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Thursday, June 27 1867 04-50.1

Drizzly- went to Depot for Mrs Metcalf but failed to find her. I wrote To S.A. Chapin
Susie Pratt + Lizzie

P.M. We sat down + sewed-

Friday 28

Very warm+ sultry shelled peas- P.M. Mrs Pearce + Miss Jay calld also Mrs
Tolman- After Tea we went to ride to the Mottey Hermitage-

Saturday 29

Pleasant- Seneca Sanford came in the mornng- + recd. 57.37 for a demand he
made of borrowed money [*overwritten: from*] lent my Husband day before his last
sickache At 10 Went to Bos. Had watch fixed + did errands- On Slo'ats Machine
hurred H/E fs- came out 3 1/4 Train vry tired- -

Glossary of Names

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Adolphus Chapin

(1797-1875) Brother of Eliza B. Wheaton, moved with parents and brothers (including Samuel Austin) to White Pigeon, Michigan, cared for parents until father Henry Chapin's death. Active participant in Black Hawk War (1832); later returned to Uxbridge and married Cynthia; lived in Uxbridge; father of Mary Abbie Chapin Smith W1873; gave Power of Attorney to Eliza B. Wheaton before death. Referred to in diaries as "Adol."

Reverend Alfred Emerson

(ca. 1813-1896) Son of Rev. Joseph Emerson (1777-1833), early advocate of higher education for women and teacher of Mary Lyon; entered Yale 1830, graduated. Wheaton Female Seminary Trustee 1872-1893 and Treasurer 1880-1891, one of Wheaton Female Seminary's most influential trustees, Alfred Emerson provided fundamental leadership during the later part of the 19th Century; supervised major construction projects such as the 1874 observatory and 1878/9 additions to Seminary Hall, assists with Winter St. property lease, and safeguarded Wheaton Female Seminary finances. Married Martha Vose (Wheaton Female Seminary Principal 1840-42); father of Annie Austin Emerson W1871 (Wheaton Female Seminary teacher of Mathematics and English Branches 1872-76) and Frances Vose Emerson W1872 (Wheaton Female Seminary teacher of Rhetoric, Literature and History 1881-86, Trustee 1922-42); the main dining hall was named for the Emerson family, 1908. Friend and confidante of Eliza B. Wheaton, frequent visitor for consultations on Wheaton Female Seminary affairs, always stayed with Eliza B. Wheaton when attending Trustees' meetings.

Ann Eliza Carter

(1833-1882) Daughter of, and educated by, James G. Carter, called the "Father of Normal Schools;" Wheaton Female Seminary Teacher of History of Civilization; General Literature; Latin, Mental Philosophy; English Grammar, Analysis and Composition; Moral Science; Butler's Analogy 1862-65, 1866-81; carried on work in literature begun by Lucy Larcom. In 1871 purchased little house next to Holmes Cottage (second house west of Eliza B. Wheaton's) as home for herself and Maria L. Mellus, becoming the first unmarried women teachers allowed to live outside the Wheaton Female Seminary Boarding House, called "Cottagers" by Eliza B. Wheaton; described as the delicate vine to Mellus' oak, frequently referred to as "Annie." Frequently visited

Eliza B. Wheaton and traveled with her. House willed to Wheaton Female Seminary , later sold and proceeds used for scholarships; memorial lecture series established after her death.

A. Ellen Stanton

(1834-1924) Elegant woman who had lived in Europe for several years, published *My Life in Paris Fifty Years Ago* (1922). Wheaton Female Seminary Teacher of French, Mental and Moral Science, *Butler's Analogy* 1871-97; recommended by Eliza B. Wheaton as Principal 1880-1897; introduced limited student self-government; Wheaton Female Seminary enrollment declined because of development of public high school system and growing number of colleges granting degrees to women. Friend of Eliza B. Wheaton, visiting her almost every day during her principalship, instituted celebration of Founders Day on Eliza B. Wheaton's birthday in 1889; frequently joined Eliza B. Wheaton on her vacations at the Isles of Shoals. A dormitory was named in her honor, 1921.

Benjamin Briggs

Norton local; possibly Benjamin J. Briggs, b. 1833. He and his wife performed heavy cleaning in Eliza B. Wheaton's house.

Cynthia Chapin

Wife of Adolphus Chapin.

