

- 7 Feb Sun. Had morning singing meeting. Soon after dinner Isaac Anstaff came with a newspaper someone had brought from Albany telling of a great fire at the Mt. Lebanon Church Family. Brother James did not want any more meetings today because he was much affected by the news.
- 9 Feb At 4 a.m. Josiah Barker came and took Elder Austin, Elder Albert and Brother James to go to Mt. Lebanon to see about the fire. They returned in the evening with news that the dwelling, ministry shop, sisters shop, woodhouse, store building and 2 sheds and barns - 8 buildings in all - were destroyed.
- 12 Feb "All the worry is what we could do to help the brothers and sisters at Lebanon. They need something besides sympathy. We learn Elder Daniel Bolwer fell and was badly burned in the face, Elder Daniel Crossman fell and got hurt inwardly" and Andrew's collarbone was broken.
- 19 Feb CC shipped a box of clothing from all the families to Lebanon.
- 22 Feb Lydia packed a box of baskets to go to Canterbury - about \$28 worth.
- 23 Feb Amelia Hall's mother and one of her uncles came to see her. Her mother has now known where her children were for 4 years. They made the father tell where they were.
- 25 Feb We have been trying to get some shirts to make but failed. Ella and a girl have gone to work on some little baskets.
- 27 Feb Mark Male Has been and taken everything out of the house where his father and mother are living. "The old man has abused the woman and turned her out of doors."
- 28 Feb Mt. Lebanon herb house burned to ground.
- 5 Mar Lydia is making some very small covered baskets to sell in the store. She took between 3-4 doz. baskets and gave them to the Mt. Lebanon Church Family as all of their supply was burned up.
- 21 Mar John Taylor, John Carson and Mary Call signed the covenant.
- 22 Mar "Sarah Ann Willis hired a man from Troy to bring her out to the Shakers. She has been married, had one child which she left at the hospital. She thought we would take her back after all. We gave her some dinner and the driver some feed for his team, Lydia gave her \$1 to help and sent her away."
- 23 Mar CC brought home 1 doz. shirts to make.
- 27 Mar CC took the shirts back but was unable to get more. William Hunter died. "He has been a great sufferer."
- 29 Mar Lydia continues working on baskets; Ruth on feather dusters.
- 30 Mar Charles Bauer, the Dutch boy, left and CM paid him off.
"Frank Hall's uncle and his lawyer that has been at work for 4 years to find where the children were, came to see them. Frank told them he wanted to go with them but his father bound him to Nehemiah and *he holds on to her from the father.*"