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1 July Jonathan Wood, Prudence Morrell, Hannah Treadway & Eleanor Potts of Lebanon Shakers were in "Springs" (Saratoga?) for their health for past 3 weeks. Today they come to Watervliet.

- 4 "Seems as though the flies would eat us up. There never was as many before this time of the year."
- 5 Prudence Morrell is very feeble and unable to go anywhere.
  - CM went to Albany with CC to hire "a still worm." Theirs has failed and "it is time to still the roses." Picked the first peas.
- 6 CC went with the covered wagon to take the Lebanon sisters to Albany & put them on the cars. Jonathan & baggage went with FSW. All were seated as comfortably as possible in the cars "but there were in a feeble state."
- 10 Elder Brother Robert Fowle from Camterbury CF and Elder Brother Orville Dyer from New Enfield CF came. Have been to Groveland to see the land they own in that vicinity.
- Solomon Gale (of 2d Order 34 years old) gave out the word that he was to leave. Accordingly CM took him & his clothes to Schenectady. He is intending to go to the far west.

  CC took the two visiting elders to the cars for Lebanon.

  Have had 12 hired men all week besides all those on the Island, River Farm & Niskayuna.
- 15 Sat Good many spectators. 7 hired men for breakfast, 5 for dinner, 7 for tea.
- The census man came. FSW attended to him in the a.m. and the two Chaunceys spend most of the p.m. trying to give him the information desired.
- "We had 12 for dinner dining room above, 12 hired men below, and it is so hot & the flies so thick in the kitchen, it is hardly endurable. To put the rub on, Abby Godard with her school of 64 girls all ages came. They had their victuals with them & ate under the great willow by the old house." Girls carried ice water & milk to them; 12 ladies & 4 drivers came in & had a cup of tea.
- "CC went to the river but it is impossible to do much of anything at the haying or hoeing. It is rain, rain all the time, exactly the reverse from what it was last year this time. They have been at work at the haying for two weeks and have put only 3-4 loads in & that not fit. The rye is all cut & stooked up,hope it will not spoil."
- Have been having a great deal of rain. "Everything is covered with mold—all the woodwork, floors, etc."
- The Governor & his family (8 people in all) came between 12 and 1. We had toget them dinner. He had written to FSW but we did not get the letter.

  (at 55-3-3)
- 8 Aug Mary Ann Whitaker died in the afternoon; funeral aftersupper, the corpse smelled so bad they have had it the next day.
- 10 Four brethren to Van Schaik's Island for pennyroyal.
- 12 Sab Great many spectators over 150 carriages.