Caroline Cutler Plimpton Mrs. (Albert) Metcalf

(1809-1888) Began teaching at aged 16, married in 1835 but widowed in 1837; taught in Mendon MA, Auburn NY, Machias ME, Smithfield RI, and East Boston, MA before coming to Wheaton Female Seminary . Wheaton Female Seminary Teacher of Moral Science, *Butler's Analogy* 1874-76; Principal 1850-1876. Wheaton Female Seminary's strongest Principal, her attention to detail and strong executive powers brought stability to Wheaton Female Seminary by improving physical conditions and curriculum, attracting creative teachers, and increasing enrollment; hired first full-time physical education instructor (her niece Ellen Plimpton); experimented with correspondence and teacher-training courses, and co-education; not above threatening resignation to coerce trustees to comply with her wishes. Friend and frequent visitor of Eliza B. Wheaton, even after retirement. Original boarding house, demolished in 1932-33, and dormitory replacing it in 1933, named in her memory.

Clara M. Pike

(?-1933) W1866; Wheaton Female Seminary Teacher of English Branches 1869-71, Natural Sciences 1871-1901. First met Eliza B. Wheaton as a

homesick young student. A strong advocate for the teaching of sciences and improvements in science facilities, organized lecture series by faculty from Harvard and M.I.T.; one of the most beloved 19th Century teachers. In later years a daily visitor of Eliza B. Wheaton; often joined Eliza B. Wheaton on her vacations at the Isles of Shoals. A bird feeder and bench designed in her memory by Ralph Adams Cram is placed by Madeleine Wallace Clark Library.

David Arnold

Norton local; frequent destination of Eliza B. Wheaton's rides.

Doctor Blodgett

Frequently made house calls to Eliza B. Wheaton.

Doctor Clark

NO INFORMATION LISTED.

Daniel Wheaton

Cousin of Laban Morey Wheaton ; Eliza B. Wheaton loans money to his son Fred, but puts Daniel Wheaton's name on note.

Doctor Garrett

Boston Doctor who treated Eliza B. Wheaton with Electrical Treatments.

Doctor Arthur M. Round

(1852-?) Frequently made house calls to Eliza B. Wheaton and Dr. Benjamin M. Round (1816-?) who opened homeopathic practice in 1844, had 5 children, and had treated Eliza B. Wheaton and Laban Morey Wheaton ; still in Norton in 1927.

Reverend Thomas Shephard D.D.

(1792-?) Graduated Boston University in 1813, Andover Theological Seminary in 1816. Pastor of Bristol R.I. Congregational Church 1835-?, sometimes supplied pulpit of West Taunton Congregational Church (Image in Clark's History of Norton, p. 495).

Ellen Beane

W1863; Wheaton Female Seminary Teacher of German 1872-73, 1882-83; daughter of Eliza Knight Beane , frequent visitor at Eliza B. Wheaton's house, and frequently joined Eliza B. Wheaton and Eliza Knight Beane on vacation

travels; given Eliza B. Wheaton's Power of Attorney in 1874. Referred to in diaries as "Nellie."

Eliza Baylies Chapin Wheaton

(1809-1905) Born in Northbridge, MA, the seventh of ten children, family moved to Uxbridge in 1823, educated at Uxbridge Academy and Ebenezer Bailey's Young Ladies High School in Boston. Wife of Laban Morey Wheaton, daughter in-law of Judge Laban Wheaton; persuaded the Judge to found Wheaton Female Seminary in 1834. After her husband's death in 1865, she assumed control of his business interests and indirect control of Wheaton Female Seminary, but held no official position there. Attended Female Prayer Meetings at Boarding House, sometimes ate in dining hall, frequently visited teachers in Boarding House, hosted June tea party for Wheaton Female Seminary graduates until 1898, and gave each senior a bouquet for graduation until her death. A deeply religious woman, dignified and reserved, greatly attached to friends and family, hospitable, charitable to friends and strangers, benefactor of town of Norton (Public Library, 1888), Trinitarian Congregational Church (founder 1832, renovations 1882), clever businesswoman.

Ellen Carpenter

Possibly Ellen F. Carpenter W1855-58 OR daughter of Norton local Daniel Carpenter, b. 1843 OR Mrs. Carpenter (1800-1900) a Norton neighbor.

