she may do well."
- 27 Apr     Matilda had been staying at the Office but today they took her to the dwelling. "Catie Nelson is to look after the earthly part and Sister Catie the spiritual."
- 30 Apr     Elder Sylvester released by 2d Order and Nathaniel put in his place and Chauncy Dibble to live with him.
- 6 May     "Matilda Joslin thus far has ~~done~~ well. She is in the kitchen bake room...."
- 9 May     Sarah Ann's mother died Sunday and funeral is today. All of the Englishmen working for us Tues. went to the funeral and CM let them use the teams.
- 15 May     Raised the barn that Samuel Waterman has been framing. Some of the CF brothers, all the hired men, Thos. Beal and 5 or 6 of his men came from the 2d Order.  
 "Two loads of gentry came, some from Arsenal, and Ephraim showed them around and they bought a chair and a few things in the store.
- 18 May     "Johnny Palmer's brother came after him and he went with him. He dressed in a suit like the world.