Eliza R. Knight (Mrs. Rev. Samuel) Beane

(1813-1899) Teacher at Ipswich Seminary before becoming Wheaton Female Seminary Principal 1838-1840; arranged WFS ' first regular course of study, devised Wheaton Female Seminary seal and motto "Who drinks will thirst for more," first senior class graduated during her term. After the 1865 death of Rev. Beane (who was a Wheaton Female Seminary Trustee and pastor of Norton's Trinitarian Congregational Church [Eliza B. Wheaton's church]) (1860-65) Eliza Knight Beane kept house for daughter Florence Vose Beane in Worcester, until a fall broke both her arms; she joined Eliza B. Wheaton in Norton, sold her furniture in 1869 and became the live-in companion of Eliza B. Wheaton until her own death; although frequently ill, she seems to have maintained some independence of action; had household "duties" and frequently did errands for Eliza B. Wheaton; sat opposite Eliza B. Wheaton at table to serve. Eliza B. Wheaton refers to as Mrs. B" or "Mrs. Beane" in diaries. Her daughters Ellen Beane and Florence Vose Beane were also frequent visitors and traveling companions of Eliza B. Wheaton.

Ellen M. Haskell

(1835-1934) Wheaton Female Seminary principal 1876-1879, had the misfortune to succeed the extremely popular Caroline Cutler Metcalf, and to endure the disruptive expansion of Seminary Hall; abolished or modified many of the rules developed by Caroline Cutler Metcalf; perceived by Trustees and Eliza B. Wheaton as lacking commitment to the religious education of the students.

Fannie Allen

Norton Local. Possibly Fannie Florence Allen (Mrs. John Franklin) Simmons (ca. 1853-1928) W1873.

Reverend Franklin Holmes

(1823-?) Graduated Yale 1846 and Andover Theological Seminary 1852; married Martha Sawyer Holmes 1855, had two children. Pastor of Norton's Trinitarian Congregational Church [Eliza B. Wheaton's church] 1852-59, lived in "Holmes Cottage" first house west of Eliza B. Wheaton's; Wheaton Female Seminary Trustee 1853-59, drafted 1858 resolutions establishing permanent Trustee committees.

Florence Vose Beane

(ca. 1841-1882) Daughter of Eliza Knight Beane ; W1862; Wheaton Female Seminary Teacher 1864-65. taught in Worcester High School 1865-?. After the Rev. Beane's death in 1865, Eliza Knight Beane kept house for Florence Vose Beane in Worcester for some time, until Eliza Knight Beane fell and broke both arms, when she moved into Eliza B. Wheaton's house (1869). Vacationed with Eliza Knight Beane and Eliza B. Wheaton. Referred to in diaries as "Flo."

Senior George W. Wild

(1828-?) Cousin, business agent and secretary of Laban Morey Wheaton, he and later his son Alfred continued this activity for Eliza B. Wheaton after Laban Morey Wheaton's death; a man of energy and generosity. Mrs. Elizabeth Wild became close friend of Eliza B. Wheaton, who lavished affection on their children, especially Mary Wild, and her brothers Laban E. Wild and Georgy. Lived in first house east of Eliza B. Wheaton's, still called "Wild House" and used for faculty housing. Referred to in diaries as "Mr. Wild" or "George" or "Geo."

Henry Hunt

Did work on Eliza B. Wheaton's house. Possibly Henry Hunt b. 1815 OR his son Henry L. Hunt b. 1844.

Harriet E. Paine

W1862. Author, historian, friend and biographer of Eliza B. Wheaton; published *The Life of Eliza Baylies Wheaton: A Chapter in the History of the Higher Education of Women* (Cambridge: The Riverside Press, 1907).

Judson Chapin

(ca. 1798-1887) Brother of Eliza B. Wheaton, liked to give her advice; lived in West Roxbury; daughter Anna G. (Mrs. Frank A.) Hewins W187?.

James Harvey Young

(1830-1918) Born in Salem, MA; studied with John Pope; traveled as primitive portraitist; rented studios in Boston on Tremont Street and later in the Mercantile Library Building; friend of William Morris Hunt; Director of fine arts exhibitions at Boston Atheneum (1861); lost all his works in the Great Fire of Boston (1872) and set up studio at West St.; avoided publicity and seldom exhibited; a founder of Boston Art Club. Painted a posthumous portrait of Laban Morey Wheaton in 1865/6, and a companion portrait of Eliza B. Wheaton in 1872.

John R. Rogerson

(?-1880) Owner of Rogerson's Store on Main Street between Mansion House and Howard Street. Wheaton Female Seminary Trustee 1857-63, 1864-1880; Treasurer 1858-61, 1864-80. d. 30 Apr. 1880. Eliza B. Wheaton frequently visits him to discuss Wheaton Female Seminary business.

Kate Wood

Possibly Norton local Catherine L. Wood b. 1832, daughter of Elkanah and Lemira Wood Jr. OR Kate B. Pond (Mrs. Eugene S.) Wood W1865-67 of Pawtucket, RI.

Lucy Wild

Daughter of George Wild and Mrs. Elizabeth Wild and frequent caller on Eliza B. Wheaton.

Mary Atkinson

Daughter of Timothy Atkinson.

Mary Johnson Bailey (Mrs. David A.) Lincoln

(1844-1921) Born in South Attleboro, MA; began work at age four, daughter of >Mrs. Bailey, lived in So. Attleboro until father's death, then moved to Norton where >Mrs. Bailey kept boarding house for Laban Morey Wheaton's straw workers and boarding house carpenters; W1864. In 1865 married David A. Lincoln, manufacturer of stoves at Norton Furnaces. Following financial reverses in 1870s, moved to Boston, took in sewing, etc., working for \$.12 per hour. One of first teachers (1879-85) at Boston Cooking School, which she made nationally famous; author of Mrs. Lincoln's Boston Cook Book (1884), Boston School Kitchen Text-book (1887) and many other articles and cookbooks; Wheaton Female Seminary's most widely known alumna, described as "Judge Wheaton's ideal of the Wheaton graduate."

Mary Chapin (Mrs. Willard) Judson

(1803-1876) Favorite sister of Eliza B. Wheaton; in 1829 married Willard Judson, son of Rev. Samuel Judson of Uxbridge; lived in Uxbridge; cared for mother Abigail Chapin for three years after death of father; adopted Mary Anna Fox (Mrs. Lawson A.) Seagrave W1865-67.

Mary Abbie Chapin (Mrs. John Jay) Smith

(ca. 1852-1940) Daughter of Adolphus Chapin, niece of Eliza B. Wheaton and lived with her in 1872-1873, W1873; frequently visited Eliza B. Wheaton and vacationed and traveled with her; frequent recipient of gifts from Eliza B. Wheaton; later married and moved to Highlands, NC, where they ran hotel and sawmill purchased for them by Eliza B. Wheaton. Inherited Eliza B. Wheaton's personal papers including her diaries (1850-1905), offered to sell them to the College in 1930s but offer declined; wrote portions of, and made Eliza B. Wheaton's diaries available for use in Harriet E. Paine's biography of Eliza B. Wheaton (1907). Referred to in diaries as "Mary," "Mary Abbie" or "Abbie."

Mary Lynch

Norton local.

Maria L. Mellus

Wheaton Female Seminary Teacher of all forms of studio art including oil painting, crayon, pencil, drawing and penmanship 1854-1878. In 1871 moved into little house next to Holmes Cottage (second house west of Eliza B. Wheaton's) with Ann E. Carter, becoming the first unmarried women teachers allowed to live outside the Wheaton Female Seminary Boarding House, called "Cottagers" by Eliza B. Wheaton. Described as the oak to Carter's delicate vine. Frequently visited Eliza B. Wheaton and traveled with her.

Margaret Magner

Servant and cook of Eliza B. Wheaton (1872-?), from Webster MA; related to James Magner. Referred to in diaries as "Maggie." Catholic, probably Irish. Usually takes vacation during Eliza B. Wheaton's vacations.

Mr. Crane

Norton local; worked on Eliza B. Wheaton's house.

Mrs. Mabel Babbitt

Norton local; seamstress for Eliza B. Wheaton in 1872, coming to house almost daily; later member of Eliza B. Wheaton's social group.

Mrs. Sarah Morgan Johnson (Mrs. Rev. John Milton Burnham) Bailey

Mother of Mary Bailey Lincoln. Widow of pastor of South Attleboro, MA, First Congregational Church (1850), with three young children when asked by Laban Morey Wheaton to run the boarding house connected with his straw manufactory, later boarded the men building the new Wheaton Female Seminary boarding house (1857). Eliza B. Wheaton advised "re" (?) children's companions and offered aid during death of son. In 1870s, frequently visited Eliza B. Wheaton and sewed for her.

Mrs. Benjamin Briggs

Norton local; does heavy cleaning in Eliza B. Wheaton's house, sometimes with assistance of husband; later brings child "Issy."

Mrs. Tripp

Norton local.

Mrs. Timothy Atkinson

Wife of Timothy Atkinson , mother of Mary Atkinson.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Wild

(1828-?) Born in NJ; married to George Wild; close friend of Eliza B. Wheaton, who lavished affection on the Wild children, especially Alfred, Mary Wild, Laban E. Wild and Georgy; lived in next house east of Eliza B. Wheaton's; when older, committed to Taunton Asylum.

Mr. Haggerty

Worked on the home of Eliza B. Wheaton; possibly Charles Hagerty (1821-?).

Martha Sawyer Holmes

(1822-1912) W1839 first graduating class. Wheaton Female Seminary Teacher 1841, followed by a period of ill health when she lived with the Wheatons; Principal 1842-1846, during her tenure students experienced religious revival and Laban Morey Wheaton built a Gymnasium but enrollment declined. Married Rev. Franklin Holmes 1846; friendship with Eliza B. Wheaton further developed when Rev. Holmes was called as pastor to Norton's Trinitarian Congregational Church [Eliza B. Wheaton's church] 1846-?, lived in "Holmes Cottage," first house west of Eliza B. Wheaton's. Called "Sister Mattie" by Eliza B. Wheaton, she traveled with Eliza B. Wheaton and Laban Morey Wheaton to New York City in 1850 when Eliza B. Wheaton underwent surgery, and looked after the Wheaton house when Eliza B. Wheaton and Laban Morey Wheaton traveled to Europe in 1862. Lived in Brooklyn, NY in 1870s, where Eliza B. Wheaton visited her. Holmes Cottage, originally built by Laban Morey Wheaton for his mother, was raised in 1965 to make room for the Elisabeth Amen Nursery School.

Martha E. Vose Emerson

(1816-?) Educated by Mary Lyon at Ipswich Academy and brought to Wheaton Female Seminary as Teacher (1837-40) by Eliza Knight; Wheaton Female Seminary Principal 1840-1842, during her tenure students experienced religious revival but Wheaton Female Seminary still suffering aftershocks of Principal Eunice Caldwell's departure (1837). Associate Principal of Bradford Academy (1842-1847). In 1847 married Rev. Alfred Emerson, one of most influential Wheaton Female Seminary Trustees 1872-1893; mother of Annie Austin Emerson W1871 (Wheaton Female Seminary teacher of Mathematics and English Branches 1872-76) and Frances Vose Emerson W1872 (Wheaton Female Seminary teacher of Rhetoric, Literature and History 1881-86, Trustee 1922-42); the college's main dining hall was named for the Emerson family. Life-long friend and confidante of Eliza B. Wheaton, frequent visitor, and occasionally traveled with Eliza B. Wheaton.

Mary Elizabeth Wild (Mrs. Herbert Custis) Joyner

(ca. 1854-1938) W1875. Daughter of GW and frequent caller of EBW.

Rosy McCabe (Mrs. Patrick) Cronan

(?-1874) Faithful and favorite servant of Eliza B. Wheaton for 9 years (1863-1872); married Patrick Cronan 1872, moved to North Dighton; first child born and died 1873, daughter born Jan. 1874. Rosy McCabe Cronan died Feb. 1874; probably Irish Catholic, as Margaret Magner attended her funeral while Eliza B. Wheaton sent flowers. Eliza B. Wheaton gave Patrick financial assistance after Rosy McCabe Cronan's death and paid for her grave stone;

Patrick visited Eliza B. Wheaton with baby. Referred to in diaries as "Rosy" or "Rosie."

Samuel Austin Chapin

(1811-1890) Favorite Brother of Eliza B. Wheaton, often called "Austin;" moved with parents and brothers (including Adolphus) to White Pigeon, Michigan; given title Brigadier-General for his action in the Black Hawk War (1832). Joined the Gold Rush to California 1849-1884, died there in 1890; his wife and children lived near Eliza B. Wheaton during some of his sojourn in California. He and wife Maria lived with Eliza B. Wheaton 1884-1890; Samuel Austin Chapin often commissioned by Eliza B. Wheaton to assist other members of their family; active in local politics, Samuel Austin Chapin largely responsible for the enclosing of Norton Green. Wheaton Female Seminary Trustee 1890 (but died before could attend first meeting); Maria paralyzed soon after their arrival in Norton. Wheaton Female Seminary first brick dormitory named for Samuel Austin Chapin, 1901.

Samuel W. Gusher

Hired to work Eliza B. Wheaton's farm (1872-1874); occasionally helped work on house; hired his brother Thomas Jefferson Gusher to work farm 1874.

Reverend Timothy Atkinson

Minister at Norton's Trinitarian Congregational Church [Eliza B. Wheaton's church] 1872-75; father of Mary Atkinson.

Wheaton Allen

Cousin of Laban Morey Wheaton's? Possibly Dr. Allen who visited in June.

Reverend William N.T. Dean

Minister at Norton's Trinitarian Congregational Church [Eliza B. Wheaton's church] 1876-81.

Glossary of Places